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EDUCATION

Northwestern University PhD Student | Evanston, IL

- Ph.D., Political Science *Expected 2019*
Committee: Will Reno (Chair), Ana Arjona, Rachel Riedl
Dissertation Title: Reconfiguration of Local Governance: Responses to Violence and State Collapse in the North Caucasus
- M.A., Political Science *2015*
Subfields: Comparative Politics (primary) Methods (secondary)
- Research Interests: armed conflict and politics, microfoundations of order, institutional change, state-building, North Caucasus, mixed methods

Case Western Reserve University | Cleveland, Ohio

May 2011

- B.A. International Studies with honors
- B.A. Political Science with honors
- GPA: 3.96/4.0 *summa cum laude*

Danish Institute for Study Abroad | Copenhagen, Denmark

January-May 2010

- Coursework: International Law from a European Perspective, Holocaust and Genocide, Human Rights in Africa, European Politics, Service Learning

HONORS AND GRANTS

- **Research Grants**
 - Carnegie / Harriman Institute Research Grant (Spring-Summer 2018)
 - Buffett Institute for Global Studies Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award (Summer 2017)
 - ZEIT-Stifung Trajectories of Change Fieldwork Grant (Spring 2017)
 - Northwestern University Dispute Resolution Research Center Research Grant (Spring 2016)
 - Buffett Institute for Global Studies Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award (Summer 2015)
 - Political Science Departmental Minar Memorial Award for Summer Research (Summer 2014)
- **Travel Grants**
 - Political Science Department Conference Travel Grant (October 2017; April 2018)
 - Buffett Institute for Global Studies Conference Travel Grant (April 2016)
 - Political Science Department Conference Travel Grant (March 2016)
- **Scholarships / Honors**
 - Buffett Institute War and Society Associate (2018-2019)
 - Best Doctoral Paper on Caucasus/Turkey, The Association for Study of Nationalities (2016)
 - University Fellowship, Northwestern University (2013-2014; 2017-2018)
 - Teach for America Education Award (2013)
 - The Flora Stone Mather Alumnae Award - *outstanding performance in political science* (Spring 2011)

- Dean’s High Honors (Fall 2007-Spring 2011) *except spring 2010- not eligible when studying abroad*
- President’s Scholarship, Case Western Reserve University (2007-2011)
- Wellman Hill Internship Grant Recipient (Summer 2009)
- **Methods Training**
 - Political Science Department Grant for IQMR Methods Training (Summer 2016)
- **Teaching Honors and Awards**
 - Northwestern University Graduate Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)
 - Minar Prize for Teaching Excellence by a Graduate Student in Political Science Department (2016-2017)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations:

“New Research by Women Studying Violence” at Notre Dame University *April 2018*

Conference Presentations:

“Reconfiguration of Local Governance: Legacies of Violence and State Collapse” *August 2018*
American Political Science Association

“Participation and Resistance in Chechnya: Shifting Threats and Institutional Context” *November 2017*
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Central Eurasian Studies Society *October 2017*
Northwestern Department Comparative Politics Workshop *October 2017*

“Conducting Fieldwork in Challenging Settings” (roundtable organizer) *October 2017*
Central Eurasian Studies Society

“Local Governance and State-Building: Responses to Conflict Amidst State Collapse” *June 2017*
Max Planck Graduate Student Workshop

“Reconstruction of Order amidst State Collapse and Conflict in Chechnya” *January 2017*
Northwestern Comparative-Historical Social Science Workshop
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies *November 2016*

“Local Order and State-Building in Chechnya” *April 2016*
Association for the Study of Nationality
Buffett Institute Graduate Student Colloquium *January 2016*

“Transnational Combatant Impact on Wartime Order” *March 2016*
International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association *April 2015*
Northwestern IR Student Working Group *February 2015*

FIELDWORK

North Caucasus, Russia: Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan (9 months between 2014-2018)
ChechenArchive in Bern, Switzerland (July 2017)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Dr. Ana Arjona** **2016**
Northwestern University (book manuscript editing)
- Dr. Marina Henke** **2014**
Northwestern University (literature review and analysis of intervention)
- Dr. Karen Beckwith** **2009-2011**
Case Western Reserve University (Data collection– Female Executives Project)
- Dr. Kelly McMann** **2010**
Case Western Reserve University (Russian-language newspaper content analysis)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- Environmental Policy *Fall 2017*
Instructor: Kimberly R. Marion Suiseeya
- Middle East Politics *Spring 2016, Winter 2017*
Instructor: Wendy Pearlman; (Head T.A 2017)
- US Foreign Policy *Fall 2016*
Instructor: Daniel Krcmaric
Guest Lecture: Humanitarian Intervention
- Social Movements *Spring 2015*
Instructor: Wendy Pearlman
- Comparative Political Economy of Development *Winter 2015*
Instructor: Jordan Gans-Morse
- Introduction to Comparative Politics *Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Winter 2016*
Instructors: Jason Seawright, Will Reno (Head T.A.), Andrew Roberts

SERVICE

- Northwestern University Graduate Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)
 - Head political science department Teaching Committee, providing framework for pedagogical discussions and coordinating professional development around teaching for department
 - Conduct teaching observations and compose observation feedback for fellow graduate students.
 - Develop and facilitate cross-disciplinary teaching workshops for Searle Center for Advanced Learning and Teaching
- Case Western Reserve University International Studies Program Mentor (Winter 2018-present)
- Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching Workshop Leader (Winter 2018)
 - Designed and led cross-disciplinary workshop on planning and facilitating small-group work
- New Teaching Assistant Training Workshop Leader (Fall 2018)
 - Organize two sessions: a discipline-specific workshop that orients new TAs to teaching in political science and a cross-disciplinary workshop on teaching through small-group work.
- Teaching Committee in Department of Political Science (2015-2016)
 - Organized mid-year workshop for new TAs in the Department to share best practices

- Created document of best practices from previous Teaching Committee members to share with incoming TAs
- Political Science Graduate student organization co-chair (2015-2016)
 - Organized year-long series of professional development events
 - Founded a Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop for the Department
- Graduate student coordinator for Comparative Politics Workshop (2014-2015; 2015-2016)
- Graduate student co-coordinator for Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop (2015-2016)
- Organizing Committee for Program of African Studies Graduate Student Conference (2014-2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teach for America | Charlotte 2011 Corps Member

June 2011- June 2013

High School Science Teacher, Zebulon Vance High School

- Taught greenhouse biology, biology, honors biology, and PLTW biomedical science
- Led 83.7% of students to reach expected growth on end of course exam, achieving three times high growth ratio and highest growth in the school my first year teaching
- Served as Lead Biology teacher and Science Department Representative on School Leadership Team
- Received Donor's Choose Grant for \$400.99 to conduct antibiotic resistance lab with students
- Inaugurated PLTW Biomedical Science program after intensive summer training

Genocide Intervention Network | Washington, DC June 2009-August 2009

Membership Intern

- Draft content for database of global corporate social responsibility standards and case studies
- Generate grassroots support among college campuses, students and adults
- Assist field staff with the development of products, materials and events
- Design standard operating procedures for conference registration

SKILLS

Language: Russian (Fluency), Spanish (Basic knowledge)

Statistical Software: R

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