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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. August 1999.
Major Field - Comparative Politics
Minor Fields - American Politics, Political Sociology
M.A. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. August 1997.
B.A. History, Hendrix College, Conway, AR. Spring 1993.

Current Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, Fall 2006 - .

Publications

“Soft Money and Hard Choices: Why Political Parties Would Legislate Against Soft Money Donations”
(with David Gill). 2005. *Public Choice*, 123(3-4): 411-438.

“Welfare and the Discriminating Public: Explaining Entitlement Attitudes in Post-Communist Europe.”
2003. *Policy Studies Journal* 31(4): 545-564.

“East vs. West: Comparing Political Attitudes and Welfare Preferences Across European Societies” (with
Timothy Nordstrom). 2003. *Journal of European Public Policy* 10(3): 339-364.

“Parties and Policy: Evaluating Political Party Influences on Welfare Policy Spending During the Post-
Communist Transition.” 2002. *British Journal of Political Science* 32(4): 641-661.

“The Democratic Experience in Divided Societies: The Baltic States in Comparative Perspective” (with
Geoffrey Evans). 2001. *Journal of Baltic Studies* 32(4): 379-400.

“Economic Adversity and Public Mobilization in Russia” (with Donna Bahry). 2001. *Electoral Studies*
20(3): 371-398.

“Reading Between the Welfare Lines: Politics and Policy Structure in Post-Communist Europe.” 2000.
Europe-Asia Studies 52(7): 1191-1211.

Works in Progress

“Booms and Busts: How Governments and Economic Context Influence Welfare Policy” Under review at
the *British Journal of Political Science*

“Will there be a Seat for You When the Music Stops? The Politics of Welfare Exclusion,” In progress.

“Beyond Spending: How Politics Affects Welfare Policy in Post-Communist Europe,” In progress.

“Mandates in Eastern Europe,” (with Andrew Roberts), In progress.

Research Interests

Comparative Welfare Policy
The Role of Institutions in Policy Formation
The Political Economy of Public Policy
Public Attitudes on Policy Issues
The Measurement of Welfare Policy

Teaching Interests

Public Policy Theory
Comparative Public Policy
Comparative Welfare Policy
European Transitions
Comparative Institutions

Prior Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia. 2003-2006.

Lecturer, School of Politics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, 2002-2003.

Visiting Fellow, Politics Group, Nuffield College, Oxford University, UK, 2001-2002.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Belmont University, Nashville, TN, 2000-2001

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga,
Chattanooga, TN, 1999-2000.

Adjunct Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, Belmont University, Nashville, TN. Fall 1998-Spring
1999.

Adjunct Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
Spring 1999.

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. 1995-1996.

Research Appointments

Research Assistant, Professor Donna Bahry, Vanderbilt University (NSF Grant, “Ethnonationalism and
Democratization in the Russian Federation.” Fall 1996-Summer 1998.

Research Assistant, Professor Bruce Oppenheimer, Vanderbilt University. Summer 1998.

Research Assistant, Professor Donna Bahry, Vanderbilt University. Summers 1995 and 1996.

Conference Papers and Participation

“Beyond Fractions of GDP: How Politics Affects Actual Welfare Policies” Paper presented at the
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2007.

“Coalition Agreements, Conflict Management, and Cabinet Stability in Western Europe” (with Heather
Pierce) Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia,
PA. September 2006.

- “Beyond Spending: How Politics Affects Welfare Policy in Post-Communist Europe” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2006.
- “Allies and Adversaries: How Ideology and Institutional Structure Affect the Use of Oversight Mechanisms in Coalition Governments” (with Heather Pierce) Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2006.
- “Cabinet Portfolios vs. Coalition Governments: Who Has the Power in Welfare Policy Decisions” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2005.
- “The Effect of Gender Inequality on Women’s Support for Democracy” (with Cigdem Kentmen) Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2005.
- “Are the Politics of Recessions Generalizable? Expanding the Context of Welfare Theories” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. August 2004.
- “Is there a Broader Political Economy Theory of Welfare Policy? Expanding the Theories to Eastern Europe” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2004.
- “EU Expansion and Consolidation” Chair and Discussant at the International Studies Association-Midwest, St. Louis, MO. November 2003.
- “Is it Always Economic? How Economic Hardship Influences Welfare Policies Across the East-West European Divide” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2003.
- “Do Welfare Attitudes Matter? Social Policy Preferences and Partisanship in Post-Communist Europe” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. August 2002.
- “Welfare and the Discriminating Public: Explaining Entitlement Attitudes in Post-Communist Europe” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2001.
- “Understanding Political Tolerance” Chaired the panel at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2001.
- “Private Markets and Public Protections: Economic Liberalism and Welfare Changes in European Transitional Countries” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2001.
- “The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Building New Democracies” Chaired the panel at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2000.
- “Charting the Political Currents: Parties, Constituencies, and Social Policy in the Czech Republic and Slovenia” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. September 1999.

“The Redistributive Dilemma: The Influence of Political Parties on Social Welfare Policy in Post-Communist Countries” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 1999.

“Welfare in Transition: Social Policy Conflict in Post-Communist Countries” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 1998.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, “Bringing Policy Back Into Comparative Welfare Studies,” Office of Sponsored Projects in the Office of the Vice President for Research, Texas A&M University. March 2007. \$8,042.47.

Faculty Incentive Grant, “Reworking Post-Communist Welfare: How Politics Affects Welfare Policy Structures,” A&S Alumni Organization, University of Missouri, Columbia. June 2005. \$1130.

Research Council, “Recessionary Reactions: How East European Governments Determine Welfare Policy during Hard Times,” University of Missouri, Columbia. May 2005. \$910.

Faculty Fellow, European Union Center, University of Missouri, Columbia. November 2003-August 2004. \$2500.

Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), “Expanding the Context: Political Economy Theories in a Broader Welfare Arena,” United Kingdom, May 2003. £43,797 (Declined).

Quick Response Grant Fund, “Facilitating Cutting-Edge Research With the Use of Stata” (with Sabine Carey), University Research Committee, University of Nottingham, Fall 2002.

International Conference Fund, University Research Committee, University of Nottingham, Fall 2002.

Finalist, Student Government Association (SGA) Outstanding Professor Award, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 1999-2000.

Library Enhancement Initiative, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Fall 1999.
Received funds to update the comparative politics section of Lupton Library at UTC.

Research Assistantship, National Science Foundation Grant, “Ethnonationalism and Democratization in the Russian Federation,” The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, 1996-1998.

Dissertation Enhancement Grant, The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, Summer 1997.
Researched at the Open Media Research Institute Archive, the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistant Fellowship, The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, 1995-1996.

Travel Grants, The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, Spring 1998 and Spring 1999.

Invited Conferences, Talks, and Workshops

“Reworking Post-Communist Welfare: How Politics Affect Policy Structures,” Paper presented at the “Post-Communist Political Economy and Democratic Politics,” Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, Duke University, April 2006.

"Recessionary Reactions: How East European Governments Determine Welfare Policy During Hard Times," Invited talk to The Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. April 2005.

“Parties and Policy: Evaluating Political Party Influences on Welfare Policy Spending During the Post-Communist Transition,” Presentation at the World Bank, Washington, DC. October 2002.

“Conceptualizing Trust: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” Conference attendance, Nuffield College, Oxford, England. May 2002.

“Transformation of the welfare state in East and Central Europe” Paper given at the workshop: “Political transformation in Bulgaria and Europe,” Centre for the Study of European Governance, University of Nottingham, England. March 2002.

“Welfare and the Discriminating Public: Comparing Political Attitudes and Welfare Preferences across European Societies,” Presentation in the Nuffield College Political Science Seminar Series, Oxford, England. February 2002.

“Mass Attitudes, Institutional Politics and Democratic Stability,” Conference attendance, Oxford University, England. May 1999.

Professional Activities

Member, PA/PP Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, Fall 2007.

Attended, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Seminar, University of Essex Summer School, August 6-17, 2007.

Member, PA/PP Field Examination Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007.

Member, Race and Ethnicity Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, Fall 2006.

Member, Status of Women Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2005-2006.

Chair, Comparative Politics Field, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2003-2004, 2005-2006.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2003-2004, 2005-2006.

Member, Westview Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005.

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committees (Assistant and Associate Positions), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2004-2005.

Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2004-2005.

Member, Lecturers Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, 2003-2006.

Deputy Exams Officer, School of Politics, University of Nottingham, 2002-2003.

Academic Consultant, Educational Testing Service, 1999-2002, 2005.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 1999-2000.

Chair, Library Committee, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 1999-2000.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*
Comparative Politics
Comparative Political Studies
Electoral Studies
European Journal of Political Research
Journal of European Public Policy
Social Science Quarterly

Professional Memberships: American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Tennessee Political Science Association (Executive Council Member, 1999-2001)

Intern at the Arms Control Association, Washington, D.C. Fall 1993.

Researched, wrote and provided administrative support for existing research projects, the media program and the monthly publication, *Arms Control Today*.