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Curriculum Vitae

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Bio

- Political Science PhD student interested in religion and politics and Central Asian area studies.

Education

Expected 2026 **Political Science, PhD** University of Pittsburgh
Madison, WI
2020 **Political Science & Slavic Studies, BA, Certificate in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies** University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

Language and Years Studied

Native proficiency **in English**
Advanced **in Russian**
Near native proficiency **in Ukrainian**
Intermediate **in Kazakh**

Conference presentations

Spring 2019 **Organizer - Undergraduate Conference in the Modern Languages: Migrations of Cultures** University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
➤ Building Soviet Nations - Reassigning and Redefining Culture in Central Asia

Awards and fellowships

2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-25 **University Fellowship**
University Wisconsin-Madison
2021-2022 **FLAS Fellowship - Intermediate Kazakh Language**
University Wisconsin-Madison

Professional work experience

2020-Present **Instructional Materials Developer**
Indiana University Bloomington