

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic Appointments

2007 - present      Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

### Education

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles  
Political Science, 2006  
Dissertation: *An Unholy Alliance? Religion and Democratization in Christian and Islamic Societies*  
Daniel Treisman (chair), Barbara Geddes, Michael Ross, Richard Hovannisian

M.A. University of California, Los Angeles  
Political Science, 2001  
M.A. Paper: *The Persistence of Ethnic Group Cohesion in Modernizing Societies: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan and Zambia*

B.A. University of California, Berkeley  
Political Science, 1995  
High Honors

### Awards, Fellowships and Grants

2010 – 2011      *The Roman Catholic Charismatic Movement in Sub-Saharan Africa: Its Causes and Consequences* (PIs: Robert Dowd & Paul Kollman, Co-PI: Ani Sarkissian), funded by the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative, University of Southern California (\$99,500)

2009 – 2010      Muslim Studies Program Faculty Research Grant, MSU (\$8000)

2005 – 2006      National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (#0516836)

2005 – 2006      IREX, Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grant

2005 – 2006      UCLA, Department of Political Science Fellowship

2004 – 2005      Kasper and Siroon Hovannisian Fellowship, UCLA

2004              Center for European and Eurasian Studies, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UCLA (Georgian)

2002 – 2004      Mangasar M. Mangasarian Fellowship, UCLA

- 2000 – 2002 Center for European and Eurasian Studies, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UCLA (Russian & Armenian)  
2001 – 2002 Kasper and Siroon Hovannisian Fellowship, UCLA  
2000 – 2001 Karekin Der Avedisian Memorial Fellowship, UCLA  
2001 NIS Regional Language Program in Armenia, ACTR/ACCELS (declined)  
1999 – 2000 Kasper and Siroon Hovannisian Fellowship, UCLA

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

- The Politicization of Religious Civil Society in Turkey (with Ş. İlgü Özler). Accepted for publication pending minor revisions, *Democratization*.
- 2012 Religious Regulation and the Muslim Democracy Gap. Forthcoming in *Politics and Religion*.
- 2011 Stalemate and Stagnation in Turkish Democratization: The Role of Civil Society and Political Parties (with Ş. İlgü Özler). *Journal of Civil Society* 7(4): 363-384.
- 2011 Culture vs. Rational Choice: Assessing the Causes of Religious Discrimination in Muslim States (first author, with Jonathan Fox and Yasemin Akbaba). Forthcoming in *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Vol 17, No. 4.
- 2009 Religious Reestablishment in Post-Communist Polities. *Journal of Church and State* 51 (3): 472-501.
- 2008 Religion in Post-Soviet Armenia: Pluralism and Identity Formation in Transition. *Religion, State & Society* 36 (June): 163-180.

### Other Publications

- 2011 Book Review, *The Price of Freedom Denied: Religious Persecution and Conflict in the Twenty-First Century*, Brian Grim and Roger Finke. *The Journal for The Scientific Study of Religion* 50(4).
- 2011 Book Review, *Islamist Terrorism and Democracy in the Middle East*, Katarina Dalacoura. Forthcoming in *Perspective on Politics*.
- 2010 Book Review, *Religion, Morality, and Community in Post-Soviet Societies*, Mark D. Steinberg and Catherine Wanner, eds. *The Russian Review* 69(2): 357-358.
- 2009 Book Review, *Beyond Sacred and Secular: Politics of Religion in Israel and Turkey*, Sultan Tepe. *Insight Turkey* 11(3): 194-95.
- 2006 “Commonwealth of Independent States,” in *Encyclopedia of Governance*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

### Current and Ongoing Research

#### *Manuscripts In Process*

- Religion, Political Participation, and Civic Engagement in Muslim Countries
- The Determinants of Tolerance in Arab Societies
- Government Religious Bureaus and the Legitimation of Autocratic Rule

#### *Book Projects*

- The Varieties of Religious Repression
- Channeling Enthusiasm: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Africa (with Robert Dowd and Paul Kollman)

**Conference Presentations**

- 2011 “Religion, Political Participation, and Civic Engagement in Muslim Countries,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Milwaukee, WI (October)
- 2011 “The Determinants of Tolerance in Arab Societies,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (September)
- 2010 “The Sources of Minority Intolerance in Muslim-Majority Countries,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Baltimore, MD (October)
- 2010 “Limiting Islam: Restrictions on Muslim Minorities in the Muslim World,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. (September)
- 2010 “Religious Regulation and the Muslim Democracy Gap,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (April)
- 2009 “Negotiating Islam, Civil Society, and Secularism: The Justice and Development Party in Turkey,” (with S. Ilgu Ozler), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON (September)
- 2009 “Stalemate and Stagnation in Turkish Democratization: Civil Society and Political Parties in the Post-EU Harmonization Period,” (with S. Ilgu Ozler), Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C. (March)
- 2008 “Tolerance and Prospects for Democracy in the Muslim World,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (September)
- 2008 “Religion, Participation, and Democratic Support in a Cross-National Sample,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)
- 2007 “Religion in Post-Soviet Armenia: Pluralism and Identity Formation in Transition,” Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Seattle, WA (October)
- 2007 “Evangelical Protestantism and Democratic Development in Post-Soviet Eurasia: Testing the Religious Economy Argument,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (September)
- 2006 “Religious Competition in Armenia and Georgia: Shifting Power and Tradition in the Orthodox Christian World,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, (September)
- 2005 “Governance and Faith in Post-Communist Eurasia: State, Law and Religious Competition in Transition,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. (September)
- 2005 “Debunking the Doctrine Myth: Religious Values and Support for Democracy,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)
- 2004 Invited Participant, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Development Workshop, “Governance in Eurasia,” University of Texas at Austin (March 5-7)
- 2003 “Democratization in Russia and Poland: the Role of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches,” Slavic Forum, University of Chicago (June 5)

2002 “Democratization in the Post-Communist World: Initial Conditions and Policy Choices,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August)

### **Invited Presentations**

2010 “The Causes and Consequences of Religious Minority Repression in Muslim Majority Countries,” Henry Institute, Calvin College, MI (October)  
2010 “Religious Tolerance in Muslim Countries,” Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University (November)

### **University and Professional Service**

Department: Comparative Politics field committee, 2007-2008, 2009-2012  
Graduate Studies and Academic Standards committee, 2010-2011  
Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Graduate Recruitment (Co-Chair), 2011-2012  
Undergraduate committee, 2007-2009, 2011-2012  
Comparative Politics hiring committee, 2008-2009  
Department Advisory committee, 2008-2009  
Honors Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2007-2009  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Omicron Chapter, 2008-2009

University: Core Faculty Member, Muslim Studies Program  
Core Faculty Member, Center for European and Russian/Eurasian Studies  
Carnegie Foundation Nominee Selection Committee, Honors College  
Migrations of Islam Project Coordinating committee, 2011-2012

Professional: Wildavsky Dissertation Award Committee, APSA, 2010  
Discussant, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010  
Manuscript Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *World Politics*, *Democratization*

### **Courses Taught**

F 2011 Religion and Politics, MSU  
S 2011 Honors Seminar in Research Design, MSU  
F 2010 Religion and Politics, MSU  
F 2010 Political Culture (Graduate), MSU  
F 2009 Religion and Politics, MSU  
F 2009 Honors Seminar in Research Design, MSU  
S 2009 Religion and Politics, MSU  
F 2008 Government and Politics of the World, MSU  
F 2008 Identity and Politics (Graduate), MSU  
S 2008 Government and Politics of the World, MSU  
F 2007 Religion and Politics, MSU  
2006 – 2007 Quantitative Methods, University of Minnesota  
2006 – 2007 Religion and Global Politics, University of Minnesota  
S 2005 Political Inquiry, DePaul University

F 2004 Political Systems of the World, DePaul University

### **Undergraduate Advising**

2011 Honors Thesis Advisor, MSU (2 students)  
2010 – 2011 Advisor for Professorial Assistants, Honors College, MSU (2 students)  
2009 – 2010 Honors Thesis Committee Member (3 students), MSU  
2008 – 2010 Advisor for Professorial Assistants, Honors College, MSU (1 student)  
2008 – 2009 Honors Thesis Advisor (1 student), Committee Member (3 students), MSU  
S 2008 Independent Study Advisor (2 students), MSU  
2007 – 2008 Honors Thesis Advisor (1 student), MSU

### **Graduate Advising (MSU)**

2010 – current Dissertation Committee Member: Niccole Pamphilis, Petra Hendrickson, Masaaki Higashijima, Tsehsin Chen  
2010 – 2011 MPP Committee Member: Alanna Maguire  
2010 – 2011 Faculty Advisor for Graduate Teaching: Niccole Pamphilis  
2009 – 2010 Guidance Committee Chair: Masaaki Higashijima  
2008 – 2009 Guidance Committee Member: Petra Hendrickson, Jack Byham  
2008 – 2009 Dissertation Committee Member: Kristian Dunn  
2007 – 2008 Guidance Committee Member: Niccole Pamphilis, Hsin-Hsin Pan

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
Society for Armenian Studies  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

### **Specialized Training and Fieldwork**

2008– 2009 Fieldwork in Istanbul & Ankara, Turkey  
2005 Visiting Scholar, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi  
2005 Visiting Research Scholar, Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis, American University of Armenia, Yerevan  
2004 Indiana University Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages, Intensive Georgian Language Course

### **Foreign Language Training**

Armenian, Russian, Georgian, French

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