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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison	Political Science	Ph.D.	2016
University of Wisconsin, Madison	Political Science	MA	2010
University of San Diego	History	MA	2009
Harvey Mudd College	Engineering & History	BS	2001

DISSERTATION

"Information and Revolution: New Communications Technology and Authoritarian Regimes"
Committee: Yoshiko Herrera (chair), Scott Gehlbach, Theodore Gerber, Andrew Kydd, Alexander Tahk

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Internet and Politics	Post-Communist Politics
Comparative Politics	Political Methodology
Formal Modeling and Game Theory	Democratization

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- "Social Identity, Cross-Cutting Cleavages, and Explaining the Breakdown of Interethnic Cooperation" (*Rationality and Society*, November 2015)
- "Pinpointing the Powerful: Co-voting Network Centrality as a Measure of Political Influence" (with Nils Ringe) (*Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2016)
- "How to Control the Internet" (*First Monday*, February 2015)
- "Policy Leadership and Reelection in the European Parliament" (with Nils Ringe and Jack Thomme) (*Journal of European Public Policy*, 2016) selected for the (peer-reviewed) special issue featuring the best papers presented at the 2015 European Union Studies Association's Biennial Conference.

ARTICLES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

- "Detecting Mass Protest through Social Media: Ukraine, Twitter, and Euromaidan" (under review at *Journal of Social Media in Society*)
- "Content Analysis: A User's Guide to Goals, Methods, and Software" (with Yoshiko Herrera, under review at *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*)
- "Measuring Russian Regional Class Identity with Mass Automated Content Analysis" (under review at *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*)

OTHER PROJECTS

- *Geocoded Twitter Archive for the Social Sciences*: creator of this database of some three billion tweets, fully searchable and GIS identified to the subnational unit.
- "Ethnicity as a variable: An annotated bibliography for sources on ethnic and cultural diversity" (with Kyle Marquardt and Yoshiko Herrera) (online database)
- "Conditional Norms and the Stability of the Non-Proliferation Treaty" (with Jacques Hymans and Yoshiko Herrera, to be submitted to journals in the spring of 2017)
- "Uzbekistan" and "Ukraine" in *Online around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of the Internet, Social Media, and Mobile Apps* (Forthcoming May, 2017)
- "The Logic of Russian Internet Censorship" (*The Monkey Cage*, 3/16/14)

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- "Roundtable: Russian-language Internet and New Media Technologies: State of the Medium, Medium of the State", Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference (ASEEES), November 2016.
- "Conditional Norms and the Stability of the Non-Proliferation Treaty", MPSA, April 2016.
- "Permanent Revolution: Social Media and Regime Transition", MPSA, April 2016.
- "(Un)Patriotic Internet? The State of Civic Discourse on post-Crimea Runet", Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference (ASEEES), November 2015.
- "Information Control in Post-Communist Eurasia: Development and Impact of State Media and Information Technology Policies", Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference (ASEEES), November 2015.
- "Detecting Mass Protest through Social Media", PolNet, May 2015.
- "Policy Leadership and Reelection in the European Parliament", European Union Studies Association Conference, March 2015.
- "Russia and the Near Abroad" Discussant for Great Decisions program sponsored by the League of Women Voters and State Department, February 2015.
- "Social media and protest in Russia's regions", Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference (ASEEES), November 2014.
- "Russia and the Return of Geopolitics", Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT), October 2014.
- "Using Twitter to Measure Occurrence of Protest", Political Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective Workshop, July 2014.
- "Measuring Legislative Influence: A Social Network Approach" (with Nils Ringe)", PolNet, May 2014.
- Appeared on Public Radio to discuss the Russian regime's attempts to control the Internet (audio available online at request), April 2014.
- "Russia Since 1991", Virginia Tech, March 2014.
- "Measuring Russian Regional Class Identity with Mass Automated Content Analysis", SSRC Quantitative Research Methods Workshop, August 2012.
- "The Hidden Market: The Invisible Hand of Political Competition within Russian Regional Authoritarianism"; American Political Science Association (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Post-doctoral Research Fellow: 2016-2017 at the Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Editor for APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter, Spring 2016

Best Paper Award: Wilson, Ringe, and van Thomme (2016) selected for inclusion in a (peer-reviewed) special issue of *Journal of European Public Policy* featuring the best papers presented at the 2015 European Union Studies Association's Biennial Conference.

Virginia Tech Favorite Faculty: 2013, received by less than 5% of faculty

Research Assistant at University of Wisconsin, 2010-present for the following faculty and projects:

- Katja Favretto 2010-2012: Research on international crises since 1945
- Susannah Tahk 2012: Research on state and local governmental earmarks
- Department of Distance Education 2013-2016: Developing course materials

Research Fellow:

- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center Summer Research Laboratory, University of Illinois, Summer 2013
- SSRC Eurasia Program Summer Workshop in Quantitative Methods, Summer 2012

FLAS Fellow (Russian):

- American Councils in St. Petersburg, Russia Summer 2011
- University of Wisconsin, Madison 2010-2011