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Professional Experience

Professor, Department of Politics, Oberlin College (2012 to present);
Chair, Department of Politics, Oberlin College (2018 to 2021);
Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, 2016-17
Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, Institute for European, Russian
and Eurasian Studies, Fall 2017
Chair, Russian and East European Studies, Oberlin College (2009 to 2016)
Chair, Peace & Conflict Studies, Oberlin College (2013 to 2016)
Research Fellow, Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study, October
2007-July 2008
Associate Professor, (2000 to 2011); Assistant Professor (1995-2000), Oberlin
College
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Law, Lafayette
College, 1994-1995
Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, September
1993 to May 1994

Education

The University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 1993
Columbia University, Harriman Institute for Advanced Soviet Studies, 1985-
1986, Russian Language and Soviet Studies
Hamilton College, BA Philosophy

Academic Awards, Appointments, and Honors

External:

FELLOW, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, 2022-23 (Awarded)
VISITING FELLOW, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Bologna, Nov.-
Dec. 2021
VISITING FELLOW, Aleksanteri Institute/ Finnish Center for Russian & East
European Studies, University of Helsinki, June 2019

Academic Awards, Appointments, and Honors (cont'd)

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOW, Kennan Institute, *Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars*, May-July 2014

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOW, Kennan Institute, *Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars*, May-July 2011

RESEARCH FELLOW IN EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, *American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)*, 2007-2008

NEH COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, 2007-2008

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, University of Warsaw (Awarded)

RESEARCH SCHOLAR, East European Studies, *Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars*, May-August 2006

RESEARCH SCHOLAR, East European Studies, *Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars*, May-August 2001

RESEARCH GRANT, *National Council for Eurasian and East European Research*, for the project "Class Dismissed: Explaining Labor Quiescence in Post-Communist Transformation" (with David Ost)

RESEARCH SCHOLAR, *Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies*, May to August 1997

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW, 1994-1996

MacAURTHUR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP, East-West Center, *Duke University*, September 1991 to May 1992; renewed, September 1992 to May 1993

SSRC/IREX FELLOWSHIP FOR SOVIET SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH, January 1991 to June 1991

IREX DEVELOPMENTAL FELLOWSHIP, May 1989 to May 1990

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP, *The University of Michigan*, September 1987 to May 1988

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP, *Columbia University*, June 1986 to August 1986

Internal (selected):

THOMAS J. KLUTZNICK RESEARCH FELLOW, *Oberlin College*, 2016-2017

MELLON NEW DIRECTIONS FELLOWSHIP, *Oberlin College*, June-July 2010

RESEARCH STATUS, *Oberlin College*, May 2007-August 2008

POWERS TRAVEL GRANT, *Oberlin College*, 2007

MELLON-8 SUMMER STIPEND, *Mellon-8 Liberal Arts Colleges*, 2006

RESEARCH STATUS, *Oberlin College*, May 2001-August 2002

DELANEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, *Oberlin College*, 1997

POWERS TRAVEL GRANT, *Oberlin College*, 2000

DELANEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, *Oberlin College*, 1997

Publications

Books:

Putin's Labor Dilemma: Russian Politics between Stability and Stagnation, (Cornell University Press, 2021).

Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective, co-edited with Teri Caraway and Maria Lorena Cook (Cornell University Press, 2015).

Workers after Workers' States: Labor and Politics in Postcommunist Eastern Europe, co-edited with David Ost (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001).

Hot Coal, Cold Steel: Russian and Ukrainian Workers From the End of the Soviet Union to the Post-Communist Transformations (University of Michigan Press, 1997). [Runner-up for the AAASS Marshall Shulman Prize, 1998]

Articles and Book Chapters (refereed):

“Russian Labor: Between Stability and Stagnation,” in Susanne Wengle, ed., *Russian Politics Today* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

“Labour,” in Graeme Gill, ed., *Handbook on Russian Politics and Society* (Routledge, forthcoming).

“Russian Labour, Economic Hardship and Putin’s Fear of Colour Revolutions,” *Global Labour Journal*, Vol. 13, Issue 2, May 2022, 259-267.

“Global Cities versus Rustbelt Realities: The Dilemmas of Urban Development in Russia,” *Slavic Review*, Volume 79, Issue 2, Summer 2020, 365-389.

“Labor Protests and their Consequences in Putin’s Russia” (with Irina Olimpieva), *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 65, Issue 5, 2018 (published online 29 Sept. 2017).

“Monotowns and the Political Economy of Industrial Restructuring in Russia,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Vol. 32, No. 5, 2016.

“The Reemergence of Class in the Wake of the First ‘Classless’ Society,” *East European Politics & Societies* vol. 29 no. 3, 2015.

“Labor and Authoritarian Legacies” (with Teri Caraway and Maria Lorena Cook), in *Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective* (Cornell University Press, 2015).

Articles and Book Chapters (cont'd):

“Russia’s Labor Legacy: Making Use of the Past,” in *Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective* (Cornell University Press, 2015).

“Varieties of Capitalism, Power Resources, and Historical Legacies: Explaining the Slovenian Exception” (with Miroslav Stanojević), *Politics & Society*, vol. 39 no. 2, 2011, pp. 268–295.

“Class,” in Graeme Gill, *Handbook on Russian Politics and Society* (Routledge, 2011), pp. 307-317.

“Trade Unions,” in Robert Service and Silvio Pons, eds., *A Dictionary of 20th-Century Communism* (Princeton University Press, 2010) pp 808-811.
published originally in Service and Pons, eds, *Dizionario del Comunismo* (Turin: Giulio Einaudi Editore, 2007).

“Welfare Capitalism After Communism: Labor Weakness and Post-Communist Social Policies,” in Lisa Hanley, Blair Ruble and Joseph Tulchin, eds., *Becoming Global and the New Poverty of Cities* (Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2005) pp. 139-164.

“Explaining Labor Weakness in Post-Communist Europe: Historical Legacies and Comparative Perspective,” *East European Politics & Societies*, vol. 18, no. 3 (Summer 2004), 394–429.

“Comprehending the Weakness of Russia’s Unions,” *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Spring 2002) pp. 230-255.

“The Social Explosion that Wasn't: Labor Quiescence in Post-Communist Russia,” in *Workers after Workers' States* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001) pp.199-218.

“Liberal Transformation: Labor and the Russian State,” in Valerie Sperling, ed., *Building the Russian State* (Westview Press, 2000) pp. 157-176.

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Troubled Russian Coal Industry,” in Peter Rutland, ed., *The Political Economy of Russian Reform* (Westview Press, 2000) pp.129-149.

Guest-Editor, and co-author of “Introduction: Labour Quiescence in Post-Communist Transformations,” two special issues of *Emergo: Journal of Transforming Economies and Societies* (Warsaw), Vol. 6, nos. 2-3 (Spring and Summer 1999). (With David Ost).

Articles and Book Chapters (cont'd):

“The Kuzbass: Liberals, Populists, and Labor,” in Timothy Colton and Jerry Hough, eds., *Growing Pains: Russian Democracy and the Elections of 1993* (Brookings Institution Press, 1998).

“Coal Miners, Cultural Frameworks, and the Transformation of the Soviet Political Economy,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, vol. 13, no. 2 (April-June 1997).

“Between Class and Nation: Worker Politics in the New Ukraine,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* vol. 28, no. 1 (March 1995).

“Survival Strategies: The Miners of Donetsk in the Post-Soviet Era,” with Lewis Siegelbaum, in Siegelbaum and Daniel Walkowitz, eds., *Workers of the Donbass Speak: Survival and Identity in the New Ukraine* (State University of New York Press) 1995.

“Barriers to Collective Action: Steelworkers and Mutual Dependence in the Former Soviet Union,” *World Politics*, vol. 46, no.4 (July 1994).

Analytical/Policy Publications:

“[Global Cities Versus Russian Rustbelt Realities](#),” *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo*, 651, May 2020.

“[Russia’s Truckers and the Path from Economic to Political Protest](#),” *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo*, 551, November 2018.

“Russian Labor Protest in Challenging Economic Times” (with Irina Olimpieva), *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 182, April 2016.

“Monotowns, Economic Crisis, and the Politics of Industrial Restructuring in Russia,” *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 164, March 2015.

Working papers:

“East European Labor, the Varieties of Capitalism, and the Expansion of the EU,” *Council for European Studies Working Paper*, Columbia University, 2007

“Explaining Labor Quiescence in Post-Communist Europe: Historical Legacies and Comparative Perspective,” Eastern European Working Paper no. 52, *Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies*, Harvard University, June 2002

Book reviews: *Slavic Review* (7 reviews), *Perspectives on Politics, Enterprise & Society*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Czech Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, and *American Journal of Sociology*

Selected popular writing:

[“How the Russian People Can End Putin's War,”](#) *The Hill*, March 24, 2022

[“The Factory Joins the Square: Putin’s Nightmare Unfolds in Belarus,”](#) *The Nation*, August 18, 2020

[“Why Protests Keep Putin Up at Night,”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, April 19, 2017

“Be Careful What You Wish For, Mr. Putin” *The Russia File*, reprinted in *Newsweek* as [“What Will Putin Do Without America As His Enemy,”](#) Dec. 27, 2016

[“Is Putin about to face a ‘colored revolution’?”](#) *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, Feb. 10, 2016

[“War and Poverty Threaten Ukraine's Future,”](#) *The Moscow Times*, June 4, 2014, reprinted in *The Diplomatist* (India), August 2014

Selected Presentations

“Sanctions, Economic Hardship and Putin’s Fear of Color Revolution: Who’s to Blame?,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference, March 2022

“Deindustrialization and the Populist Challenge: Comparing East and West,” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Bologna, Nov. 2021

“Bridging the gap: Class and regional divisions in Russian protests,” Conference of the journal *Spilne/Commons* on the 30th anniversary of the end of the Soviet Union, Oct. 2021.

“Global Cities versus Rustbelt Realities,” Department of Russian & East European Studies, the University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 2019

“Global Cities and Rustbelt Realities: The Political Economy of Urban Development in Russia,” Conference on *Urban Activism and the Development of Civil Society in the Russian Federation*, Berlin, Germany, October 11-13, 2018

“Russia’s Labor Dilemmas and Economic Stagnation,” *25th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Independent Social Research*, St. Petersburg, Russia, May 25, 2017

“Russia’s Labor Dilemmas,” *Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the U.S. Department of State*, May 12, 2017

“Russia’s Labor Dilemmas and the Putin Regime,” *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, May 9, 2017

“Putting Russia in Perspective,” *World Affairs Council*, Charleston, SC, Feb. 28, 2017

“Labor Protests and their Consequences in Putin’s Russia,” with Irina Olimpieva, annual conference of *ASEEES*, Washington, DC, Nov. 18, 2016

Selected Presentations (cont'd)

"Labor Protest in Challenging Economic Times," the Kennan Institute, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, May 16, 2016

"Russia's Monotowns and the Politics of Labor in a Challenging Economic Climate," the Kennan Institute, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, June 18, 2015

"Monotowns and the Political Economy of Industrial Restructuring in Russia," conference on Urban Sustainability in Russia, *The George Washington University*, June 4, 2015

"The Reemergence of Class in the Wake of the First 'Classless' Society," annual conference of *ASEEES*, Boston, MA, Nov. 23, 2013

"Labor Protest and Political Change in Putin's Russia," the Kennan Institute, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, Oct. 22, 2012

"Russia's Postcommunist Labor Legacy," presented at the workshop *Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective*, AFL-CIO Solidarity Center, Washington DC, Sept. 1, 2010

"Varieties of Capitalism, Power Resources, and Historical Legacies: Explaining the Slovenian Exception," Paper prepared for presentation at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009

"Twenty Years after Eastern Europe's 1989," invited keynote address, Miami European Union Center of Excellence, *Florida International University*, October 15, 2009

"Labor and the Expansion of the EU," presented at Symposium: Evaluating the Effects of EU Accession: Lessons for Southeast Europe, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, June 9, 2009

"Does Labor Still Matter? East European Labor and Varieties of Capitalism," presented to the Political Economy Research Group, *Central European University*, Budapest, February 20, 2008

"EU Expansion, Eastern European Labor, and the Varieties of Capitalism," presented to the *Collegium Budapest/ Institute for Advanced Study*, Budapest, February 7, 2008

"East European Labor and the Challenge to Europe's 'Social Model'," paper presented to the annual conference of the *American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2006

"East European Labor, European Union Expansion, and the Varieties of Capitalism," paper presented to the 15th conference of the *Council for European Studies*, Chicago, March 29-April 1, 2006

"Overshooting the Mark: East European Labor, Varieties of Capitalism, and the Future of the European Social Model," paper presented to the annual conference of the *American Political Science Association*, Washington, D.C., Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2005

"Labor Quiescence and Postcommunist legacies in Eastern Europe," Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, *Harvard University*, May 2002

Selected Presentations (cont'd)

"Explaining Labor Quiescence in Postcommunist Europe," *Council for European Studies*, Chicago, March 2002

Conference Co-Organizer, "David or Goliath?: Trade Unions in East-Central Europe After Communism," *Institute of Public Affairs*, Warsaw, Poland, May 27-29, 1999

"Liberal Transformation: Labor and the Russian State," Davis Center for Russian Studies, *Harvard University*, March 1999.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Troubled Russian Coal Industry," Davis Center for Russian Studies, *Harvard University*, February 1998.

"Coal Miners and the Transformation of the Soviet Political Economy," Department of Political Science, *Yale University*, December 1996.

"Coal Miners, Cultural Frameworks, and the Transformation of the Soviet Political Economy," paper presentation to the national convention of the *APSA*, San Francisco, CA September 1996.

"Cultural Frameworks and Strategic Choice: Miners, the Market, and the Post-Soviet Transformations," Department of Politics, *Princeton University*, Jan., 1995.

"Labor, Electoral Politics, and Post-Communist Transitions: The Recent Elections in Russia and Ukraine," paper presentation to the annual convention of the *APSA*, New York, NY, September 1994.

"Labor Politics and the Russian Elections," paper presentation to the conference "The Russian Elections of December 1993," *Harvard University*, April 1994.

"The Russian Elections: The View From the Kuzbass," Harriman Institute, *Columbia University*, January 1994.

"Barriers to Collective Action: Steelworkers and Mutual Dependence in the Former Soviet Union," Department of Political Science, *The University of Chicago*, January 1993.

Teaching Areas (syllabi available on request)

Post-Soviet Politics; Peace and Conflict Studies; East European Politics; Globalization Politics; Revolutions; Democracy and Authoritarianism; International Politics

Current Research Interests

Russian political economy; the comparative study of labor in post-communist societies

Professional Service

Member, Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia ([PONARS Eurasia](#))

Professional Service (cont'd)

Division Co-Chair, Politics of Postcommunist Countries, Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, 2016
Research Associate, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, The University of Michigan, 2013-2018
Nominations Committee, Comparative Politics Section, *American Political Science Association*, 2005 to 2007
Grant reviewer, National Science Foundation, European Science Foundation
Board Member, *Policy Matters Ohio*, 2014 to 2019
Promotion and Tenure Evaluation, Villanova University, University of Richmond, Kent State University, Saint Joseph's University, Lafayette College
Selection Committee, USIA/IREX Regional Scholar Exchange Program, 1996-2004, 2010; ACTR/ACCELS Regional Scholar Exchange, 1999-2004
Manuscript reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Mobilization*, *EEPS*, *Slavic Review*, *Russian Review*, *Social Forces*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, *European Societies*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Princeton University Press, State Univ. of New York Press, Routledge Press, The Univ. of Pittsburgh Press, Manchester University Press, The Univ. of Michigan Press

Additional committee service (Oberlin College)

General Faculty Council (elected)
Education Plans and Policies (elected)
Professional Conduct Review (elected)
Inside Reviewer, Department of History Program Review; Admissions; Winter Term; Writing; Individual Major; Student Fellowship; Research and Development; Jerome Davis Fellowship; Projects for Peace Fellowship;

References

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