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EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley**, Department of Political Science, Berkeley, California *2017–*

PhD(*Doctor of Philosophy*)in Political Science

*Subfields*: Comparative Politics, Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Studies, Methodology and Formal Theory

*Research Affiliate*: Berkeley Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
*Professional Organizations*: APSA Member (Comparative Democratization Subsection), ASEEES Member  
*Conferences Attended*: 2017 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

**European University at St. Petersburg**, International Programs, St. Petersburg, Russia *2016–2017*

MA (*International Master of Arts*)in Russian and Eurasian Studies (IMARES)

*Awards*: Recipient of the Leonard Lauder Fellowship 2016-2017 | Dean’s List

*Conferences Attended*: Critical Issues in the Research of Contemporary Russian Politics (Helsinki, Finland)

**University of Pennsylvania**, College of Arts and Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania *2012–2016*

BA (*Bachelor of Arts*) in Diplomatic History with Honors | Minor: Political Science

*Awards:* Phi Beta Kappa | Summa Cum Laude | Rose Award | Dean’s List

*Study Abroad*: University College London, UK – History | Archival Research *2014–2015*

TEACHING

PS 2: Comparative Politics | Professor Steven Fish *2019*

PS 141C: Politics and Government in Eastern Europe | Professor Jason Wittenberg *2018*

WORKING PAPERS

“Municipal Populism in Moscow: Local Challenges to Single-Party Dominant Regimes”

*Working Paper*

“Making and Breaking Democracy: Democratizing Episodes and Regime Coalitions in Europe”

*Working Paper*

“Malapportionment and the Electoral Geography of Populist Party Support: Italy, Hungary, and the USA”

*Working Paper*

“Welfare State Retrenchment under Authoritarianism: Pensions and Healthcare in the Russian Federation”

*Working Paper*

“The Logic of Electoral System Reform in Hybrid Regimes: Russia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan”

*Working Paper*

“Realizing the ‘State’ amidst Autocracy: A Genealogy of Imperial Russian Governance”

*Working Paper*

“Engineering Russian Imperial Electoral Law: Inventing Minority Representation 1904–1906”

*MA Thesis*

* Research at the Российский Государственный Исторический Архив (St. Petersburg, Russia)

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Russian: Intermediate–Advanced | IU Russian Summer Language Workshop Fellow *2018*

R, ARCGIS | Qualitative Mixed-Methods, Causal Inference, Econometrics, Formal Theory, Spatial Data