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Education University of Rochester

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015-current

M.A., Political Science, 2018

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

M.A. Political Science, 2014

B.A. Political Science, 2012 (with honors)

Research Interests

Decentralization, local efficiency, public goods provision, institutions in autocracies, political economy of development, historical legacy, causal inference, machine learning

Working Papers

- "Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India" (Under Review);
- "How to Provide? Trade-Off of the Local Officials: Evidence from the Russian Cities";
- "Decentralization and Ethnic Voting Salience: Evidence from the Russian 1917 Elections";

Work In Progress

- $\hbox{- ``Causes and Consequences of the Governors' Survival: Case of Russia" (with Randall Stone);}$
- "Burn for Money or Burning Money: Evidence from the Zemstvo Insurance Policy";
- "Local Public Goods in India" (with Alexander Lee)

Teaching

University of Rochester

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Terrorism, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, Poverty and Development, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, Elections in Developing Countries, Fall 2017

Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Teaching Assistant, Causal Inference, 2014-2015

Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics, 2013-2014

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods in Political Science, 2012-2015

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Randall Stone, 2019 Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018 Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016

Research Assistant at Laboratory of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for Political Regimes Research, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2014-2015

Awards and Fellowships

University Fellowship

University of Rochester, 2015–present

Watson Field Work Grant

University of Rochester, January-February 2019 (1400\$)

Summer Seed Field Work Grant

University of Rochester, Summer 2018 (1650\$)

Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship

University of Rochester, Summer 2017

PEPR Research Grant

University of Rochester, Fall 2016

Languages and Skills

English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native) R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS, QGIS, \LaTeX , HTML (basic)

Department Service

Coordinator, Women's Working Group, URPSD, $2018\,$

Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017