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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

- 2024 "Ukraine is Europe: Lessons for Europe and for Political Science," *European Political Science*, vol. With Oxana Shevel.
- 2023 "Civil Society as an Informal Institution in Ukraine's Judicial Reform Process," *German Law Journal*, 24(8), pp. 1488-1502. With Serhii Lashyn and Anastasia Leshchyshyn.
- 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 DANSwithme 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: Vostochnoevropeskoe 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, pp. 266-292. 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. “Politizirovannoe 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 and Op-eds (last 10yrs)

2024. “[Don’t be misled. Russians at War is not an anti-war film](#)” *The National Post*, September 25. With Ian Garner.
2024. “Il ne faut pas abandonner les Ukrainiens” *La Presse*, February 23. With Justin Massie.
2024. “In Brief : The Dismissal of Valery Zaluzhny” *War on the Rocks*, February 14.
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

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

Invited Talks (last 10yrs)

- 2024. University of Bergen, Politics of anticorruption in Eastern Europe, August 15
- 2024. Universitas Airlangga (Indonesia), Center for European and Eurasian Studies, “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States” June 20
- 2024. Universite de Montreal, CERIUM, “Ukraine is Europe: Contemporary Ukrainian Politics and Identity” May 27
- 2024. Stanford University, REDS Seminar Series, CDDRL, “Is Ukraine too Corrupt to be in the EU?” May 2.
- 2024. King’s College of London, Russia Institute, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, April 11.
- 2024. University of Manchester, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, April 9
- 2024. McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, March 15
- 2024. Kansas University, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, March 8
- 2024. Carleton University, CERES, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Feb 28
- 2024. [Iowa City Foreign Relations Council](#), Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, University of Iowa, Feb 21.
- 2024. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Feb 13
- 2024. Harvard University, Davis Center, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Feb 12
- 2024. Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg Institute, Germany, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Jan 19
- 2023. Comenius University, Slovakia, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Nov 16
- 2023. Toronto Public Library and Toronto Metropolitan University, Frontlines of Democracy Series, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Nov 9
- 2023. Indiana University Bloomington, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States, Feb 22
- 2023. George Mason University, Judicial Behavior in Ukraine post-2014, April 17
- 2022. Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Weaponized Legalism, Oct 15

- 2021. University of Oxford, Nuffield College, The Politics of Corruption Prosecutions: Varieties of Anticorruption Campaigns, Nov 12
- 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. Università di Bologna. Prosecution of Political Corruption in Eastern Europe
- 2014. Emory University. Weaponization of defamation law in Russia and Ukraine.
- 2014. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Weaponization of defamation law in Russia and Ukraine.

Conference Presentations (last 10 years)

- 2024. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States" Author-meets-critics roundtable, American Political Science Association meeting, Philadelphia, Sep 5-8.
- 2024. "Is Ukraine too Corrupt to be in the EU?" American Political Science Association meeting, Philadelphia, Sep 5-8.
- 2024. "Is Ukraine too Corrupt to be in the EU?" Canadian Political Science Association meeting, Montreal, June 12-14
- 2024. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States" Author-meets-critics roundtable, Canadian Political Science Association meeting, Montreal, June 12-14
- 2024. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States" Author-meets-critics roundtable, ECSA-C Biannual conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 23-25.
- 2024. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States" Author-meets-critics roundtable, Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, May 16-18.
- 2024. "Is Ukraine too Corrupt to be in the EU?" Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, May 16-18
- 2024. "Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States" Author-meets-critics roundtable, British Association for Slavic and East European Studies, University of Cambridge, April 5-7.
- 2024. "Ukraine is Europe: Implications for the study of postcommunism" *Rethinking Europe's East-West Divide Conference*, University of Oxford, St Anthony's College, March 15
- 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?” roundtable, 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 DANSwitthme 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
- 2015. “Court Chair Elections,” Kyiv School of Economics, University of California-Berkeley, USAID, and Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Kyiv, Ukraine. Symposium “Escape USSR?”, April.
- 2014. “Politics of corruption prosecutions,” International Political Science Association, Montreal, August
- 2014. “Research about Ukraine: A Bibliographic Study,” Association for the Study of Nationalities, May.

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

- 2024. National Intelligence Council, “Virtual Roundtable on Ukraine” Sep 18
- 2024. The CDA Institute Experts podcast series, “Ukraine’s Kursk Operation and the Future of the War” Aug 14
- 2024. The No Delusion Zone [podcast](#), “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States” May 11
- 2024. Ukraine/World [podcast](#), “Why did Russia invade Ukraine?” March 22
- 2024. Silicon Curtain [podcast](#), “Russia and Ukraine have tangled histories, cut with trauma”, March 8
- 2024. The Doorstep [podcast](#), Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Feb 22
- 2024. Bookstack [podcast](#), “Ukraine and Russia’s Diverging Paths,” February 29.
- 2024. Global Affairs Canada, “Stress Testing Assumptions on the Russia-Ukraine War”, Mar 1

- 2024. American Enterprise Institute, The Eastern Front [podcast](#), “Defining Ukraine’s National Identity”, Jan 29,
- 2024. Thinking Global [podcast](#), “Maria Popova and Oxana Shevel on Russia and Ukraine,” Jan 29
- 2024. [Background Briefing with Ian Masters](#), “The Real Reasons Behind Putin’s War on Ukraine”, Jan 27
- 2023. Universitat Hamburg and Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study, “First International Expert Forum on Ukraine,” December 20
- 2023. New Books Network [Podcast](#), “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States”, Nov 24
- 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

Research Grants

- 2024-2026 Insight Development Grant, SSHRC, \$70,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2023-2024 Internal Social Science and Humanities Development Grant, SSHRC-McGill University, \$7,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 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); 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), got two competitive renewals
- 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

- 2024 Guest Editor, *Nationalities Papers*, The Russo-Ukrainian War
- 2022-2024 Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies
- 2023 Academic Workshop organizer, “Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States,” Jean Monnet Centre Montreal, McGill University, Feb.
- 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
- 2017-2020 University Tenure Committee
- 2017 Search Committee, Comparative Politics-Behavior, Department of Political Science
- 2013-18 Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science
- 2010-2021, 2023- Admissions and Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science
- 2011-2016 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
Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, McGill University

Independent studies:

Civic Identity in Taiwan and Ukraine, 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, and many others.

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