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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." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, March 2018.

"Elite Preferences in Transition: Armenian politicians before and after a velvet revolution." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019.

"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

Teaching Assistant, **Politics of Western Europe**, Prof. Gerard Alexander, Spring 2016

### 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

Prepared working papers and served 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

Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center for Public Affairs, 2019

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