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RESEARCH INTERESTS Democratization, Institutional Formation and Change, Executive-Legislative Relations, Russian and Post-Communist Politics, Hybrid Regimes, Research Methods

EDUCATION **Brown University**, Providence, RI

Ph.D., Political Science (expected graduation date: Spring 2011)

- Dissertation: *Checking the Boss: Executive-Legislative Relations in Four Russian Regions*
- Committee: Linda Cook (Co-chair), Pauline Jones-Luong (Co-chair), Richard Snyder
- Fieldwork: Novgorod, Pskov, Sverdlovsk, Perm', and Saint Petersburg, Russia (Jun-Jul 2007; Sep 2008 - Aug 2009)

A.M., Political Science, May 2006

- Subfields: *Comparative Politics, International Relations*

Whittier College, Whittier, CA

B.A., Political Science, May 2004

- Major in Political Science, Minor in Economics
- *Summa cum Laude*
- GPA: 3.96/4.00

Language Skills: Russian (fluent), Bulgarian (native)

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

- International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2008-2009 (funding by Andrew Mellon Foundation, \$23,000)

Brown University, Providence, RI

- Graduate School Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2009-2010
- P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008
- Graduate Fellowship, 2004-2008
- Competitively Selected for Sponsored Participation in Arizona State University Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, January 2 - 12, 2007
- Summer Fellowship, in support of dissertation prospectus development with preliminary fieldwork in Saint Petersburg, Russia (2007), and in support of comprehensive exam preparation (2005)

Whittier College, Whittier, CA

- Whittier College Dean's List, 2000 - 2004
- International Student Scholarship, 2000 - 2004
- John Greenleaf Whittier Scholarship, 2000 - 2004
- Omega Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society, 2003

- Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society, 2003
- Poet Leadership, competitively selected for honorary seminar, Fall 2000

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE &
SERVICE

Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, RI

Teaching Assistant/Advisor **Sep 2010 to May 2011**

Development Studies Program

- Senior thesis course, Prof: Cornel Ban
- Discussion section leader
- Thesis writing advisor

Brown University, Providence, RI

Instructor **Spring 2011 (scheduled)**

Political Research Methods (Introductory Statistics Course)

- Developed Syllabus & Lectures
- Topics Include: Measurement and Survey Design, Descriptive Statistics, Association and Difference of Means Tests, OLS and Logistic Regression

Teaching Assistant

Political Research Methods, Prof: Jennifer Lawless **Fall 2005, 2006, 2007**

- Introductory statistics course

Introduction to International Relations, Prof: Peter Andreas **Spring 2006**

- Responsibilities included: Leading two discussion sections, grading and holding office hours

City Politics, Prof: James Morone **Spring 2007, 2008**

- Responsibilities included: Leading two discussion sections, advising in research projects, grading and holding office hours

Research Assistant **Fall 2004 to Fall 2008**

- Research for Dr. Linda Cook; data collection of macroeconomic and welfare system indicators for five post-communist states

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard, Boston, MA

Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop

Coordinator **2007-2008; 2009-present**

- Membership coordination; website maintenance; organizational assistance

Whittier College, Whittier, CA

Resident Advisor Supervisor **Summer 2003**

- Summer Conference Services

Resident Advisor **Oct 2001 - May 2004**

- Office of Residential Life
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WORK IN
PROGRESS

Cammett, M., Lynch, J. (primary authors), Bilev, G. Does Non-State Provision of Social Services Promote or Undermine Citizen Trust in Government? The Case of Health Care in Europe. 2010. (Served as research assistant for earlier version of paper.)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

(Washington, DC. Sep 3, 2010)

“Checking the Boss: Parliamentary Autonomy in Russia’s Regions”

Panel: Post-Soviet Authoritarianism: Strategies, Behaviors and Institutions

Organized panel with Jody LaPorte and Danielle Lussier

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

(Chicago, April 22-25, 2010)

“Parliamentary Strength Across Sub-national Units in a Nascent Federation: the Cases of Pskov and Novgorod in the Russian Federation”

International Dissertation Research Fellowship Workshop

(SSRC, Memphis, TN, October 15-20, 2009)

“Parliamentary Strength and Political Contestation”

Post-fieldwork dissertation development presentation

Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop

(Davis Center, Harvard University, April 14, 2008)

“89 Russias: Centralization and Political Contestation”

ADDITIONAL
METHODOLOGICAL
TRAINING

Qualitative

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Jan 2007

- Two-week workshop on the theory and practice of qualitative and mixed methods in Political Science
- Topics covered: research design, causal inference, concept formation and measurement, case selection
- Presented and received feedback on an original project proposal

Quantitative

Research experience with linear, generalized linear and hierarchical models

- Extensive experience with R; proficient in STATA and SPSS; \LaTeX

Gov2001 (G. King): Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology **Spring 2007**

- Topics included: maximum likelihood estimation, event counts, durations, missing data, non-parametric matching, and counterfactual inference
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TEACHING
INTERESTS

Comparative Politics

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Politics of Post-Communist States
- Russian Politics
- Democratic Consolidation: Successes and Failures

Methodology

- Introduction to Political Research Methods
- Introduction to Statistical Methods for Political Scientists

International Relations

- Introduction to International Relations

American Government

- Introduction to American Government
 - American City Politics
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ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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