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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018- Professor of Political Science, Rowan University (Assoc Professor 2014-18; Asst Professor 2009-14)  
2018- Chair, Department of Political Science & Economics, Rowan University  
2018- Visiting Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University  
2006-09 Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, Oberlin College  
2005-06 Post-Doctoral Fellow, CERES, Georgetown University

## EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2001 M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1998 M.A. in International Affairs, School of International Service, American University  
1992 B.A. in History, State University of New York-Oneonta

## BOOKS

*Webs of Corruption: Trafficking and Terrorism in Central Asia*. 2019. Columbia Series in Terrorism and Irregular Warfare. New York: Columbia University Press. With Mariya Y. Omelicheva.

- Reviewed in *Central Asian Survey*, *Democratization*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Affairs*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and *The Diplomat*

*State Erosion: Unlootable Resources and Unruly Elites in Central Asia*. 2013. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

- Honorable Mention, 2014 Ed A Hewett Book Prize, given by the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Shortlisted, 2014 Book Award, given by the Central Eurasian Studies Society
- Book Discussion in *Central Asian Affairs*
- Reviewed in *Central Asian Survey*, *Democratization*, *Foreign Affairs*, *International Affairs*, *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Political Studies Review*, *Slavic Review*, and *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*

## JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“COVID-19 in Central Asia: Securitization of a Health Crisis?,” *Problems of Post-Communism* (part of a special issue on COVID-19 in the Post-Soviet region), *forthcoming* (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)

“Studying states and regimes in Central Asia: Contributions to comparative politics and future challenges,” *Central Asian Survey* (part of a special issue on the emergence of field of Central Asian Studies 30 years after independence) 40, 4 (2021): 576-591 (with Scott Radnitz)

“Rethinking Intersections of Crime and Terrorism: Insights from Political Economies of Violence,” *International Studies Review* 23, 4 (2021): 1541–1565 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)

- “When Does the Crime-Terror Nexus Fail to Materialize? Drug Trafficking, Militants and the State in Russia,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6, 2 (2021): ogz078 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- “Illicit Economies and Political Violence in Central Asia,” in Melanie Cammett and Pauline Jones, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- “Disciplined and Undisciplined Repression: Illicit Economies and State Violence in Central Asia's Autocracies,” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 34, 6 (2019): 367-383 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- “Does Drug Trafficking Impact Terrorism? Afghan Opioids and Terrorist Violence in Central Asia,” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 42, 12 (2019): 1021-1043 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- “The Evolution of Violence within Far Right Mobilization: Evidence from Russia,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41, 9 (2018): 1558-1573 (part of Themed Section on “The Changing Face of the Far Right”) (with Richard Arnold)
- “Beyond Kompromat: Coercion, Corruption, and Deterred Defection in Uzbekistan,” *Comparative Politics* 50, 1 (2017): 102-121
- “The Resource Curse Reconsidered: Cash Crops and Local Violence in Kyrgyzstan,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29, 2 (2017): 342-358
- “Explaining Political Order in Uzbekistan,” in Marlene Laruelle, ed., *Uzbekistan: Political Order, Societal Changes, and Cultural Transformations*, pp. 71-76. Washington, DC: The George Washington University, 2017
- “Rural Economies and Leadership Change in Central Asia,” *Central Asian Survey* 35, 4 (2016): 514-530 (in special issue on “Authoritarian Persistence and Resilience in Central Asia”)
- “Scientific Closure and Research Strategies in Uzbekistan,” *Social Science Quarterly* 97, 4 (2016): 894-908 (in special issue on “Observing Autocracies from the Ground Floor”)
- “Anti-Immigrant Mobilization in Russia’s Regions: Local Movements and Framing Processes,” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 32, 3 (2016): 272-298 (with Vera Peshkova)
- “The Subnational Roots of Authoritarianism: Neopatrimonialism and Territorial Administration in Uzbekistan,” *Demokratizatsiya* 20, 4 (2012): 387-408
- “Tajikistan: Authoritarian Reaction in a Post-Conflict State,” *Democratization* 19, 1 (2012): 98-119 (in special issue on “Reassessing Colour Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions”). Republished in Evgeny Finkel and Yitzhak M. Brudny, eds. 2013. *Colored Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions* London: Routledge.
- “Unlootable Wealth and State Security Institutions in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” *Comparative Political Studies* 44, 2 (2011): 156-183
- “The Limits of International Agency: Post-Soviet State-Building in Tajikistan,” in Emilian Kavalski, ed., *Stable Outside, Fragile Inside? Post-Soviet Statehood in Central Asia*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Press, 2010
- “How Master Frames Mislead: The Eclipse and Division of Nationalist Movements in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 32, 4 (2009): 716-738. Republished in Martin Bulmer and John Solomos, eds. 2011 *Nationalism and National Identities*. London: Routledge.
- “Local elites, prokurators, and extraction in rural Uzbekistan,” *Central Asian Survey* 27, 1 (2008): 1-14

“Tajikistan,” in Sanja Kelly, Christopher Walker, and Jake Dizard, eds., *Countries at the Crossroads 2007: A Survey of Democratic Governance*, pp. 643-666. Washington, DC: Freedom House, 2007

“State, Society and Identity in Uzbekistan: Differentiation among Ferghana Valley Uzbeks,” in John S. Micgiel, ed., *The Transformation of 1989-1999: Triumph or Tragedy?*, pp. 53-70. New York: East Central European Center, Columbia University, 2000

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Understanding Organized Crime and Violence in Central Asia,” *Special Report No 495*, US Institute of Peace, June 1, 2021 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)

“Central Asian Responses to COVID-19: Regime Legitimacy and [De]Securitization of the Health Crisis,” *Policy Memo 692*, PONARS Eurasia, March 1, 2021 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva).

“Beneath the "Crime-Terror Nexus": Local Power Struggles, Competition over Resources, and Corrupt State,” *Owl in the Olive Tree Blog*, Minerva Research Initiative, December 5, 2019 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)

“The Nature and Sources of Terrorist Threat in Russia: An “Armed Underground” or ISIL?,” *Policy Memo 550*, PONARS Eurasia, November 26, 2018 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva).

“State Response to the Terrorism-Trafficking Nexus in Tajikistan: Short-Term Advances, Long-Term Risks,” *Policy brief*, Minerva Research Initiative, 2017

“State Response to the Terrorism-Trafficking Nexus in Kyrgyzstan: Short-Term Risks, Long-Term Prospects.” *Policy brief*, Minerva Research Initiative, 2016

“The Karimov Legacy: Political Continuity Rooted in a Security and Economic Establishment,” *Central Asian Survey* (part of the journal’s “Uzbekistan Forum”), 2016

“A Trafficking-Terrorism Nexus in Central Asia,” *The Diplomat*, June 30, 2016 (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva).

“When Flimsy States Don’t Fail: The Sources of Staying Power in Central Asia,” *Foreign Affairs*, April 25, 2014

“Studying the State in Central Asia,” *Central Asian Affairs* 1, 2 (2014): 313-316 (as part of Book Discussion of *State Erosion*)

“Local Social Movements and Anti-Immigrant Frames in Russia,” *An NCEEER Working Paper*, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2014 (with Vera Peshkova)

“The Micro-Foundations of Rebellion and Repression: Rents, Patronage, and Law Enforcement in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” *An NCEEER Working Paper*, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2008

“Elites,” in William A. Darity, Jr., ed., *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2ND edition. Framington Hills, Mich.: MacMillan, 2007

“State Decline in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 3, 1 (2004): 11-13

“Islam in Context: Challenges to a Monolithic View of Central Asia,” *Journal of Public and International Affairs* 8 (1997): 22-35

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

*Dictators Without Borders: Power and Money in Central Asia*, by Alexander Cooley and John Heathershaw, in *Central Asian Affairs* (2018)

*The State as Investment Market: Kyrgyzstan in Comparative Perspective*, by Johann Engvall, in *Slavic Review* (2017)

*Corruption as a Last Resort: Adapting to the Market in Central Asia*, by Kelly M. McMann, in *Central Asian Survey* (2015)

*Conflict, Crime, and the State in Postcommunist Eurasia*, edited by Svante Cornell and Michael Jonsson, in *Slavic Review* (2015)

*Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia*, by Kathleen Collins, in *Development and Change* (2007)

*Central Asia Since Independence*, by Shireen T. Hunter, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (1997)

## **AWARDS**

- 2014 Honorable Mention, Ed A. Hewitt Book Prize (awarded by ASEES) for *State Erosion* (Cornell UP, 2013), which is awarded annually for an outstanding monograph on the political economy of Russia, Eurasia and/or Eastern Europe, published in the previous year.
- 2014 Book Award Shortlist, Central Eurasian Studies Society for *State Erosion*
- 2013 Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honor Society, Rowan University
- 1998 Samuel L. Sharp Award for Academic Excellence, The American University
- 1997 Service to the Academic Community Award, The American University
- 1992 Crippen Award for Excellence in American History, State University of New York-Oneonta

## **INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS**

- 2020-23 Project Director, *Global Security and International Studies: Integrating Health, Environment, and Emergency Response*, U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies Foreign Language Program [\$286,412]
- 2015-16 PI, *RCA Oral History in Southern New Jersey*, New Jersey Historical Commission [\$12,000]

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 Project Director, *Understanding Organized Crime and Violence in Central Asia*, U.S. Institute of Peace, with Mariya Y. Omelicheva [\$7,250]
- 2015-19 Co-PI, *Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus in Eurasia*, U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative, with University of Kansas [\$953,500 total; Rowan sub-award \$224,800]

- Fall 2015      Sabbatical Leave, Rowan University
- 2012-14      PI, *Rethinking Russia's Far Right: The Organizational Origins of Anti-Immigrant Movements*, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research [\$22,581]
- 2011          PI, *The Organizational Origins of Anti-Immigrant Movements in Russia*, CLAS Summer Grant, Rowan University [~\$4,000]
- 2009          Short-Term Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars [\$3,100]
- 2005-08      PI, *Prebendal Politics and State Collapse: Rural Elites and Patronage Groups in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan*, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research [\$13,900]
- 2005-06      Postdoctoral Fellowship, Georgetown University
- 2004          Murray Edelman Fund (conference grant), UW-Madison
- 2004          Vilas Travel Grant, UW-Madison Graduate School
- 2003-04      Dissertator Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
- 2002-03      Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
- 2002-03      Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Award, International Research & Exchanges Board
- 2001-02      MacArthur Fellowship, Global Studies Program, UW-Madison
- 2001-02      Combined Research and Training Program Fellowship, American Councils
- 2001          Scott Kloeck-Jenson Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, UW-Madison
- 2000          Summer Fellowship, Foreign Language Area Studies Program, UW-Madison
- 1999          Summer Fellowship, Foreign Language Area Studies Program, Indiana University
- 1997          David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, National Security Education Program

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2021      Participant, *Webs of Corruption* Book Panel, ASN, New York
- 2020      "Securitization of COVID-19 and Security of Authoritarian Regimes: A Case Study of Central Asia," PONARS Eurasia, George Washington University, Washington, DC (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- 2019      "Rethinking State Repression: Deterrence and Diversion in Central Asia's Autocracies," Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), New York, NY
- 2019      "What Explains Low Levels of Non-State Violence? Illicit Economies and the State in Central Asia," Conference on Politics of Muslim Societies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2018      "Rethinking State Repression: Deterrence and Diversion in Central Asia's Autocracies," Association for East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston, MA

- 2018 “What Explains Low Levels of Non-State Violence? Illicit Economies and the State in Eurasia,” ASN, New York, NY (with Mariya Y. Omelicheva)
- 2017 “Illicit Economies and Security Institutions: Evidence from Central Asia,” PONARS Eurasia Annual Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2017 “The Crystallization of State Security Institutions in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan,” ASN, New York, NY
- 2017 “Why Autocrats Crack Down on NGOs: Domestic Crisis, International Linkage, and Regime Response,” International Studies Association (ISA), Baltimore, MD
- 2017 Participant, Central Asia Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2016 Participant, “Roundtable: Uzbekistan After Karimov,” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Princeton, NJ
- 2016 “Assessing State Responses to Security Threats in Central Asia,” CESS, Princeton, NJ
- 2016 “Beyond *Kompromat*: Coercion, Corruption, and Deterring Defection in Central Asia,” American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Explaining the Rise of Anti-Immigrant Violence in Russia,” ASN, New York, NY
- 2016 “Assessing State Responses to Security Threats in Central Asia,” ISA, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 “Bequeathability and Authoritarianism in Central Asia,” CESS, Washington, DC
- 2015 “Bequeathability and Authoritarianism in Central Asia,” ASEEEES, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 “Bequeathability and Authoritarianism in Central Asia,” Fifth Annual Lang Symposium, Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
- 2015 “Bequeathability and Authoritarianism in Central Asia,” ASN, New York, NY
- 2014 “Hard Authoritarian Succession in Central Asia,” Political Economy of Regime Change Workshop, Lehigh University, PA
- 2014 “Foreign Aid and Rent Seeking in Eurasia,” CESS, New York
- 2014 Participant, *State Erosion* Book Panel, ASN, New York
- 2013 “Russia’s Radical Right: A View from the Regions,” ASN, New York
- 2012 “The Roots of Authoritarian Rule in Uzbekistan: Patronage Politics and Territorial Administration,” George Washington University
- 2012 “Securing the State: Resources, Rent-Seeking and Monopolizing Force in Central Asia,” APSA, New Orleans (conference canceled)
- 2012 “State Security and Ethnic Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan,” ASN, New York
- 2011 “State Security and Ethnic Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan,” ASEEEES, Washington, DC

- 2011 “The Organizational Origins of Anti-Immigrant Movements in Russia” ASN, New York
- 2009 “The Rhetoric and Reality of Authoritarian Reaction in Postwar Tajikistan,” ASEEES, Boston
- 2008 “Assessing Rule of Law Institutions in Central Asia,” ASEEES, Philadelphia
- 2008 “Post-Conflict State Building in Tajikistan,” ASN, New York
- 2008 “Weak-State Intervention in Domestic Conflict and Peacebuilding in Tajikistan,” ISA, San Francisco
- 2006 “Local Elites and Hybrid States in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” ASN, New York
- 2005 “The Perils and Possibilities of Strengthening the Rule of Law: Evidence from Uzbekistan,” Nava’i Lecture, Georgetown University
- 2004 “The Politics of Rule Enforcement in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” ASEEES, Boston
- 2004 “Elite Accommodations and Coercive Strategies in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,” APSA, Chicago
- 2004 “Framing the Epidemic: The case of UNAIDS,” APSA, Chicago (with Rachel DeMotts)
- 2002 “Framing the Epidemic: UNAIDS in Russia and South Africa,” ISA, New Orleans (with Rachel DeMotts)
- 2001 “A Check on Ideas: Contradictions between Democratization and Nationalism in Lithuania and Uzbekistan,” ISA, Chicago
- 1999 “A True Uzbek?: Hegemony, *Habitus* and Identity in Uzbekistan,” History and Theory Conference of the Middle East, University of Chicago, Chicago
- 1999 “State, Society and Identity in Uzbekistan,” Perspectives on Political and Economic Transitions after Communism, Columbia University

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### *External*

- Associate Editor, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 2020-
- Member, Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia, 2017-
- Member, Book Award Committee (Social Sciences), Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2021-22
- Consultant, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, 2021
- Member, Program Committee, Association for the Study of Nationalities, 2011-2017
- Consultant, Long Term Strategy Group, 2014
- Member, Uzbekistan Initiative Advisory Board, George Washington University, 2012-2014
- Member, Planning Committee, Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2012-2013
- Consultant, Centra Technology, 2006
- Consultant, World Bank Institute, World Bank, 1998-1999
- Invited lectures at Columbia University, CUNY (John Jay), Georgetown University, George Washington University, Ohio University, Miami University (Ohio), Michigan State University, University of Kansas, University of Toronto, University of Washington, World Bank
- Reviewer, American Councils, The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies (Östersjöstiftelsen, SE), International Research and Exchanges Board, National Science Foundation

Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *Central Asian Affairs*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Relations*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Peace & Change Journal*, *Polity*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *World Politics*, Oxford University Press, Houghton Mifflin, Continuum Publishing, Palgrave Macmillan

### ***University Service***

Member, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Tenure, Promotion, & Recontracting Committee, 2021-  
Member, School of Professional Studies Curriculum Committee, 2020-  
Member, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Graduate Program Proposal Committee, 2020-  
Member, Center for Social Science Research Advisory Board, 2020-  
Member, University Faculty of the Future Subcommittee, 2020-21  
Member, University Research Task Force, 2019-20  
Chair, Department of Political Science & Economics, 2018-  
    Led creation of Master of Public Policy program  
    Led expansion of faculty, majors, and budget (in Responsibility Center Management model)  
    Established Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and DEI scholarships  
    Created new internal procedures, restaffed administrative support, and grew social media presence  
Chair, Department of Political Science & Economics Curriculum Committee, 2018-20  
Chair, Economics Tenure & Recontracting Committee, 2018-19  
Member, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Research and Graduate Programs Taskforce, 2017-2019  
Chair, Department of Political Science & Economics Adjusted Load Committee, 2017-18  
Chair, Public Policy Junior Search Committee, 2016-17  
Member, International Studies Program Advisory Board, 2015-  
Chair, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Promotion Committee, 2015-16 (Member, 2018-20)  
Chair, Political Science Tenure & Recontracting Committee, 2014-18, 2020-22  
Chair, Political Science Promotion Committee, 2014-15, 2016-17  
Chair, University International Education Council, 2014-15 (Member, 2009-2012)  
Member, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Revitalization Taskforce, 2014-15  
Chair, American Politics Junior Search Committee, 2014-15  
Director, Hollybush Institute, 2013-2015  
Chair, Department of Political Science & Economics Assessment Committee, 2013-15  
Undergraduate Adviser, Political Science Program, 2012-14  
Member, Political Theory Junior Search Committee, 2012-13  
Member, University Professional Ethics and Welfare Committee, 2011-12  
Member, Economics Junior Search Committee, 2010-11  
Representative, University Senate, 2009-12  
Department of Political Science Library Representative, 2009-11

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### ***At Rowan (2009-present)***

Political Science 230: Comparative Political Systems  
Political Science 320: Introduction to International Relations  
Political Science 321: Contemporary World Problems  
Political Science 341: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Politics  
Political Science 347: Politics of the Middle East  
Political Science 370: Special Topics: Nation, State and Ethnic Conflict  
Political Science 489: Seminar in Political Science  
International Studies 310: Global Security Clinic  
Public Policy 490: Public Service Internship



***At Columbia (2018-present)***

REGN U6652: Central Asian Politics & Security

***At Oberlin (2006-2009)***

Introduction to International Relations

Seminar: Failed States

Islam and Politics

Political Violence

Nation and State in Central Asia

Nationalism and the State in Post-Soviet Politics

Ethnicity and Nationalism in Divided Societies

***At Georgetown (2005-2006)***

Nationalism and the State in Eurasia

Political Violence in Eurasia

Politics and History of Central Asia

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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