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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Nevada, Reno **Department of Political Science**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2018-present

Western New Mexico University **Department of Social Sciences & Cultural Studies**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2014-June 2018

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2014

Certificate in College and University Teaching, December 2012

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Russia/Post-Communist Studies

Dissertation: *Protest in the Provinces: Patterns of Contentious Politics in Post-Communist Russia*

Committee: Rudra Sil (Chair), Tulia Falleti, Teresa Wright

California State University, Long Beach

M.A. in Political Science, May 2006

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

San Diego State University

B.A. in Political Science and Russian, May 2003

Graduated Magna cum Laude with Distinction in Political Science and Russian

PUBLICATIONS

“Labour Protest and Industrial Peace: Russian Steelworkers’ Encounters with Economic Reforms and Unraveling Social Protections,” *Economy & Society*. 2018. Vol. 47, No. 3.

“Patterns of Pluralism and Protest in Provincial Russia: A Paired Comparison of Company Towns,” *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 2016. Vol. 51, No. 4.

“Local Democracy in a Hybrid State: Pluralism and Protest in Volzhskiy, Russia,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 2014. Vol. 30, No. 4.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book manuscript: *Protest in the Provinces: Coming to Terms with Capitalism in Russia’s Company Towns*.

“The Dynamics of Labor Militancy in the Extractive Sector: Kazakhstan’s Oilfields and South Africa’s Platinum Mines in Comparative Perspective,” with Rudra Sil, revising to resubmit, *Comparative Political Studies*.

“Disaggregating Political Opportunity Structure: Protest and Social Control in Russia’s Provinces.”

“Protest and Elite Strategies in the Oil Capital of Russia: Adjusting to Transition in Surgut,” presented at the ASEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, November, 2019.

“State, Labor, and Business in the Oilfields of Russia and Kazakhstan,” with Rudra Sil. Presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August, 2019.

“Education as the ‘Silver Bullet’: On the (Mis)Uses of Education in the United States,” with Ian M. Hartshorn. Presented at the AHS Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba, October 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Dynamics of Labor Backlash in the Commodity Sector,” presented August 2018 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

“Education as the ‘Silver Bullet’: On the (Mis)Uses of Education in the United States,” presented November 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology. Havana, Cuba.

“Protest and Coming to Terms with Transition in Provincial Russia,” presented August 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

“Protest and Political Opportunity Structures: Responses to Transition in Provincial Russia,” presented March 2017 at the University of Nevada, Reno Political Science Brown Bag Workshop.

“Toward a Unified and Cross-Regional Understanding of Monotowns in Global Transformations,” presented November 2016 at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Washington, DC.

“How Cool was ‘Cold Steel’? Trade Unions and Industrial Peace in Post-Soviet Russia’s Steel Industry,” presented March 2016 at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Atlanta, GA and the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San Diego, CA.

“Tracing Social Control: Protest and Elite Strategies in Provincial Russia,” presented August 2014 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

“Protest Structures and Elite Strategies: Tracing Social Control in Provincial Russia,” presented November 2013 at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Boston, MA.

“1990s Russia: The View from Overseas,” presented February 2012 at the Conference of the Faculty of History and Law at The Shukshin Altai State Academy of Education. Biysk, Russia.

“Protest in the Provinces,” presented November 2011 at the American Center, Moscow, Russia.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Field research on Surgut for book manuscript, February-May 2019

Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod

Field research on Dzerzhinsk for book manuscript, June-July 2016 and July 2017

University of Pennsylvania

Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics

Graduate Research Assistant, June 2012-June 2014

- Organized Browne Center speaker series and other events, maintained website, assisted Browne Center professors with various research projects, copy-edited book manuscripts

University of Pennsylvania

Department of Political Science

Research Assistant to Rudra Sil, November 2011 and July 2016

- Planning, coordination, and interpretation of interviews with labor officials and scholars in Nizhny Novgorod and Moscow

Dissertation field research

- Biysk, Russia, affiliated with The Shukshin Altai State Academy of Education and Browne Center Research Grant, January-February 2012
- Moscow, Russia, IREX Fellowship, October – November 2011
- Volzhskiy, Russia, affiliated with Volzhskiy Humanities Institute and IREX Fellowship, September 2011
- Komsomolsk-na-Amure, Russia, affiliated with Amur State University of Humanities and Pedagogy, November 2010
- Cherepovets, Russia, affiliated with Cherepovets State University, September – October 2010
- Moscow, Russia, Visiting Scholar at Moscow State University, June – August 2010

Research Assistant to Michael Horowitz, July 2008-August 2008

Research Assistant to Rudra Sil, June 2007-September 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Nevada, Reno

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019

International Law, Fall 2018

Western New Mexico University, College of Arts and Sciences

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2017 and Spring 2018

Politics of Post-communism, Spring 2015 and Spring 2017

Social Movements, Fall 2016

American Foreign Relations, Fall 2016

Democratization, Spring 2016

Research Methods, Spring 2016, 2017, and 2018

American National Government, Fall 2014-Spring 2018
 Comparative Political Analysis, Fall 2015
 Topics: U.S. Constitution and History, Fall 2015
 World Politics, Summers 2015-2018
 Politics among Nations, Spring 2015
 International Law & Organization, Fall 2014 and Fall 2017

University of Pennsylvania, College of Liberal and Professional Studies
Instructor

Post-Communism in a Comparative Historical Perspective, Spring 2014
 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2013

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant

International Institutions and Law, Spring 2009
 Political Change in the “Third World,” Fall 2008
 International Political Economy, Spring 2008
 Russian Politics, Fall 2007

California State University, Long Beach

Graduate Assistant

Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Research Competition Grant (\$17,400), National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2019.
- Huang Hsing Chun-tu Hsueh Fellowship Fund Research Grant, Centennial Center, American Political Science Association, 2019
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Western New Mexico University, 2016
- Professor of the Year, Western New Mexico University, 2015
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Robert C. Tucker/Stephen F. Cohen Dissertation Prize, Finalist, Fall 2015
- Harvard Academy Scholars Program, The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Semi-finalist (top 35 out of 509 applicants), Fall 2013
- Browne Center Research Grant, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, Spring 2012
- Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program Fellowship, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Fall 2011
- Penfield Summer Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2011
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2006 – Spring 2011
- Pew Presidential Prize, Summer 2010
- Margaret E. Galey Award, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, 2009
- Summer Grant, University of Pennsylvania Political Science Department, 2009
- Summer Stipend, Luba Zinkowsky Friedman Fund, 2009
- Department of Political Science Outstanding Graduate Student Award, California State University, Long Beach, 2006
- College of Arts and Letters Dean’s List, San Diego State University, Spring 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2003

 UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Salary and Benefits Committee, Western New Mexico University, August 2015-May 2018
- Instructional Research Committee, Western New Mexico University, August 2014-May 2017
- Graduate Student Coordinator for the Political Science Department's Comparative Politics Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania, August 2013-May 2014
- Organized the Political Science Department's Professional Development and Dissertation Prospectus Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania, September 2012-May 2013
- Created the University of Pennsylvania's dissertation template under the supervision of the Associate Director for Education, Provost's Office, Summer 2011
- Department of Political Science, Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2008 – Summer 2009
- School of Arts and Sciences SASgov representative of the Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, September 2007 – August 2008

 LANGUAGE SKILLS/TRAINING

Research proficiency in Russian, advanced (B2)

Six years college-level language study, plus additional proficiency development at Middlebury College School of Russian, Summer 2009

 MEDIA APPEARANCES/OUTREACH

- *Biyskii Rabochii* (newspaper in Biysk, Russia), interview on research, the history and future of Biysk. «Россия, Алтай и Бийск глазами Эллисон Эванс—американской гость» [“Russia, Altai and Biysk from the Perspective of Allison Evans, an American Guest”]. Interview by Serge Filatov. February, 2012.
- *Biyskii Rabochii*. «Старшеклассники Бийского лицея встретились с американской аспиранткой». [“Seniors of Biysk's Lyceum Met with an American Graduate Student”]. February, 2012.
- *Nash Biysk* (newspaper in Biysk, Russia), interview on research in Biysk and experience in Russia. «О России с любовью» [“About Russia with Love”]. Interview by Vitalii Solovov, February 1, 2012.
- *Rech'* (newspaper in Cherepovets, Russia), interview on research in Cherepovets, October 29, 2010.
- *Vesti* “Good Morning Russia” (Vologda Oblast), interview on research in Cherepovets, October 20, 2010.

 REFERENCES

Rudra Sil, Professor of Political Science and SAS Director of the Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business, University of Pennsylvania, rudysil@sas.upenn.edu, office: (215) 898-7661

Teresa Wright, Chair and Professor of Political Science, California State University, Long Beach, Teresa.Wright@csulb.edu, office: (562) 985-4705

Alfred B. Evans, Professor Emeritus, California State University, Fresno, evansalca@comcast.net