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Education

Ph.D. Student. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016–Present.

M.A. Global Affairs and Policy, Yonsei University, 2016.

B.A. International Studies, UC San Diego, 2010.

Research

Research Interests

International Institutions, Multilateral Agreements, New Democracies, Legitimacy, Ethnic Diversity, Economic Voting, REEE (Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia)

Research in Progress

Tentative Dissertation Title: "Multilateral Agreements from a Domestic Perspective: New Democracies Need for Legitimacy"

"The Mitigating Effect of Ethnic Diversity on Economic Voting: A Cross-National Multilevel Analysis" with Kristin Bail

Teaching

Instructor-of-Record, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PS 100: Introduction to Political Science, Summer 2018 (Online).

PS 241: Comparative Politics in Developing Nations, Summer 2020 (Online).

PS 100: Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2020 (Online).

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PS 101: Introduction to American Politics and Government, Fall 2016*.

PS 280: Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2017*, Fall 2019*, Spring 2020*.

PS 495: Senior Honors Seminar, Fall 2017

PS 220: Introduction to Public Policy, Spring 2019.

* Listed on "Teachers Ranked as Excellent", top 10 percent university-wide

Other Teaching Experience

Political Science Math Camp, "Introduction to R", Summer 2018, Summer 2019.

Academic Coach, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Fall 2017-Spring 2020.

Fellowships and Awards

Schroeder Graduate Fellow, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, Summer 2019.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Center, Fall 2018–Spring 2019.

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2017.

Other Employment and Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Robert Pahre, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2020–present.

East Asia Foundation Policy Debates Fellow, 2014–present.

Research Assistant, Richard G. and Carole J. Cline Symposium, Topic: "Boots, Bombs, or Bargains: Weighing the Costs and Benefits of US Interventions", Fall 2019.

Research Assistant, Professor Tracy Sulkin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2018–Spring 2019.

Training

Skills

R, RMarkdown, STATA, L^AT_EX

Web scraping with R, HTML, and Java

Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat

Operating Systems: Windows, Mac

Languages

English (native), Russian (proficient), Korean (proficient)

Service

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2019–Spring 2020.

Visits Committee Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Spring 2019.

Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2017–Spring 2018.