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Education

University of Virginia

Ph.D. candidate in Politics, 2020 (*expected*)

Fields: Comparative Politics (major), International Relations (minor)

Dissertation: "State Capacity and the Origins of Authoritarian Multiparty Systems."

Harvard University

M.A. in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, 2001

Cornell University

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Government, 1997

Research

"State Capacity and Party System Fractionalization in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes." Working Paper.

"Elite Preferences in Transition: Armenian politicians before and after a velvet revolution." Working Paper.

"Ethics reporting and civil service reform in Armenia: A case study." Co-authored with Vache Kalashyan. Working Paper.

Teaching

Instructor, **Introduction to Research Methods for Political Science**, University of Virginia, Spring 2019, Summer 2018; Teaching Assistant, Prof. Lynn Sanders, Spring 2017

Instructor, **Iranian Politics 1953-Today**, University of Virginia, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Prof. David Waldner, Fall 2016 and Fall 2015

Service

Student Coordinator, Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar Series and Seminar on Internal War, 2015-2016

Politics Department Study Abroad Assistant, 2016-2017

Professional Experience

New America Foundation, 2015-2017
Advisor, Iran 2025 Project

Prepare working papers and serve as rapporteur for Track II Dialogue meetings between Iran and the United States and North Korea and the United States.

U.S. Department of State, 2002-2014
Foreign Service Officer

Seven years experience on Iran during tours in Dubai, Ankara, and Washington, DC. Directed analysis of Iran's 2012 presidential elections and drafted U.S. government public responses to the 2009 Green Revolution. Managed \$27 million in democracy promotion grants and over 20 cultural exchanges between Iran and the United States.

Three years experience on Afghanistan during tours in Kabul and Washington, DC. Negotiated the transfer of U.S.-managed health clinics to the Afghan government and developed a capacity-building program for the Ministry of Refugees. Monitored \$50 million in refugee assistance and arranged professional training for 50 newly-elected Members of Parliament.

Supervised staffs of 3-8 people in cross-cultural environments. Received six Superior Honor Awards.

U.S. Congress

Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), 2001-2002

Staff Assistant, Senate Health, Education, and Labor Committee, Minority Staff (Office of Sen. Ted Kennedy), 1997-1999

Honors and Fellowships

Carnegie International Policy Scholar, 2018-2019

Jefferson Fellow, University of Virginia, 2017-2019

Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2017-2018

Quandt International Research Grant, University of Virginia, 2017

Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows, 2016-2017

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Serbo-Croatian), 2000-2001

Additional Training

Advanced Game Theory, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2015.

Languages

Persian (Farsi and Dari), Russian, French