

Jeffrey Stevenson Murer

Curriculum Vitae

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:

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

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:***

“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.

“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.

“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:

“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

“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.

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

