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***Find me in the *Center for Gender and Refugee Studies Expert Witness Database* and see the political asylum cases I have worked on below.**

Academic Appointments

University of Vermont

2023 Full Professor, Department of Political Science
2012-2023 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
2006-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

University of Pennsylvania

2005-2006 Research Fellow, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics

Georgetown University

2004-2005 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Eurasian, East European, and Russian Studies

Administrative Positions

University of Vermont

2023- Director of Undergraduate Studies and Transfer Affairs
2014- Director of Russian and East European Studies

Education

University of Pennsylvania

2004: Ph.D. Political Science

London School of Economics and Political Science

1995: M.Sc. Comparative Politics

University of Connecticut

1994: M.A. Soviet and East European Studies

Boston College

1991: B.A. Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

Peer-Reviewed University Press Books

Polygynous Marriages Among the Kyrgyz: Institutional Change and Endurance (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2022).

Russian Minority Politics in Post-Soviet Latvia and Kyrgyzstan: The Transformative Power of Informal Networks (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010).

Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Articles

“Achieving a National Legislative Gender Quota in Kyrgyzstan: A Dahlerup Critical Act,” *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, published online September 11, 2026. DOI: 10.1080/1554477X.2026.2728596.

“*Nastoiashchie Muzhiki* and Depleted Masculinity in Kyrgyzstan,” *Central Asian Affairs* 9, 2-3 (2022): 351-377. DOI:10.30965/22142290-bja10034.

“Women in Kyrgyzstan - Electorally Marginalized but Legislatively Influential: A Theory of Transactional Activism,” *Politics and Gender*, 18, 3 (2022): 605-639. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X20000689>

“Don’t become a lost specimen!” Polygyny and Motivational Interconnectivity in Kyrgyzstan,” *Central Asian Survey* 39, 3 (2020): 340-360. DOI: 10.1080/02634937.2020.1777088.

“Structural Violence and Horizontal Inequalities: Conflict in Southern Kyrgyzstan,” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6, 4 (2018): 764-784. DOI: 10.1089/21565503.2017.1301822.

“The Politics and Economics of ‘Retraditionalization’ in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 31, 6 (2015): 529-556. DOI: 10.1080/1060586X.2014.986870.

“Emotion and Blame in Collective Action: Russian Voice in Kyrgyzstan and Latvia,” *Political Science Quarterly*, 124, 3 (Fall 2009): 489-512.

“Systems of Partial Control: Ethnic Dynamics in Post-Soviet Estonia and Latvia,” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 43, 1 (January 2008): 81-100.

“Exit in the Near Abroad: The Russian Minorities in Latvia and Kyrgyzstan,” *Problems of Post-Communism*, 51, 6 (November/December 2004): 23-32.

“The ‘Pugachev Rebellion’ in the Context of Post-Soviet Kazakh Nationalization,” *Nationalities Papers*, 32, 1 (March 2004): 87-113.

Peer-Reviewed Academic Book Chapters

“The Infliction of Slow Violence on First Wives in Kyrgyzstan,” in Shannon O’Lear, ed., *A Research Agenda for Geographies of Slow Violence: Making Social and Environmental Injustice Visible* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021): 155-172.

“A Woman Without a Man is a Kazan Without a Lid: Polygyny in Tajikistan,” in Marlene Laruelle, ed., *Tajikistan on the Move: Statebuilding and Societal Transformations* (Maryland: Lexington Books, 2018): 171-192.

Book Reviews

2025. "Translocality, Entrepreneurship and Middle Class Across Eurasia: Kyrgyzstan's 'First Capitalists' Since the Late Soviet era," by Philipp Schroder. Review published in *Slavic Review*.

2021. "Toward Nationalizing Regimes: conceptualizing power and identity in the post-Soviet realm," by Diana T. Kudaibergenova. Review published in *Slavic Review*.

2020. "Islam in Central Asia and the Caucasus since the Fall of the Soviet Union," by Bayram Balci. Review published in *Nationalities Papers*.

2019. "Encounters at the Edge of the Muslim World: A Political Memoir of Kyrgyzstan," by Eugene Huskey. Review published in *Russian Review* (July): 537.

2018. "Azan on the Moon: Entangling Modernity Along Tajikistan's Pamir Highway," by Till Mostowlansky. Review published in *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, V. 45, 385-401.

2013. "Chaos, Violence, Dynasty: Politics and Islam in Central Asia," by Eric McGlinchey,. Review published in *Slavic Review*, Spring: 202-203.

1998. "Time and Revolution: Marxism and the Design of Soviet Institutions," by Stephen E. Hanson. Review published in *Newsletter, the American Political Science Association's Organized Section in Comparative Politics*, 9, no.2 (Summer): 22-23.

Other Publications

Invited Participant: "Otinchalar – 'Truly' Muslim?" in "Book Discussions: Svetlana Peshkova, Women, Islam, and Identity: Public Life in Private Spaces in Uzbekistan" *Central Asian Affairs* 3 (2016): 77-93. DOI: 10.1163/22142290-00301004.

"Conflict in Kyrgyzstan?" Occasional Paper #286, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, May 2004: 1-16.

Research Grants, PI for and sole recipient, *indicates peer-review selection process

*National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Travel Grant, 2023 (\$2,500.00)

University of Vermont, Asian Studies Seybolt Award, 2021 (\$3,500.00)

*University of Vermont, REACH Grant Award, 2020 (\$5,000.00)

University of Vermont, Louis Rakin Foundation Grant, 2018 (\$2,000.00)

University of Vermont, Asian Studies Seybolt Award, 2018 (\$2,500.00)

*University of Vermont, Joan Smith Faculty Research Award, 2017 (\$7,000.00)

*University of Vermont, Humanities Center Summer Research Award, 2015 (\$5,000.00)

*University of Vermont, Small Grant Research Award, 2015 (\$3,000.00)

University of Vermont, Louis Rakin Foundation Grant, 2015 (\$3,000.00)

*International Research and Exchange Board, Short-Term Travel Grant, 2013 (airfare plus \$2,025.00)

*American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant, 2013 (\$2,100.00)

*National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Travel Grant, 2013 (\$3,000.00)

*University of Vermont, RANSS Research Award for the Natural and Social Sciences, 2013 (\$2,500.00)

*University of Vermont, REACH Grant Award, 2013 (\$5,000.00)

University of Vermont, Louis Rakin Foundation Grant, 2013 (\$4,000.00)

*International Research and Exchange Board, Short-Term Travel Grant, Summer 2008

*American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant, Summer 2008

*National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Travel Grant, Summer 2005 (research conducted Summer 2007)

*International Research and Exchange Board, Short-Term Travel Grant, Summer 2005

University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, 200- 2002

*United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, 2000-2001

Middlebury College, The Russian School, Middlebury Grant, 1999

*David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, 1999

*National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 1999

*Institute of International Education, Professional Development Fellowship, 1999

*United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, 1999 (Declined)

Ford Foundation, Pre-Dissertation Fellowship related to *Problematics of States and Identities*, a workshop held at the University of Pennsylvania, 1997

Research Skills

Qualitative Methods (extensive interview experience)

Professional fluency in Russian

Field Research (conducted in Russian)

2026 (Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek): Follow-up research on women's political participation

2023 (Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek): Research on women's political participation

2018 (Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek): Research on polygyny

2015 (Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek, Osh): Research on polygyny

2013 (Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek): Research on 'the woman's question,' or women's issues

2007, 2008 (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan): Research on women and Islamic education

2005 (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Latvia): Follow-up dissertation research on the Russian minority

1999-2000 (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Latvia): Dissertation research on the Russian minority

1997 (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan): Pre-dissertation research

1994 (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan): Initial visit to Central Asia:

Extensive travel throughout the former Soviet Union: Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan

Invited Research Presentations

Keynote speaker (one of eight international experts) at the International Scientific Conference "Nomadic Civilizations: Heritage, Paradigms, and Perspectives," organized by the Ministry of Science, Higher Education, and Innovations of the Kyrgyz Republic and held in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan September 3, 2026. "*Kyrgyz Women in the Nomadic and Post-Soviet Economies.*"

Education and Enrichment for Everyone, EEE Lecture Series, November 8, 2024: *The Politics of the Great Patriotic War in Post-Soviet Russia*

American University of Central Asia, May 2, 2024: *The Political Economy of Polygynous Marriages among the Kyrgyz*. Online Lecture.

University of Wisconsin, CREECA (Center for Russia, East Europe, Central Asia), March 31, 2022: *The Political Economy of Polygynous Marriages among the Kyrgyz*

Indiana University, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, March 9, 2021: *Sticky Gender Norms and Polygynous Marriages in Kyrgyzstan*

Workshop on Women and Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia (organized by George Washington University's Central Asia Program, IERES), Washington D.C., October 2018.

Conference on Tajikistan: Approaches, Fieldwork, and Topics (organized by the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and the George Washington University's Central Asian Program (CAP), Stockholm, June 2016.

The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, April 2016: *The Rise of Polygamy in Kyrgyzstan: A Consequence of the Country's Post-Soviet Islamic Revival?*

Elder Education Enrichment, Vermont, February 2015: *Women's Activism in Kyrgyzstan*

Invited Discussant: Conference on Informal Practices and Structures in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 2013

Unitarian church of Lincoln Nebraska, Winter Lecture Series on Russia and the post-Soviet States: January 2011: declined invitation due to pregnancy

Elder Education Enrichment, Vermont, February 2009: *Muslim Women in Central Asia*

Elder Education Enrichment, Vermont, September 2008: *The Russian Question in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan*

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 28 June 2007: *Diverging and Converging Experiences of the Russian Minorities in Post-Communist Central Asia*

Kennan Institute, March 2005: *Exit and Voice in the Near Abroad: Russian Minority Populations in Kyrgyzstan and Latvia*

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., September 2005: *Baltic Accession to the EU and Russian Residents of the Baltic States*

Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, Fifteenth Annual Nava'i Lecture in Central Asian Studies, December 2004: *Kazakhstan's Pugachev Rebellion: Ethnic Russians in Central Asia*

U.S. Department of State, Conference on ethnic Russians in the former Soviet Union, 2002: *The Impact of Ethnic Russians on Kazakhstani and Kyrgyzstani Domestic Politics*

Research Presentations at Scholarly Conference Papers (peer-reviewed selection method)

Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2024, Columbia University, New York: *Achieving a Gender Quota in Kyrgyzstan: A one-gender parliament, a civil society lobbying campaign, and sympathetic domestic and international contexts*

Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2022, University of Indiana, Bloomington: *Don't become a lost specimen!*

Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2019, Columbia University, New York: *Understanding the role of civil society in the establishment of Kyrgyzstan's gender quota*

Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2018, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:
Women's Activism in Kyrgyzstan

Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2017, Columbia University, New York:
Polygynous Marriages in Kyrgyzstan: a route to gender violence or gender respectability?

Central Eurasian Studies Society, November 2016, Princeton University, New Jersey: *Second Wives in Kyrgyzstan: The Role of Agency in Polygynous Marriages*

Central Eurasian Studies Society, October 2015, George Washington University, D.C.: *The Rise of Polygyny in Kyrgyzstan: A consequence of the country's post-Soviet Islamic revival?*

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2015, Columbia University, New York:
Polygyny and Islam in Kyrgyzstan: A view from the inside

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2013, Columbia University, New York:
Retraditionalization in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: rejected by elites, embraced by young women

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2011, Columbia University, New York:
Creating a Replica of the Ideal Soviet Woman in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2008, Columbia University, New York:
Women's Proclivity Toward Islamic Education in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: A Backlash Against Communist Gender Equality?

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana: *The Role of Islam in Identity Formation: Education Policy in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan*

American Political Science Association, September 2007: *The Role of Islam in Identity Formation: Education Policy in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan*

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2007, Columbia University, New York: *The Role of Islam in Identity Formation: Education Policy in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan*

American Political Science Association, September 2005: *The Legacies of Soviet Nationality Politics and Divergent Patterns of Post-Soviet Ethno-Political Mobilization: Russian Minorities in the Baltics and Central Asia*

The Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2005, Columbia University, New York:
Will the Russians Rebel? The Absence of Conflict in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

Kennan Institute Workshop, 2003, Washington D.C.: *Contemporary and Historical Perspectives on Conflict in the Former Soviet Union*

American Political Science Association, September 2003: *Minority Responses to the Collapse of the Soviet Union: The Russian Diaspora in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Latvia*

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2003, Columbia University, New York: *Secession, Autonomy, or Passivity in Central Asia: The Odd Case of the Pugachev Rebellion in Ust'-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan*

Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2002, Columbia University, New York: *From Settlers to Immigrants? Russian Emigration from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Latvia*

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 2002, Pittsburgh: *Nation-Building and its Effects on the Russian Populations of Kyrgyzstan and Latvia*

University Service

Director of Undergraduate Studies and Transfer Affairs, Department of Political Science (Fall 2022 -)

Academic Studies Committee, Social Science representative (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)

Committee for review of Economics Department Chair (2018)

Russian East European Studies, Director (September 2014 -)

Boren Scholarships Committee (2014, 2015)

REACH Scholarship Committee (2014)

College Honors Committee (2008-2011)

Fulbright Scholarship Committee (2015)

Department Service

Henderson Fellow Search Committee (2025)

Self-Assessment Committee (2016-2017)

International Relations Prize Committee (2013-2016)

Ad hoc committee on advising (2013)

Comparative Politics Prize Committee (2012)

International Relations Search Committee (2011, 2015)

Curriculum Committee (2011)

Professional Service

International Editorial Advisory Board, *Asian Affairs* (2024-

Editorial Board, *Government and Opposition* (2014 –

Tenure file reviews

University of New Hampshire (2014)

Indiana University East (2020)

Grant proposal reviews

American Council Title VIII Research Program (2017)

National Science Foundation (2006)

United States Institute of Peace (2005)

Anonymous reviews for the following peer-reviewed academic journals

Central Asian Survey (2025)
Human Nature (2025)
Central Asian Studies (2024)
Central Asian Survey (2024)
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (2023)
International Quarterly for Asian Studies (2023)
Journal of Peace and War Studies (JPWS, 2022)
International Labor and Working-Class History (2022)
Politics, Groups, and Identities (2022)
Politics, Groups, and Identities (2021)
Politics and Gender (2021)
Acta Via Serica (2021)
Oriente Moderno (2020)
Problems of Post-Communism (2020)
Central Asian Survey (2020)
Post-Soviet Affairs (2019)
International Journal of Qualitative Methods (2019)
Journal of Eurasian Studies (2019)
Central Asian Affairs (2019)
Post-Soviet Affairs (2018)
Perspectives on Politics (2018)
Problems of Post-Communism (2018)
Religion, State, & Society (2017)
Nationalities Papers (2016)
Post-Soviet Affairs (2016)
Social Sciences (2016)
Central Asian Survey (2016)
Slavic Review (2015)
Central Asian Affairs (2015)
Government and Opposition (2014)
Problems of Post-Communism (2014, 2012)
Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (2011)
Political Research Quarterly (2010)
Comparative Politics (2009)
Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (2008)
Nationalities Papers (2008, 2007)
Comparative Political Studies (2003)

Anonymous referee for Cornell University Press: Regine Spector book manuscript (2015)

Service associated with the Association for the Study of Nationalism (ASN)
Program Committee Chair, Eurasia Section 2006-2008, 2012-
Advisory Board Member, 2013-
Huttenbach Prize Committee, 2017-

Expert Witness for the following political asylum cases

2026 Provided **8** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Russia** for oppositionists seeking political asylum based on political persecution.

Provided **4** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Russia** for ethnic Kalmyk oppositionists seeking political asylum based on political persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kazakhstan** for a Christian seeking political asylum based on religious persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a Tablighi Jamaat seeking political asylum based on religious persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for an oppositionist seeking political asylum based on political persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a gay man seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution.

Provided **2** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for individuals seeking political asylum based on religious, ethnic minority, and/or political persecution.

2025 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Azerbaijan** for a whistle-blower seeking political asylum based on political persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Belarus** for an individual seeking political asylum based on political persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kazakhstan** for a gay woman seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Kazakhstan** for a victim of domestic violence.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for an individual seeking political asylum based on religious persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for a gay man seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution.

Provided **4** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Russia** for oppositionists seeking political asylum based on political persecution.

Provided **2** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Russia** for individuals seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority persecution.

Provided **3** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Ukraine** for gay individuals seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a too-devout Muslim seeking political asylum based on religious persecution; **2** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for individuals seeking political asylum based on religious minority persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for an individual seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority persecution; **2** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a gay man seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a victim of domestic violence.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for an individual seeking political asylum based on religious minority persecution.

2024 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for a woman seeking political asylum to avoid bride abduction.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Russia** for an individual seeking political asylum based on political persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Russia** for a gay man seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Ukraine** for an individual seeking political asylum based on anti-war protest activity.

Provided **1** affidavits regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a gay, Tajik man seeking political asylum based on his sexual and ethnic minority identities.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a woman seeking political asylum based on her refusal to conform to societal gender norms and religious expectations; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a woman seeking political asylum based on her refusal to conform to her family's religious expectations; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for an oppositionist seeking political asylum based on political persecution; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for an individual seeking political asylum based religious and political persecution.

2023 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for an individual seeking political asylum based religious persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Russia** for an individual a Hizb ut Tahrir member from Kazan, Tatarstan seeking political asylum based religious and political persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for an individual seeking political asylum based on his refusal to participate in state corruption; **1** regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a woman seeking political asylum based on persecution resulting from her religious piety and divorcee status.

2022 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for a woman and her daughter seeking political asylum based on state and societal persecution of devout Muslims.

2019 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for a woman seeking political asylum based on fear of bride abduction.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Moldova** for a Roma individual seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority persecution.

2017 Provided affidavit and oral testimony in Phoenix, Arizona regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for an individual seeking political asylum based on political persecution resulting from on-line activities occurring in the U.S.

2015 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Ukraine** for a family seeking political asylum based on religious (anti-Semitism) persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a family seeking political asylum based on criminal accusations made by the Uzbek state against a relative.

2013 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan** for a Kazakh Christian woman seeking political asylum based on religious minority persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for a family seeking asylum based on religious persecution.

2011 Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Turkmenistan** for a gay man seeking political asylum based on LGBTQ persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Tajikistan** for a couple seeking asylum based on ethnic minority persecution.

Provided **1** affidavit and oral testimony regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for a woman seeking asylum based on domestic violence.

Provided **1** affidavit and oral testimony regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a victim of domestic violence.

- 2010** Provided **1** affidavit and oral testimony regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a Russian couple seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority discrimination.
- 2009** Provided **1** affidavit and oral testimony regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a Russian seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority discrimination.
- 2008** Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Kyrgyzstan** for a Russian seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority discrimination.
- 2007** Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Estonia** for a Russian lesbian seeking political asylum.
- 2006** Provided affidavit and oral testimony in New York City regarding country conditions in **Latvia** for a political asylum case.
- 2005** Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Latvia** for a Russian seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority discrimination.
- Provided **2** affidavits and oral testimony in New York City regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for 2 political asylum cases.
- 2004** Provided **1** affidavit regarding country conditions in **Uzbekistan** for a Meskhetian Turk seeking political asylum based on ethnic minority discrimination.

Public Service – Interviews/Panels

WDEV radio, interview with Ric Cengeri on the Russian invasion of Ukraine (March 7, 2022)

BBC Russian, “Ne odna. Pochemy zhenshchiny v Kyrgyzstane soglashaiutsia na rol’ vtoroi zheny.” ‘Not alone. Why women in Kyrgyzstan agree to the role of second wife.’ Article written by Nargiza Ryskulova, (April 3, 2021): <https://www.bbc.com/russian/features-56595200>.

Central Asian Analytical Network, “Poligamiia v Tsentral’noi Azii: vzgliad c raznykh uglov,” ‘Polygamy in Central Asia: opinions from different corners.’ (May 11, 2016): <https://www.caa-network.org/archives/7076>.

WCAX Television Interview on the annexation of Crimea (April 17, 2014)

University of Vermont: "Ukraine and the Crimean Crisis – Teach-In and Panel Discussion," (March 26, 2014)

Voice of America in Washington, interview on the annexation of Crimea (2014)

Foreign Policy (August 3, 2010)

Council on Foreign Relations (June 23, 2010)

Correio Braziliense, interview on the annexation of Crimea (April 8, 2014)

El Mercurio (June 24, 2010)

Milliyet (June 18, 2010)

Teaching Experience

University of Vermont, Department of Political Science

Courses taught: Introduction to International Relations, Soviet Politics, Russian Politics, Central Asian Politics, Post-Soviet Ethnic Conflict

Georgetown University, Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies,

Courses taught: Nationalism and Ethnicity in Post-Soviet Conflicts, Contemporary Central Asian Politics

University of Pennsylvania, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics,

Courses taught: International Politics, Russian Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Post-Soviet Ethnic Conflict

Graduate Student Advising

External Reviewer, Nazarbaev University MA Theses Committees
(2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021)

Professional Association Memberships

American Political Science Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Central Eurasian Studies Society