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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University *Assistant Professor in Politics and International Affairs* joint in the Woodrow Wilson School and the Department of Politics (July 2003 – present)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Ph.D. in Political Science (May 2003)

Dissertation: *Refracting Conditionality: IMF Programs and Domestic Politics during the Latin American Debt Crisis and the Post-Communist Transition.*

University of California, Berkeley - M.A. in Political Science (December 1998)

Master's Essay: *Separated at Birth or Separated by Birth? The Communist Successor Parties in Romania and Hungary.*

Harvard University - B.A. *summa cum laude* in Social Studies (June 1995). Phi Beta Kappa.

Honors Thesis: *Caritas – Struggle and Confusion in Romania's Post-Communist Transition.*

BOOKS

From Economic Crisis to Reform: IMF Programs in Latin America and Eastern Europe (Princeton University Press – February 2009).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Throwing out the Bums: Protest Voting and Anti-Establishment Parties after Communism”
Forthcoming in *World Politics*.

“Why No Backsliding? The EU's Impact on Democracy and Governance Before and After Accession”
(with Philip Levitz). Forthcoming in *Comparative Political Studies*.

“Public Goods or Political Pandering: Evidence from IMF Programs in Latin America and Eastern Europe.” *International Studies Quarterly* 53:787-816 (September 2009).

“Disenchanted or Discerning: Voter Turnout in Post-Communist Countries” (With Alexander Pacek and Joshua Tucker). *The Journal of Politics* 71(2): 473-491 (April 2009).

“A Party for All Seasons: Electoral Adaptation of Romanian Communist Successor Parties.”
Communist and Post-Communist Studies 41(4) 465-479 (December 2008).

“Crisis in the Eye of the Beholder: Economic Crisis and Partisan Politics in Latin American and East European IMF Programs.” *Comparative Political Studies* 41(9): 1179-1211 (September 2008).

“Historical Legacies and Post-Communist Regime Change.” – *The Journal of Politics* 69(4):908-926 (November 2007).

“Between Historical Legacies and the Promise of Western Integration: Democratic Conditionality after Communism.” *East European Politics and Societies* 21(4):142-161 (Winter 2007).

“From Transplants to Hybrids: Exploring Institutional Pathways to Growth.” (With Thad Dunning). *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38(4) 3-29 (March 2004).

“Romania’s Politics of Dejection.” *Journal of Democracy* 12(3):156-169 (July 2001).

“Separated at Birth or Separated by Birth? The Communist Successor Parties in Romania and Hungary.” *East European Politics and Societies*, 13(1):117-147 (Winter 1999).

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

“Government Spending and Pocketbook Voting: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Romania” (with Cristian Pop-Eleches).

“Communism’s Shadow: Post-Communist Legacies and Political Behavior” (with Joshua Tucker)

“Monitoring, Money, and Migrants: Countering Post-Accession Backsliding in Bulgaria and Romania” (with Philip Levitz).

EDITED VOLUMES

Institutions for Economic Development: A Cross-Disciplinary Approach (co-edited with Thad Dunning) – special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* Volume 38, No.4 Transaction Publishers, (2004)

BOOK CHAPTERS & BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Anna Grzymala-Busse “Rebuilding Leviathan Party Competition and State Exploitation in Post-Communist Democracies” *Comparative Political Studies* 41(7): 1034-1038 (July 2008)

“Transition to What? Legacies and Reform Trajectories after Communism” in Marc Morjé Howard, Vladimir Tismaneanu and Rudra Sil (eds.). *World Order After Leninism*, Seattle: University of Washington Press (2006)

Review of Hillary Appel “A new capitalist order: privatization & ideology in Russia & Eastern Europe.” *Comparative Political Studies*, vol 38 no.8, 2005.

“Albanien.” (With Daniel Ziblatt). In Jürgen Bellers and Thorsten Benner (eds.) *Handbuch der Außenpolitiken*. München, R. Oldenbourg Verlag (2001).

“Independence or Double Dependence: The East-West Foreign Policy Game in Moldova and Slovakia” in Frank Columbus (ed.) *Central and Eastern Europe in Transition Volume IV*, Huntington, NY: Nova Science Publishers (2001).

WORKING PAPERS

“Elections and Liberalization in the Post-Cold War Era.” (With Graeme Robertson.)

“Transition Blues: Causes and Consequences of Post-Communist Political Alienation”

“The Post-Communist Democratic Deficit: Roots and Mechanisms”

“Mandate or Punishment? Prospective and Retrospective Voting after Communism.”

“Friends or Foes: The Post-Communist Relationship between Democracy and Economic Reform in Comparative Perspective.”

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Elections, Information and Liberalization in the Post-Cold War Era” (With Graeme Robertson.) Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Sept. 2-5, 2009, Toronto.

“Dimensions and Sources of (Dis)trust in New Democracies” Conference on Legitimacy at the Weatherhead Center, Harvard University, March 14, 2009

“Communism’s Shadow: A Theory of Post-Communist Legacies and Political Behavior.” (With Joshua Tucker.) Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 21-23, 2008, Philadelphia, PA.

“Changing Patterns in Partisan Politics: Evidence from East European and Latin American IMF programs.” Workshop on “Government Partisanship in Comparative Political Economy” September 26, 2008, Princeton University.

“Elections and Liberalization in the Post-Cold War Era.” (With Graeme Robertson.) Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Aug. 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.

“Economic Reference Group Salience in Post-Communist Eastern Europe: Causes and Consequences” Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Aug. 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.

“Government Spending and Pocketbook Voting: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Romania.” (with Cristian Pop-Eleches). Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2008.

“Elections and Liberalization in the Post-Cold War Era.” (With Graeme Robertson.)
Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2008.

“Throwing out the Bums: Protest Voting and Anti-Establishment Parties after Communism” Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Aug. 29-Sept.2, 2007, Chicago, IL.

“The Intractable Past: Pre-Communist Legacies, Communist Development and Post-Communist Regime Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, November 16-19, 2006, Washington, DC.

“Friends or Foes: The Post-Communist Relationship between Democracy and Economic Reform in Comparative Perspective.” Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Aug. 31-Sept.3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

“From Crisis to Reform: The Politics of IMF Programs in Latin America and Eastern Europe” Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Aug. 31-Sept.3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

“The Long Arm of the Past: Historical Legacies and Political Development in Eastern Europe.” Comparative Politics Workshop “Post-Communist Political Economy and Democratic Politics” at Duke University, April 7-8 2006.

“Between Historical Legacies and the Promise of Western Integration: Democratic Conditionality after Communism.” Club de Madrid - IV General Assembly Prague, 10-12 November 2005.

“Which Past Matters? Communist and Pre-Communist Legacies and Post-Communist Regime Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“Voting More When It Matters More: The Surprisingly Rational Turnout Story in Post-Communist Countries” (with Alex Pacek and Joshua Tucker). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“Mandate or Punishment? Prospective and Retrospective Voting after Communism.” Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2005.

“Transition Fatigue: The Changing Fortunes of Post-Communist Anti-Establishment Parties.” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston Dec. 4-6, 2004.

“The Enduring Curse of the Past: The Role of Initial Conditions in Explaining Trajectories of Post-Communist Economic and Political Reforms.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003.

“Squaring the Circle: The Role of External Pressures in Domestic Political and Economic Reforms.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003.

“IMF Conditionality and Domestic Politics in Latin America and the Former Communist Countries.” “East Meets South: The State of Economic Transformation in Latin America and the Post-Communist World,” Conference. Merhson Center – Ohio State University, April, 2003.

“Radicalization or Protest Vote? Explaining the Electoral Success of Unorthodox Parties in Eastern Europe.” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Pittsburgh, November 2002.

"Refracting Conditionality: IMF Programs and Domestic Politics During the Post-Communist Transition." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002.

"Radicalization or Protest Vote? Explaining the Rise of Unorthodox Parties in Eastern Europe." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002.

“Is Shock Therapy for Everyone? Romania’s Economic Performance in Comparative Perspective” (with Cristian Pop-Eleches). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August-September 2001.

“Stumbling Towards Integration: The Experience of Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia in Comparative Perspective” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August-September 2001.

“Managing the Transition: The IMF and the International Integration of the Former Communist Countries.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August-September 2000.

INVITED TALKS

Columbia University, New York, April 2009

Miami University, Oxford Ohio, April 2009

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, March 2009

University of Washington, Seattle, May 2008

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 2008

Indiana University – EU Center of Excellence, February 2008

Columbia University, New York/New Jersey Post-Communist Politics Workshop, May 2007

New York University, Department of Politics, March 2007

Center for Latin American Studies, Princeton University, November 2006

Duke University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2006.

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella – Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 2006

Club de Madrid – Prague, Czech Republic, November 2005

University of Wisconsin, Madison – September 2005

Mershon Center – Ohio State University – April 2003.

University of California, Berkeley – January 2001

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) – National Research Competition Grant for “Facing West and Feeling Poorer: The International Demonstration Effect in Post-Communist Eastern Europe” (Oct. 2005 – July 2008)

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Princeton University. Faculty Research Grant for “Protest Voting and Anti-Establishment Political Parties - Post-Electoral Survey in Bulgaria” June-July 2005.

University Committee on Research in Social Sciences, Princeton University, Faculty Grant “Protest Voting and Anti-Establishment Political Parties - Post-Electoral Survey in Moldova” March 2005.

Simpson Memorial Fellowship – graduate fellowship from the Institute for International Studies – UC Berkeley (2000-2001)

Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies – winner of working paper contest (Jan. 2001).

Peter H. Odegard Memorial Award in Political Science – UC Berkeley (1999-2000).

UC Berkeley University Fellowship – UC Berkeley (1997-9, 2001-2002).

Alexis de Tocqueville Prize - Social Studies Department - Harvard University (1995).

TEACHING

Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science (Politics 504): Fall 2003, Fall 2004.

Developing Countries, Economic Reforms and External Pressures (Politics Junior Workshop #7): Fall 2004.

Politics after Communism (Politics 375): Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2007.

Post-Communist Politics (Woodrow Wilson School 591 – Reading Course) Spring 2004.

The Politics of Public Policy (Woodrow Wilson School 501): Fall 2004, Fall 2006.

Latin American Political Economy (Politics 431): Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor: *World Politics* (2004-present).

Editorial Assistant: *Studies in Comparative International Development* (2000-2003).

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Transition Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *The Review of Economics & Statistics*, *Political Research Quarterly*

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic Advisor. Forbes College, *Princeton University* (2004 - 2008). Advised 12 Freshmen and 12 Sophomores on academic issues, including course selection and prospective majors.

LANGUAGES

Native ability in German and Romanian, acquired fluency in English, good reading and intermediate conversational Spanish, basic reading and conversational French.