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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	University of Oklahoma , Norman, OK, USA	
	Theodore Romanoff Associate Professor of Russian Studies	2025-present
	Associate Professor of International & Area Studies	
	David L. Boren College of International Studies	
	Theodore Romanoff Assistant Professor of Russian Studies	2022-2025
	Assistant Professor of International & Area Studies	
	David L. Boren College of International Studies	
Core Faculty	2022-present	
Romanoff Center for Russian Studies		
Miami University , Oxford, OH, USA		
Karen & Adeed Dawisha Assistant Professor of Political Science	2020-2022	
Department of Political Science		
Assistant Professor	2018-2022	
Department of Political Science		
Faculty Fellow	2018-2022	
Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies		
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin–Madison	Ph.D., Spring 2018
	Comparative Politics, Political Methodology	
	Minor: Russian & Central Asian Studies	
	University of Wisconsin–Madison	M.A. in Political Science, 2012
Stetson University	B.A., 2010	
Political Science, Russian Studies	Summa Cum Laude	
Minor: Russian Language		
Stetson University	B.B.A., 2010	
International Business	Summa Cum Laude	
BOOK	<i>Dialogue with the Dictator: Authoritarian Legitimation and Information Management in Putin's Russia</i> . 2024. Cambridge University Press.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissertation awarded Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018	
ACADEMIC ARTICLES	Authoritarian Information Gathering Amid Crisis (with Sasha de Vogel and Lauren McCarthy). 2025. <i>Comparative Politics</i> 58 (1): 75-99.	
	Elite Narratives and State Response to Kazakhstan's Qandy Qantar Protests (with Raushan Zhandayeva). 2025. <i>Communist & Post-Communist Studies</i> 58 (4): 184–198.	

Shocks to the System: Electoral Manipulation, Protests, and the Evolution of Political Trust in Russia. 2025. *Government & Opposition* 60 (2): 496–516.

- Elizabeth Meehan Prize for best article published in *Government & Opposition*

Public Opinion toward Russia’s War against Ukraine: Investigating Wartime Attitudes in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan (with Raushan Zhandayeva). 2025. *Post-Soviet Affairs* 41 (1): 1-24.

Leveraging Country Expertise: How Scholars in International Studies Can Support the Asylum Process (with Rachel A. Schwartz). 2024. *International Studies Perspectives* 25 (4): 518–532.

Under the Veil of Democracy: What do people mean when they say they support democracy? (with Margaret Hanson, Valery Dzutsati, and Paul DeBell). 2024. *Perspectives on Politics* 22 (1): 97–115.

- Heinz I. Eulau Award for best article published in *Perspectives on Politics*

Shoring Up Autocracy: Participatory Technologies and Regime Support in Putin’s Russia. 2021. *Comparative Political Studies* 54 (8): 1459–1489.

- Best Conference Paper in Information Technology & Politics, American Political Science Association, 2017
- Featured in *The Academic Times*

Foreign Media Broadcasts as a Tool of Soft Power: Opinion Formation and Issue Framing Effects of Russian News in Kyrgyzstan (with Theodore P. Gerber). 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63 (3): 756–769.

Xenophobia on the Rise? Temporal and Regional Trends in Xenophobic Attitudes in Russia (with Kyle L. Marquardt, Yoshiko M. Herrera, and Theodore P. Gerber). 2018. *Comparative Politics* 50 (3): 381–394.

To Know It is to Want More of It: The Intelligibility and Definition of Democracy, Support for Democratization, and Global City Residence in Russia (with Theodore P. Gerber). 2018. *Democratization* 28 (3): 481-503.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Attitudes toward Russia’s War on Ukraine in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. 2024. In *The Impact of the Russo-Ukrainian War on the Broader Region*, edited by Ellen Powell.

Georgia. 2017. *Online around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of the Internet, Social Media, and Mobile Apps*. Editors, Marilyn Andrews and Laura Steckman. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Kyrgyzstan. 2017. *Online around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of the Internet, Social Media, and Mobile Apps*. Editors, Marilyn Andrews and Laura Steckman. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

WORKING PAPERS

When War Comes Home: How Military Appeals Reveal the Hidden Domestic Cost of Russia’s War Against Ukraine (with Sasha de Vogel). Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Participation Without Accountability: Elite-Enabling Institutions and Authoritarian Consolidation. *Under Review*.

Public Image Making in the Direct Line with Vladimir Putin. *Under Review*.

Proximate Conflicts: The Domestic Consequences of Foreign Wars (with Pauline Jones).

The Ukraine Effect: How Russia’s War in Ukraine Reshaped Attitudes toward Foreign Powers in Central Asia (with Raushan Zhandayeva).

The Administrative Cost of Foreign Wars: Evidence from Russia (with Sasha de Vogel).

What about Whataboutism: Strategic Narratives and Political Attitudes in Russia (with Anton Shirikov).

All Fraud is Not Created Equal: Perceptions of Electoral Malpractice and Electoral Integrity in Russia.

Defining Democracy: The Origins of Democratic Conceptualization (with Margaret Hanson, Valery Dzutsati, and Paul DeBell).

SELECT OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Attitudes toward Russia’s War on Ukraine in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.” 2023. PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 867.

“What do people mean when they say they support democracy—and why should we care?” 2023. The Loop, ECPR’s Political Science Blog.

Book review of *Popular Dictatorships: Crises, Mass Opinion, and the Rise of Electoral Authoritarianism* by Alexander Matovski. 2023. *Political Science Quarterly* 138 (2): 310-311.

“All Fraud Is Not Created Equal: Recent Electoral Manipulation Practices are Less Likely to Incite Public Ire.” 2022. PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 766.

“The Destruction of Academic Freedom and Social Science in Russia.” (with Theodore P. Gerber.) 2022. PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 819.

- Featured in *Russia Matters*.
- Revised and translated into German at *Russland-Analysen* no. 422.

“Thousands of Russians are protesting against the war with Ukraine. Putin’s not likely to listen.” 2022. The Monkey Cage [*The Washington Post*]. March 1.

“Under the veil of democracy: What do people mean when they say they support democracy?” 2022. Research Note. Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University. February 21.

Book review of *Is Russia Fascist? Unraveling Propaganda East and West* by Marlene Laruelle. 2022. *The Russian Review* 81 (1): 193-194

“Democratic Decline, Authoritarian Resilience, and Individual Conceptualization.” 2021. Kennan Institute Scholar Spotlight, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. September 30.

“Russian Propaganda Isn’t as Effective As You May Think.” (with Theodore P. Gerber). 2019. The Monkey Cage [*The Washington Post*]. September 5.

- Featured on *Johnson’s Public List* and *MSN*.

“In Moscow, citizens have been protesting for five weekends in a row. What does the rest of Russia think?” 2019. The Monkey Cage [*The Washington Post*]. August 15.

“Putin now has his own TV show, following his daily life. This explains why.” 2018. The Monkey Cage [*The Washington Post*]. September 28.

“Russians are actually getting less xenophobic.” 2018. The Monkey Cage [*The Washington Post*]. April 18.

**SELECT
HONORS,
FELLOWSHIPS,
AND AWARDS**

Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Grant	2026
Heinz I. Eulau Best Article Award, American Political Science Association	2025
Faculty of the Year Award, College of International Studies	2025
Elizabeth Meehan Best Article Prize, <i>Government & Opposition</i>	2025
Centennial Grant, American Political Science Association	2025
Great Plains Fellows Award, University of Kansas	2024
Junior Faculty Fellowship, Vice President for Research and Partnerships, University of Oklahoma	2024
Seed Grant, Center for Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University	2023
Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia Short-Term Fellowship, New York University	2023
Policy Analytics Research Program, George Mason University	2023
Junior Faculty Fellowship, College of International Studies, University of Oklahoma	2023
George F. Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	2021
Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies	2019, 2021
Student Recognition of Teaching Excellence Award	2020
Research Apprenticeship Program, Humanities Center, Miami University	2018–2020
Institute for Social Science Research Seed Grant, Arizona State University	2019
Grant to Promote Research, Miami University	2019
Summer Research Appointment, Miami University	2019
Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, UW–Madison	2018
Havighurst Center Program Grant, Miami University	2018
American Political Science Association Best Paper in Information Technology & Politics	2017
The Wisconsin Russia Project Research Grant	2017
Recognition for Mentorship, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program	2016
Mellon–Wisconsin Dissertation Fellowship	2016
Fulbright U.S. Student Award, Kazakhstan	2014–2015
Advanced Research Fellowship, Title VIII Research and Language Training Program	2013–2015
Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, Kazakh Language	2013–2014
Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, Kazakh Language (declined)	Summer 2013
Hoxie Fellowship, UW–Madison	2012–2013
Critical Language Scholarship Program, U.S. Department of State, Russia	2012
Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship, Russian Language	2011–2012
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Republic of Georgia	2010–2011

SERVICE

University of Oklahoma

- Director, Undergraduate Studies Program
- Core Faculty, Romanoff Center for Russian Studies
- Area Coordinator for the Russian and East European Studies (REES) major
- Committee Assignments: Policy Committee, Faculty Research Council, Graduate Studies Committee
- Lower-Division Curriculum Development
- Organizer, CIS Annual Symposium 2025
- Faculty Lead, "Washington and the World" Spring Break Experience

Miami University

- Committee Assignments: Graduate Studies Committee, Comparative Political Systems Committee, Political Science Awards Committee, Political Science Colloquium Committee, Diplomacy and Global Politics Major Committee, Havighurst Center Grant Committee, Havighurst Center Young Scholars Research Workshop, Havighurst Center Library Committee, Workload Policy Task Force, Mentoring Task Force
- Curricular Development: Bachelors of Arts in Data Analytics; Introduction to Russian & Eurasian Studies

Analyst for Freedom of the World Report, Freedom House, 2021-present.

Expert witness, Asylum claims from Russia to the United States, 2022-present.

Editorial Board, *Government & Opposition*, 2025-present.

Section Chair, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, American Political Science Association, 2024-present.

Section Chair, Comparative Political Behavior, Southern Political Science Association, 2024-present.

Undergraduate Mentorship: Honors Research Assistant Program, University of Oklahoma, 2023-present; Humanities Research Apprenticeship, Miami University, 2018-2020; Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2015-2017.

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Journal of Public Opinion*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *World Politics*, American Council for International Education's Title VIII Study and Research Abroad Program, Carnegie Corporation of New York.

TEACHING

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, USA

Comparative Politics and Society (online), Fall 2025.

How to Be a Dictator, Spring 2024, Fall 2025.

Peace, Conflict, and Identity in the South Caucasus (study abroad), Summer 2025.

Global Policy Workshop (graduate), Spring 2023–Spring 2026.

Russian Foreign Policy (undergraduate), Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025.

Russian Foreign Policy (graduate, online), Fall 2023, Fall 2024.
Authoritarian Politics (graduate), Fall 2022.

Miami University, Oxford, OH, USA

Foundations of Political Analysis (graduate), Fall 2020.
Russia and the World (undergraduate/graduate), Spring 2020.
Russian Media Strategies at Home and Abroad (undergraduate/graduate), Spring 2019.
Russian Foreign Policy (writing intensive), Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021.
Introduction to Comparative Politics (writing intensive), Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019,
Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Winter 2021, Spring 2022.

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, USA

Lecturer: Introduction to Statistical Computing (graduate course), Spring 2017/2018.
Lecturer: Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2017.

Fulbright Program, Republic of Georgia

English Teaching Assistant, 2010–2011.

SELECT ACADEMIC TALKS

The Ukraine Effect: How Russia’s War in Ukraine Reshaped Attitudes toward Foreign Powers in Central Asia. Jordan Center for the Advance Study of Russia, New York University, March 2026.

The Information Paradox: Citizen Appeals and Authoritarian Governance in Russia. REDS Seminar, Stanford University, March 2026.

Dialogue with the Dictator: Authoritarian Legitimation and Information Management in Putin’s Russia, Stetson University, February 2025.

Dialogue with the Dictator: Authoritarian Legitimation and Information Management in Putin’s Russia, Tulane University, October 2024.

Political Attitudes in Central Asia amid Russia’s War against Ukraine, University of Kansas, September 2024.

Elite Narratives and State Response to Kazakhstan’s Bloody January Protests. Protest Legacies in Non-Democratic Regimes, IU Europe Gateway, May 2024.

Russian War on Ukraine: Repercussions on the Broader Region. Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State, January 2024.

Attitudes toward Russia’s War against Ukraine in Central Asia. Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, December 2023.

Attitudes toward Russia’s War on Ukraine in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. ASEES Annual Conference, November 2023.

Attitudes toward Russia’s War on Ukraine in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference, October 2023.

All Fraud is Not Created Equal: Perceptions of Electoral Manipulation and Electoral Integrity in Russia. Columbia University, October 2023.

Performing Democracy: Vertical Accountability & Elite-Enabling and -Constraining Participatory Institutions. PONARS Eurasia 2023 Summer Workshop (Tbilisi, Georgia), June 2023.

Dialogue with the Dictator: Information Management and Popular Support in Putin’s Russia (Book talk). Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, April 2023.

All Fraud is Not Created Equal: Recent Electoral Manipulation Practices Are Less

Likely to Incite Public Ire. PONARS Eurasia Spring Policy Conference, March 2023.

Dialogue with the Dictator: Information Management and Popular Support in Putin's Russia (Book talk). Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas, October 2022.

Central Asia's Economic Dependence on Russia: The Role of Media Narratives. Bourse & Bazaar Foundation, May 2022.

Electronic Political Engagement. 9th Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC), Washington University in St. Louis, April 2022.

Putin's Russia,. Madison Committee on Foreign Relations, April 2022.

Dialogue with the Dictator: Authoritarian Legitimation and Information Management in Putin's Russia (Book Talk). University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2022.

The Russian (Dis)information Sphere. Harvard University and Averpoint, March 2022.

Russia and Ukraine. Houghton College, March 2022.

Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Perspectives on the War. University of Oklahoma, 2022.

Kennan Institute Seminar. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2021.

Information Management and Authoritarian Legitimation in “The Direct Line with Vladimir Putin.” Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto, 2020.

Participatory Technologies, Information Management, and Regime Support for Putin's Russia. New Voices on Russia Workshop, PONARS–Eurasia and George Washington University, 2019.

Russian Media and Soft Power Efforts. U.S. Department of State, 2019.

Soft Power and Media Effects in Russia's Near Abroad, New Voices on Russia. PONARS–Eurasia and George Washington University, 2019.

Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia: Lessons for Political Science, Yale University, 2018.

AFFILIATIONS

Core Faculty, Romanoff Center for Russian Studies, University of Oklahoma. 2022-present.

Member, Working Group on Support to Free and Fair Elections, Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2025-present.

Core Member, Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia). 2022-present.

Great Plains Fellow, Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas. 2022-present.

Faculty Affiliate, Data Institute for Societal Challenges, University of Oklahoma. 2023-present.

Freedom in the World, Freedom House. 2021-present.

Faculty Associate, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University. 2018-2022.

George F. Kennan Fellow, Kennan Institute, Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. 2021.

Visiting Scholar, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan. 2015-2016.

Visiting Scholar, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia. 2014-2016.