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Contact Information

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Academic Appointments

- Union College
 - Professor – Appointment, February 2021 - current
 - Associate Professor -- Tenured Appointment, January 2005
 - Assistant Professor -- Tenure-Track Appointment, September 1999
- Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa (1998-1999) one-year replacement position
- Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio (1996-1998) two-year contractual position
- Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (1995-1996) one-year temporary position
- Des Moines Area Community College (1992-1994) ABD instructor

Education

- The Ohio State University
 - Doctor of Philosophy, 1995
 - Dissertation: “Nationalism, Ethnic Politics, and Democratic Consolidation: A Comparative Study of Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.”
 - Master of Arts, 1990
- Bradley University (Peoria, Illinois)
 - Bachelor of Science, Political Science Major, 1985
 - Summa Cum Laude Graduate
 - Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Illinois Community College
 - Associate Degree, 1982

Current Research Interests

- Music and Politics
- East European & Balkan politics

Works-in-progress

- journal manuscript on Tommy Bolin and the making of 1970s hard rock music.
- journal manuscript on Car Songs in American popular music history
- journal manuscript on the Political Repression of Music

Publication Record

- [journal article] "Is Eastern Europe America's Future?" *Political Thought*, v.18, n.60, (November 2020), Skopje, MK.
- [book chapter] "The Beatles Against Machiavelli: 'Is it Better to Be Loved or Feared?'" in *Teaching the Beatles: The Beatles in the Classroom*, Paul O. Jenkins and Hugh D. Jenkins, eds., (Taylor & Francis, May 2018).
- [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? Vlijanieto na Prekugranichnite Mrezi Korupcijata i Kriymcharenjeto vrz Stablnosta na Makedonija i vrz Bezbednosta vo Regionot.
 - (c) -- The essay above also included 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

- [lecture] Union College History Tour, Franklin Trek group, Nott Memorial, July 31, 2025.
- [lecture on Zoom] International Balkan University, Skopje, The Republic of North Macedonia, November 29, 2022. Title of talk: "Music & Politics."
- [presentation] Torch Club of Albany, January 6, 2020. Title of talk: "Is Populism the New Fascism in Europe?"

- [lecture] Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning, May 8, 2019. Title of talk: "Crisis Points in Eastern Europe."
- [paper presentation] New York African Studies Association Conference, April 3-4, 2015, Union College. Title of talk: "Musical Expression and Political Repression: Mapping Moral Panics in American Musical History."
- [skype lectures] AFA 337 Evolution of Hip Hop course, Instructor Don Harrell, African American Studies, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, April 14, 2016; March 19, 2015; Nov. 6, 2014. Title of talks: "Musical Expression and Political Repression: Moral Panics Over Ragtime and R&B."
- [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, April 11, 2001, Title of talk: "The Crisis in Macedonia."
- [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."

Professional Associations

- Member of International Editorial Board (starting in 2016) of academic and political journal, *Political Thought*, a renowned magazine published in the Republic of Macedonia and supported internationally by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and in Skopje by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis".
- 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. Attended first conference in Ohrid, Macedonia, Feb. 24-March 1, 2010.
- Advisory Board for Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics (2007-2010).

College Service

- 2020-2023 Liaison Committee for Campus Facilities Division II rep.
 - elected spring term 2020
- 2017-2020 Faculty Review Board Division II representative
 - 2019-2020 FRB chair
 - 2017-2018 Chair of Subcommittee on Course Evaluation Statistics
- 2014-2017 Director of Pizza & Politics guest lecture series (2014-2017).
- 2009-2012 Student Affairs Council
 - 2010-2012 SAC chair
- 2001-2002 Director "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 (west Germany); Chemnitz Technical University (east Germany); University of Babes-Boyai (Cluj, Romania); Central European University (Budapest, Hungary). I assisted the organization of this term abroad and traveled, from September to December 2002 with 22 students to these locations and supervised their education.
- 2000-2002 UNITAS member
 - 2001-2002 Secretary of UNITAS

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

Honors & Awards

- Nominated for the Stillman Prize for Outstanding Teaching at Union College, May 2009.
- The Briger Fund - Lily Briger's ('08) family donated monies for a research fund for political science faculty. The donation was inspired, in part, by my academic influence on Lily.
- Nominated for the Stillman Prize for Outstanding Teaching at Union College, May 2005.
- 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.

Courses Designed & Taught at Union College

- PSC 112 Introduction to Global Politics
- PSC 223 Critical Comparisons
- PSC 237/FYI Music and Politics
- PSC 240 Comparative Ethnic and Racial Politics
- PSC 248 Politics of the New Europe
- PSC 346 Democracy and Democratization
- PSC 347 Comparative Left Politics
- PSC 351 Global Organized Crime
- PSC Seminar: Political Culture & Rock Music in the 1970s
- FPR 100 Hegemonies: From Gramsci to Chomsky
- AOP/HEOP Introduction to Political Science - Summer class (2012-current)