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### Education

**Balliol College, Oxford** (Oxford, U.K.)

*Anticipated graduation: 6/2026*

- Reading for an MPhil in the Faculty of History on a Rhodes Scholarship
- Interests: the Soviet oil industry, socialist internationalism, and diaspora politics
- Fellow at the 2025 Monterey Summer Symposium on Russia, a program for early-career academics, policymakers, and journalists working on Russia and the former Soviet Union

**Princeton University** (Princeton, N.J.)

*8/2020- 5/2024*

- A.B. in History with certificates in History and the Practice of Diplomacy, Near Eastern Studies, and Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies
- Graduated *summa cum laude*, elected Phi Beta Kappa (2023), GPA: 4.0
- Recipient of Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence (2022), the Lawrence Stone and Shelby Cullom Davis Thesis Prize Fellowship (2023), the William Koren, Jr., Memorial Prize in History (2023), the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination Best Thesis Award (2024), and the Laurence Hutton Prize in History (2024)
- Presented academic work at the 2022 and 2023 Princeton Undergraduate Slavic Studies Conferences
- Fellow with the Behrman Undergraduate Society of Fellows, the Center for International Security Studies, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, and the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination

### Employment

**The Associated Press** – *Overseas Press Club Foundation Fellow*

*7/2024-8/2024*

- Reported on pro-cannabis protests in Bangkok, Thailand and the civil war in Burma/Myanmar

**Bechtel** – *International Affairs Research Analyst*

*6/2023-8/2023*

- Curated weekly news roll-up on politics, energy, and infrastructure in Czechia, Poland, and Ukraine for senior executives
- Represented Bechtel at roundtable events with senior officials and business partners
- Performed research tasks related to Bechtel's business across the globe

**New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy** – *Research Assistant*

*6/2022-5/2023*

- Authored original works of analysis, including a piece on U.S.-Uzbekistan relations and an assessment of post-withdrawal security conditions in Kharkiv and Kherson
- Compiled a daily roll-up from international media sources on Russia's war in Ukraine

**Foreign Policy Research Institute** – *Research Assistant* (supporting Selim Koru)

*3/2022-3/2025*

- Researched and edited manuscript for *New Turkey and the Far Right: How Reactionary Nationalism Remade a Country* (2024)
- Edited and wrote for Kùltürkampf Substack email newsletter

**Evergreen Strategy Group** – *Intern*

*9/2019-12/2021*

- Researched media and congressional statements on policy areas relevant to corporate clients
- Assembled 10 memos for Hillary Clinton for her podcast, *You and Me Both*, in preparation for her interviews with Secretary of State Blinken and Rappler founder Maria Ressa, among others

### Publications

- “Q&A: Author Clare Hammond reveals how railways made and broke Myanmar,” The Associated Press, September 2, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/clare-hammond-author-qa-myanmar-railways-4c18a0a2352a5337b99232b7bff9e9ea>
- “Myanmar’s civil war has seen a devastating increase in attacks on schools, researchers say,” The Associated Press, July 20, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/myanmar-school-attacks-increase-report-education-948442a05e07be006a4e79461f3551b6>
- “Cannabis advocates in Thailand protest a proposal to ban again its general use,” The Associated Press, July 9, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/thailand-cannabis-outlaw-protest-4e83a54adac4c4556db354f6b591d178>
- “Challenges after Russian Withdrawals in Ukraine,” The New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy, August 10, 2023, <https://newlinesinstitute.org/state-resilience-fragility/challengesafter-russian-withdrawals-in-ukraine/>
- “Azerbaijan’s wannabe Erdoğan,” Kültürkampf, July 10, 2023, <https://kulturkampftr.substack.com/p/azerbaijans-wannabe-erdogan>
- “Between Israel and Palestine: the evolution of expressions of Azerbaijani-Palestinian solidarity,” Baku Research Institute, April 17, 2023, <https://bakuresearchinstitute.org/en/between-israel-and-palestine-the-evolution-ofexpressions-of-azerbaijani-palestinian-solidarity/>
- “The Potential for a U.S.-Uzbekistan Partnership,” The New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy, November 2, 2022, <https://newlinesinstitute.org/russia/the-potential-for-a-u-suzbekistan-partnership/>
- “In Georgia’s moment of vulnerability, the US should step up engagement,” *The Daily Princetonian*, October 25, 2022, <https://www.dailyprincetonian.com/article/2022/10/princeton-georgia-ukraine-war-caresupport-vulnerability>

### Podcasts

- “Permanent Refuge,” Shifting Borders podcast, June 2021, <https://commons.princeton.edu/shiftingborders/episode-5/> (co-hosted)

### Commentary

- “AQSh-O’zbekiston hamkorligining istiqbollari. Amerikalik yosh olim bilan suhbat,” Odil Ro’zaliyev, *Amerika Ovoz*i, December 29, 2022, <https://www.amerikaovozi.com/a/potential-for-us-uzbekistan-partnership/6895377.html>

### Languages

- Fluency in English, Spanish, and Turkish, advanced proficiency in Azerbaijani and Russian, elementary proficiency in Levantine Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Uzbek