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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**TRINITY COLLEGE.** Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy & Law. 2012-  
**HARVARD UNIVERSITY.** Harvard College Writing Program, Preceptor. 2011-2012

## EDUCATION

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY.** Ph.D. in Public Policy. 2005-2011  
Dissertation: *Beyond the Passage of Time: Local Government Response in New Immigrant Destinations*; Committee: Robert D. Putnam (Chair), Archon Fung, Jennifer L. Hochschild, Mary C. Waters.  
**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

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Welcoming New Americans? Local Governments and Immigrant Incorporation.* Forthcoming. The University of Chicago Press.  
*The Politics of New Immigrant Destinations: Transatlantic Perspectives* (edited volume, with Stefanie Chambers, Diana Evans, and Anthony Messina). 2017. Temple University Press.

### Journal Articles

“Mechanisms of Declining Intra-Ethnic Trust in New Immigrant Destinations.” 2015. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 41(11): 1725-1745.  
“See No Spanish: Language, Local Context, and Attitudes toward Immigration” (with Daniel J. Hopkins and Van C. Tran). 2014. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 2(1): 35-51.

### Chapters

“Declining Trust amidst Diversity? A Natural Experiment in Lewiston, Maine.” 2014. In *Social Cohesion and Immigration in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions and Causality*, edited by Ruud Koopmans, Bram Lancee, and Merlin Schaeffer. Routledge.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- “Measuring Local Government Context of Reception through the 2016 Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey.” 2017. *Migration and Citizenship Newsletter for the American Political Science Association*. 5(2): 14-23. (Invited)
- “Citizen Participation in the Unified New Orleans Plan.” 2007. A report to the Rockefeller Foundation and AmericaSpeaks.
- “Mapping Public Deliberation” (with Archon Fung). 2005. A report to the William and Flora Hewlitt Foundation.
- “Public Deliberation: Where Are We, Where Can We Go?” (with Archon Fung). 2004. *National Civic Review*. 93(4): 3-15.

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- “Local Government Responses to Immigrants in the United States.” A Report on the 2016 Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey.
- “Countervailing Incentives in Local Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrants.”
- “Policy Threat and Participation among Undocumented Youth in Connecticut” (with Rachael Lederman DiPietro ‘15).
- “Testing the Marshall Hypothesis: The Effect of Information on Death Penalty Opinion” (with Catherine Read ‘15).
- “Ethnic Concentration, Co-Ethnic Participation: Mexican-American Civic Participation and Destination Context.”

**FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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| <b>ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION.</b> \$699,960 for Investigating Conceptions of Health Equity and Barriers to Making Health a Shared Value. (Co-Principal Investigator, with Sarah Willen (PI) and Colleen Walsh (Co-PI)). | 2017-2019 |
| <b>PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS.</b> \$117,000 for the Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey.  | 2015-2016 |
| <b>RUTH LANDES MEMORIAL FUND.</b> \$29,500 Grant.  | 2015-2016 |
| <b>FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE, TRINITY COLLEGE.</b> \$4000 Grant. (Additional funding for full-time, summer undergraduate research assistance 2014-2017.)  | 2015-2017 |
| <b>TRINITY INSTITUTE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES.</b> Manuscript workshop grant.   | 2016      |
| <b>CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, TRINITY COLLEGE.</b> Fellow.  | 2014-2015 |
| <b>COMMUNITY LEARNING INITIATIVE, TRINITY COLLEGE.</b> Course Development Grant.   | 2013      |
| <b>ZEIT STIFTUNG.</b> Hamburg, Germany. Bucerius Ph.D. Scholarship in Migration Studies.   | 2008-2010 |
| <b>CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLITICAL STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.</b> Dissertation Research Fellowship. (Additional seed grants February 2008, June 2009.)   | 2008-2009 |
| <b>HAUSER CENTER FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL.</b> 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

**AWARDS**

- TRINITY COLLEGE.** Dean Arthur A. Hughes Award for Achievement in Teaching. 2017
- 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

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Welcoming New Americans? Local Government and Immigrant Incorporation.” University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy Speaker Series. October 11, 2017.
- “Local Government Responses to Refugees.” Policy Research and Analysis on Refugee Self-Sufficiency and Integration, Urban Institute, Washington, DC. May 15, 2017.
- “Intermediaries and Local Immigration Policy.” Cross-Cultural Communication: How to be Heard, Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. Hartford, CT. October 23, 2014.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “Countervailing Incentives in Local Law Enforcement Responses to Immigrants.” Presented at the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. September 3, 2017.
- “Local Government Responses to Immigrants in the 2016 Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey.” Presented at the Immigrant Integration in US Cities Conference. Baruch College, New York City. May 5, 2017.
- “Beyond Bureaucrats: Municipal Incorporation of Immigrants.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management. Miami, FL. November 14, 2015.
- “Local Government Responses to Immigrants: Frequent Inaction, Substantial Accommodation, Rarely Restriction.” Presented at the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Seminar, Harvard University. October 15, 2015.
- “Policy Threat and Participation among Undocumented Youth in Connecticut” (with Rachael Lederman DiPietro ‘15). Presented at the New England Political Science Association. Woodstock, VT. April 25, 2014.
- “From New Destination Practices to Immigrant Integration Policies.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Albuquerque, New Mexico. November 6, 2014.
- “External Forces, Internal Responses: Local Government Policies toward Immigrants over Time.” Presented at the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 30, 2014.
- “Mechanisms of Declining Intra-Ethnic Trust in New Immigrant Destinations.” Presented at the International Political Science Association Conference. Montreal, Canada. July 20, 2014.

- “Ethnic Concentration, Co-Ethnic Participation: Mexican-American Civic Participation and Destination Context.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management. Washington, DC. November 7, 2013.
- “Declining Trust amidst Diversity? A Natural Experiment in Lewiston, Maine.” Presented at the WZB Social Science Research Center. Berlin, Germany. May 24, 2013.
- \* Also presented at Connecting to the City, Cities Co-Curricular Initiative Symposium, Trinity College, April 20, 2013 and the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2008.
- “Local Immigration and Integration Policy.” Presented at the Transatlantic Academy Conference. Amerang, Germany. June 13, 2009.
- “See No Spanish: Implicit Cues, Personal Experience, and Attitudes Toward Immigration” (with Daniel J. Hopkins and Van C. Tran). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 4, 2009.
- “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.
- “The New Orleans Unified Plan: The Role of Large-scale Civic Participation in Post-Disaster Planning.” Presented at the Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC. Nov. 8, 2007.
- “Smart Growth and Social Capital: Collaborating to Bring Community Concerns to the Agenda” (with Lew Feldstein, President, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation). Presented at 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.
- “Mapping Deliberative Democracy: Identifying Impacts of Local Deliberation” (with Elena Fagotto). Presented at the National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation. Denver, CO. October 24, 2004.

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT. Cambridge, MA.**

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| 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.**

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| AMERICASPEAKS. Washington, DC.                               | 2007      |
| MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Ellsworth, Maine.                | 2006-2007 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION. Concord, New Hampshire. | 2002-2007 |

**THE EURASIA FOUNDATION. Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.**

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| ASSOCIATE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, Georgia Office.         | 2000-2001 |
| ADVISOR FOR OUTREACH AND PLANNING, Caucasus Region. | 1999-2000 |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT, Caucasus Region.       | 1998-1999 |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## TRINITY COLLEGE

POLS 102	American National Government
POLS 242	Political Science Research Methods
POLS 496	Senior Thesis Colloquium
PBPL 220	Research and Evaluation
PBPL 331	Becoming American: Immigration and Incorporation Policy
PBPL 351	Diversity in the City
FYSM 241	Civic Engagement and Community (first-year seminar)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

ADVISOR	Immigration Index expert advisory panel, <i>New American Economy</i> (2017).	
SPEAKER	Presentations to organizations: Welcoming America (June 2017, September 2017); Public lectures and forums on immigration: Simsbury, CT Public Library (February 2017), Suffield, CT Public Library (May 2017), Glastonbury Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Initiative (May 2017).	
CO-ORGANIZER	The Challenges and Opportunities of New Immigrant Destinations, Transatlantic Conference at Trinity College, October 11-12, 2013.	
REVIEWER:	<i>American Political Science Review; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Studies Quarterly; State and Local Government Review; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Human Organization.</i>	
DISCUSSANT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Elections and Voting Behavior, American Political Science Association, 2014.</li> <li>- Illegality, Youth and Belonging Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education, October 25, 2013.</li> <li>- Qualitative Approaches to Institutional and Policy Change in American Politics, American Political Science Association, 2009.</li> </ul>	
PANEL CHAIR:	Urban and Local Politics: Agendas and Issues in Metropolitan America, APSA 2017; Politics, Race, and the City, APSA 2009.	
PARTICIPANT:	Working Group on Immigration & U.S. Politics at APSA: 2005, 2008.	
REPRESENTATIVE:	Learning Spaces Committee	2018
	Liberal Arts Action Lab Committee, Trinity	2017
	Institutional Advancement V.P. Search Committee, Trinity	2017
	Information Technology in Education Committee, Trinity	2016-present
	Committee on Institutional Advancement, Trinity (chair)	2014-present
	Greenberg Center for Religion in Public Life Advisory Board	2014-present
	Faculty Communications Advisory Board, Trinity	2013-2015
	Committee on Educational Policy, Williams College	1994-1998
MEMBER:	American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	

**SKILLS**

LANGUAGES:	Fluent Russian, competent French and Georgian.
SOFTWARE:	Stata, Atlas.ti, and R