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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Skalny Center, University of Rochester 2012-

Senior Researcher, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2011-

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University, 2011-12

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, 2011-12

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, Columbia University, 2010-11

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Emory University, 2010.

*Comprehensive Exams:* Comparative Political Institutions, Comparative Political Behavior, Political Methodology (Quantitative and Qualitative) *with Distinction*

*Dissertation:* “*The Origins of Dominant Parties*”

*Committee:* Thomas Remington (chair), Jennifer Gandhi, Hubert Tworzecki, Eric Reinhardt

*Awards:* Co-Winner, ASEEES Tucker/Cohen Dissertation Prize for outstanding doctoral dissertation in Soviet or Post-Soviet Politics

*Abstract:* Why do dominant parties emerge in some non-democracies but not in others? Where existing literature on the origins of institutions in non-democracies examines the incentives of leaders to coopt and grant policy concessions to the opposition, this dissertation shifts much of the focus to elites and their incentive to commit to a dominant party. Dominant parties emerge when elites hold enough independent political resources (relative to the ruler’s supply of political resources) that coopting is necessary, but not so many autonomous resources that they are unwilling to commit to the party. Quantitative and qualitative tests of this theory are carried out both cross-nationally and within Russia. Particular empirical emphasis is placed on the recent emergence of United Russia as a dominant party in Russia.

M.A., Political Science, Emory University, 2008.

B.A., Political Science and Russian, Sewanee: the University of the South, *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa 2004.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Institutions, Political Parties, Democratization, Legislatures, Presidentialism, Authoritarian Regimes, Elections and Electoral Behavior, Bureaucracy, Comparative Political Economy, Russia and the Former Soviet Union

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Reuter, Ora John and Rostislav Turovsky. 2012 “Dominant Party Rule and Legislative Leadership in Authoritarian Regimes” Forthcoming at *Party Politics*

Reuter, Ora John and Jennifer Gandhi. 2011. “Economic Performance and Elite Defection from Hegemonic Parties” *British Journal of Political Science*. 41.1.

Reuter, Ora John. 2010 “The Politics of Dominant Party Formation: United Russia and Russia’s Governors” *Europe-Asia Studies*. 62.2.

Reuter, Ora John and Thomas F. Remington. 2009. “Dominant Party Regimes and the Commitment Problem: The Case of United Russia” *Comparative Political Studies*. 42.4.

## **ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW**

Reuter, Ora John and Graeme Robertson. “Sub-national Appointments in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Russian Gubernatorial Appointments” Conditional Acceptance at *Journal of Politics*

Gandhi, Jennifer and Ora John Reuter. “Electoral Strategies to Defeat Authoritarian Incumbents: Understanding Pre-Electoral Coalitions” R&R at *Democratization*

Reuter, Ora John. “Regional Patrons and Hegemonic Party Performance: Theory and an Empirical Test in Russia”

Buckley, Noah, Timothy Frye, Guzel Garifullina, and Ora John Reuter “The Political Economy of Russian Gubernatorial Election and Appointment”

## **POLICY MONOGRAPHS AND EDITOR-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

“United Russia and the 2011 Elections” *Russian Analytical Digest* 102. 26 September 2011.

Review of *Why Not Parties in Russia?*, by Henry Hale. in *Sravnitelnoye Konstitusionnoye Obozreniye* 56(3), 2006.

“Chechnya’s Suicide Bombers: Desperate, Devout, or Deceived?” Washington DC: American Committee for Peace in Chechnya. 2004.

“The Calculus of Chechnya’s Suicide Bombers.” *Chechnya Weekly*. Vol. 6, Iss. 2, Jan 12, 2005. The Jamestown Foundation.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*The Origins of Dominant Parties* (Book Manuscript)

“Dominant Party Emergence: A Cross National Investigation”

“Institutions, Elite Defections, and Economic Crisis: A Competing Risks Analysis of Dominant Party Duration”

“Opposition Coordination in Legislative Elections under Authoritarianism” (with Jennifer Gandhi)

“Strongmen and Strong Oppositions: The Choice of Electoral Rules in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes”

“Legislative Cooptation and Social Protest: Evidence from the Russian Regions” (with Graeme Robertson)

“The Effect of Regime Type on Political Business Cycles” (with Israel Marques and David Szakonyi)

“Political Machines at Work: Voter Mobilization in the Workplace” (with Timothy Frye and David Szakonyi)

## **DATA PROJECTS**

*Center for Study of Institutions and Development at the State Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow Russia*—Database on career trajectories of Russian regional bureaucrats . (With Timothy Frye, Columbia University, Scott Gehlbach, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Andrei Yakovlev, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

*Database of Russian Regional Elites*-Database on career trajectories of Russian political elites. Funded by grants from National Council for Eurasian and East European Research and Social Science Research Council.

*Working Group on Russian Regional Party Systems*-data survey of Russian regional legislatures aimed at collecting data on parties, leadership advancement, and economic representation in regional parliaments (with Rostislav Turovsky, Moscow State University)

*Dominant Parties Around the World*-classification and original coding of dominant party systems around the world since 1946

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2012 Social Science Research Council, Post Doctoral Research Award-\$23,000

2011 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, National Research Competition-\$34,965  
-For data collection on career trajectories of regional elites in Russia (Principal Investigator)

2011 Co-Winner, ASEEES Tucker/Cohen Dissertation Prize for outstanding doctoral dissertation in Soviet or Post-Soviet Political History

2010 Woodrow Wilson Center, Kennan Institute, Title VIII Research Fellowship (Declined)

2010 Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, Russia

2010 Emory University Professional Development Grant, Russia

2009 ACTR Title VIII Research Scholar Fellowship, Russia

2008 IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunity (IARO) Fellowship, Russia

2008 SSRC Eurasia Program, Predissertation Training Fellowship (Declined)

2008 Emory University Professional Development Grant, Russia

2005 Arts & Sciences Fellowship, Emory Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

2004 Fulbright Research Scholar Fellowship, Kyiv, Ukraine

2004 Alex B. Shipley Jr. Award in Political Science, Sewanee, The University of the South.

2004 Arthur B. Dugan Memorial Prize in Political Science, Sewanee, The University of the South.

2003 Biehl Research Fellowship for International Studies, Russia

## **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Regional Patrons and Hegemonic Party Performance: Theory and an Empirical Test in Russia”, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011

“Sub-national Appointments in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Russian Gubernatorial Appointments” (with Graeme Robertson), American Political Science Association, September 2011

“Elite Accountability in Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Russian Gubernatorial Appointments” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.

“Dominant Party Politics and Legislative Leadership in Russia’s Regional Legislatures” (with Rostislav Turovsky) Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies National Convention, November 2010

“The Origins of Dominant Parties: A Cross National Investigation” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2010.

“The Origins of Dominant Parties: A Cross National Investigation” Southern Political Science Association, January 2010.

“The Origins of Dominant Parties: Regional Legislators and United Russia, 2003-2006” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, November 2009.

“The Politics of Cooptation: United Russia and Russia’s Governors” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009.

“The Politics of Cooptation: United Russia and Russia’s Governors, 2002-2007” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, November 2008

(with Jennifer Gandhi) “Opposition Coordination in Legislative Elections Under Authoritarianism” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008.

“Dominant Party Regimes and the Commitment Problem” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, November 2007.

“Parties of Power and Commitment Problems: The Case of United Russia” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2007.

(with Andrew Kirkpatrick) “The Number of Parties in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: An Empirical Test” Midwest Political Science Association. April 12-15, 2007.

(with Orysia Kulick) “Understanding Cross-national Mechanisms of Democratic Diffusion: Evidence from Ukraine” University of Pittsburgh’s REES/GOSECA Graduate Student Conf. February, 2006.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“The 2011-12 Russian Election Season” Emory University, March 2012

“Putin’s Party: United Russia and Russian Politics” Havighurst Colloquia Series: Putin’s Russia, Miami University, October 10, 2011

“Russia in American Political Science: A History” Moscow State University, June 16, 2011.

“Sub-national Appointments in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Russian Gubernatorial Appointments” Higher School of Economics, Moscow, June 14, 2011

“United Russia and Russian Politics: How Russia’s Ruling Party Works and Why It Matters” Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 12, 2011

“The Origins of Dominant Parties: A Cross-National Investigation” Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar Series. October 20, 2010

“Elite Autonomy and the Emergence of Dominant Parties: Evidence from Russian Regional Legislatures” Columbia University, Harriman Institute, Workshop on Post-Communist Politics, October 15, 2010.

“The Origins of Dominant Parties: A Cross-National Investigation” European University of St. Petersburg, April 31, 2010.

“Building and Testing Theory in Political Science” Yaroslavl State University, March 18, 2010

“Dominant Parties, Russia, and the Future of Area Studies” Sewanee: University of the South, November 11, 2008.

“The Russian 2007-08 Election Cycle” Coverdell Symposium. Georgia College and State University, February 25, 2008.

“Parties of Power and Commitment Problems: The Case of United Russia” Presented at the REES Discussion Series, Emory University November 12, 2007

“The Orange Revolution: One Year Later” Presented at the REES Discussion Series, Emory University October 2, 2005.

## **FIELDWORK**

2011 Russia(Moscow, Barnaul) 1.5 Months

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2010 Russia (Moscow, Yaroslavl) 6 months

2009 Russia (Moscow, Yaroslavl, Ivanovo, Nizhnii Novgorod, Ryazan) 2.5 months

2008 Russia (Moscow, Perm, Kirov, Ekaterinburg, Kurgan, Yoshkar-Ola) 2.5 months

2007 Russia (Moscow, Chelyabinsk, Ekaterinburg, Perm, Samara) 1.5 months

2006 Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg) 1 month

2004-5 Ukraine (Kiev) 11 months

2003 Russia (Moscow) 3 months

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

Workshop on Field Experimentation in Political Economy, Center for the Study of Development Strategies, Columbia University, May 2011

Inter-University Consortium for Social and Political Research (ICPSR) 2007

Inter-University Consortium for Social and Political Research (ICPSR) 2006

## **STATISTICAL COMPETENCIES**

OLS, Maximum Likelihood, Time-Series Methods, Event History Models, Multi-level Models, Experimental Design.(*Statistical Computing: STATA, R*)

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Comparative Politics  
International Relations  
Comparative Representative Institutions  
Political Parties, Electoral Behavior  
Democratization, Authoritarianism  
Comparative Political Economy  
Politics of Natural Resources  
Comparative Foreign Policy  
Political Methodology (Quantitative and Qualitative)  
European Politics  
Post-Soviet Politics  
Politics of the Middle East  
Chinese Politics  
African Politics  
Political Methodology

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Government and Opposition in the Post-Soviet World, Miami University, Spring 2012  
  
Comparative Political Economy (M.A.), Higher School of Economics, Moscow Fall 2011 (Co-Instructor)  
  
Comparative Authoritarianism, Columbia University, Spring 2011.  
  
Comparative Political Parties, Emory University, Fall 2008 (Co-instructor)  
  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Emory University, Fall 2009  
  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Emory University, Fall 2007  
  
Grader, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Emory University, Spring 2008  
  
Training Participant, Completed Emory University's Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program (TATTO), 2007-2008  
  
Instructor of English Grammar, Conversation, and Composition, Yaroslavl State University, Russia, Fall 2002, Spring 2010

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

American Committee for Peace in Chechnya, 2004.  
New York Times, Moscow Bureau, Intern, 2003

## **LANGUAGES AND FORMAL LANGUAGE TRAINING**

Russian; fluent  
Ukrainian; reading knowledge

Middlebury College School Abroad Yaroslavl State University. Sep-Dec 2002  
Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Course in Beginning Ukrainian. Sep 2004-Jun 2005  
Nevsky Institute for Advanced Russian Language Study. August 2006

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

President, Graduate Political Science Organization, Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2008-2009.

Official Election Observer, US-Ukraine Foundation, Kyiv, Ukraine: Ukrainian Presidential Elections, 2004

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association, 2010.

Discussant, Midwestern Political Science Association, 2011

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Demokratyzatsiya*.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

## **CITIZENSHIP**

United States of America

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## **REFERENCES**

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