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Education

- **PhD, University of Rochester**, Political Science, 2008
- **MA, University of Rochester**, Political Science, 2005
- **BA, American University in Bulgaria**, Political Science, Business Administration, 2001

Academic Employment

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, Fall 2014-present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, Fall 2008-2014

Research Interests

Comparative institutions, post-communist politics, political economy, corruption

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

13. Influenced by Power or Reasons? The Role of Amicus Curiae in Constitutional Court Decision-making (with Lydia Tiede and Samantha Chapa), *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures* (forthcoming)
12. Are Parties Punished for Breaking Electoral Promises? Market-oriented Reforms and the Left in Post-Communist Countries (with Cristina Bodea and Sung-Min Han). *European Journal of Political Research* Vol 61 (1): 134-153, February 2022
11. The Influence of Procurators General in Constitutional Review (with Lydia Tiede). *Journal of Law and Courts* Vol 9 (1): 189-214, Spring 2021
10. Explaining Dissensus on the Bulgarian Constitutional Court (with Lydia Tiede). *East European Politics* Vol 34 (4): 418-439, May 2018
9. Electoral Rules and Legislative Particularism: Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures (with Jennifer Hayes Clark). *American Political Science Review* Vol 110 (3): 441-456, August 2016
8. The Bulgarian 'Nuclear Referendum' of 2013 and the Independence of the Bulgarian Media. *East European Politics*, Vol 30 (4): 568-587, September 2014
7. Electoral Incentives and Legislative Organization: An Examination of Committee Autonomy in U.S. State Legislatures (with Jennifer Hayes Clark). *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Vol 14 (3): 297-320, September 2014

6. Unpacking Corruption: The Effect of Veto Players on State Capture and Bureaucratic Corruption, *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol 67 (1): 165-180, March 2014
5. Representation in Hybrid Regimes: Party and Constituency Influences in the Russian Duma, 1996-1999. *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol 95 (2): 486-506, June 2014
4. Risky Signals: The Political Costs of Exchange Rate Policy in Post-Communist Countries (with Randall Stone). *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol 57 (3): 519-531, September 2013
3. The Personal Vote and Economic Reform. *Electoral Studies*, Vol 31 (3): 562-575, September 2012
2. Presidentialism and the Development of Party Systems in Hybrid Regimes, *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol 64 (1): 91-116, January 2012
1. Invisible Politics: Institutional incentives and Legislative Alignments in the 1996-1999 Russian Duma, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Vol 33(3): 415-444, August 2008

Other Peer Reviewed Publications

2. Constitutional Courts in Europe: Quantitative Approaches (with Nuno Garoupa). 2021. In Nuno Garoupa, Rebecca Gill, and Lydia Tiede (Eds.) *High Courts in Global Perspectives: Evidence, Methodologies, and Findings*. University of Virginia Press.
1. Direct Democracy and Electoral System Reform. 2020. In Petia Kostadinova and Kjell Engelbrekt (Eds.) *Bulgaria's Democratic Institutions at 30* (pp. 31-53), Lexington Books.

Academic Awards

- Research Progress Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston, 2015-2016, with Lydia Tiede
- Small Grant, University of Houston, 2010, with Jennifer Clark
- New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston, 2009
- Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Richard Fenno Research Grant, June 2006
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, 2005, UC Berkeley

Teaching Experience

- Introduction to International Relations, *Undergraduate*, University of Houston
- Political Terrorism, *Undergraduate*, University of Houston
- Government and Politics of Russia, *Undergraduate*, University of Houston
- Transitions to Democracy and the Market, *Undergraduate*, University of Houston, University of Rochester

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, *Undergraduate*, University of Houston
- Political Economy, *Graduate*, University of Houston

Conference Participation

- International Political Science Association, RC9 Section for Comparative Judicial Politics, 2019
- NSF Conference at TAMU School of Law, 2018
- European Political Science Association, 2017, 2016
- Southern Political Science Association, 2017, 2016
- Midwest Political Science Conference, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
- Western Political Science Conference, 2019, 2013
- American Political Science Association, 2011, 2008

Graduate Student Supervision and Advising

- Rasha Khayat (graduate faculty advisor), University of Houston
- Vivian Kahlu (dissertation committee member), University of Houston
- Emilia Barreto (dissertation committee chair), University of Houston
- Haeyong Lim (dissertation committee co-chair)
- Razieh Vafaei (dissertation committee chair), University of Houston
- Rodrigo Nunez Donoso (dissertation committee co-chair), University of Houston
- Yuyang Pu (dissertation committee member), University of Houston
- Paula Pineda (dissertation committee member), University of Houston
- Leonardo Antenangeli (dissertation committee member), University of Houston

Professional Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Democratization*, *Political Studies*, *East European Politics*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*

Departmental Service

- Executive Committee, 2021-present
- Undergraduate Committee Chair, 2018-present
- International Relations Search Committee Chair, 2017
- Outreach Committee, 2017
- Chair, Outreach Committee, 2015-2016
- Field Chair, Comparative Politics, 2014-2015
- Research Talk Series Coordinator, 2014-2016
- College Governance Committee, 2014-2015
- Center for International and Comparative Studies Roundtable Discussion "25 Years after the Berlin Wall: Successes and Failures in the Post-Communist World," coordinator and presenter, 2014
- Undergraduate Committee, 2012-2014
- International Relations Search Committee, 2013, 2015
- Facility Needs Assessment *Ad-Hoc Committee*, 2013
- Technology Committee, 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2014-2015
- Graduate Committee, 2009-2010

Language Skills

- Bulgarian, native
- English, fluent
- Russian, reading, writing and comprehension (excellent), speaking (very good)
- German (working knowledge)

Computer Skills

R, STATA, Winbugs, Python