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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2025-present
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018-2025
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2011-2018

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

PhD, Political Science, 2011; MA, Political Science, 2005

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Bachelor of Arts, 1998; Russian and East European Studies; High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Yaroslavl State University, Yaroslavl, Russia

Non-degree post-Bachelor's study, 2000-2001

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

[*The Many Faces of Political Islam: Religion and Politics in Muslim Societies, Second Edition*](#), (co-authored with Mohammed Ayoob). (University of Michigan Press, 2020).

[*Constraining Elites in Russia and Indonesia: Political Participation and Regime Survival*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

[*The Republics and Regions of the Russian Federation*](#) (co-edited with Robert Ortung and Anna Paretskaya). (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2000).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[“Reconceptualizing Houses of Worship to Advance Comparisons across Religious Traditions,”](#) *Religions*, Vol. 15, no. 7, June 2024.

[“Neutralizing the Sacred Space: pre-Election Messages in a Typical Indonesian City,”](#) (co-authored with Mohammad Iqbal Ahnaf). *Politics & Religion*, Vol. 17, no. 2, June 2024.

[“Ideology among Russian Elites: Attitudes toward the United States as a Belief System.”](#) *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Vol. 35, no. 5-6, September-December 2019.

[“Religious Leaders and Elections in the Polarizing Context of Indonesia,”](#) (co-authored with Mohammed Iqbal Ahnaf). *Humaniora*, Vol. 31, no. 3, October 2019.

[“Mosques, Churches, and Civic Skill Opportunities in Indonesia.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 58, no. 2, June 2019.

[“Men, Muslims, and Attitudes toward Gender Inequality,”](#) (co-authored with M. Steven Fish). *Politics & Religion*, Vol. 9, no. 1, March 2016.

[“Indonesia: The Benefits of Civic Engagement”](#) (co-authored with M. Steven Fish). *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 23, no. 1, January 2012.

[“What is the Leninist Legacy? Assessing Twenty Years of Scholarship”](#) (co-authored with Jody LaPorte). *Slavic Review*, Vol. 70, no. 3, Fall 2011.

- [“Contacting and Complaining: Political Participation and the Failure of Democracy in Russia.”](#) *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Vol. 27, no. 3, July-September 2011.
- [“From Solidarity to Division: An Analysis of Lech Walesa’s Transition to Constituted Leadership.”](#) *The Leadership Quarterly*, Vol. 21, no. 5, October 2010.
- [“Epidemic Breakpoint: Confronting HIV/AIDS in Russia’s Regions”](#) (co-authored with Marcy E. McCullaugh). *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 56, no. 1, January/February 2009.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND WORKING PAPERS

- “The Concept of Legacies,” in Paul Chaisty and Stephen Whitefield (eds.), *Handbook on Post-Communist Politics* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming 2026).
- “Working with Typologies: Analytic Leverage in Research on Communist and Post-Communist Regimes,” in David Collier and Zachary Elkins (eds.), *Working with Concepts: Building Blocks and Innovation* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2025).
- “Leninist Extinction? Critical Junctures, Legacies, and the Study of Post-Communism,” (co-authored with Jody LaPorte) in David Collier and Gerardo L. Munck (eds.), [Critical Junctures and Historical Legacies: Insights and Tools for Comparative Social Science](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).
- “From Pulpit to Protest: Religious Practice and Political Participation in Indonesia,” (co-authored with M. Najib Azca, Hakimul Ikhwan, and Wahyu Kustiningsih) in Amy Freedman (ed.), [Religion and Politics in Southeast Asia](#) (Pace University Press, 2020).
- “Attitudes toward Polygyny: Experimental Evidence from Six Countries,” (co-authored with Rose McDermott, Michael Dickerson, M. Steven Fish, and Jonathan Cowden). In Rose McDermott, [The Evils of Polygyny: Evidence of its Harm to Women, Men, and Society](#) (Cornell University Press, 2018).
- “Personal Religiosity and Religion in Politics,” (co-authored with M. Steven Fish). In M. Steven Fish, [Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- “Social Capital and Personal Morality,” (co-authored with M. Steven Fish). In M. Steven Fish, [Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- [“The Nature of Mass Communist Beliefs in Postcommunist Russian Political Space,”](#) Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies Working Paper Series, June 18, 2007.
- “The Role of Russia’s Governors in the 1999-2000 Federal Elections,” in Cameron Ross, ed., [Regional Politics in Russia](#) (New York: Manchester University Press, 2002).

BOOK REVIEWS

- [Review of *The Violence Pendulum: Tactical Change in Islamist Groups in Egypt and Indonesia*](#), by Ioana Emy Matesan, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 33, no. 8, December 2021.
- [Review of *Developments in Russian Politics 9*](#), by Richard Sakwa, Henry E. Hale, and Stephen White (eds.), *The Russian Review*, Vol. 78, no. 4, October 2019.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- [“Shifting Political Thresholds among the Russian Public,”](#) *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #900*, June 12, 2024.
- [“Neutralizing Politics in the Sacred Space,”](#) (co-authored with Mohammad Iqbal Ahnaf). *Religion in Public*, May 21, 2024.
- [“Does the War Make Russian Public Opinion Polling Worthless?”](#) *Russia.Post*, December 21, 2023.
- [“The Political Participation that Enables Putin,”](#) *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo #699*, May 14, 2021.
- [“Why Americans’ Support for Democratic Values May Not Protect Democracy in Practice”](#) (co-authored with Peter Hanson and Georgia Rawhouser-Mylet). *LSE US Centre’s Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy*, May 13, 2021.
- [“Are Arabs Sexist? The Institutions, Perhaps, But Not the People,”](#) (co-authored with M. Steven Fish and Rose McDermott). *Al Jazeera English*, July 23, 2013.
- [“Почему в Индонезии больше демократии, чем в России”](#) (“Why there is more democracy in

Indonesia, than in Russia”). *Slon*, August 22, 2012.

“[Talking Politics in Central Siberia](#).” *Newsletter of the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies*, Vol. 26, no. 1, Summer 2009.

“More than a Cog in the Kremlin’s Machine: A Political Portrait of Tatarstan.” *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 42, June 5, 2008.

UNPUBLISHED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Catalyzing Faith: Mosques, Churches, and Political Engagement in Indonesia (book manuscript under development)

“The Role of Political Participation in Russian Autocracy,” presented at Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS), May 7, 2025.

“Preference Falsification and Shifting Political Thresholds in the Russian Mass Public,” presented at 2023 ASEES Annual Convention.

“Policing the Pulpit: Religious Regulation within Indonesian Houses of Worship,” presented at 2019 APSA Annual Meeting.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

SELECT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PONARS Spring Policy Conference 2024 (Chair and Presenter)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2024 (Chair and Presenter); 2023 (Chair, Discussant, and Presenter); 2019 (Presenter); 2018 (Presenter); 2017 (Chair, Discussant, and Presenter); 2016 (Chair and Discussant); 2013 (Presenter); 2012 (Presenter and Panel Organizer); 2011 (Presenter and Discussant); 2010 (Presenter); 2008 (Presenter)

Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference: 2018 (Presenter); 2011 (Presenter and Panel Organizer)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Convention: 2023 (Presenter); 2018 (Chair and Panel Organizer); 2012 (Presenter); 2011 (Presenter)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2016 (Presenter and Discussant)

INVITED LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND SYMPOSIA

“Neutralizing the Sacred Spaces: Political Messaging in Indonesian Houses of Worship,” (with Mohammad Iqbal Ahnaf) University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies/Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Wednesday Forum, May 29, 2024 (hybrid event; joined virtually).

“Trends in Russian Non-Voting Political Participation,” Conference on War, the Putin Regime, and Russian Public Opinion co-organized by Cornell University and GW’s IERES, Russia Program, and PONARS, January 19, 2024.

“Public Trust and Putin’s Regime Stability,” PONARS Ukrainathon, February 25, 2023 (conducted virtually).

“Trust, Political Participation, and the Stability of Russia’s Regime,” University of Oxford’s Russian and Eastern European Centre’s (RESC) Politics Seminar Series, February 13, 2023.

“Public Trust in Putin and the Stability of the Russian Regime,” King’s College Russia Institute Seminar Series, October 17, 2022.

“Ideology among Russian Foreign Policy Elites,” PONARS Ukrainathon, March 16, 2022 (conducted virtually).

“Ukraine and Russia: Deciphering the Current Situation, an Obermann Conversation” Obermann Center for Advanced Studies and Iowa City Public Library, February 16, 2022 (conducted virtually).

“The Political Participation that Enables Putin,” PONARS Eurasia Fridays, December 18, 2020

- (conducted virtually).
- “Political Participation in Russia: Can Putin Be Constrained?” Wesleyan University Shasha Seminar for Human Concerns on “Understanding Russia: A Dramatic Return to the World Stage,” October 11-12, 2019.
- “Mobilizing the Devout: Mosques, Churches, and Political Participation in Indonesia” Iowa State University Department of Political Science, April 12, 2019.
- “Political Elites in Putin’s Russia: Ideology, Foreign Policy, and Public Support,” Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, March 7, 2019.
- “Religious Practice and Political Participation in Indonesia: Is there a Link?” University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies Friday Forum, November 17, 2017.
- “Political Participation in Russia: Can Putin Be Constrained?” Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; New Voices on Russia Speaker Series, May 23, 2017.
- “Masjid sebagai ‘Sekolah Demokrasi:’ Peran Rumah Ibadah di Dalam Proses Politik Pribadi di Yogyakarta, (The Mosque as a ‘School of Democracy:’ The Role of Houses of Worship in Individuals’ Political Process in Yogyakarta), General Sudirman Mosque (Sleman, Indonesia), July 18, 2016.
- “The Mosque as a ‘School of Democracy’: Civic Skill Opportunity and Houses of Worship in Indonesia.” Pesantren Aswaja Nusantara (Mlangi, Indonesia), June 29, 2016.
- “The Mosque as a ‘School of Democracy’: Civic Skill Opportunity and Houses of Worship in Indonesia.” University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, June 24, 2016.
- “The Political Construction of Siberia: Geography, Industry, and Identity in Post-Soviet Russia,” Grinnell College, Faulconer Gallery, February 4, 2016.
- “Religious Practice and Political Participation: Uncovering Cross-Confessional Linkages.” University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, March 15, 2015.
- “Activating Democracy: Political Participation and the Fate of Regime Change in Russia and Indonesia.” University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (Indonesia), Department of International Relations, January 8, 2015.
- “Partisipasi Politik dan Ketahanan Rezim Politik: Pemaksaan Terhadap Elite-Elite di Rusia dan di Indonesia (Political Participation and Regime Survival: Constraining Elites in Russia and Indonesia).” University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, December 18, 2014.
- “Religion and Attitudes toward Gender Inequality: An Indonesian Survey Experiment (with M. Steven Fish and Rose McDermott).” University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies/Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Wednesday Forum, December 10, 2014.
- “Demokrasi dan Lembaga-Lembaga Politik (Democracy and Political Institutions).” University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (Indonesia), Master Program in Government Studies, December 9, 2014.
- “Attitudes Toward Gender Inequality Among Muslims: A Survey Experiment” (with M. Steven Fish). University of California Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program Seminar Series, September 12, 2012.
- “Prospects for Democracy in Russia.” Department of State, Office of Outreach, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, June 13, 2012.
- “The Failure of Democracy in Post-Soviet Eurasia.” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Kennan Institute Speaker Series, June 12, 2012.
- “Political Participation in Russia and Indonesia.” University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Russia, East Europe & Central Asia Lecture Series, March 15, 2012.
- “Men, Muslims, and Attitudes toward Sex-Based Inequality” (with M. Steven Fish). Stanford University Comparative Politics Colloquium, March 28, 2011.
- “Barack Obama’s America” (with John Grennan). University of North Sumatra (Medan, Indonesia),

- Department of Sociology Student Seminar Series, July 23, 2009.
“Religiosity and Support for Secular Politics: How are Muslims Distinctive?” (with M. Steven Fish).
Berkeley Program in Eurasian and East European Studies Ideology and Religion Seminar Series,
February 6, 2009.
“Putin’s Leadership under the Nuclear Scenario” (with George Breslauer). “Big Bang” Symposium
organized by University of California, Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, May 5, 2005.

HONORS AND AWARDS

EXTERNAL AWARDS

- Global Religion Research Initiative Book Leave Fellowship
One-semester salary support for manuscript development of book project *Catalyzing Faith: Mosques, Churches, and Political Engagement in Indonesia* (2018).
- Global Religion Research Initiative International Collaboration Grant
\$20,520 grant for collaboration with scholars at the University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia on the project “Religious Mobilization in Indonesian Houses of Worship” (2017-2018).
- Kennan Institute Research Scholarship
Three-month research fellowship at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC. (May-August 2012)
- Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellowship
One-year research fellowship at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. (2011-2012) (*declined*)
- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship
Four-year Department of Education fellowship for graduate study (2005-2009)
- IREX Research Grant
Awarded to alumni of programs sponsored by the Department of State and administered by the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX). Grants were used to finance research on HIV/AIDS policy in Russia (2003, 2005).
- U.S.-Russian Young Leadership Fellows for Public Service
A program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, administered by the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), which provided for one year of sponsored academic research and public service in Russia (2000-2001).

INTERNAL AWARDS

- Grinnell College Instructional Support Committee Grant (2024-2025)
Grinnell College Center for the Humanities Scholarly Support Grant (2022-2023)
Grinnell College Center for the Humanities/Institute for Global Engagement International Collaboration Grant (2017-2018)
Grinnell College Mellon Bridging Project Grant (2014-2015)
Grinnell College Harris Faculty Fellowship (2014-2015)
Grinnell College Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship Competitive Research Grant (2011-2012; 2012-2013; 2013-2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2025)
University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship (2010-2011)
Institute of Slavic and East European Studies Graduate Student Paper Competition (2007)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GRINNELL COLLEGE

TUT 100: Encountering Indonesia
TUT 100: The Inequality of Democracy in Modern America
POL 101: Introduction to Political Science
POL 258: Democratization and the Politics of Regime Change
POL 273: Politics of Russia
POL 295: War in Ukraine
POL 335: Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics
POL 356: Islam and Politics
RES 295: Life after Communism: Societal Transformations in Eurasia

Individualized Studies and Mentored Advanced Projects: Russian Political Identity; Readings in Democratization; State and Regime Change in Central Asia; Religious Practice and Political Participation; Political Islam; Political Islam and Religious Mobilization; Qualitative Data Analysis; Reading Russian Politics in Russian; Religion and Politics in Indonesia; Senior Research in Russian Studies; UK Parliamentary Debates; Treatment of Refugees; Cross-National Public Opinion.

GRINNELL-IN-LONDON SEMESTER PROGRAM IN LONDON, UK

POL/SST 295: Democracy and Inequality
HUM/SST 195: Global and Local Cultures in the United Kingdom

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Democracy, Equality, and Political Participation in the Developing World

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

FACULTY SERVICE

Faculty Governance

Chair, Department of Political Science (2021-2022; 2023-2025)
Chair, Russian, Central European, and Eurasian Studies Concentration (2012-2014; 2016-2018; 2019-2022)
Vice President, Beta of Iowa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (2023-2024)
President, Beta of Iowa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (2024-2025)
Social Studies Division Representative, Committee on Assessment, Grinnell College (2015-2018)
Social Studies Division Representative, Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship (2023-present)
Social Studies Division Representative, Curriculum Committee, Grinnell College (2019-2021)
Task Force to Evaluate Teaching Excellence (2025-present)
Data Analysis and Social Inquiry Lab Advisory Committee, Grinnell College (2014-present)
Grinnell College National Poll Advisory Committee, Grinnell College (2021-2024)

Search Committees

Search Committee, Librarian of the College, Grinnell College (2015-2016)
Chair, Department of Political Science Tenure-Track Search, Grinnell College (2021, 2023)
Chair, Department of Political Science Term Replacement Search, Grinnell College (2014, 2018)
Participation in candidate file reviews and preliminary interviews for five faculty searches in Department

of Political Science, Grinnell College (2012, 2015, 2017, 2024)

Award Committees

Grinnell Prize Selection Committee (2019-2022, Chair 2020-2021)
Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee, Grinnell College (2024-2025)
Phi Beta Kappa Sophomore Book Award Subcommittee, Grinnell College (2020-2021)
Phi Beta Kappa Scholars Award Selection Committee, Grinnell College (2019, 2022, Chair 2025)
Scholarship Committee, Grinnell College (2017-2018; 2021-2022)
Open Internship Grant Selection Committee, Grinnell College (2015-2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory Board for the Survey of Russian Elites (2018-present)
Ken Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Religion and Politics Organized Section (2024)
Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Southeast Asia Politics Related Group (2019-2020)
Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *CQ Press*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Gender*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Religion, State, & Society*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*

SUPPLEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Language Training:

Bahasa Indonesia; Wisma Bahasa Language School, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (April-May 2009, November 2014-February 2015)

Ukrainian; Grinnell College Alternative Language Study Option (2023-2024); Faculty Language Tutorial (2024-2025)

Participant in Global Learning Workshop, Grinnell College Institute for Global Engagement and Autonomous University of Chiapas, Chiapas Mexico (January 2025)

Participant in Teaching Quantitative Skills in STATA Workshop, Grinnell College (July 2013)

Participant in the Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University (January 2007)

Participant in the Interuniversity Consortium for Social and Political Research Summer Program, University of Michigan (June-July 2006)

Completed coursework in Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Mathematics for Social Science, and Programming in R

SHORT-TERM VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta, Indonesia), October 2014-March 2015

Visiting Scholar, Department of World History, Siberian Federal University (Krasnoyarsk, Russia), October-November 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association; Association for Asian Studies; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Midwest Political Science Association; Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS); Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

LANGUAGES

Russian, fluent speaking; proficient writing
Indonesian, advanced speaking; intermediate writing

French, basic speaking and writing
Ukrainian, beginner speaking and writing