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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND College Park, Maryland
Ph.D. candidate (All But Dissertation), Government and Politics, since 2015

Dissertation: (in progress) "The Oil Blessing and Curse: Hydrocarbons' Effects on Maritime Boundary Formation"

M.A., Government and Politics, 2017

Subfields & Comprehensive Exams Passed: International Relations, Comparative Politics

U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (College of Distance Education) Newport, Rhode Island
M.A., Defense and Strategic Studies, Asia-Pacific concentration, 2021
Joint Professional Military Education, Phase I, completed 2017

DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF VIENNA Vienna, Austria
Master of Advanced International Studies, 2010

Thesis: "Relations between *De Facto States*: Eurasian Quartet or Four Post-Soviet Soloists?"

JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES Bologna, Italy
Graduate Diploma, International Economics and Russian / Eurasian Studies, 2009

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY Annapolis, Maryland
B.S., Political Science major and Russian minor, cum laude, 2004

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at University of Maryland, College Park

"Scholars" International Studies Colloquium I	2016–2018
"Scholars" International Studies Colloquium II	2017–2019
"Scholars" International Studies Practicum & Guided Research	2017–2019

Teaching Assistant at University of Maryland, College Park

Ethics in International Relations	2016–2018
Civil Rights and the Constitution	2016
Introduction to International Relations	2015

Adjunct Instructor at University of Maryland University College, Kandahar, Afghanistan

Introduction to International Relations	2013
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Teaching Assistant at U.S. Naval Academy

Basic and Intermediate Russian	2004–2005
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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Navy Reserve 2005–present
Rank of Commander Italy; Afghanistan; USA
Foreign Area Officer (Europe/Eurasia region); formerly Public Affairs Officer

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Member of Navy Space Cadre

Current assignment: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Past reserve assignments: Military Sealift Command; U.S. 6th Fleet Headquarters; Navy Office of the Chief of Information; U.S. Strategic Command; U.S. Special Operations Command

Mobilized and deployed as logistics advisor to Afghan Army & National Police (2012–2013)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 2011–2015
International Relations Specialist for Satellite and Information Service Silver Spring, Maryland

Department of State 2012
Azerbaijan Desk Officer (Presidential Management Fellowship rotation) Washington, DC

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe 2010
Consultant on military small arms and light weapons policies Vienna, Austria

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies 2009
Intern Tbilisi, Georgia

Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development 2009
Research Assistant Bologna, Italy

Peace Corps 2006–2008
English Teaching Volunteer Rrëshen, Albania

Jane's Information Group 2005
Content Development Researcher Alexandria, Virginia

U.S. Naval Academy 2004–2005
Academic Dean's Aide Annapolis, Maryland

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Summer Fellowship, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2021 (\$5,000)

Full Assistantship, University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics, 2015–2000

“Face of Their Field Award” from among College Park Scholars faculty, 2019

Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2016 (\$5,000)

Vice Admiral James H. Doyle, Jr., Military Operations and International Law Prize for essay "Can the Tides be Turned?: Optimizing Beijing's Incentives to Accept South China Sea Arbitration", U.S. Naval War College, 2016 (\$500)

Presidential Management Fellowship, nominated by Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and selected by U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 2010; served 2011–2013

General scholarship, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 2009 (€2,500)

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Bologna Fellowship, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2008 (\$14,000)

Bologna Special Grant, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2008 (\$4,000)

Harry E. Ward Medal for Russian Studies, U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence, 2004

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Elite interviews – some in Russian – in Georgia (incl. Abkhazia); Nagorno Karabakh, Azerbaijan; Moldova (incl. Transnistria): 2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academic:

National Capital Area Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

Peace Science Society (International)

Other:

Foreign Area Officer Association

National Language Service Corps

National Peace Corps Association

U.S. Naval Institute

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Area Studies (Moldova)*

Invited Participant, workshops on development of the Issues Correlates of War data project, Peace Science Society (International) annual conferences: Kansas State University, 2019 & University of Michigan, 2020

Presenter, “The Offshore Oil Blessing and Curse: Hydrocarbons’ Effect on Maritime Boundary Formation,” graduate student workshop, University of Maryland Government & Politics Dept., 2019

Faculty Adviser, Model United Nations club, College Park Scholars, 2018-19

Associate Director, College Park Scholars International Studies program [included managing three teaching assistants and supporting students pursuing internships and graduate school], 2018–19

Invited Discussant, Center for International Development and Conflict Management workshops, University of Maryland, multiple workshops since 2016

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Co-Organizer, annual conference of the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative on nuclear nonproliferation, 2010

Editor, *DA Journal* (Vienna), 2009–2010

Editor, *BC Journal of International Affairs* (Bologna), 2008–2009

Contributed to Washington Post/Newsweek online forum PostGlobal, three opinion articles on Balkan issues, 2008–2009 (Johns Hopkins SAIS initiative)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Maritime Boundaries
International Law
Diplomatic Recognition
Politics of Balkan and post-Soviet states
Space and National Security

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Software: Stata, R

Languages: Albanian, Italian, Macedonian, Spanish (Advanced)
Bulgarian, Russian (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

Charles Chadbourn (course instructor)
Professor of Strategy
Director, Fleet Seminar Program, Washington, DC
U.S. Naval War College
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James Glass (course instructor and work supervisor)
Professor of Government & Politics
Director of International Studies, College Park Scholars
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Paul Huth (course instructor and dissertation committee chair)
Bauman Professor of Government & Politics
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