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EDUCATION

- Ph. D. Boston College, Political Science August 2015
Dissertation: "Identity Politics in Local Markets: Comparing Immigrant Integration Outcomes in the 'New' Europe," Distinction
Committee: Gerald Easter (chair), Jonathan Laurence, David Deese
- B.A. Trinity College, Political Science and German Studies, honors May 2004
Honors Thesis: "Immigration Policy in Western Europe in the 1990's: The Role of Public Opinion and Institutional Mechanisms"
- Institute for European Studies, Vienna, Austria, Political Science and German Studies Spring 2002

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Distinction in Doctoral Dissertation, Boston College August 2015
Bucerius Ph.D. Dissertation Scholarship in Migration Studies Fall 2010 - Summer 2011
ZEIT Stiftung, Hamburg
- Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Summer Grant 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005
Employed for language study
- Distinction in Comprehensive Examinations, Boston College May 2007
Phi Beta Kappa, Trinity College November 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- "Identity Politics in Local Markets: Eastern European Workers' Reception and Economic Incorporation in the New Europe" (Book Chapter in Progress). Expected 2025
- "But They Are Not 'Just the Same as Us'!: Identity, Reception and Political Incorporation for Immigrants in Dublin and Madrid." Fall 2014
Critique: a worldwide student journal of politics (Fall 2014): 1-43
- "Identity and Immigrant Integration in Western Europe's 'New' Migration Cities: The Cases of Dublin and Madrid." Summer 2013
Joseph Korbel Journal of Advanced International Studies 5 (Summer): 1-26

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Messina College, Part-Time Faculty <i>MCPO 1091: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>	Fall 2024 Fall 2024
Boston College, International Studies Department, Adjunct Professor <i>INTL 2546: World Politics: Cooperation and Conflict</i> <i>INTL2436: Comparative Pol of Populism and Immigration in Europe</i> <i>INTL 2400: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>	Spring 2018 – Fall 2024 Spring 2018 – Fall 2024 Fall 2021, 2022, Spring 2024 Spring 2020
Boston College, Political Science Department, Adjunct Professor <i>POLI 2400: Immigration in Contemporary Europe</i> <i>POLI 1091: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>	Spring 2017 – Fall 2024 Spring 2017 – Fall 2024 Spring 2020
Trinity College Hartford, CT, Political Science Department Visiting Assistant Professor <i>POLS 103: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i> <i>POLS 347: Immigration in Contemporary Europe</i> <i>POLS 305: International Organizations</i> <i>POLS 350: State-Building and Collapse in the Developing World</i>	Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 Spring 2016 Spring 2016 Fall 2015 Fall 2015
Boston College, International Studies Department, Visiting Lecturer <i>INTL 393: Selected Topics in International Studies: Immigration in Contemporary Europe</i>	Spring 2015
Trinity College Hartford, CT, Political Science Department Visiting Lecturer <i>POLS 305: International Organizations</i> <i>POLS 347: Immigration in Contemporary Europe</i>	Fall 2014 Spring 2014
Boston College, Political Science Department Teaching Associate <i>Rights in Conflict</i> , with Prof. Kay Schlozman Sophomore seminar on constitutional rights in the U.S.	Fall 2008 - Spring 2009
Teaching Assistant <i>Introduction to International Studies (Grader)</i> <i>Introduction to International Politics</i> <i>Comparative Social Movements</i> <i>Introduction to International Politics</i> <i>The Politics of Comparative Democratization</i> <i>Fundamental Concepts of Politics: Human Rights</i> <i>Reform, Revolution, and Communist Collapse</i> <i>Postcommunist Transitions</i>	Spring 2010 Fall 2008 Spring 2008 Fall 2007 Spring 2007 Fall 2006 Fall 2004 - Spring 2006
Undergraduate Thesis Advisor “Invisible Lines, Visible Realities: Rethinking Narratives of Clandestine Migration at the US-Mexico Border” “Muslim Incorporation and Consociational Democracy in Bulgaria” (Co-advisor)	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Fall 2008 - Spring 2009
Research Assistant Prof. David Deese Globalization; the Management of Natural Resource Revenues in Nigeria,	Summer 2009

Angola, Venezuela, and Brazil
 Prof. Gerald Easter
 Post-Communist Transitions and the Reorganization of Post-Communist States
 Fall 2004 - Spring 2006

Publication Reviewer 2014, 2015

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Presenter

“Whither the European Dream” April 2016
Exploring the Paradox of EU Freedom of Movement
 23rd Annual Conference, Council of European Studies, Philadelphia

The European Refugee Crisis: A Panel, Trinity College, Hartford, CT October 2015
 But They Are Not “Just the Same as Us”!: July 2015
 The Political Incorporation of Immigrants in Dublin and Madrid
Comparative Perspectives on New Immigrant Destinations,
 22nd International Conference of Europeanists, Paris

“Identity, Policy, and the Political Incorporation of Immigrants in Dublin and Madrid” March 2015
 EUSA 2015 Annual Conference, Boston

“But They Are Not “Just the Same as Us”!:
 The Political Incorporation of Immigrants in Dublin and Madrid” April 2014
Ruptures Graduate Conference, University of Pennsylvania

“Identity and Immigrant Integration in New Western European Migration Cities” November 2012
Life after Trinity Political Science Series, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

“Identity and Immigrant Integration in Western European New Migration Cities” November 2012
Immigration and Welfare Policy: Comparative Perspectives,
 Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston.

“The Myth of Belonging: The Experience of Polish and Nigerian Workers in Dublin” February 2012
Narrating the Other: Perspectives on Immigration and Integration,
 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York.

“The Myth of Belonging: The Experience of Polish Workers in Dublin” October 2011
(New) Debates on Belonging,
 Graduate Student Conference on Contemporary Issues in Immigration,
 CUNY Graduate Center’s Immigration Working Group, New York.

Organizer

The Politics of Human Rights, Student Conference, Boston College Fall 2009 - March 2010
 Co-Chair of the Comparative Politics/International Relations Panel and PR Ambassador

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Council for European Studies, Member 2014 - Present
 Eastern Sociological Society, Member 2012 - Present American
 Political Science Association, Member 2005 - 2006, 2012 - Present

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages

Bulgarian, native fluency
German, working knowledge, seven years of study
Spanish, working knowledge, three years of study and six-month residency in Spain

Research and Teaching Skills

Qualitative analysis, *Comparative Politics Field Seminar*, Boston College
Quantitative data analysis and SPSS, *Statics and Data Analysis*, Boston College
Blackboard, Canvas, Moodle

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Parent Advisory Committee, Boyden Elementary, Secretary Fall 2023-Present

Take meeting notes, set up activity calendar and schedules for the school year, organize various events like dances, book fair, teacher appreciation events

Multicultural Book Initiative Fall 2021 - Present

Review multicultural books to donate to local elementary schools and set up key monthly themes

Int'l Institute for Justice and Development, Boston, Development Associate Summer 2007, 2006

Researched judicial reform and worldwide justice systems, compiled a questionnaire to assess and improve justice systems in African countries, and organized the 2006 International Conference on the State of Affairs in Africa.

American Anti-Slavery Group, Boston, MA, Summer Associate Summer 2005

Researched worldwide human rights, assembled a human rights donors' database, compiled a book of former slaves' narratives, and engaged in human rights awareness-raising.

REFERENCES

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