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Academic Positions

McGill University
Assistant Professor, 2007-2014
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2014-

Education

Harvard University, MA, PhD in Government, 2006
Dartmouth College, B.A. *summa cum laude*, Government and Spanish Literature, 1997

Awards

- 2023 Principal's Prize for Public Engagement through Media, McGill University
- 2021 American Association of Ukrainian Studies Best Article Prize
- 2017 Jean Monnet Chair "Europe and the Rule of Law," European Commission
- 2013 Best Book in Ukrainian History, Politics, Language, Literature and Culture, American Association of Ukrainian Studies
- 2007 Edward S. Corwin Award for best dissertation in the field of public law, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2006 Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University

Professional Leadership Roles

- 2023- Editor, Cambridge Elements Series in Politics and Society from Central Europe to Central Asia, Cambridge University Press
- 2018- Scientific Co-Director, Jean Monnet Centre Montreal
- 2019-2022 Elected Member of the Board of Directors of the *Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)*
- 2018-2021 Executive Committee Member, PONARS Eurasia

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024. *Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States*. London: Polity Press. With Oxana Shevel.
2012. *Politicized Justice in Emerging Democracies: A Study of Courts in Russia and Ukraine*. New York: Cambridge University Press. 2012.
- Winner, 2012-2013 American Association for Ukrainian Studies prize for best book in the fields of Ukrainian history, politics, language, literature, and culture.
 - Featured in a Critical Dialogue in *Perspectives on Politics* and reviewed in over a dozen other journals in comparative politics, area studies, law, and anthropology.

Journal Articles

- 2023 “Civil Society as an Informal Institution in Ukraine’s Judicial Reform Process,” *German Law Journal*, 24(8). With Serhii Lashyn and Anastasia Leshchynshyn.
- 2022 “My grandfather said: “Screw the Communists, but we all have to vote for them”. *Journal of Narrative Politics*, 8(2).
<https://jnp.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/default/article/view/166>
- 2022 “Will the Real Conspiracy Please Stand Up: Sources of Post-Communist Democratic Failure,” *Perspectives on Politics* (20):1, 222-236. With Nikolay Marinov
- 2020 “Can A Leopard Change Its Spots? Strategic Behavior vs. Professional Role Conception During Ukraine’s 2014 Court Chair Elections” *Law & Policy* 42(4): 365-381.
- 2020 “No Revolution of Dignity for Ukraine’s Judges: Judicial Reform After Maidan” *Demokratizatsiya* 28 (1): 113-142. With Daniel Beers.
- Winner, 2020 American Association for Ukrainian Studies best article prize
- 2018 “Prosecuting High-Level Corruption in Eastern Europe.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 51 (3): 231-244. With Vincent Post.
- 2017 "Putin-Style “Rule of Law” & the Prospects for Change." *Daedalus* 146 (2): 64-75.
- 2016 “Fear and Loathing on the Post-Communist Street: Why Bulgaria's DANSwitme Protest Fizzled out, but Ukraine's Euromaidan Escalated.” *Critique and Humanism* 46 (2): 109-127.
- 2015 “Die Entwicklung der ukrainischen Justiz seit dem Euromaidan.” *Transit: Europäische Revue* 48: 136-156. (“Ukraine’s Judiciary After Euromaidan” *Transit: European Review*)
2015. “The 2014 Parliamentary Elections in Bulgaria.” *Electoral Studies* 38: 114-118. with Petia Kostadinova.
2014. “The 2013 Parliamentary elections in Bulgaria.” *Electoral Studies* 34: 365-368.

- with Petia Kostadinova.
- 2014 “Why the Orange Revolution Was Short and Peaceful and Euromaidan Long and Violent” *Problems of Post-Communism* 61 (6): 64-70.
- 2012 “Why Doesn’t the Bulgarian Judiciary Prosecute Corruption?” *Problems of Post-Communism* 59 (5): 35-49.
- 2010 “Political Competition as an Obstacle to Judicial Independence: Evidence from Russia and Ukraine.” *Comparative Political Studies* 43 (10): 1202-1229.
- 2010 “Be Careful What You Wish For: A Cautionary Tale of Post-Communist Judicial Empowerment.” *Demokratizatsiya* 18 (1): 56-73.
- 2006 “Watchdogs or Attack Dogs? The Role of the Russian Courts and the CEC in the Resolution of Electoral Disputes.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 58 (3): 391-414.
- 2004 "Implicit Objections to the Rule of Law Doctrine in Russian Legal Thought", *Journal of East European Law* 11 (2-3): 205-229.
- 2003 “Rossiiskaya Pravovaya Mysl' i Printsip Verkhovenstva Prava: Problemy Adaptatsii i Neobkhodimost' Dialoga.” *Konstitutsionnoe Pravo: Vostochnoevropenskoe Obozrenie* 3(44).

Book Chapters

2024. “Judicialization of Corruption” in Macedo Pinto de Sousa, Luis and Susana Coroado (eds.) *Encyclopaedia in Corruption and Society*. Elgar, pp. 169-173.
2024. “Russia’s Invasion and Ukraine’s Resistance” in Hale, Henry, Juliet Johnson, and Tomila Lankina (eds.) *Developments in Russian Politics 10*. Bloomsbury. With Oxana Shevel.
2023. “Politicization of Courts in European Democracies” in Howard, Robert, Rebecca A. Reid, and Kirk M. Randazzo (eds.) *Research Handbook on Law and Political Systems*. Elgar, pp. 170-186. With Christine Rothmayr Allison.
2023. “Ukraine Between National Security and the Rule of Law” in Palko, Olena and Manuel Ferez, eds. *Ukraine’s Many Faces*. Transcript verlag and Columbia University Press, pp. 291-296; Spanish version published as “Ucrania: Entre la seguridad nacional y el Estado de Derecho” in Palko, Olena and Manuel Ferez, *Descubriendo Ucrania. Su pueblo, su historia y su cultura*, Poliedro Editorial de la Universidad de San Isidro, pp. 187-191.
2022. “Garantir la sécurité à long terme de l’Ukraine” in *Le Réveil Européen et Transatlantique*. Ed. des Equateurs. With Oxana Shevel
2020. “The Post-Communist Judiciary: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back” in Engelbrekt, K. and Petia Kostadinova (eds.), *Bulgaria’s Democratic Institutions at Thirty: A Balance Sheet*. Lexington Books.
2019. “Prosecuting Corruption in Eastern Europe” (with Vincent Post) in Solomon, P. and Kaja Gadowska (eds.), *Legal Change in Post-Communist States: Progress, Reversions, Explanations*. Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society Series, ibidem Press, pp. 183-221
2018. “Journalists, Judges and State Officials: How Russian Courts Adjudicate Defamation Lawsuits Against Media” in Kurkchiyan, M. and Agnieszka Kubal (eds.), *A Sociology of Justice in Russia*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 141-169.

2016. “Ukraine’s Politicized Courts” in Hale, H. E. and Robert W. Orttung (eds.), *Beyond the Euromaidan: Comparative Perspectives for Advancing Reform in Ukraine*, Redwood City: Stanford University Press: 143-161.
2016. “Who Brought Ataka to the Political Scene: Analysis of the Vote for Bulgaria’s Radical Nationalists” in Dragostinova, T. and Yana Hashamova (eds.), *Beyond Mosque, Church, and State: Alternative Narratives of the Nation in the Balkans*, Budapest and New York: Central European University Press: 259-287.
2015. “Ukraine and Russia,” Special Report, *The 2015 World Book Yearbook: A Review of the Events of 2014* (World Book Inc. 2015): 376-384. With Juliet Johnson.
2012. “Politizirovanoe pravosudie v novykh demokratiyakh: politicheskaya bor’ba i sudebnaya nezavisimost’ v Rossii i Ukraine” in Volkov, V. (ed.), *Kak Sud’i Prinimayut Resheniya: Empiricheskie Issledovaniya Prava*, Moscow: Statut: 199-224.

Policy Articles, Blogs and Op-eds

2024. “Il ne faut pas abandonner les Ukrainiens” *La Presse*, February 23. With Justin Massie.
2022. “[Time is on Ukraine’s Side, Not Russia’s](#)” *Just Security*, December 21. With Oxana Shevel.
2022. “[How Can Ukraine’s Long-Term Security Be Guaranteed?](#)” *PONARS Policy Exchange*, June 3. With Oxana Shevel.
2022. “[The Ukraine Crisis May Reinvigorate Eastern European Democracies](#)” *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*, May 23. With Nikolay Marinov.
2022. “[Was NATO Enlargement a Mistake? Foreign Affairs Asks the Experts,](#)” *Foreign Affairs*, April 19.
2022. “[How Canada Can Help Ukraine by Leading on the World Stage,](#)” *Policy Options*, March 31.
2022. “[Ukraine Belongs in the EU,](#)” *Journal of Democracy*, March 18. With Oxana Shevel.
2022. “[Putin’s War Was Never Actually About NATO,](#)” *Just Security* (reprinted in *Slate*), February 24. With Oxana Shevel
2022. “[Putin Cannot Erase Ukraine: No Russian Invasion Can Undo Ukrainian Nationhood,](#)” *Foreign Affairs*, February 17. With Oxana Shevel.
2022. “[Dangerous Diplomacy: Why Placating Putin Now Could Doom Ukrainian Democracy Later](#)” *Journal of Democracy*, February 14. With Oxana Shevel.
2021. “The 2021 Bulgarian Election: A “QAnon” Turn for Eastern European Politics?” *LSE EUROPP Blog*, April 13. With Nikolay Marinov.
2020. “Das Trugbild vom Durchbruch zum Rechtsstaat: Justizreform nach der Revolution der Würde,” *Ukraine-Analysen*, Ausgabe 238, Oct 9. With Mykhailo Zhernakov
2017. “How Can the EU Help Ukraine Build the Rule of Law and Fight Corruption? Romania and Bulgaria as Guideposts,” *PONARS Policy Memo*, No. 469

2015. “Will There Be a “Full, Rapid and Transparent Investigation into Nemtsov’s Murder,” *The Monkey Cage@The Washington Post*, March 7, 2015
2015. “Ukraine’s Judiciary After Euromaidan.” *Comparative Politics Newsletter* 25 (2): 32-36.
2014. “Ukraine’s Judicial Reforms,” *VoxUkraine*, December 15, 2014 (translated and reprinted by *Ukrainska Pravda*, December 17, 2014)
2014. “Ukraine’s Legal Problems: Why Kiev’s Plans to Purge the Judiciary Will Backfire,” *Foreign Affairs*, April 15, 2014
2014. “Statement of Concerned Scholars Regarding the Conflict in Ukraine,” March 2014, <http://concernedscholars.blogspot.ca/>. With Juliet Johnson.
2014. “The Kremlin, Not Language, is Driving Ukraine Apart,” *The Globe and Mail*, April 15, 2014. With Matthew Light
2014. “What is Lustration and Is It a Good Idea for Ukraine to Adopt it?,” *The Monkey Cage@ Washington Post*, April 9, 2014 (reprinted by *Kyiv Post*). With Vincent Post.
2014. “Was Yanukovich’s Removal Constitutional?” *PONARS Eurasia Commentary*, March 20, 2014
2014. “What Doesn’t Kill Ukraine...,” *Foreign Policy*, March 12, 2014. With Oxana Shevel
2014. “Why Domestic Developments in Ukraine Still Matter,” *The Monkey Cage @ Washington Post*, March 5, 2014
2013. “The Strange Court Case of Alexey Navalny,” *The Monkey Cage*, July 22, 2013

Book Reviews

2022. Scott Radnitz. *Revealing Schemes: The Politics of Conspiracy in Russia and the Post-Soviet Region*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021. 264p. \$99.00 cloth, \$29.95 paper. *Perspectives on Politics* 20(2): 742-743.
2022. Oksana Huss. *How Corruption and Anti-Corruption Policies Sustain Hybrid Regimes: Strategies of Political Domination Under Ukraine’s Presidents in 1994–2014*. ibidem Press, 2020, \$45.00 (paperback), *Nationalities Papers*, 50(4): 832-834.
2016. Tom Ginsburg and Alberto Simpser, eds. *Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013
Nick Cheesman, *Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar’s Courts Make Law and Order*, New York, Cambridge University Press, 2015
Perspectives on Politics 14 (3): 51-53.
2013. Justin Crowe, *Building the Judiciary: Law, Courts, and the Politics of Institutional Development*, Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2012, *Critical Dialogues*, *Perspectives on Politics* 11 (1): 216-218.
2013. Response to Justin Crowe’s review of *Politicized Justice in Emerging Democracies: A Study of Courts in Russia and Ukraine*”
Perspectives on Politics 11(1): 215-216.
2009. Verkhovskii, A., 2006 *Demokratiya Vertikali*, Moskva: Informatsionno-Analiticheskii Tsentri “Sova” i Informatsionno-Issledovatel’skii Tsentri “Demos”, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 51 (1): 124-128.

Keynote Addresses and Parliamentary Testimony

- 2023 [“Ukraine is Europe' Lessons for Europe and for Political Science”](#), ECPR General Conference, Prague, September 4
- 2023 “Perspectives from Europe at a time of war”, Bergen Exchanges on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen, August 14
- 2023. Canada’s Senate, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Expert Testimony, June 1.
- 2023 “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States,” Keynote presentation, Graduate Student Conference, CERES, University of Toronto, March 9.
- 2022. Canada’s Senate, Standing Committee on National Defense Expert Testimony, September 28.
- 2022. Canada’s Senate, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Expert Testimony, March 3.
- 2022. Canada’s House of Commons, Committee on National Defense Expert Testimony, February 28

Roundtables, Policy Events, and Public Talks on Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine

- 2024. Global Affairs Canada, “Stress Testing Assumptions on the Russia-Ukraine War”, Mar 1
- 2023. Universitat Hamburg and Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study, “First International Expert Forum on Ukraine,” December 20
- 2023. Central European University-Invisible University for Ukraine, “Rule of Law and Judicial Reform,” Nov 22
- 2023. Princeton University, Liechtenstein Institute for Self-Determination “The Future of Ukraine in the EU”, Nov 8-9.
- 2023. Global Canada, “Canada as a Consequential Country” Oct 30.
- 2023. McGill University “What’s Up, World?” Oct 20.
- 2023. United States Institute for Peace, Anticorruption Task Force, July 12 and July 19
- 2023. Max Bell School, McGill University “Challenges for NATO in the Russia-Ukraine War”, Apr 21
- 2023. Roland Berger Consulting, “Long-term Impact of Russia’s Invasion” lecture and discussion, Mar 17
- 2023. McGill University, “War Crimes and Sexual Violence in Ukraine” documentary screening and panel discussion, Mar 14
- 2023. Virginia Tech University, “Ukraine: A Year Later,” Feb 24
- 2023. The Citadel, “War in Ukraine: What Does a Political Settlement Look Like” Feb 24
- 2023. McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, “Russia’s Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine: One Year Later,” February 24.
- 2022. Munk School, University of Toronto, “Ukraine: Where Things Stand” December 15.
- 2022. McGill Alumni Webcast, “War in Ukraine”, August 25

- 2022. Munk School, University of Toronto, “The Russo-Ukrainian War: Where Things Stand. A Conversation with Professors Maria Popova and Oxana Shevel,” June 28.
- 2022. PONARS Eurasia, “How Can Ukraine’s Long-Term Security Be Guaranteed?” June 9.
- 2022. CDA Institute, “The War in Ukraine,” June 3.
- 2022. Judicial Studies Institute and Oxford Global Society, “Integration of Ukraine in the EU: Challenges and Opportunities,” May 31.
- 2022. MacEwan University “Russia Ukraine War: Consequences for Europe and Beyond,” May 11.
- 2022. McGill Alumni Webcast, “Examining Russia’s War on Ukraine” April 5
- 2022. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, “Russia's War Against Ukraine and Ukraine's Challenge to Europe”. April 7.
- 2022. PONARS Eurasia, “Ukrainathon,” March 17
- 2022. University of Michigan, “The Global Implications of Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”. March 15
- 2022. McGill University, “Russia’s Attack on Ukraine: An Expert Roundtable” March 9.
- 2022. MacEwan University, “Repercussions of the Russia-Ukraine crisis for Canada, the EU, and the wider neighbourhood”. February 8

Book Talks and Podcast interviews for “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States”

- 2024. Carleton University, Feb 28
- 2024. The Doorstep [podcast](#), Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Feb 22
- 2024. [Iowa City Foreign Relations Council](#), University of Iowa, Feb 21.
- 2024. Bookstack podcast
- 2024. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Feb 13
- 2024. Harvard University, Davis Center, Feb 12
- 2024. American Enterprise Institute, The Eastern Front [podcast](#), “Defining Ukraine’s National Identity”, Jan 29,
- 2024. Thinking Global [podcast](#), Jan 29
- 2024. [Background Briefing with Ian Masters](#), “The Real Reasons Behind Putin’s War on Ukraine”, Jan 27
- 2024. Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg Institute, Germany, Jan 19
- 2023. New Books Network [Podcast](#), Nov 24
- 2023. Comenius University, Slovakia, Nov 16
- 2023. Toronto Public Library, Frontlines of Democracy Series, Nov 9
- 2023. University of Ottawa, Danyliw Seminar, Sep 28
- 2023. European Union Studies Association, May 6
- 2023. Indiana University Bloomington, Feb 22

Other Recent Invited Talks

- 2023. George Mason University, Judicial Behavior in Ukraine post-2014.

- 2022. Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Weaponized Legalism
- 2021. University of Oxford, Nuffield College, The Politics of Corruption Prosecutions: Varieties of Anticorruption Campaigns
- 2021. JUSTIN Institute, Masaryk University, Czechia. Post-Maidan Judicial Reform
- 2020. PONARS Eurasia, George Washington University. The Politics of Corruption Prosecutions.
- 2019. University of Manchester. Post-Maidan Judicial Reforms.
- 2019. University of Oxford, St. Anthony's College. Post-Maidan Judicial Reforms.
- 2019. Miami University of Ohio. Havighurst Center. Rule of Law Backsliding in Eastern Europe
- 2018. Columbia University, Harriman Institute. Putin-Style "Rule of Law"
- 2015. Université Libre de Bruxelles. Ukraine's Judiciary After Euromaidan.
- 2015. Sciences Po, Centre de Recherches Internationales. Ukraine's Judiciary After Euromaidan.
- 2015. Leiden University. Prosecution of Political Corruption in Eastern Europe
- 2015. Kyiv School of Economics, University of California-Berkeley, USAID, and Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Kyiv, Ukraine. Symposium Escape USSR? Judicial Reform After Maidan.
- 2015. Università di Bologna. Prosecution of Political Corruption in Eastern Europe

Recent Conference and Academic Presentations

- 2023. "Ukraine's Road to EU Accession," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Dec 1-3.
- 2023. "Corruption and Illiberalism in Bulgaria and Romania," American Bar Foundation, May 26-27
- 2023. "How corrupt is Ukraine?," conference "Catalyzing Conversations about Ethics in International Affairs: Russia's War Against Ukraine", Jozef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, May 23
- 2023. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States," book roundtable, European Union Studies Association, Pittsburgh, May 5-7.
- 2023. "Russia's War Against Ukraine and Ukraine's Challenge to Europe" Plenary Roundtable, European Union Studies Association, University of Pittsburgh, May 6.
- 2022. "What does the war teach us about the study of Russian and Ukrainian Politics?" Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Nov 11-14
- 2022. "Informal Politics and Judicial Institutions: Ukraine's Constitutional Court," *INFINITY* Experts Workshop, CEELI Institute and Masaryk University, Oct 20-22
- 2021. "Will the Real Conspiracy Please Stand Up: Sources of post-Communist Democratic Failure," *New Challenges Conference*, Sofia University, October 14, 2021
- 2021. "Will the Real Conspiracy Please Stand Up: Sources of post-Communist Democratic Failure" American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Sep 28

- 2021 “Ukraine’s Constitutional Court Crisis,” Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention, May 5-8.
2021. “Autocratic Legalism,” University of Bergen, LawTransform.
2021. “Systema vs. the Rule of Law in Ukraine,” Bertelsmann Foundation/Chatham House.
2019. “Anticorruption in Bulgaria and Romania: Similar Pressures, Different Outcomes,” Annual Convention of Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, Nov 23-26.
2019. “Politicization of the Judiciary” RESTEP Summer Retreat Workshop, Sep 1-3
2019. “The Rule of Law Breakthrough that Wasn’t: Judicial Reform After Maidan” (with Daniel Beers), Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, May 2-4.
2019. “The Weaponization of Law,” Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium for Political Research, Mons, Belgium, April 8-12.
2019. “The Rule of Law in Eastern Europe 15 Years after EU Accession”, Carleton University, Centre for European Studies, Feb 15-18.
2018. “The Weaponization of Law in Russia,” Yale University, McMillan Centre, April.
2018. “Rule of Law in Europe: Threats and Resilience,” co-panelist at roundtable entitled “Illiberal democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: What – if anything – can the EU do?,” European Studies Community Association – Canada (ECSA-C) Biennial Conference, Toronto, May 10-12.
2018. “Rule of Law in Europe: Threats and Resilience” Embassy of Austria, Ottawa.
2018. “Weaponized Legalism,” Academic Workshop “Rule of Law in Europe: Threats and Resilience”, Jean Monnet Centre Montreal, McGill University, April 19-20.
2017. “Judicial Reform After the Euromaidan: The More Things Change...,” 14th Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine, University of Ottawa, November 16-18.
2017. “Ukraine’s Anti-Corruption and Judicial Reforms,” Princeton University, May.
2017. Georgetown University. Weaponization of Law. Data and Methods in the Comparative Study of Legal Institutions Collaborative Workshop
2016. “Can Russia Become a Rule of Law State?” *Daedalus* Authors’ Workshop, American Academy of Arts and Science, Harvard University.
2016. “Instrumental Politicization of Judicial Output,” Data and Methods in the Comparative Study of Legal Institutions Collaborative Workshop, Georgetown University.
2016. “Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law Reforms in Ukraine,” PONARS Policy Workshop, Montreal, December 3-5.
2016. “Post-Communist Protests and the Rule of Law,” Between Europe and Russia Network Workshop, McGill University, September 29-30.
2015. “How Politicized are the Russian Courts?” Sociology of Justice in Russia Workshop, University of Oxford, December.
2015. “Fear and Loathing on the Post-Communist Street: Why Bulgaria’s DANCewithme Protest Fizzled Out, but Ukraine’s Euromaidan Escalated,” 22nd Conference of Europeanists, Paris, July 8-10.
2015. “Ukrainian Judicial Reform after Euromaidan,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio, November 20-23.

Research Grants

- 2023-2024 Internal Social Science and Humanities Development Grant, SSHRC-McGill University, 7000 CAD (Principal Investigator)
- 2023-2026 American Bar Foundation, 50,000 USD (Co-Principal Investigator; 6-person research team)
- 2022-2027 International Partnerships for Excellent Education, Research and Innovation (INTPART) for project “Autocratization Dynamics” based at University of Bergen, Norway, 10 mln NOK (~1.4mln CAD); McGill is one of 14 partner institutions (Principal Investigator from McGill; co-applicant)
- 2019-present Erasmus+ Grant to support Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Montreal, €100,000 (Scientific Co-Director), competitive renewals every 3 years
- 2017-2021 Jean Monnet Chair, Erasmus+ Programme, European Commission for project “Europe and the Rule of Law” €50,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2011-2016 Standard Research Grant for project “Prosecuting Corruption in Eastern Europe,” Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), \$111,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2011- 2016 New Professor-Researcher Grant for project “Lutte contre le corruption,” Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (FQRSC), \$39,600 (Principal Investigator)
- 2010 Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant, McGill University, \$2,500 (Principal Investigator)
- 2007 SEED Collaborative Grant for project “The Radical Right in Bulgaria,” (with Stoyan Sgourev, ESSEC, France), Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, \$5000

Professional Service

- 2022-2024 Graduate Student Paper Prize, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies
- 2022 Article prize committee, American Association for Ukrainian Studies
- 2021 Academic Workshop organizer, “The Politics of Corruption Prosecutions,” Jean Monnet Chair, Europe and the Rule of Law, McGill University, February.
- 2019, 2020 Book prize committee, Heldt Prize, Association for Women in Slavic Studies
- 2019- Editorial Board Member, *East European Politics*
- 2018 Academic Workshop organizer, “Rule of Law in Europe: Threats and Resilience,” Jean Monnet Centre Montreal, McGill University, April 19-20
- 2016 Book prize committee, American Association for Ukrainian Studies
- 2013- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Ukrainian Politics and Society*, published by Krytyka Institute, Ukrainian Research Institute Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

- 2012 Guest Editor, *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 59, no. 5 (September-October 2012)
- 2010- Member, PONARS Eurasia—an international network of academics that advances new policy approaches to research and security in Russia and Eurasia, <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/>
- 2007- Editorial Committee and Advisory Board Member, Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Societies Book Series, published by Ibidem, Stuttgart, Germany, ISSN 1614-3515

University Service

- 2018-2021 Graduate Program Director, Department of Political Science
- 2017- University Tenure Committee
- 2017 Search Committee, Comparative Politics-Behavior, Department of Political Science
- 2013-18 Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science
- 2010- Admissions and Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science
- 2011- Distinguished Lectureships Committee, Faculty of Arts
- 2012 Search Committee, Canadian and European Politics, Department of Political Science
- 2012 Search Committee, Russian Literature, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- 2011 Search Committee, Papachristidis Chair in Modern Greek Studies, Department of History
- 2010 Search Committee, Chinese Politics, Department of Political Science
- 2007-08 Minors advisor
- 2007-10 Library liaison

Teaching Experience

Seminars:

- Research Methods in Political Science, McGill University
- Mixed Methods Research in European Studies, McGill University
- Interdisciplinary Seminar in European Studies, McGill University
- Post-Communist Transformations, McGill University
- Rule of Law, Corruption, and Good Governance, McGill University
- Judicial Politics and Corruption, McGill University
- Nationalism, Myth, and Identity: Ukraine and the CIS, University of Toronto

Lecture courses:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, McGill University
- The European Union, McGill University
- Transitions from Communism, McGill University

Politics in East Central Europe, McGill University
Law and Courts in Europe, McGill University

Independent studies:

Polish Judicial Reforms, Hungarian Rule of Law Backsliding, Protest and
Revolutions, Russian Politics, Post-Communist Party Politics, Georgian Politics,
Corruption, Constitutional Politics in Asia, Water Resources Management in
Central Asia, Central European Politics, Mongolian Politics.

Languages

Functional Native Proficiency: Bulgarian and English

Advanced Professional Proficiency: Russian and Spanish

General Professional Reading Proficiency: Ukrainian, Macedonian, Italian, French

Career Breaks

Maternity leaves: 2005, 2009, 2016