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Areas of Scholarly Research Interests:

Music and Politics, Comparative Ethnic and Racial Politics, Macedonia and the Balkans

Areas of Teaching Interests:

Music and Politics, Comparative Ethnic and Racial Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Corruption and Organized Crime, European politics, Marxism, Qualitative Comparative Methodology

Current Employment:

Union College
Dept. of Political Science
(started position September 1999)
(tenured January 2005)

Graduate Education:

The Ohio State University
Doctor of Philosophy, 1995
Master of Arts, 1990

Undergraduate Education:

Bradley University (Peoria, Illinois)
Bachelor of Science, Political Science Major, 1985
Summa Cum Laude Graduate
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Work-in-progress:

"Musical Expression and Political Repression: Moral Panics in American Music, from Ragtime to Today" -- journal article and book proposal in the works.

Publication Record:

[book chapter] "Macedonia," in Sten Berglund, et al. (eds.), *Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe*, 3rd edition, (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2013).

[co-authored textbook] *Introduction to Comparative Politics: The State and Its Challenges*, with coauthor Anthony Mughan, (Cambridge University Press, March 2012). [I wrote 6 of 10 chapters.]

[newspaper op-ed] "GOP Still Lives in a Perilous, Utopian World," *Times Union*, (Sept. 2, 2011).

[web journal] "Ruling Conservative Party Continues Its Dominance of Macedonian Politics," *Baltic Worlds*, June 14, 2011.
< <http://balticworlds.com/continues-its-dominance-of-macedonian-politics/> >

[newsletter] "A Critical Analysis of Corruption Theories with Macedonian Illustrations." *Harriman Reports*, v.11, n.2, August 2009), The Harriman Institute, Columbia University.

[government web page] "What is the greatest challenge facing democracy in Macedonia?" Submitted, upon request, to International Information Programs (IIP) of the U.S. Department of State, October 16, 2009; published November 9, 2009.
< <http://blogs.america.gov/bythepeople/2009/10/30/challenges-to-democracy-in-macedonia/> >

[web journal] "Please Call Me By My Name," *International Affairs Forum*, Special Report: *The Balkans*, (Fall 2009), pp.46-49.

[book chapter] "Corrupt Exchange in Divided Societies: The Invisible Politics of Stability in Macedonia," Mitchell Orenstein, Stephen Bloom, and Nicole Lindstrom, eds., *Transnational Actors in Central and East European Transitions*, (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, June 2008), pp.142-161.

[book chapter] "Ethnic Riots in a Small Balkan Town: Understanding Hate and Violence in Macedonia," Derek Pardue, ed., *Ruminations on Violence*, (Long Grove, IL: Wavelength Press, 2007), pp.54-66.

[book chapter] "From Expressive to Actionable Hatred: Ethnic Divisions and Riots in Macedonia," in J. Craig Jenkins and Esther E. Gottlieb, eds., *Identity Conflicts: Can Violence*

be Regulated? (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 2007), pp.149-165.

[book review] *The New Macedonian Question*, ed., James Pettifer, (London: Palgrave, 2001). Reviewed in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, v.4, nos.2-3-4, (2006). [This book review also posted by web site *Reality Macedonia* [www.realitymacedonia.org.mk – now a defunct site].

[journal article] “Crime and Honor in a Weak State: Paramilitary Forces and Violence in Macedonia,” *Problems of Post-Communism*, v.51, n.3, (May/June 2004): 18-26.

[book review] “The Rational Ethnic Voter,” *The Review of Politics*, v.67, n3, (Summer 2005): 578-580. Book review of *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Head Counts in India*, by Kanchan Chandra, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

[newspaper reprint of article] “Protresuvanje na Rastresenata Država,” *Utrinski Vesnik*, n.1117, (March 13, 2003). Macedonian newspaper reprint of “Shaking Off the Shakedown State?”

[newsletter] “Shaking off the Shakedown State? Crime and Corruption in Post-Ohrid Macedonia,” *East European Studies News*, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, (May/June 2003): 3-4, 11.

[journal article] “Between a Bad Peace and a Good War: Insights and Lessons from the Almost-War in Macedonia,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, v.26, n.1, (January 2003): 129-151.

[journal article] “Organized Crime in a Disorganized State: How Corruption Contributed to Macedonia’s Mini-War,” *Problems of Post-Communism*, v.49, n.3 (May/June 2002): 33-41.

[magazine reprint of article] “Zatishje Pred Bura?” *Manifest*, n.12, (February 1, 2003): 16-19. Macedonian magazine reprint of “Calm Before the Storm?”

[NGO publication] “The Calm Before the Storm? The Influence of Cross-Border Networks, Corruption, and Contraband on Macedonian Stability and Regional Security,” published by the Open Society Institute, Skopje, Macedonia, editor Vladimir Milchin, (Fondacija Institut otvoreno opstestvo-Makedonija, June 2002):

(a) -- Albanian translation: *Qetesi Para Stuhise? Ndikimi I Rrjeteve Nderkufitare, Korrupsionit Dhe Kontrabandes Mbi Stabilitetin e Maqedonise Dhe Sigurine Ne Rajon.*

(b) -- Macedonian translation: *Zatishje Pred Bura? Vlijaniето na Prekugranichnite Mrezi Korupcijata i Kriymcharenjeto vrz Stablnosta na Makedonija i vrz Bezbednosta vo Regionot.*

(c) -- The essay above also published in a CD-ROM format by the Ministry of Interior, Republic of Macedonia, *White Book: Terrorism of the So-Called NLA*, (2003).

[book chapter] “From Ontology to Analogy: Evolutionary Theories and the Explanation of Ethnic Politics,” (pp.97-113), in Patrick James and David Goetze, eds., *Evolutionary Theory and Ethnic Politics*, (Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2001).

[book review] *Divide and Fall? Bosnia in the Annals of Partition*, by Radha Kumar, (London: Verso, 1997). Reviewed in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, v.35, n.4, (Winter 2001): 485-7.

[magazine article] “Macedonia and Its Two Truths,” *Hilltopics*, (Summer 2001), pp.16-17. [Bradley University alumni magazine].

[newspaper op-ed] “Two Sides to Conflict in Macedonia,” *Times Union*, (March 29, 2001), p.A11.

[encyclopedia entries] “Skupstina,” and “Alexander Obrenović (1876-1903),” in Richard Frucht, ed., *Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe: From the Congress of Vienna to the Fall of Communism* (New York and London: Garland Publishing, Inc., 2000).

[book review] *The Serbs: History, Myth and the Destruction of Yugoslavia*, by Tim Judah, (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1997); *Croatia: A Nation Forged in War*, by Marcus Tanner, (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1997). Reviewed in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, v.34, n.2 (Summer 2000): 241-3.

[journal article] “Can Evolutionary Theory Explain Nationalist Violence? Czechoslovak and Bosnian Illustrations,” *Nations and Nationalism*, v.4, n.4, (October 1998): 463-482.

[journal article] “The Generosity Moment: Ethnic Politics, Democratic Consolidation and the State in Yugoslavia (Croatia), South Africa, and Czechoslovakia,” *Democratization*, v.5, n.1, (Spring 1998): 64-89.

[journal article] “Ethnic Conflict and the ‘Generosity Moment’,” *Journal of Democracy*, v.9, n.1, (January 1998): 140-153.

[journal article] “Intra-Ethnic Conflict in Croatia and Serbia: Flanking and the Consequences for Democracy,” *East European Quarterly*, v.30, n.4, (Winter 1996): 471-494.

Public Presentations:

[discussant] *Association for the Study of Nationalities*, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 21, 2012. Title of panel: "Ethno-Religious Identities and the Costs of Compromise: Macedonia, Serbia, and EU Integration."

[paper presentation] *The Harriman Institute*, Columbia University, New York, New York, October 15, 2010. Title of talk: "Neighborhood Bully: Greek Obstructionism and Macedonian Self-Identification."

[paper presentation] *The Harriman Institute*, Columbia University, New York, New York, March 24, 2009. Title of talk: "Corruption Theories and Macedonia."

[paper presentation] *The Center for Slavic and East European Studies*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, November 3, 2006. Title of talk: "Has the Macedonian Question Been Resolved?"

[paper presentation] *Southern Political Science Association*, Atlanta, GA, January 4-7, 2006. Paper title: "Corrupt Exchange in Divided Societies: The Invisible Politics of Stability in Macedonia."

[paper presentation] *The Maxwell School of Syracuse University*, "Post-Communist State and Society: Transnational and National Politics," Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2005. Title of paper: "Corrupt Exchange in Divided Societies: The Invisible Politics of Stability in Macedonia."

[paper presentation] *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 18-24, 2004. Paper title: "How is Ethnic Peace Possible? Explaining Macedonia's Peaceful Decade."

[discussant] *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 15-18, 2004.

[roundtable] *Central Europe: Transition and Transformation*, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York, April 2-3, 2004.

[paper presentation] *The Ohio State University*, Mershon Center, Office of International Affairs, "Deprivation, Violence, and Identities: Mapping Contemporary World Conflicts," Columbus, Ohio, October 3-4, 2003. Paper title: "States of Mind and the State of War: Public Attitudes and Ethnic Violence in Macedonia."

[paper presentation] *International Studies Association*, Budapest, Hungary, June 26-28, 2003. Paper title: "Political Corruption and Ethnic Coalitions: The Crisis in Macedonia."

[chair and discussant] *International Studies Association*, Budapest, Hungary, June 26,

2003.

[paper presentation] *Brown University*, the Watson Institute, “The Clandestine Political Economy of War and Peace Conference,” May 6, 2003. Paper title: “Political Corruption and Ethnic Coalitions: The Crisis in Macedonia.”

[paper presentation] *The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, Washington, DC, February 26, 2003. Paper title: “Shaking off the Shakedown State? Crime and Corruption in Post-Ohrid Macedonia.”

[lecture] *Democratic Leadership Conference*. Ohrid, Macedonia, November 23, 2002. Sponsored by the Council of Europe. “Explaining Ethnic Conflict: Rival Perspectives.”

[lecture] *University of Saints Cyril and Methodius*, the Faculty of Law, Skopje, Macedonia, November 21, 25, 2002.

[interview] *SkyNet Television Channel*, broadcast June 25, 2002, Skopje, Macedonia.

[paper presentation] *Macedonia and the Corruption – Context and Challenges*. Sponsored by Soros Foundation Open Society Institute – Macedonia. Keynote address: “The Calm Before the Storm? The Influence of Cross-Border Networks, Corruption, and Contraband on Macedonian Stability and Regional Security.” Hotel Continental, Skopje, Macedonia, June 21, 2002.

[paper presentation] *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2001: “The Calm Before the Storm? The Influence of Cross-Border Networks, Corruption, and Contraband on Macedonian Stability and Regional Security.”

[lecture] *Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning*, title: “Macedonia in the Context of Yugoslavia’s Collapse,” April 24, 2001.

[lecture] *Union College*, Department of Political Science, Pizza and Politics Series, “The Crisis in Macedonia,” April 11, 2001.

[interview] *BBC-Skopje*. Skopje, Macedonia, November 24, 2000.

[lecture] *Liberal Party Convention*, Skopje, Macedonia, November 23, 2000.

[lecture] *University of Saints Cyril and Methodius*, the Faculty of Law, , Skopje, Macedonia, November 2000.

[paper presentation] *American Political Science Association*, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000: “Before the Flood: What Really Caused Post-Communist Ethnic Violence?”

[paper presentation] *Midwest Political Science Association*, Loyola University

Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, April 27-30, 2000: “Explaining Post-Communist Ethnic Conflict: Patterns and Theories.”

[paper presentation] *Evolutionary Theory and Ethnic Conflict Conference*. Sponsored by the Milton R. Merrill Endowment, Utah State University, April 25-27, 1997: “Evolutionary Theory as Analogy, Not Ontology: Understanding Ethnic Politics.”

Political Consulting:

Member of Council of Foreign Relations of the President of the Republic of Macedonia. Invited to join Council by President Gjorge Ivanov in 2010. This is an advisory body on foreign relations that serves the President of Macedonia.

Legal Writing:

“Affidavit of Professor Robert Hislope, In the Matter of Safet Corovic, Vesmina Corovic, and Ilda Corovic, Application for Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and Relief Under the Convention Against Torture.” Report completed April 2009.

“Report on the Case of Slavica Saveska,” Asylum Affidavit, Catholic Social Services, Immigration and Refugee Services, (Anchorage, Alaska), June 2003.

Professional Society Position:

Advisory Board for *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics* (2007-2010).

Section Head for Post-Communist Studies (April 2004), Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Referee for Journals/Book Publishers/Research Grant Institutes:

Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power (2012)

Party Politics (2010)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2009)

The *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics* (2007-2010)

Comparative Politics (2006)

Human Rights Review (2006)

Roxbury Publishing (2005)

Social Science Quarterly (2005)

Longman Publishing (2004)

The Center for the Study of Global Governance (London School of Economics and Political Science) (2004)
International Studies Quarterly
Cambridge University Press
The Review of Politics
The European Studies Journal

Honors and Awards:

Faculty Research Fund, Union College, Schenectady, New York. \$300 Awarded October 29, 2010. Project title: “Student Reviewers for Book Manuscript – *Introduction to Comparative Politics: Challenges to the State.*” Select Union students read the entire manuscript and offered commentary.

Nominated for the *Stillman Prize* for Outstanding Teaching at Union College, May 2009.

Faculty Research Fund, Union College, Schenectady, New York. \$400. Awarded November 2008. Project title: “Student Reviewers for Introduction to Comparative Politics textbook: *Challenges to the State.*” I secured grant money to pay Union students who reviewed early rough drafts of the introductory text I began writing at this time.

Nominated for the *Stillman Prize* for Outstanding Teaching at Union College, May 2005.

Faculty Research Fund, Union College, Schenectady, New York. \$2,500. Awarded May 28, 2003. Project title: “The Visible and Invisible Politics of Macedonia’s Interethnic Coalitions.” Travel period: August 2003.

Soros Foundation Open Society Institute – Macedonia. \$3,000. Travel grant and research support. Awarded June 2002.

National Research Council. Program on Governance in Post-Communist Societies. Office of Central Europe and Eurasia, Washington, D.C. \$3925. Awarded May 2000. Project title: “The Calm Before the Storm? The Influence of Cross-Border Networks, Corruption, and Contraband on Macedonian Stability and Regional Security.” Travel period: November-December 2000.

Faculty Research Fund (July 1999-June 2000), Union College. \$680. Project title: “Making Contact in Macedonia: Pre-Interview Meetings” (declined upon receiving National Research Council grant).

College Service (does not include renewal/tenure committees and departmental service):

Student Affairs Council (Chair, 2010-2012, and Faculty Representative 2009-2010).
Monitors and regulates student housing and student affairs on Union College campus.

Director (September – December 2002) “Central Europe Term Abroad Program,”
Partnership for Global Education, a joint venture of Union College and Hobart and William
Smith College. Educational sites: University of Tuebingen (Tuebingen, Germany);
Chemnitz Technical University (Chemnitz, Germany); University of Babes-Boyai (Cluj,
Romania); Central European University (Budapest, Hungary). I traveled with 22 students
to these locations and supervised their education.

Model UN Advisor, 1999-2003. Faculty mentor and chaperon for Union students
attending the Harvard UN model simulation, held in Boston, MA.

Post-Tenure Courses Designed and Taught at Union College

- PSC 237 Music and Politics
(new to curriculum; first taught Winter term 2012)
- PSC 277 Local Political Internships
(adopted this course beginning Fall 2009)
- PSC 223 Critical Comparisons
(new to curriculum; first taught Winter term 2008)
- PSC 351 Global Organized Crime
(new to curriculum; first taught Fall term 2007)
- PSC 347 Comparative Left Politics
(new to curriculum; first taught Winter term 2007)

Pre-Tenure Courses (1999-2005) Designed and Taught at Union College

- PSC 112 Introduction to Global Politics (new to curriculum)
- PSC 240R Comparative Ethnic and Racial Politics (new to curriculum)
- PSC 248 Politics of the New Europe (new to curriculum)
- PSC 346 Democracy and Democratization (new to curriculum)
- PSC 350 Theories of International Relations