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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., *University of Texas at Austin*, May 2003, Department of Government  
B.A., *Bogazici University*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 1996, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Department Head, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2023-)  
Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2023-)  
Interim Director of Environmental Studies, UConn (2022-2023)  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2011-2023)  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2014-2023)  
Academic Director, Global House Learning Community, UConn (2015-2019)  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2004- 2011)  
Assistant Professor in Residence, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2003-2004)  
Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UConn (2002-2003)  
Research Assistant, Cambridge Energy Research Associates Moscow Office (Spring 2001)  
Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Government, U Texas at Austin (1996-2002)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Introducing Comparative Politics: Concepts and Cases in Context*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (Sage, textbook forthcoming in 2028)  
*Where the Sun Rises: Crossroads of Energy Transition and Security in the Levant* (Springer Nature, edited volume forthcoming in 2027)  
*Twisting in the Wind: The Politics of Tepid Transitions to Renewable Energy*, (University of Michigan Press 2022)  
[Review](#) by Michael Aklin in *Perspectives on Politics* (2023) 21:2, 763-764  
[Review](#) by Serhan Unal in *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi* (December 24, 2024)  
*Foreign Investment and Political Regimes: The Oil Sector in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway*, (Cambridge University Press 2010)  
[Review](#) by Benjamin Smith in *Perspectives on Politics* (2012) 10:2, 539-541  
[Review](#) by Jenny R. Kehl in *International Studies Review* (2011) 13, 495-501  
[Review](#) by Tatiana Vashchilko in *Political Science Quarterly* (2011) 126:2, 362-364

#### Refereed Journal Articles

“The Winds of Change? Attitudes Toward Wind Projects and Their Electoral Implications in Texas,” *Energy Policy* 202 (2025) 114608 (co-authored with Talbot Andrews, Carol Atkinson-Palombo, Lyle Scruggs and Adam Gallaher)

- “Tilting at Windmills? Electoral Repercussions of Wind Turbine Projects in Minnesota,” *Energy Policy* 159 (December 2021) 112636 (co-authored with Carol Atkinson-Palombo, Mary Buchanan and Lyle Scruggs)
- “Localizing the Energy Transition: Town-Level Political and Economic Drivers of Clean Energy in the United States,” *Energy Research and Social Science* 62 (2020) 101376
- “Green Priorities: How Economic Frames Affect Perceptions of Renewable Energy in the United States,” *Energy Research and Social Science* 47 (2019): 28-36 (co-authored with Salil Benegal)
- “Against All Odds: Elite Strategies of Survival and Autocratic Reversal and Resilience in Turkey,” *Polity* 50:3 (2018): 333-365 (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli and Sercan Canbolat)
- Recipient of the *Polity* Best Research Article in 2018 (presented at the 2019 Northeastern Political Science Association Awards Event at NPSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Nov 7-9, 2019).
- “Vetoing the Future: Political Constraints and Renewable Energy,” *Environmental Politics* 26:1 (2017): 49-70 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Microcredit and Political Empowerment in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan,” *International Journal of Development Issues* 14:2 (June 2015): 130-148.
- Recipient of the *Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence- Outstanding Paper Award* in International Journal of Development Issues, 2016
- “Cold War Redux in US-Russia Relations The Effects of US Media Framing and Public Opinion of the 2008 Russia-Georgia War,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 46:4 (2013): 513-527 (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli)
- “Two-Steps Forward, One-Step Back: How Politics Dim the Lights on Turkey’s Renewable Energy Future,” *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs* 18:4 (Winter 2013): 71-98
- “Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Can Access to Credit be Justified As a New Economic Right?” *Journal of Human Rights* 12:4 (December 2013): 491-510
- “Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Bank and the Nobel Peace Prize: How Political Science Can Contribute to the Wider Implications of Microcredit,” *International Studies Review* 10:3 (2008): 525-547
- “Examining the Different Types of Foreign Capital and Their Political Effects,” *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* 2:1 (2007): 161-68 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Democratization and Success in the Global Economy,” *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* 2:1 (2007): 321-28 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Foreign Investment, Oil Curse and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia” *Business and Politics* 7:1 (2005): 1-37.
- “Foreign Capital in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Curse or Blessing?” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 38:1 (March 2005): 49-69.

“Facing the Dilemma of Global Capitalism: The Case of Azerbaijan” *Central Asian Survey*, 22: 2-3 (2003): 209-220.

#### Book Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

“Introduction: The Levant at a Crossroads,” in Bayulgen et.al (eds). *Where the Sun Rises: Crossroads of Energy Transition and Security in the Levant*, Springer Nature (forthcoming 2027)

“Conclusion: Energy as a Catalyst or Barrier for Peace,?” in Bayulgen et.al (eds). *Where the Sun Rises: Crossroads of Energy Transition and Security in the Levant*, Springer Nature (forthcoming 2027)

“Byzantine Energy Politics: The Complex Tale of Low-Carbon Energy in Turkey,” in Robin Mills and Li-Chen Sim (eds). *Low-Carbon Energy in the Middle East and North America*, Palgrave MacMillan (2021), pp.155-183.

"Human Right to Credit" in Richard P. Hiskes (ed.) *Human Dignity and the Promise of Human Rights*, NY: Open Society Foundation (2015)

“Caspian Energy Wealth: Social Impacts and Implications for Regional Stability,” in Amanda Wooden and Christoph Stefes (eds.) *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges*, NY: Routledge (2009)

“Political Elite Integration and Differentiation in Russia.” in Anton Steen and Vladimir Gelman (eds.) *Elites and Democratic Development in Russia*, NY: Routledge (2003) (co-authored with John Higley and Julie George)

#### Other Publications

“Leaders and Laggards: Political Determinants of Renewable Energy Performance” *International Renewable Energy Conference (IRENEC) Conference Proceedings* (2014)

Review of Biresselioglu, Mehmet Efe, European Energy Security: Turkey’s Future Role and Impact, *Review of Middle East Studies* 46:1 (2012): 97-99

Review of Luong, Pauline Jones and Erika Weinthal, Oil is Not a Curse: Ownership Structure and Institutions in Soviet Successor States, *Political Science Quarterly* 127:1 (Spring 2012): 178-179

Review of Hertog, Steffen, Princes, Brokers, and Bureaucrats: Oil and the State in Saudi Arabia, *Comparative Political Studies* 44:4 (2011): 493-505

Review of Wydra, H., Communism and the Emergence of Democracy, *Comparative Political Studies* 41:9 (2008)

“External Capital and Political Structures: The Case of Azerbaijan,” *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 17: 2 (1999)

#### Media Publications/Apearances

“Yeni bir Trump donemi, iklim eylemi icin felaket olabilir,” [Iklim Masasi](#), 1/1/2025  
Also reappeared and cited in numerous Turkish newspapers and magazines: [Iklim Haber](#) (1/2/2025); [Temiz Enerji](#) (1/2/2025); [EgePress](#) (1/2/2025); [Milliyet](#) (1/5/2025); [Evrensel](#) (1/6/2025)

“War in Ukraine” News at 7, *NBCConnecticut*, Feb 25, 2022

“More wind energy infrastructure =more votes for incumbents,” [UConn Today](#), Feb 8, 2022

“Biden will tap into strategic petroleum reserve” News at 7, [NBCConnecticut](#), Nov 23, 2021

“Can anything be done to lower gas prices?” News at 7, [NBCConnecticut](#), Nov 10, 2021,

“Biden wants more wind energy. Those projects should help local politicians, our research finds” [Washington Post Monkey Cage](#), October 20, 2021

“Research shows fractured lawmaking hurts renewable energy,” [The Daily Campus](#), Jan 27, 2017

“The Geography of Cheap Oil,” [Geographical Magazine \(geographical.co.uk\)](#), January 16, 2015

“Russian Economy in Crisis,” Radio interview with *News Talk 770, Calgary Today Show*, December 18, 2014

“The Falling Price of Oil,” *UCONN Today*, November 24, 2014.

“Falling Oil Prices and Geostrategic Implications,” Radio Interview with *News Talk 770, The Morning News with Bruce Kenyon*, November 25, 2014

“Crisis in Syria,” *Where We Live*, [WNPR](#), September 11, 2013

“Troubled Waters for the World’s Oil Supply,” *UCONN Today*, January 13, 2012

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*“Electoral impacts of utility-scale wind and solar energy development in the US states”* (under research)

*“Offshore wind blows ashore: Investigating the social impacts and perceptions of offshore wind projects in New England”* (under research)

*“Greenwashing machine: comparison of government climate misinformation tactics”* (book project under research)

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Environmental Leadership Faculty Award, finalist, 2023, UConn Office of Sustainability

Polity Journal Best Research Article, 2018

University of Connecticut “University Teaching Fellow Award” nominee, 2019, 2021

Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence- Outstanding Paper Award in International Journal of Development Issues, 2016

University of Texas-Austin, Department of Government and Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures “Teaching Excellence Award” 1998-1999

#### **FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS**

External Grants (awarded, pending, in preparation, or not funded)

*Department of Energy* (DE-FOA-0003612), “*Integrating AI Modeling and Physical Testbed for Uncertainty Quantification*” (Co-PI) (submitted on 4/28/26; requested: \$750,000)

*Department of Energy* (DE-FOA-0003446), “*QUANT-STORM: Quantitative Uncertainty Analysis for Next-generation Technology in STorm Outage and Restoration Modeling*” (Co-PI) (submitted on 4/9/26; requested: \$1,250,000)

*National Science Foundation, "Perfect Storm: Disasters, Climate Misinformation, US Politics, and Geopolitical Risk" (senior personnel) (submitted on 11/24; requested: \$199,999, not funded)*

*National Science Foundation, "NLI: Research: Sociotechnical Identity Formation through Contextual Energy Education" (Co-PI) (submitted on 10/28/24; requested: \$349,975, not funded)*

*Department of Energy, Grid Resilience and Innovations Partnership Program (GRIP) DE-FOA-0003195, "REINFORCE-CT: Resilience Energy Innovation Network For Community energy Equity in Connecticut" (Co-PI) (submitted on 05/23/24; requested: \$38,179,536, not funded)*

*National Science Foundation, SCC-IRG Track 1: "Equitable Autonomous Electrical Vehicle Mobility-on-Demand Solution for Serving Disadvantaged Communities" (Co-PI) (submitted on 4/1/24; requested: \$2,403,657, not funded)*

*National Science Foundation, EngEd-Engineering Education Program #24-1340 "Research: Sociotechnical Identity Formation through Contextual Energy Education" (Co-PI) (submitted on 3/29/24; requested: \$349,999, not funded)*

*National Science Foundation, Accelerating Research Translation (ART) Program #23-558, "Research Translation to Address Food Security, Health Equity, and Environmental Sustainability" (Co-PI) (submitted on 5/23/23; requested: \$5,998,287, not funded)*

*National Science Foundation, Global Centers (GC) Program #23-557, "Prosperity Through Power" (Senior Personnel) (submitted on 5/10/23; requested: \$5,000,000, not funded)*

*Department of Energy (DE-FOA-0002611), "ACCESS: Accessible EV Mobility-on-Demand Solution for Serving Underserved Communities Equitably and Efficiently" (Co-PI) (submitted on 3/27/2023; requested: \$2,414,091, not funded)*

*Department of Energy (DE-FOA-0002740), "REINFORCE: Northeast-Puerto Rico Energy Innovation Alliance for Outage Anticipation, Response and Self-healing Control During Abnormal Weather Events" (Co-PI) (submitted on 3/17/2023; requested: \$49,962,835, not funded)*

*Department of Energy (DE-FOA-0002828), "Offshore Wind Blows Ashore: Investigating Community Acceptance of Offshore Wind's Onshore Presence and Grid Interconnection Points in New England, MidAtlantic, and Pacific Northwest" (Co-PI) (submitted on 3/27/2023; requested: \$2,467,007, not funded)*

*New England University Collaboration on Renewable and Sustainable Energy (NEUCORSE FY22). "CLEAN EARTH: CoLLaboratory of Environmental Advocacy, Net-zEro-Carbon And Renewable TechNologies" (Co-PI) (awarded \$100,000)*

*National Science Foundation. Division of Social and Economic Sciences. Proposal #2242183. "Electoral impacts of utility-scale wind and solar energy development in the US states" (Co-PI) (submitted on 8/15/2022; requested \$603,561; not funded)*

*National Science Foundation Partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE) Inspired Climate Change and Clean Energy Research Challenges Competition.*

“Clean Energy SSEED: Scenarios for the future of Sustainable & Equitable Energy Development” (Co-PI) (applied with EOI in February 2022; not funded)

*MIT Sea Grant (Northeast Sea Grant Consortium, US Department of Energy, NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center) for Advancing Research for the Co-existence of Fishing, Coastal Communities and Regional Ocean Renewable Energies.*

“Planning Offshore Wind Energy Resilience (POWER) Portal: A Community-Based Decision Framework and Mapping Tool for the New Blue Economy” (Co-PI) (submitted in May 2021; requested: \$200,000, not funded)

*National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Program #19-522. “H2Fellows: A Convergent Approach to Training in Hydrogen”* (Co-PI) (submitted in August 2020; not funded)

*National Science Foundation Grant Program #18-545, Proposal # 1855930. “INFEWS/T2: Towards a Resilient and Sustainable Food, Bioenergy, Water and Biodiversity (FEWB) System in Northeastern United States.”* (co-PI) (submitted in September 2018; requested: \$2,499,720; not funded)

*National Science Foundation Grant Program #16-524, Proposal # 1739821. “INFEWS/T2: An Interoperable Real-Time CyberGIS Decision-Support System for Effective Bioenergy Land Resources Management”* (Co-PI) (submitted in March 2016; requested: 2,224,988; not funded)

*U.S. Department of State, Program of Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union Title VIII Research Grant* (sponsored by University of Delaware). “Banking the “Unbankable”, Empowering the “Powerless”: Microfinance, Social Capital, and Democracy in Central Asia and the Caucasus” 2010-2011 (awarded \$18,750)

*International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) Short-Term Travel Grant 2010-2011* (awarded but declined)

*Smith Richardson Foundation, “Banking the “Unbankable”, Empowering the “Powerless”: Microfinance, Social Capital, and Democracy in Central Asia and the Caucasus”* 2009-2010 (requested: \$59,911; not funded)

*National Science Foundation, Banking the “Unbankable”, Empowering the “Powerless”: Microfinance, Social Capital, and Democracy in Central Asia and the Caucasus”* 2009-2010 (requested: \$234,120; not funded)

*Ford Foundation Social Science and Area Studies Research Grant, Summer 1999* (awarded)

*Heinrich Boll Stiftung, the Korber-Stiftung Institute, the Free University of Berlin Travel Grant, May 1999* (awarded)

University of Connecticut Grants (awarded)

*Convergence Awards for Research in Interdisciplinary Centers (CARIC) Award 2024 by Office of the Vice President for Research. “UConn Collaboratory for JUST Innovation and Climate Equity (JUSTICE)”* (awarded: \$150,000)

*Research Excellence Program (REP) Award 2023. “ Offshore Wind Blows Ashore: Investigating Community Acceptance of Offshore Wind's Onshore Presence and Grid Interconnection Points in Southern New England”* (with Lyle Scruggs, Carol

Atkinson-Palombo, Talbot Andrews, Nathaniel Trumbull, Syma Ebbin) (awarded: \$49,624)

*CLAS Dean Summer Research Funding 2022*. “Drivers of Wind Attitudes in Texas and Their Electoral Consequences” (with Lyle Scruggs, Carol Atkinson-Palombo, Talbot Andrews) (awarded \$31,585)

*Political Science Collaborative Research Fund*. “Electoral Implications of Wind Energy in the US” (with Cris Gogu), 2022-2023

*Provost’s General Education Course Enhancement Grant 2022* (awarded \$7,500)

*Scholarship Facilitation Fund*. Book Indexing, Spring 2022 (awarded \$1,216)

*Alan R. Bennett Honors Research Assistant Grant*. (Adam Opin, Fall 2021; Katherine Dattner, Spring 2021; Mary Wirpel, Fall 2019; Magdalena Klinn, Fall 2018; Rebecca Bullied, Fall 2017; Emma Barnes, Fall 2016; Kateri Cicaglione, Fall 2013)

*Research Excellence Program (REP) Award 2019*. “Tilting at Windmills?: Electoral Repercussions of Wind Turbine Projects in the United States” (awarded \$23,143)

*Research Excellence Program (REP) Award 2017*. “Decentralization of Energy Revolution: Transition to Clean Energy in Connecticut Municipalities” (requested amount \$23,342; not funded)

*Political Science Collaborative Research Fund*. “Decentralization of Energy Revolution: Transition to Clean Energy in Connecticut Municipalities” (with Matthew Parent), 2016-2017

*Political Science Collaborative Research Fund*. “Hybrid Breakdowns and Populist Autocrats: The Rise of Putinism and Erdoganism” (with Sercan Canbolat) 2014-2015

*Social Science, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience (SHARE) Award*. “Public Opinion on Renewable Energy” (with Jessica Topper) Spring 2015

*Study Abroad Program Development Grant*. Office of Global Programs, Summer 2012 (awarded \$5,000)

*Department Faculty Research Grant*. Politics of Water: The Middle East and Central Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, March 2010 (awarded \$483)

*Provost’s General Education Course Development Grant*. May 2007 (awarded \$8,820)

*Small Faculty Grant*, Book Editing. May 2007 (awarded \$1,000)

*Large Faculty Grant*. “Banking the “unbankable”, empowering the “powerless”: Microfinance, social capital, and democracy in Central Asia and the Caucasus”, May 2006 (awarded \$13,640)

*Economic Rights Research Grant*. Human Rights Institute and CIBER, April 2006 (awarded \$1,360)

University of Texas at Austin grants

*William S. Livingston Graduate Fellowship*. 2002-2003 (awarded \$17,000)

*Patterson Award*, Department of Government. Spring 2002

*David Bruton, Jr. Graduate Fellowship*. May 2001

*University Co-op Society Research Excellence Fellowship*. February 2001 (awarded \$1,000)

*MacDonald Dissertation Fellowship*. Department of Government, 2000-2001 (awarded \$15,000)

*International Education Fee Scholarship*. Study Abroad, Summer 2000

*Patterson Award*. Department of Government, Fall 2000

*Professional Development Award*. Graduate Studies, May 1999

## RESEARCH GROUPS/LABS

[CLEAN EARTH Laboratory](#), Co-PI

[Energy and Elections Laboratory](#), Co-PI

[Levant Energy and Security Initiative](#), Co-PI

UConn Collaboratory for JUST Innovation and Climate Equity (JUSTICE), Co-PI

[Climate Social Science Network](#), scholar

[İklim Masası](#) (Climate Desk), writer

## PRESENTATIONS

### Keynote Addresses

“İklim Degisikligi ve Enerji Politikalari” (translation: Climate Change and Energy Politics), [British Council-Komsubostan Webinar on Climate Change](#), Turkey, February 27 2021

“Why Some Towns are More Proactive in Renewable Energy Than Others” [Municipal Sustainability and Energy Forum](#), Sept 19, 2019.

"Two-Steps Forward, One-Step Back: How Politics Dim the Lights on Turkey’s Renewable Energy Future," *The Hollings Center For International Dialogue, Young Professionals In International Relations Network Event*, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2, 2015

“Breaking Stereotypes with Global Education,” *Global House Banquet Keynote Speech*, University of Connecticut, April 26, 2015

“What does Russia (Putin) want from Ukraine? The Logic of Russian actions in Ukraine” *CLAS College Experience, Politics and Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, University of Connecticut, October 24, 2014.

“Crisis in Ukraine” *Watkinson School*, Hartford, April 25, 2014

“Turkish Identity,” *Southern New England Turkish American Cultural Association’s 86<sup>th</sup> Turkish Republic Day Celebration*, Hartford: Connecticut State Capitol, October 30, 2009

“Islamic Democracy or Theocracy? The Status of Women in the New Afghanistan and Iraq,” *Wesleyan University*, November 15, 2005

### Invited Presentations

“The Winds of Change: Attitudes Towards Wind Projects and Their Electoral Implications in Texas,” *Union College Environmental Speaker Series*, Schenectady NY, February 24, 2025

“Twisting in the Wind; The Politics of Tepid Transitions to Renewable Energy” *Sabancı University*, Istanbul, May 22, 2024

- "Just Transitions for the Next Generation: Youth and Environmental Learning/Curriculum" *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Just Transitions Symposium, UConn*, May 16, 2024
- "Twisting in the Wind; The Politics of Tepid Transitions to Renewable Energy" *NYU Ottoman and Turkish Studies Center, Program in International Relations Center for European and Mediterranean Studies*, March 25, 2024
- "Twisting in the Wind; The Politics of Tepid Transitions to Renewable Energy" *UConn Department of Political Science Book Talk Series*, April 19, 2023
- "What's Politics Got To Do With It? Interests, Institutions, and Power in Energy Transitions," *UConn Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Seminar Series*, April 6, 2023
- "Political Economy Approach to Environmental Challenges," *Introduction to Environmental Studies (EVST 1000) Lecture*, Feb 22, 2023 and March 10, 2025
- "Impact of Russian Invasion of Ukraine on Global Energy," *War in Ukraine Panel*, University of Connecticut, March 7, 2022
- "Energy Transition and the GCC's Role in Global Energy Markets: New Approaches in Political Economy," *Workshop organized by King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) and Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (DERASAT)*, Bahrain, October 28, 2021
- "Localizing the Energy Transition: Town Level Political and Socioeconomic Drivers of Clean Energy in the United States," *State of CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Technical Meeting on Community Choice Aggregation* (Docket no. 20-05-13), Sept 28, 2020
- "Analytical Approaches to Blending Political Science with the Study of Energy Markets," *Workshop organized by King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC)*, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, October 23, 2019
- "Geopolitics of Energy Markets," *Workshop organized by the Colorado School of Mines, CO and King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC)*, April 9, 2019
- "Banking the Unbankable, Empowering the Powerless: Implications of Microfinance for Development" *Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative Student Leaders in Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development*, University of Connecticut, Mar 28 2016, Sept 27 2017, March 27 2018, October 16, 2018, Sept 17, 2019, April 2, 2019, May 6 2021, Oct 15 2021, Apr 4, 2022, Sept 26, 2022, Apr 12, 2023.
- "Microfinance," *Study of the United States Institute for Student Leaders on Social Entrepreneurship*, University of Connecticut, July 27 2015, Oct 8 2015, July 14, 2017
- "Human Rights in Turkey," *Humanities Institute Roundtable on 'Words, Violence and Terror: Human Rights in Turkey'*, UConn, March 30, 2017
- "How does Neoauthoritarianism Endure? Putin's Russia and Erdogan's Turkey in Comparative Perspective," *Department of Political Science Colloquium Series*, March 4, 2016

- "Energy of the Future," *Future Problem Solving Program*, University of Connecticut, May 17, 2016
- "Is Oil the Devil's Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway" *The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 19, 2010, July 24 2012, July 23, 2014, July 28, 2015
- "Ukrainian Crisis," *Forum on Ukraine*, University of Connecticut, April 23, 2014
- "Challenges Facing Women," *For Women, By Women: Ways to Rise Above the Glass Ceiling* organized by Peace Islands Institute and Rumi Intercultural Dialogue and University of Connecticut, March 27, 2013
- "Foreign Aid and Democracy Promotion," *Learning for International Development (LID) Workshop on Aid Effectiveness and Evaluation*, organized by Kenyan External Resources Department (Ministry of Finance) staff in a European Union-funded course, hosted by the University of Connecticut Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, October 11-18, 2012.
- "Role and Quality of Elections in Other Countries," *Early College Experience Collegial Interaction Workshop*, University of Connecticut, October 10, 2012
- "Russia As An Unreliable And Destabilizing Energy Superpower: Hype or Reality?" *The 10<sup>th</sup> Shasha Seminar For Human Concerns: The Political Economy of Oil*, Wesleyan University, April 19-20, 2012
- "Democratization in Turkey," *Panel organized by Peace Islands Institute*, University of Connecticut, April 3, 2012
- "Renewable Energy in the World: Its Potential and Politics," *The Global House Learning Community Seminar*, University of Connecticut, March 5, 2012
- "Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Can Access to Credit be Justified As a New Economic Right," *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, April 9 2011
- "Poking the Bear: The Russia-Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion," *The Humanities Institute*, University of Connecticut, April 27, 2010
- "Is Oil the Devil's Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway" *Politics of Energy Security in Eurasia Colloquium*, *Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies*, University of Miami, Ohio, April 12, 2010
- "International Politics of Oil," *Global Citizenship in Practice- Transcending Borders, Interdisciplinary Panel Sponsored by the Global Citizenship Curriculum Committee*, University of Connecticut, November 17, 2009
- "BRIC- Russia," *UConn Center for Globalization Symposium titled "The BRIC Countries' Current Status and Future Outlook as a Viable Political and Economic Group"*, University of Connecticut Stamford Campus, October 1, 2009
- Non-state Approaches to Institutionalizing Economic Rights" *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, February 8, 2008
- "Introduction to Sari Gelin" *UConn Turkish Student Association Film and Panel on the documentary "Sari Gelin"*, University of Connecticut, April 7, 2007
- "Russia: The New Energy Superpower," *The Connecticut Geographic Alliance Seminar: The Hunt for Global Resources*, University of Connecticut, August 8, 2007

- “Banking the Unbankable, Empowering the Powerless: Microfinance and Economic Rights,” *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, February 2007
- “Constitutions and New Democracies,” *Constitution Day Panel*, University of Connecticut, September 15, 2005
- “Foreign Investments in Central Asia and the Caucasus: A Curse or a Blessing,” *Central Asia and Caucasus Lecture Series*, Yale University, May 2004
- “Oil as a Resource of Order or Disorder in the Caucasus Region?” *Expert Meeting “Potentials of (Dis-) Order- Former Yugoslavia and Caucasus in Comparison”* organized by The Institute for East European Affairs, Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, June 11-13, 1999

#### Conference Presentations

- “The Winds of Change? Attitudes Towards Wind Projects and Their Electoral Implications in Texas,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 5-8, 2024
- “The Winds of Change? Attitudes Towards Wind Projects and Their Electoral Implications in Texas,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2024
- “International Rivalry and US Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean,” *International Congress on Security, Peace, and Stability in the Eastern Mediterranean*, Adana, Turkey, March 8, 2024
- “Government Greenwashing,” *Green Fairy Tales': Interrogating Emerging Environmental Discourses Workshop*, Universität Duisburg-Essen December 14-15, 2023
- “Are (Even) the “Climate Concerned” Ready for Deep Decarbonization? *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2023
- “Drivers of Wind Attitudes in Texas and Their Electoral Consequences” *North American Wind Energy Academy (NAWEA) Wind Tech 2022 Conference*, University of Delaware, Sept 22, 2022
- “Decentralization of the Energy Revolution: Transition to Clean Energy in CT Municipalities,” *Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting*, Orlando, FL, Oct 9-12, 2018
- “Against All Odds: Elite Strategies of Survival and Autocratic Resilience in Turkey” *Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX, April 11-14, 2017
- “Media and Public Opinion on Renewable Energy,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015
- “Politics of Renewable Energy,” *Council for European Studies (CES) 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Europeanists*, Paris, France, July 8-10, 2015
- “Hybrid Breakdowns and Populist Autocrats: The Rise of Putinism and Erdoganism,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 16-18, 2015
- “Hybrid Breakdowns and Neo-authoritarianism: The Russian and Turkish Political Regimes in Comparative Perspective,” *XVI. April International Academic*

- Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russia, April 8, 2015*
- “Leaders and Laggards: Political Determinants of Renewable Energy Performance,” *Political Economy Workshop, University of Connecticut, March 13, 2015*
- “Leaders and Laggards: Political Determinants of Renewable Energy Performance,” *International Renewable Energy Conference (IRENEC), Istanbul, Turkey, June 26-28, 2014*
- “Developing Countries as Leaders in Renewable Energy” Political Opportunities and Challenges,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014*
- “Breaking BRICS: Challenges and Opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Revolution,” *King’s College International Development Institute’s Conference “Emerging Markets and Changing Global Order: Is There a New Model of Development,” King’s College, London, November 7-8, 2013*
- “Post-Communist International Politics” Discussant at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013*
- “Democratic Transitions and Consolidations in the Post-Communist Context,” Chair and Discussant at *Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2012*
- “Microcredit and Political Empowerment,” *Title VIII Research Conference, University of Delaware, June 1-3 2011*
- “Poking the Bear: The Russia – Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011*
- “Poking the Bear: The Russia-Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009*
- “Microcredit and Democratization: A New Tool for Political Development?” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, New York, February 2009*
- “Banking the Unbankable: Microfinance, Social Capital, and Political Empowerment in the Caucasus and Central Asia,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006*
- “Foreign Investment, Oil Curse, and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006*
- “Disaggregating Globalization: The Mixed Effects of Foreign Capital on Regime Stability,” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)*
- “Dictators and Democrats: The Political Sources of Success in Attracting Foreign Direct Investment.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)*
- “Seeing the Glass Half Full: A Positive Interpretation of State-Business Relations in Russia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003 (co-authored with Christopher Speckhard)*

- “Divergent Development: The Political Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment.”  
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Seeing the Glass Half Full: A Positive Interpretation of State-Business Relations in Russia.” *International Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Durban, South Africa, June 29-July 4, 2003 (co-authored with Christopher Speckhard)
- “Divergent Development: The Political Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment.”  
*International Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Durban, South Africa, June 29- July 4, 2003 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Is the State Really ‘Stolen’? State-Business Relations in Russia.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 03-06, 2003
- “Iraq and Democracy,” Invited Panelist at *Open Discussion Forum on War with Iraq*, University of Connecticut, April 2, 2003
- “Azerbaijan: Frontier of Capitalism?” *Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting*, Madison, WI, October 17-20, 2002
- “Winners and Losers of Globalization: Foreign Investment in Oil.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August 29- September 02, 2002
- “Polarizing Effects of Globalization: A Study of State Adjustment Capacities in the Oil Business.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30, 2002
- “Political Elite Integration and Differentiation in Russia.” *Seminar on “The New Elite in Russia: Consequences for Democratic Development and Economic Reform”* organized by The Norwegian University Center, St. Petersburg, Russia, September 07-09, 2000 (co-authored with John Higley and Julie George)
- “The Role of Institutions in Shaping Investment Patterns.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Galveston, TX, March 15-18, 2000
- “External Capital and Political Structures: The Case of Azerbaijan.” *Post-Communist Cultural Studies Annual Meeting*, Bloomington, IN, April 09-10, 1999
- “Ruinous Riches? Oil in Azerbaijan.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, April 01-03, 1999

**COURSES TAUGHT** (U=Undergraduate; G=Graduate)

*Comparative Politics Courses*

Introduction to Comparative Politics (U); Introduction to Non-Western Politics (U);  
Comparative Democratization (G)

*Area-Studies Courses*

Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union (U); Foreign Policies of Russia and the  
Former Soviet Union (U)

*Energy/Environmental Studies Courses*

Politics of Oil (U); Sustainable Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (U); Sustainable Energy and Development in Turkey (U); Sustainable Energy Internship in Turkey (U); Climate Crisis: Take Action Pop-up (U) (team-taught)

### *General Courses*

Learning Community Seminar: Introduction to Global Citizenship (Univ); Learning Community Advanced Seminar: Professional Development (Univ)

### **STUDENT ADVISING**

#### Major Advisor (Doctoral and Master Students)

Deniz Girgin, Political Science PhD  
Mohammad Haque, Political Science PhD thesis, Fall 2024  
Roghayeh Hazratirad, International Studies Master thesis, Spring 2015  
Ashley Landwehr, International Studies Master thesis, Spring 2014  
Jack Joseph Barry, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2014; postdoctoral research associate at Center for Public Interest Communications, University of Florida  
Ekim Arbatli, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2012; associate professor, National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

#### Committee Member (Doctoral and Masters Students)

Samuel Ayivi, Geography  
Devi Khaindrava, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2025  
Matthew Parent, Political Science PhD thesis, Fall 2024  
Hoeun Lee, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2023  
Imge Akalin, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2023  
Sercan Canbolat, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2023  
Taesim Kim, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2019  
Ahmad Wais Wardak, Political Science PhD thesis, Summer 2018  
Timothy Dzurilla, Political Science PhD, Spring 2017  
Brian Bocherer, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2017  
Salil Benegal, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2016  
Kevin Michael Evringham, Geography PhD thesis, Spring 2015  
Adam Antar, Political Science Masters thesis, Fall 2014  
Katherine Baker, International Studies Masters thesis Spring 2014  
Emily Esposito, International Studies Masters thesis, Summer 2013  
Julia Thomson-Philbrook, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2013  
Dina Marie Badie: Political Science PhD thesis, Summer 2012  
Daniel Stockemer, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2010  
Shaun Wheeler, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2010  
Claudio Rivera, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2010  
Craig Albert, Political Science PhD thesis, Spring 2009  
David Jason Rottblatt, Political Science Masters thesis, Spring 2009  
Marina Viscun, Political Science Masters thesis, Fall 2008  
Elizabeth Gichumbi, International Studies Masters thesis, Spring 2006

Caitlin Milazzo, European Studies Masters thesis, Spring 2006  
Ahmet Acar, Political Science Masters thesis, Spring 2006  
Ivailo Kotzev, Political Science Masters thesis, Spring 2005

Major Advisor (University Scholarships and Awards)

Harry Zehner, University Scholar, 2020-2021  
Harry Zehner, University Legacy Scholar, 2019-2020  
Harry Zehner, Surf Award (Summer of 2020)  
Hope Diamond, Bold (Women's Leadership Network) Scholar, 2020-2021  
Matthew Byanyima, University Legacy Scholar, 2017-2018  
Helen Zincavage, University scholar, 2010-2011

Major Advisor (Honors Theses)

Emma Dutil, 2025-2026  
Dylan Steer, 2024-2025  
Brett Hurley, 2023-2024  
Claire Lee, 2023-2024  
Richard Goyne, 2021-2022  
Henry Zehner, 2020-2021  
Luis Cruz, 2019-2020  
Matthew Byanyima, 2018-2019  
Kayla Ahmad, 2017-2018  
Linnea Logie, 2014-2015  
Eugena Logie, 2012-2013  
Taylor Moore, 2014-2015  
Katherine Walker, 2013-2014  
Kateri Ciccaglione, 2013-2014  
Elizabeth Carchidi, 2012-2013  
Sean Freeland, 2012-2013  
Colin Megill, 2006-2007  
Kathleen O'Connell, 2005-2006  
Michael Bodakowski, 2002-2003

Major Advisor (Individualized Majors)

Jennifer Jacobson  
Kerstin Wilcox  
Ariana Scurti  
John Meyers  
Michael Malinics

Major Advisor (Washington Center Internships)

Emily Coletta, Spring 2019  
Craig Landgrebe, Spring 2019  
Andrew Humphrey, Spring 2018

Jason D'Andrea, Spring 2016  
Conor Riordon, Summer 2015  
Sooriya Sundaram, Summer 2015  
Thomas Parks, Spring 2015  
Kasey O'Brien, Spring 2015  
Niket Patel, Spring 2015

Major Advisor (Student Organizations)

Clean Energy Society (2021-2025)  
Undergraduate Political Review (UPR) Journal (2015- 2025)  
International Affairs Club (2017-2021)  
Undergraduate Student Organization, Act in Miracles (AIM) (2009-2019)  
Microfinance Club (2007-2011)  
Russian Club (2005-2007)

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Professional Service

Member

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association,  
International Studies Association, International Political Science Association,  
Central Eurasian Studies Society, New England Political Science Association,  
Middle East Studies Association

Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Politics, International Studies Perspective,  
American Journal of Political Science, Europe-Asia Studies, International Journal  
of Interdisciplinary Social Science, Demokratization, Comparative Political  
Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Oxford  
University Press, Routledge

Executive Board Member

New England Political Science Association (2011-2013)

Conference Section Head

New England Political Science Association Annual meeting (April 29-30 2012)

Service for the University and College

Member

University Senate (2022-present)  
Senate Faculty Standards Committee (2026-present)  
Senate University Planning Committee (2022-2026)  
Institute of Environment and Energy (IOEE) Think Tank (2026- present)  
Abrahamic Programs Environmental Change Research Group (2021-present)  
UConn Collaboratory for JUST Innovation and Climate Equity (2024- present)

Department of Sociology Internal Head Search Committee (Fall 2024)  
Office of Global Affairs Advisory Committee (2015-2019)  
President's Committee on Corporate Responsibility (2013- 2016)  
General Education Oversight Committee GEOC (2020-2023)  
European Studies Minor Committee (2013-present)  
Global Studies Minor Committee (2015-present)  
Global Studies Curriculum Committee (2013-2015)  
Middle East Studies Program (2015-2025)  
Energy Minor Committee (2021-2022)  
Environmental Studies Advisory Board (2020- present)  
University Environmental Policy Advisory Council (2018-2024)  
Sustainability Policy, Energy and Environment Advisory Comm(SPEEAC) (2025- )  
University Environmental Policy Advisory Council Review Committee (2024)  
Environment and Human Interactions Cluster Hire Committee (2020-2021)  
Environmental Majors Ad Hoc Committee (2020-2021)  
COP- UConn Delegation Advisory Board (2015- present)  
Solve Climate by 2030 Committee (2019-2020)  
CETL University Teaching Fellow Award Committee (Spring 2017)  
Internal Competitions Advisory Board (2019-2020)  
Engineering for Human Rights Initiative (2018-present)  
Research Program on Economic and Social Rights (2004-present)  
CLAS Undergraduate Advising Council (2015-2018)  
CLAS Courses and Curriculum Committee (2008-2010)

#### Chair/Director/Coordinator

Edwin Way Teale Lecture Series Co-chair (2025-present)  
Early College Experience (ECE) Program Coordinator (2022-present)  
Global Studies Minor Committee (2020-2023)  
GEOC Diversity and Multiculturalism (CA4) Subcommittee (2020-2023)  
Global House Residential Learning Community (2015-2019)

#### Service for the Department

##### Member

Promotion, Tenure, Reappointment Committee (2016-2017)  
Advisory Committee (2014- present)  
Comparative Politics Subfield (2004-present)  
Comparative, Asian Politics Job Search (Fall 2012)  
Comparative Politics Job Search Committee (Fall 2010)  
International Relations Stamford Job Search Committee (Fall 2007)

##### Chair/Director

Department Head, Department of Political Science (January 2023-)  
Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science (2014-2023)  
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2014-2023)

Curriculum Committee (2014- 2023)  
Merit Revisions (2020-2021)  
Departmental Priorities/Vision Committee (2014-2015)  
Comparative Politics Job Search Committee (Fall 2015)  
Comparative Politics Subfield (2012-2014)

Service for the Public and Community

Member

Center for Empowering Democracy (CEMDEM) Board of Directors (2024-2025)  
Manchester Sustainability Commission (2020-present)  
Manchester Clean Energy Taskforce (2018-2020)