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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education:

**University of Illinois at Chicago, Ph.D.** 1992-1999

Political Science Department

Dissertation: "Pursuing the Familiar Foreigner: The Resurgence of Antisemitism and Nationalism in Hungary Since 1989"

*University Dissertation Prize Winner: Behavioral and Social Science Division*

**Northwestern University**, August 1994-December 1994

Traveling Scholars Program

Special Philosophy Seminar with Dr. Jürgen Habermas

**University of Wisconsin at Madison, B.A.** 1985-December 1988

Major: Political Science with emphasis in Political Philosophy

Graduated with Distinction

**University of Wisconsin/University of California EESP Program**, August 1987- December 1987

Eastern Europe Studies Program

Budapest Economic Sciences University, Budapest, Hungary

### Areas of Specialization:

Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, Western Europe, Comparative Politics, Nationalisms and Ethnic Politics, Extreme Rightist Parties and Social Movements, Critical Theory, Psychoanalytic Theory, Marxism, Political Philosophy

### Academic and Research Affiliations:

**Assistant Professor**, 2001-present

Political Science Department, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

**Associate Research Fellow**, 2002-present

Human Clinical Sciences Department, University of Paris VII (Denis Diderot Campus) Paris, France

**Guest Lecturer**, May – June 2001

Volgograd Academy for State Service; Volgograd, Russia

**Assistant Professor (Visiting)**, 2000-2001

Providence College; Providence, Rhode Island

**Assistant Professor (Visiting)**, 1999-2000

Illinois Wesleyan University; Bloomington, Illinois

**East European Junior Scholars' Training Seminar Fellow**, August 1999

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: Washington, D.C.

**Lecturer**, 1992-1997

University of Illinois at Chicago; Chicago, Illinois

**Visiting Researcher**, 1996-1997

Central European University; Budapest, Hungary

**Research Associate**, June-July 1996

Russian and Eastern European Summer Laboratory

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

**Publications:*****Chapters in Edited Volumes:***

“Mainstreaming Extremism: The Romanian PDSR in Comparative Perspective” in Communist Successor Parties: Ten Years of Transformation, Bozóki, András and Ishiyama, John, eds., (M.E. Sharpe, 2002), pp. 367-396.

“Abjection: Applying Julia Kristeva’s Concept of Splitting to Collective Identity Formation” in (Des)obeissance et droits humains, Kiss, Adam, ed., (L’Harmattan, 2002), pp 179-198.

“The Clash Within: Intrapsychically Created Enemies and Their Roles in Ethno-Nationalist Conflict” in Violence and Politics: Globalization’s Paradox, Worcester, Kent, Ungar, Mark, and Bermanzohn, Sally eds., (Routledge, 2002), pp.209-225.

“Transparency and Obfuscation: Constructing Modernist Power and the Possibilities of Transcendence” in Power in Russia: Theory, Traditions, Prospects, Anipkin, Mikhail, ed., (University of Volgograd Press, 2000), pp. 13-26.

“Challenging Expectations: A Comparative Study of the Communist Successor Parties of Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania” in Communist Successor Parties in Post-Communist Politics, Ishiyama, John ed., (Nova Science Publishers, 1999), pp. 179-221.

“Employing the Past: The Resurrection of Nationalist and Antisemitic Rhetoric in the Search for a New Hungarian Identity” in Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium, Frank Brinkhuis and Sascha Talmor eds., (The University of Humanist Studies, 1998), pp. 215-227.

“The Role of Abjection, Loss and Mourning in the Formation of Collective Consciousness and National Self in Hungary Since 1989” in Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium, Brinkhuis and Talmor eds., (The University of Humanist Studies, 1998), pp. 380-392.

***Articles and Review Essays:***

“La terreur des opprimés – Un examen comparatiste des réponses au terrorisme” in *Topique: Revue Freudienne*, 2003, Number 83, pp. 13-22 (Translated into French by Thamy Ayouch)

“Historical Contingency and the Political Economy of Nations” in *International Politics*, Volume 39, Number 2, June 2002, pp. 235-244.

**Invited Lectures:**

“The Terror of the Repressed: Examining Responses to Terrorism in a Comparative Perspective” Presented for “Terrorism and Human Rights” Symposium at the University of Paris VII, Paris, France; October 25, 2002.

“Historical Materialism and Constructions of the Dialectic: Reading Marx” Presented at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; September 26, 2002.

“Deconstructing the Rise of the European Radical Right: Gramsci, Hegemony and Conflicted Political Space” Presented at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; April 5, 2002.

“Constructions of Modernist Power: Ten Lectures on Political Economy, the Disciplinary State and Resistance” Presented at the Volgograd Academy for State Service, Volgograd, Russia; May 18-June 9, 2001

“Transparency and Obfuscation: Comparative Reflections on Structural Domination and Constructions of Power, East and West” Presented for *Power in Russia: Theory, Tradition and Perspectives* at the Volgograd Academy for State Service, Volgograd, Russia; June 9, 2000.

“The Usual Suspects: New Anxieties and the Resurgence of Antisemitism in Eastern Europe” Presented for the International Center for Political Communication and the Political Science Association Lecture Series, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO; March 29, 2000.

“The State and Privatization: Conflicts and the Darker Side of Hungary’s Attempts for European Union Integration” Presented for the International Education Center, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO; March 29, 2000.

“Abjection: Applying Julia Kristeva’s Model of Splitting to Collective Identity Crises” Presented at (Dis)obedience and Human Rights Conference at the *Centre d’Etude et de Recherche en Psychopathologie* at the *Universite de Toulouse*, Toulouse, France; March 3, 2000.

“When Everything is on the Block: Central European Privatization Efforts Ten Years After” Presented at the International Business Seminar, School of Business, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL; February 29, 2000.

“Goldhagen’s Storm: Debating the Meaning and Causes of the Resurgence of Antisemitism in Central and Eastern Europe” Presented for the Social Science Lecture Series at Illinois State University, Normal, IL; November 11, 1999.

“Researching Hate: Methodological Concerns for Studying Antisemitism, Racism, and Ethnic Conflict” Presented at New Faculty Colloquium, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL; October 20, 1999.

“Ethnicity, Trauma and Nations: Collective Identity Formation and Nationalist Myth Making” Presented at the University of Maryland, Schwäbische Gmünd Campus, Germany, for Central European Politics Lecture Series, December 10, 1996.

### **Selected Paper Presentations:**

“Terrorism, Targets, and the State: An Exploration of the Use of Fear to Expand Power” Presented at “The Future of Civil Society in the Face of Terrorist Threats: Russia and the US” Conference, Volgograd, Russia, June 19-21, 2003

“Defective Modernity: The Electoral Success of the PDSR, the Rise of the PRM, and Other Illiberal Reactions to Global Capitalism in Romania” Presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, New York, NY; April 6, 2001.

“Overcoming Modernity: Envisioning a Post-Materialist Socialism Through Deleuze and Guattari” Presented at the Marxism 2000 Conference, Amherst, MA; September 24, 2000

“Fitting In: The Late 1990’s Search for Political Identity by the Bulgarian and Romanian Communist Successor Parties” Presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL; April 27, 2000.

“The Clash Within: Anxiety, Domination and the Projected Self in Conflict” Presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, New York, NY; April 13, 2000.

“Abjection, Trauma and Mourning: Applying Psychoanalytic Concepts to Social Science Inquiry into Antisemitism in Hungary” Presented at the Woodrow Wilson East European Junior Scholars Training Seminar, Wye River, MD; August 14, 1999.

“Capitalism, Anxiety, and the Economic Transformations in Hungary and Romania” Presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; July 22, 1999.

“Success and Failure: The Communist Successor Parties of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania in a Comparative Perspective” Presented at the International Studies Association /Midwest Conference, Chicago, IL; November 6, 1998.

“The Success of Socialist Successor Parties in Southern Central Europe: A Comparative Study of Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria” Presented at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL; April 23, 1998.

“Overcoming the Linking Cycle: A Theory of Historical Trauma and its Political Effects” Presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Political Science Association, Elgin, IL; October 25, 1997.

“Backlash Against Modernity: The Rise and Resurrection of Christian Right Political Parties in Hungary Since 1989” Presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL; April 11, 1997.

“Established Pathological Mourning and the Formation of Collective Consciousness in Identity Politics in Hungary Since the First World War” Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. Utrecht, the Netherlands; August 19, 1996.

“Identity Crises: The Role of Abjection, Psychological Trauma and Mourning in Identity Politics” Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. Utrecht, the Netherlands; August 19, 1996.

“Creating Enemies: The Resurgence of National Chauvinism and Antisemitism in Hungary” Presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology. Vancouver, Canada; June 30, 1996.

### **Roundtables & Panel Participation:**

Roundtable Participant and Organizer – “Understanding the Attacks: Discussing the Causes and Consequences of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks” Swarthmore College; September 22, 2001.

Roundtable Participant and Organizer – “(Re)Building Civil Society: The Simultaneous Challenges of Reconstruction, Democratization, and Economic Transformation in the Post-War Ex-Yugoslavia” International Studies Lecture Series, Illinois Wesleyan Univ., Bloomington, IL; November 5, 1999.

Roundtable Participant – “Kosovo: What Went Wrong?” Panel at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; July 18, 1999.

Discussant – “Globalization and the Underworld System” Paper presented by Jane Schneider at *Globalization and Violence Symposium*, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA; March 25, 2004

Discussant – “Civil Society and Democratization” Panel at Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA; November 6-8, 2003

Discussant – “Civil Society in Critical Perspectives” Panel at Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, New York, NY; April 6, 2001

Discussant – “Ethnic Issues and Conflicts in Post-Authoritarian Societies” Panel at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL; April 27, 2000.

Discussant – “Labor Relations in Post-Communist Central Europe” Panel at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Convention. Chicago, IL; August 25, 1998

Discussant – “Parties in Transition: Party Development in Central and Eastern Europe” Panel at the 93<sup>rd</sup> American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, D.C.; August 31, 1997.

Discussant – “National Identity and Party Politics – Socialization and Identity” Panel at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Vancouver, Canada; June 30, 1996.

**Workshops:**

“Free Speech, Free Trade, and the Controversies of the World Trade Organization” Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL; May 1, 2000.

“A New Approach to Understanding Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict: Adaptive Cultural Mourning” Presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for Political Psychology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands; July 21, 1999.

“Reading Marx: Understanding the 1844 Manuscripts and the Communist Manifesto” For the University of Minnesota/Chicago State University MacArthur Foundation Project: Promoting Minority Enrollment in Doctoral Programs. Chicago, IL; May 28, 1999 and June 5, 2000.

“The Philosophy of Social Science” For the University of Minnesota/Chicago State University MacArthur Foundation Project. Chicago, IL; May 1996,1997,1998.

**Teaching Experience:****Swarthmore College Courses:**

Comparative Politics (Pols 3)

Modern Political Theory (Pols 12)

Politics of Eastern Europe (Pols 51)

Socialisms in Europe (Pols 53)

Contemporary European Politics (Pols 59)

The Politics and Construction of Ethnic Conflict (Pols 73)

*Senior Seminar:*

Comparative Politics: Greater Europe – European Political Pathways (Pols 107)

*Independent Tutorials:(Pols 99)*

Globalization and Critiques of Contemporary International Political Economy

Migration and Violence: Movements Within the Global Economy

German Social Thought: Hegel, Marx, Lukács and Habermas

**Providence College Courses:**

Comparative Politics (PSC 301)

American Foreign Policy (PSC 310)

Nationalism and Identity (PSC 468)

Western European Politics (PSC 468)

*Senior Seminars:*

The Politics of the Former Yugoslavia (PSC 468)

Blocs, Regionalisms, and Globalization (PSC 468)

**Illinois Wesleyan University Courses:**

Comparative Politics (Pols 103)

International Relations (Pols 102)

American National Government (Pols 101)

*Advanced Studies in Politics:*

Fascism as Ideology: The Perversions of Materialism (Pols 270)

*Modern Political Thought:*

Discourses on Alienation and Liberation: Marx, Marcuse and Agger (Pols 316)

**University of Illinois at Chicago Courses:**

Introduction to Political Analysis (Pols 190)

Introduction to International Relations (Pols 184)

Introduction to American Government (Pols 101)

### **Academic Service and Activities:**

Short Term Election Observer, Republic of Georgia, November 2003  
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

External Thesis Advisor, 2003  
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

External Examiner, Honors Program 2002  
Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois

Member of the Standing Committee on Extremism and Democracy, 2000  
European Consortium for Political Research, University of Essex, Colchester, UK

East European Junior Scholars' Training Seminar Fellow, August 1999  
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars & American Council of Learned Societies

Member of Study Group on Identity Crises (SGIC), 1996-1999  
Multi-national Academic Working Group, Debno, Poland

### **Grants and Honors:**

Eugene Lang Political Research Grant, 2003  
Swarthmore College

Summer Academic Enrichment Grant, 2003  
Swarthmore College

First Prize Winner, 2000  
Annual Graduate Dissertation Prize – Behavioral and Social Science Division  
University of Illinois at Chicago

Traveling Scholar, 1994  
Northwestern University  
Consortium for Institutional Cooperation.

Phi Kappa Phi, 1993  
Academic Honor Society.

Vilas Memorial Scholar, 1986  
Academic Scholarship  
University of Wisconsin at Madison

### **Languages:**

English, Hungarian and Spanish

### **Foreign Employment:**

Consultant  
Városkutatás (Metropolitan Research Institute); Budapest, Hungary  
April 1999

Assistant Press Secretary for English Language  
Szabad Demokraták Szövetsége (Alliance of Free Democrats); Budapest, Hungary  
February 1990-May 1990

**References:**

**Dr. Isaac Balbus**

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University of Illinois at Chicago

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