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### **FIELDS of SPECIALIZATION**

Comparative politics, political economy, democratization, post-communism, informal institutions

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science. George Washington University. Expected, Spring 2004.

Major Field: Comparative Politics (post-communism, democratization)

Minor Field: International Relations (theories of international relations, international political economy).

Dissertation Title: "The Dynamics of the Post-communist Transformation: Varieties of Authoritarian Regimes and Paradoxes of Crony Capitalism in Russia's Regions."

Dissertation Committee: Peter Reddaway (chair), Harvey Feigenbaum, Nathan Brown.

M.A., International Affairs. The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, May 1997.

B.A., International Relations. Minor in Economics. Florida International University, June 1995.

Sciences Po "European Union Today and Tomorrow" Summer School Program Diploma, Institut D'etudes Politiques De Paris, July 1996.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Articles and chapters:**

"Paradiplomacy in the Russian Regions: Tatarstan's Search for Statehood." *Europe-Asia Studies* 55, 4 (2003): 613-629.

"Volga Federal Okrug" in Peter Reddaway, Robert Orttung, eds., *The Dynamics of Russian Power: The Reform of Federal-Regional Relations under Putin*, forthcoming.

"Chechnya vs. Tatarstan: Understanding Ethnopolitics in Post-Communist Russia." *Problems of Post-Communism* 47, 2 (2000): 13-27.

#### **Reviews, reports and entries**

Soviet Workers and Late Stalinism by Donald Filtzer (Cambridge University Press, 2002) in Europe-Asia Studies (May 2003).

"Concentrating Capital Helps Tatarstani Leaders in Battle with Putin's Centralization," East-West Institute's Russian Regional Report, 17 October 2001.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Lecturer. George Washington University (January 2003-present).

Courses Taught:

- Comparative Politics of Russia and Eastern/Central Europe (upper-level undergraduate course; enrollment: 50 students);
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (introductory level undergraduate course; enrollment: 20 students);
- International Political Economy (upper-level undergraduate course; enrollment: 50 students).

Undergraduate Advisor Assistant, Department of Political Science, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University (September 2002 – present).

Teaching Assistant. George Washington University (September 1998-May 2002). Introduction to Comparative Politics, Politics and Values seminar.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

George Hoffman Dissertation grant (Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University), February 2003

Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Social Science Dissertation Award (George Washington University), March 2002

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Honorable Mention, May 2002

George Washington University Fellowship/Graduate Teaching Assistantship, September 1998 – May 2002

Institute for the Studies of World Politics Dissertation Award, June 2001

Career Development Fellowship, Elliott School of International Affairs, Fall 1997

Davis Fellowship, Elliott School of International Affairs, Summer 1996

Scholarship from the Presidential Fund for the support of youth studying abroad, Kazan, September 1995 – June 1997

Highest Academic Achievement Award, Florida International University, Spring 1995

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Political Competition in Russian Regions: Studying the Impact of Ethnicity, Status and Socio-economic Structures" at the American Political Science Association Annual Convention 2003, Philadelphia, PA

"Crony Capitalism and Pluralism: Democracy Undermined by Competitiveness?" at the International Political Science Association meeting of the Structure of Government Section, May 2003, Washington, DC

"Political Competition in Russian Regions: Studying the Impact of Ethnicity, Status and Socio-economic Structures" at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention 2003, Chicago, IL.

"Power and Conflict in Nizhnii Novgorod: Democratic Failure in the Russian Hinterland" at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference 2002, Pittsburgh, PA.

"Economic-Political Networks as the Institutional Basis of the Russian Polity: A Case of Tatarstan" at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities Annual Convention 2002, New York.

"Volga Federal District" at the Second Congress of Russian Regionologists, September 2001, Bol'shoe Boldino, Russia.

"Resource Curse" and Regional Development in Russia" at the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Annual Conference 2001, Cambridge, UK

"Paradiplomacy in the Russian Regions: Politics vs. Economics in Foreign Policy of Tatarstan and Samara Oblast" at the International Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2000, Quebec, Canada."

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Senior Officer of the Department on Asia and Africa, Foreign Affairs Office of the President of the Republic of Tatarstan (September 1997-July 1998).

Various activities related to relations of the Republic of Tatarstan with the countries of Asia and Africa including assisting in preparation of official governmental visits to and from Tatarstan; coordinating projects involving foreign investors; writing official diplomatic letters.

Internship, The Margaret Thatcher Foundation (February - December 1996).

Assisted with editing grant proposals, writing letters, coordinating correspondence between the MTF and its grants receivers. Performed office duties: answering phones, filing, and other activities.

Research Assistant, Florida International University. February 1995-June 1995.  
Assisted in a research on the political system of Russia and the presidential elections of December 1993: data entry, library research, and data analysis.

### **LANGUAGES**

Russian, Tatar and English – fluent; French – reading skills.

### **REFERENCES**

Peter Reddaway, Harvey Feigenbaum, Nathan Brown, James Goldgeier