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- EDUCATION**
- University of Oxford, St. Antony's College**, Oxford, UK
Doctor of Philosophy, Politics October 2019 -
Dissertation: Deliberation in the Russian State Duma: The Uses and Abuses of Legislative Speech in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes
- London School of Economics**, London, UK
Master of Science, Comparative Politics Sept 2017 - Dec 2018
Dissertation: Variations of Nationalism in Post-Soviet States: National Identity and the Structuring of Political Attitudes
- University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, TX
Bachelor of Arts, Government + REEES Sept 2015 - May 2017
Certificate in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
Studied Abroad Summer 2016, International University in Moscow
- Austin Community College**, Austin, TX
Associate of Arts, Government Sept 2013 - May 2015
Honors Program
- EXPERIENCE**
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (Tutor)** University of Oxford, DPIR
July 2022 - Current Oxford, UK
Multiple term teaching duties for an undergraduate course: Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union. Work includes organizing tutorials, leading discussions, and grading formative papers.
- Research Assistant** University of Oxford, DPIR
July 2022 - Current Oxford, UK
Working on a project concerning perceptions of power and attributive language in the British executive. Research work has included principal data collection, analysis, and theoretical contributions. Supervised by Professor Archie Brown.
- Research Assistant** University of Oxford, DPIR
July 2021 - January 2023 Oxford, UK
Worked on a project concerning authoritarian referendums in post-Soviet space. Research work has included principal data collection and analysis. Supervised by Dr. Jody La Porte and Dr. Ben Noble.
- Early Career Research Fellow;** Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right
Technical Director
Spring 2019-2022 Global
Co-produced a podcast series on radicalism and extremism as technical director. Led the team through two seasons, 37 episodes, and built up to 25,000+ plays across all major platforms.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** Oxford Internet Institute
October 2020 - December 2020 Oxford, UK
Taught on a post-graduate course at the OII on internet technology and regulations. Work included organizing seminars, leading discussions, and grading formative papers.
- Applied History Fellow** Stanford US-Russia Forum

August 2019 - August 2020 Moscow, RU
Drafted a white paper on legal developments in nuclear deterrence. Delegated responsibilities to group members, drafted proposal documents, and undertook semi-structured expert interviews with former diplomats, politicians, and scientists in Russia and the US.

Managing Editor and Reviews Manager Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism
August 2019 - February 2021 London, UK
Duties included processing articles through manuscript central at every stage of the review process and reviewing their suitability for the journal, liaising with authors, editorial team, and potential reviewers, and ensuring articles adhere to the house style.

Managing Editor and Business Development Associate Foreign Policy Research Institute / Bear Market Brief
Fall 2018 - August 2019 Remote
Oversaw [BMB](#) in the writing, editing, and publishing process of the Eurasian political economy blog. Transitioned the Bear Market Brief blog format to FPRI's Geopoliticus blog section.

Social Media Officer Nations and Nationalism
Winter 2018 - September 2019 London, UK
Utilized [Twitter](#) to improve the journal's reach and network.

SKILLS

Languages: Russian (good); Ukrainian (basic); English (native)

Software: Python, HTML, Nvivo, ArcGIS, Stata, R, SQL, MaxQDA, LatentGOLD, MPlus, Markdown, \LaTeX , MS Office Suite, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Wordpress, SEO, GIT, Ableton Live, RX 7.

Communication: Conceptualization, organization, and implementation of team projects. Public speaking. Deliberative group-based decision making.

Cross-Cultural: Adaptability and acknowledgment of differing value systems and mentalities. Mutual understanding built off of dialogue and collaboration.

Leadership: Active Listening and active feedback. Delegation of responsibilities and time tables.

WORKING PAPERS

Power to the People? Explaining Authoritarian Referendums in Post-Soviet Eurasia (Jody La Porte, Ben Noble, Nicholas James), *Comparative Political Studies or Government and Opposition*

Self-Attribution in British Prime Minister Conference Speeches (Archie Brown, Nicholas James), *BJPS*

Explaining The Dynamics of Legislative Debate Participation in the Russian Duma (1996-2021), *Post-Soviet Affairs*

The Effect of Mandates and Electoral Rule Changes on Legislative Debate Participation in the Russian Duma, *Post-Soviet Affairs, Electoral Studies, or Comparative Political Studies*

Position-taking under Backsliding and Authoritarian Conditions: Explaining Convergence in the Russian Duma, *Post-Soviet Affairs or APSR*

SOCIETIES AND HONORS

ASEN, APSA, MPSA, Alpha Lambda Delta, Undergraduate Political Science Forum,

ACC Honors, Texas Undergraduate Law Review, UT Dean's Honor's List-Summa Cum Laude 2016-2017, UT Honor's College Scholar, Bachelor's with Honors, Master's with Distinction and Dissertation with Distinction.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING

GoCamp Ukraine 2019 ESOL Teacher, Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London—Probationary Trustee 2017-2018, ASEN Conference 2018; ASEN Seminar Series 2018; Texas Tribune Festival 2016-2017, St. Peter's Parish 2012-2013, Dennett Elementary 2012-2014, Cranberry Hospice Festival of Trees 2009-2013.

METHODS TRAINING AND COMPETENCIES

Intermediate Statistics: University of Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations required coursework. The course covered a broad range of methods and statistical theory.

Multilevel Modeling in R and Stata: Bristol University Learning Environment for Multilevel Methodology and Applications online multilevel modeling course 2018. The course covered the basics of regressions to cross-classified multilevel models and multiple membership models.

Latent Class and Transition Analysis: Statistical Innovations online materials 2018. Advanced competency in LatentGOLD including multilevel latent class regressions, partially homogeneous models, and latent transition analysis.

Applied Research in Political Science: Course taken at the University of Texas. Taught basics of quantitative methods in political science including regression modeling and data visualization.

Other Quantitative Competencies: Data managing, topic modeling, natural language processing, longitudinal data analysis, generalized linear models, social network analysis, and spatial analysis.

Qualitative Competencies: Nvivo and MaxQDA. Coding and using memos, content analysis, and comparative case studies.

GRANTS

Harriman Institute Russian Research Grant

Archie Brown Bursary Fund

APSA Travel Grant

ASEN Travel Grant

UT CREEES Professional Development Grant

UT Office of Undergraduate Research Grant

UT Intellectual Entrepreneurship Grants (2)

MEDIA ARTICLES

VoxUkraine (Non-Academic): *Between Ethnic and Civic Ukrainization: An Analysis of Rada Discourse*

The Conversation (Non-Academic): *Ukraine war: what, if any, are the chances of toppling Putin and who might take over?*

CONFERENCES and ROUNDTABLES

Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics: Democratic Backsliding and Electoral Autocracies 2023: The Effect of Election Rules on Legislative Debate Participation in the Russian Duma

Portulans Institute Roundtable 2023: How the Conflict in Ukraine Could Transform Global Information, Communication, and Security

APSA 2023: Power to the People? Explaining Authoritarian Referendums in Post-Soviet Eurasia (Jody La Porte, Ben Noble, Nicholas James)

APSA 2021: Deliberation in the Russian Duma: Legislative Speeches in a Hybrid-Regime

Nations and Nationalisms: Theories, Practices, and Methods 2018: Varieties of Nationalism in Post-Soviet Europe: National Identity and the Structuring of Political Attitudes.

UVA Slavic Forum 2017: Paper: The sociopolitical Dynamics of Nationhood: Identity Formation, Remembrance, and Nation-Building in Ukraine. Presented at the UVA Slavic Forum 2017.

MPSA 2017: Research paper on anti-Romani violence, demography, and far-right voting trends in Hungary. Presented as a poster at the 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference.

INTERESTS

Generative art. Synthesizer building. Music composition. I am also an avid football/soccer, film, and music/art fan.