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Academic and research positions

2018-present	Associate Professor, High Point University
2012- 2017	Assistant Professor, High Point University, High Point, NC
2011-2012	U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Public Opinion Research, Washington DC.
2010-2011	Fulbright Fellowship, University of Pristina, Kosovo
2008-2010	Assistant Professor, Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA
2006-2008	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Education

2003-2005	Ph.D. in Political Science, Vanderbilt University
2000-2002	M.A. in Political Science, Vanderbilt University
1998	B.A. in Political Science, University of Tennessee
1994-1997	B.A. in Russian and German, Sewanee

Peer-Reviewed Publications

(forthcoming) “Legacies of Stalinism or Putinism? Public Opinion and Historical Memory in Ukraine” (with Vitali Shkliarov and Vera Mironova) *Political Research Quarterly*

(forthcoming) “Conflict Encourages Parochialism: Evidence from Ukraine” (with Vera Mironova) *Journal of Economic Psychology*

(forthcoming) “Ethnic Trust, Minority Status, and Public Goods in Ethnically Divided Societies” *Journal of Peace Research*.

(forthcoming) “Out-group Altruism in the Aftermath of Violence” (with Vera Mironova and Rick Wilson). *Journal of Economic Psychology*

(forthcoming) “Tribalism in America: Behavioral Experiments on Affective Polarization in the Trump Era” (with HPU faculty) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*

(2021) “Pride amid Prejudice: The Influence of LGBT+ Rights Activism in a Socially Conservative Society” (with Phillip Ayoub and Douglas Page) *American Political Science Review* 115(2): 467-485.

(2021) “Public Tolerance of Retributive Violence against Insurgencies.” (with Vera Mironova) *International Studies Quarterly* 65(2): 448-460.

(2020) “Rebel Group Attrition and Reversion to Violence: Micro-Level Evidence from Syria” (with Vera Mironova and Karam Alhamad) *International Studies Quarterly* 64(2): 285-294.

(2020) “Confronting Wartime Sexual Violence: Public Support for Survivors in Bosnia” (with Douglas Page) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 674-702.

(2020) “Beyond Keeping the Peace: Can Peacekeepers Reduce Ethnic Divisions After Violence?” (with Douglas Page) *Political Behavior* 42(1): 213-238.

(2020) “Mobilizing Civilians into High-Risk Forms of Violent Collective Action” (with Vera Mironova) *Journal of Peace Research* 57(3): 391-405.

(2020) “Commitment to Rebellion: Evidence from Syria” (With Vera Mironova and Loubna Mrie). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 614-639.

(2019) “Risk Tolerance during Conflict: Evidence from Aleppo, Syria” (with Vera Mironova and Loubna Mrie) *Journal of Peace Research* 56(6): 767-782.

(2018) Social Norms, Conflict Exposure and Victimization by Violence: Experimental Evidence from Kosovo (with Vera Mironova). *British Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 749-765.

(2017) “International Peacekeeping and Positive Peace: Evidence from Kosovo” (with Vera Mironova). *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(10): 2074-2104.

(2016) “The Evolution of Prosociality and Parochialism after Violence” (with Vera Mironova). *Journal of Peace Research* 53(5): 648-664.

(2014) “Ethnicity and Altruism After Violence: The Contact Hypothesis in Kosovo (with Vera Mironova). *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 1(2): 170-180.

(2014) “Social Norms in the Aftermath of Ethnic Violence: Ethnicity and Fairness in Non-Costly Decision Making.” *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 58(1): 93-119.

(2013) “Legacies of Violence: Trust and Market Development” (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean). *Journal of Economic Growth* 18(3): 285-318.

(2010) “Institutions and Ethnic Trust: Evidence from Bosnia.” *Europe-Asia Studies*. 62(2): 271-292.

(2007) “The Dictator Game, Fairness and Ethnicity in Postwar Bosnia,” (with Rick Wilson), *American Journal of Political Science*, 51(3). 659-668.

(2007) "Public Goods in the Field: Katrina Evacuees in Houston," (with Rick Wilson) *Southern Economic Journal*, 74(2), 377-387.

Book chapters and other publications

(2020) “Prosociality in Post-Conflict Societies: Evidence from Tajikistan” (with Malte Mueller) *Post-Soviet Conflicts* ed. Lasha Tchantouridze and Stefan Brooks. Rowman & Littlefield.

(2015) “Conflict-related Violence” (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean) *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, Jürgen Backhaus ed. Springer.

(2013) “Social Preferences of Ex-Combatants: Survey and Experimental Evidence from Post-War Tajikistan.” (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean) in *The Economics of Conflict: Theory and Empirical Evidence*. Karl Wärneryd ed. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

(2013) "International Intervention and Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Evidence from Public Opinion," in *From Mediation to Nation-Building: Third Parties and the Management of Communal Conflict*, eds. Joseph R. Rudolph, Jr. and William J. Lahneman (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013): 389-418.

(2004) “Public Opinion in Russia” in *Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, John G. Geer ed. ABC-CLIO Press, Oxford, p. 710-715.

Working papers

“Accountability and Due Process Under Transitional Justice: Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Vera Mironova) R&R at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Non-Violent Collective Action in Hostile Environments: Evidence from Iraq (with Vera Mironova) R&R at *Social Movement Studies*

“Gender and Public Accountability for Political Violence” (with Vera Mironova) under review

“Public Attitudes toward Children of Insurgency: Retribution or Reintegration for ISIS Youth in Mosul, Iraq” (with Vera Mironova)

“Trust-building while peacekeeping: The role of peacekeepers as unbiased monitors” (with Jared Oestman and Rick Wilson)

“Gender, Social Norms and Underreporting of Sexual Violence in Liberal and Conservative Societies: Evidence from Sweden and Bosnia” (with Douglas Page)

Risk Tolerance During Violent and Non-violent Collective Action: Evidence from Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine (with Vera Mironova)

Power-sharing versus Power-grabbing in the Aftermath of Insurgent Violence: Evidence from Public Opinion in Mosul, Iraq (with Jim Walsh, Jonathan Hall, Paul Huth, Jacob Aaronson, and Vera Mironova)

“Satisfaction with Democracy after Contentious Elections: Closing the Partisan Gap in the United States” (with HPU political science faculty)

Grants and Fellowships

2019	Sabbatical Research Award (High Point University)
2015	Summer Scholar Research Award (High Point University)
2011	Title VIII grant for research in Kosovo (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean)
2010-2011	Fulbright Fellowship
2010	American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS) grant (Albanian language training)
2003-2004	NSF Dissertation Research Grant # 0318389
2003-2004	Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
2003	IREX Short Term Travel Grant (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
2000-2004	Vanderbilt University Graduate Fellowship
1999-2000	Fulbright-IIE Fellowship (Slovenia and Macedonia)
1998-1999	Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to Eastern Europe
1996	Biehl Fellowship for International Research (Russia)

Language Training:

Advanced training in: Russian; German; Serbo-Croatian;

Intermediate training in: Albanian; Macedonian; Tatar; Czech; Romanian; Hungarian; Slovene; French; and Tajik

Presentations

“Rule of Law in Post-ISIS Mosul” (with Vera Mironova). Research presentation hosted online by the Bureau of Conflict & Stabilization Operations. US Department of State. August 6, 2020.

“Gender and Public Accountability for Political Violence” (with Vera Mironova) under review”; “Accountability and Due Process Under Transitional Justice: Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Vera Mironova). Papers presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, August 30-31st, 2019, Washington DC.

“Confronting Wartime Sexual Violence: Evidence from Bosnia” paper presentation at workshop on Experimental Approaches to Conflict. University of Virginia. September 28, 2018.

“Risk Tolerance During Civil War: Evidence from Aleppo, Syria” paper presentation at Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC). Washington University St. Louis, April 28-29, 2017.

“Out-group Altruism in the Aftermath of Violence.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD Feb. 24, 2017.

“Pro-sociality and Parochialism in Post-Conflict Societies: Experimental Evidence from Tajikistan.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD Feb. 25, 2017.

“Mobilizing Civilians for Combat: Evidence from Counter-Insurgency Recruitment in Eastern Ukraine”. presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 17, 2016.

“Mobilizing Civilians for Combat in Eastern Ukraine”. Workshop presentation on 2014 Survey Research in Ukraine. IERES, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, January 21, 2015.

“Fight or Flight in Civil War: Evidence from Rebel-Controlled Syria”. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, August 30th, 2014, Washington DC.

“Social Norms and Preferences During Violence: Experimental and Survey Evidence from Syria.” Workshop presentation at Experiments in International Relations Conference, Princeton University, May 2, 2014

“Ethnicity and Altruism after Violence: The Contact Hypothesis in Kosovo” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 9, 2014.

“International Peacekeeping and Positive Peace: An Experimental Approach” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11, 2013 and ISA ISSS-ISAC conference, George Washington University, Oct 5, 2013.

“Legacies of Violence: Trust and Market Development in Tajikistan” Paper presented at the 2012 Central Eurasia Studies Society Annual Conference, Indiana University, October 20th, 2012.

“International Intervention and Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia: Evidence from Public Opinion Research” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities 2012 Convention, Columbia University, April 21, 2012.

“Civil War, Social Capital, and Market Development: Experimental and Survey Evidence on the Negative Consequences of Violence” (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean) Paper presented at the Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Yale University, November 12, 2011.

“Lost in Transition – How Civil War Can Impair the Foundations for Market Development: The case of Tajikistan” (with Alessandra Cassar and Pauline Grosjean) Paper presented at State Department Title VIII conference, University of Delaware June 3, 2011.

“Great Expectations or wishful thinking? Ethnicity in a reverse dictator game in Bosnia” paper presented at the NSF Conference on Politics Experiments, University of Virginia, May 19, 2010.

“Unity or Partition for Bosnia? A Look at Social Preferences” presentation at Midwest Political Association Meeting, Chicago IL, 2010

“Social Cooperation in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: Evidence from Public Goods experiments” invited presentation, economics department at the University of San Francisco, 2010

“Ethnicity and Social Norms in post-war Bosnia: Experimental Evidence using Dictator Games” invited presentation, economics department at the University of San Francisco, 2010

“Fairness and Ethnicity: Evidence Using a Three Player Dictator Game in Bosnia” presented at International Studies Association Meeting, New York, NY 2009

“Institutions and Ethnic Trust: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina” presented at American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL 2007

“Can Institutions Promote Cooperation after Violent Conflict? Experimental Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina”. Poster Presentation at American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC 2005

Professional

Political Science

Periodic Reviewer *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Political Research Quarterly; Political Behavior; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Religion and Politics; Social Science Quarterly; Political Studies; International Studies Review; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Political Violence and Terrorism; Ethnic and Racial Studies; East European Politics and Societies*

General, Econ.

Periodic Reviewer *Science; Nature-Scientific Reports; National Science Foundation; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society; PLOS One; American Economic Review; Journal of Comparative Economics; World Development; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Public Economics; European Economic Review; Journal of Cybersecurity*

Courses

International Relations	American Politics
Comparative Politics	Congress
Research Methods	State and Local Politics
Ethnic Politics	American Political Thought
Politics of the Developing World	Introduction to Political Science
Authoritarianism and Democracy	First Year Seminar on Political
Democracy Development and Conflict	Leadership
Political Parties and Interest Groups	

University Service:

Academic Planning and Intercollegiate Review Committee (High Point University)
 Global Studies Committee (High Point University, Interim Chair)
 Faculty Welfare Committee (Mount Mercy University)

Essays, Opinion Articles:

‘LGBTQ Pride month is coming. Can Pride events change attitudes in conservative countries? Conditions have to be just right.’ Monkey Cage. *The Washington Post*, May 18, 2021 (with Philip Ayoub and Douglas Page)

“Iraq Confronts its Own Prisoner’s Dilemma” *Foreign Policy*, October 12, 2019.

“In two charts, this is what refugees say about why they are leaving Syria now”, *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, September 28, 2015.

“The Jihadi Who Came in From the Cold” *Foreign Policy*, August 10, 2015

“Ramadan in Syria” *Foreign Affairs*, July 9, 2015.

“Syria’s Democracy Jihad”, *Foreign Affairs*, Jan 13, 2015.

“I Am Only Looking Up For Paradise”, *Foreign Policy*, 2 October 2014

“The Motivation of Syrian Islamist Fighters” CTC Sentinel, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol.7, Nom.10 (October 2014) pp.13-15

“A Glimpse into the Minds of Four Foreign Fighters in Syria”, CTC Sentinel, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol.7, Nom.6 (June 2014) pp.6-7.

“Why are fighters leaving the Free Syrian Army?”, *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, 12 May 2014

“Fractured opposition groups disillusion Syrians” , *U-T San Diego*, 22 January 2014

“Is Syria ready for peace”, *The Baltimore Sun* , 17 January 2014

Research-Related Blog Posts:

‘Finding inspiration in the radical potential of Pride’s roots’, *3Streams*, June 8, 2021 (with Philip Ayoub and Douglas Page)

‘The Persistent Power of Pride? Looking “past” 2020’, *Mobilizing Ideas*, June 6, 2021 (with Philip Ayoub and Douglas Page)

“Pride amid Prejudice” for the *American Political Science Review* on May 12, 2021

“What Young Ukrainians are Fighting For”, *Political Violence @ a Glance* on October 9, 2014.

“If Aleppo Falls, What Next For The Free Syrian Army and Their Supporters?” , *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 27 August 2014

“Islamists at a Glance: Why Do Syria’s Rebel Fighters Join Islamist Groups?” , *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 13 August 2014

“What Do Syria’s Rebels Want From The West?” , *Syria in Crisis* (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), 07 April 2014

“The Importance of Local Knowledge in Syria” , *Atlantic Council*, 04 April 2014

“Do Syrians Want To Fight Until Victory or Do they Want a Ceasefire?” , *Syria Comment*, 26 March 2014

“Norms and Attitudes in the Midst of Civil War: Experimental and Survey Evidence from Syria” , *Political Violence @ a Glance* , 17 March 2014

“Public Opinion in the Midst of the Syrian Civil War” , *The Duck of Minerva* , 20 January 2014

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