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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Ph.D. in Public Policy. Graduated May 2011. 2005-2011
HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL. M.P.P., Masters in Public Policy. 2001-2003
WILLIAMS COLLEGE. B.A. Political Science and Russian, *magna cum laude*. 1994-1998

DISSERTATION

TITLE: Beyond the Passage of Time: Local Government Response in New Immigrant Destinations
(Nominated by the Harvard Kennedy School for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration 2011 dissertation award.)

COMMITTEE: Robert D. Putnam (Chair), Archon Fung, Jennifer L. Hochschild, Mary C. Waters

CURRENT POSITION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Harvard College Writing Program, Preceptor. July 2011 -
Instruct two sections of a self-designed, writing-intensive course on the politics and policies surrounding immigrant incorporation in the United States.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS

ZEIT STIFTUNG. Hamburg, Germany. Bucerius Ph.D. Scholarship in Migration Studies. 2008-2010
CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLITICAL STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Dissertation Research Fellowship. (Additional seed grants February 2008, June 2009.) 2008-2009
HAUSER CENTER FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL. Research Grant. 2008
TIME SHARING EXPERIMENTS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (TESS). Grant winner with Daniel J. Hopkins and Van C. Tran. 2007
TAUBMAN CENTER FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL. Research Fellowship. 2007-2008
WILLIAMS COLLEGE. Krouse Prize in Political Science. Doris de Keyserlingk Prize in Russian. Phi Beta Kappa. Highest honors for senior thesis in Political Science. 1998

PUBLICATIONS

“Public Deliberation: Where Are We, Where Can We Go?” (with Archon Fung). 2004. *National Civic Review*. 93(4): 3-15.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Beyond the Passage of Time: Local Government Response in New Immigrant Destinations. (Book manuscript under preparation.)

“See No Spanish: Language, Local Context, and Attitudes toward Immigration” (with Daniel J. Hopkins and Van C. Tran). (Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 4, 2009. Social Science Research Network, Working Paper 1508426. Under review.)

“Ethnic Concentration, Co-Ethnic Participation: Mexican-American Civic Participation and Destination Context.” (Poster presentation at American Political Science Association. Toronto, Canada. September 4, 2009.)

“The Select Few: Immigrant Intermediaries and Immigrant Political Incorporation.” (Presented at Undocumented Hispanic Migration: On the Margins of a Dream. Connecticut College. October 16, 2009.)

“Declining Trust Amidst Diversity? A Natural Experiment in Lewiston, Maine.” (Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 5, 2008.)

“The New Orleans Unified Plan: The Role of Large-scale Civic Participation in Post-Disaster Planning.” (Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, D.C. November 8, 2007. To be developed as a Harvard Kennedy School case. Currently taught in SUP-606: Disaster Recovery Management and Urban Development.)

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“The Role of Local Officials in Identifying Immigrant Intermediaries.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 4, 2009.

“Bridges and Barriers: The Role of Immigrant Intermediaries in Political Incorporation.” Presented at the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. August 30, 2008.

“Smart Growth and Social Capital: Collaborating to Bring Community Concerns to the Agenda.” Co-presented with Lew Feldstein, President, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Funders’ Network for Smart Growth. Baltimore, MD. March 19, 2007.

“Group Relations in New Immigrant Destinations: Conflict, Contact, or Constrict?” Presented at the Harvard University Embracing Diversity Conference. Cambridge, MA. October 14, 2006.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. Harvard College Writing Program, Preceptor.

July 2011 -

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Senior thesis advisor. Mentored Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow.	2009-2010
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Teaching Fellow. Social Analysis 54 – <i>American Society and Public Policy</i> (Professors Theda Skocpol and Mary Waters). Core undergraduate course on the development and implications of American social policy.	Spring 2009
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Teaching Fellow. API-202 – <i>Empirical Methods II</i> (Professor Suzanne Cooper). Masters in Public Policy core course in econometrics.	Spring 2008
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Teaching Fellow. Economics 1018 – <i>Cultural Economics</i> (Professors Paola Giuliano). Upper-level undergraduate course exploring social and cultural explanations for economic phenomena.	Fall 2006

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT. Cambridge, MA.	
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. Saguaro Seminar for Civic Engagement.	2004-2005
RESEARCH ASSISTANT to Professor Robert D. Putnam.	2003-2008
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE to Professor Archon Fung.	2003-2004
RESEARCH CONSULTANT PROJECTS.	
AMERICASPEAKS. Washington, D.C.	2007
MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Ellsworth, Maine.	2006-2007
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION. Concord, New Hampshire.	2002-2007
THE EURASIA FOUNDATION. Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.	
ASSOCIATE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, Georgia Office.	2000-2001
ADVISOR FOR OUTREACH AND PLANNING, Caucasus Region.	1999-2000
SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT, Caucasus Region.	1998-1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

REVIEWER:	<i>Perspectives on Politics, Human Organization</i>
DISCUSSANT:	Qualitative Approaches to Institutional and Policy Change in American Politics, Panel 46-11, APSA 2009.
PANEL CHAIR:	Politics, Race, and the City, Panel 32-2, APSA 2009.
PARTICIPANT:	Working Group on Immigration & U.S. Politics at APSA: 2005, 2008.
REPRESENTATIVE:	Committee on Educational Policy, Williams College, 1994-1998.

MEMBER: American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: Fluent Russian, competent French and Georgian.

SOFTWARE: Stata, Atlas.ti, R, and SPSS.

REFERENCES

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