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Academic Positions

Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2019-present
Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2011-2019
Instructor, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2009-2010

Faculty Associate, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2009-present

Associate Fellow, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia), 2014-present

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2010

Dissertation: The Politics of Post-Communist Pension Reform: The Influence of Business Lobbying on Policy Outcomes (Committee: Sarah Brooks, Timothy Frye, Marcus Kurtz, Irfan Nooruddin)
Study Abroad: Moscow State University's Center for International Education (Summers 2004, 2005)

M.A. in Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2005

B.A. in Politics, Magna Cum Laude, The Catholic University of America, 2003

Concentration in World Politics
Honors Thesis: The Battle for Moscow's Land: Land Privatization in Russia's Capital
Study Abroad: International University of Moscow (August 2002-December 2002)

Research

Book

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2017. *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.

Co-winner of the 2018 Ed A. Hewett Book Prize for outstanding publication on the political economy of Russia, Eurasia and/or Eastern Europe from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) sponsored by the University of Michigan Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Olivér Kovács, "Review of Sarah Wilson Sokhey: *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries*," *European Mirror (Európai Tükör)*, Vol. XII, Special Edition 1, 2018, page 115-118.

Daria Prisiazhniuk, "The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries," *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71:5, 2019.

Refereed Articles & Book Chapters

Laruelle, Marlene, Mikhail Alexseev, Cynthia Buckley, Ralph S. Clem, J. Paul Goode, Ivan Gomza, Henry E. Hale, Erik Herron, Andrey Makaryche, Madeline McCann, Mariya Omelicheva, Gulnaz Sahafutdinova, Regina Smyth, Sarah Wilson Sokhey, Mikhail Triotskiy, Joshua A. Tucker, Judyth Twigg, and Elizabeth Wishnick. 2020. "Pandemic Politics in Eurasia: Roadmap for a New Research Subfield," *Problems of Post-Communism*, Volume 68, Issue 1.

Hanson, Margaret and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. 2020. "Higher Education as an Authoritarian Tool for Regime Survival: Evidence from Kazakhstan and around the World," *Problems of Post-Communism* (published online April 14, 2020).

Schaffer, Joby, Sarah Wilson Sokhey, and A.Kadir Yildirim. 2019. "Classy Behavior: The Big Political Role of Small Business Owners," *Comparative European Politics*, 17(1): 22-48.

Liu, Amy, Megan Roosevelt, and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. 2017. "Trade and the Recognition of Commercial Lingua Francas: Russian Language Laws in Post-Soviet Countries," *Economics & Politics*, Vol. 29, Issue 1 (March), pp. 48-68.

Duvanova, Dinissa and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. 2016. "State Aid to Firms During Financial Crisis: Evidence from the Emerging European Countries," *Business & Politics*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (October), pp. 225-262.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2015. "Market-Oriented Reforms as a Tool of State-Building: Russian Pension Reform in 2001," *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 67(5): 695-717.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah and A.Kadir Yildirim. 2013. "Economic Liberalization and Political Moderation: The Case of Islamist and Communist Parties," *Party Politics*, Vol. 19 (2): 230-255.

Nooruddin, Irfan, and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. 2012. "Credible Certification of Child Labor Free Production." In *The Credibility of Transnational NGOs: When Virtue is Not Enough*, edited by Peter Gourevitch, David A. Lake, and Janice Gross Stein. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, pp. 62-85 (Chapter 3). (This is a peer-reviewed chapter prepared for inclusion in an edited volume.)

Work in Progress

"Credible Party Promises: What Politicians Offer When Governing Institutions Are Perceived Poorly," with Danilo Gjukovikj. Using party manifestos data, we find that the perception of poorly functioning governing institutions leads parties to promise less in the area of social policy. *Under Review*.

"Rewriting the Social Contract? Public Opinion about Pension Reform in Mexico and Russia," Using original survey data from 2014-2016, I find that in Mexico (unlike in Russia) socioeconomic status does predict knowledge of pension privatization. I argue that this is evidence that the degree of reform does matter for changing the social contract, but only for those citizens directly impacted. *Under Review*.

"The Foundations of Social Policy Support: Experimental Evidence on How Institutional Quality Affects Redistributive Preferences and Social Policy," with Israel Marques II; We use original laboratory and survey experiments and case studies to show that tax institutional quality influences preferences and outcomes for redistribution and social policy. *Being drafted*.

"Authoritarian Investments in Higher Education," with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. Using an original dataset, we find that the Chinese state-owned media emphasizes more democratic sounding initiatives in higher education while Russian state-owned media emphasizes the control of the federal government over universities. *Presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) conference, January 2020*.

“Undergraduate Research Opportunities: Reflections on Summer Coding Project,” with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. *Presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference, January 2020 and nominated for the Malcolm Jewell Award from SPSA.*

Other Publications

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2020. “What Does Putin Promise Russians? Russia’s Authoritarian Social Policy,” *Orbis*, Volume 64, Issue 3, pp. 390-402.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2018. “Buying Support? Putin’s Popularity and the Russian Welfare State,” Philadelphia, PA: Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Sarah W. Sokhey. Review of Miller, Chris, *Putinomics: Power and Money in Resurgent Russia*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. September, 2018.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2017. “Putin Has Options So Don’t Expect Change,” *Washington Post*, March 31, 2017

Danilo Gjukovikj and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. 2017. “This is Why the West Should Pay Attention to the Drama in Macedonia,” *Washington Post*, May 29, 2017.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2014. Book review of *Borders Among Activists: International NGOs in the United States, France, and Britain*, By Sarah S. Stroup. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2012. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 12: 1, pp. 294-295.

Wilson Sokhey, Sarah. 2010. “Political Development and Modernization.” In SAGE Reference Project: 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Handbook, edited by John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning, SAGE Publications, Inc.

Conference Participation

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (annual participation from 2006-2019)

American Political Science Association (participation in 2008, 2011-2016)

Southern Political Science Association Conference (2004, 2005, 2006)

International Studies Association (2009)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) (2012, 2014-2018)

European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) & Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow, Russia, (2013, 2015, 2016, 2018)

Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, July 2016, Paris, France

Council for European Studies (2018)

Grants & Awards

- American Councils Academic Fellowships in Russia (AFR) Program, 2018-2019 program (for use in summer 2019), \$9,250 (Declined)
- Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS), University of Colorado, Boulder, Development Grant (with Andy Baker), 2017, \$15,000 (for survey research in Mexico)
- Center for the Advancement of Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) at the University of Colorado, Boulder, \$4,000 (for survey research)
- Legacy Grant, University of Colorado, Boulder, \$800, Fall 2009 (for undergraduate research assistance)
- IREX short-term grant for dissertation field research, \$6492, Summer 2008
- Alumni Grant for Graduate Research Support (Ohio State University), \$2500, September-December, 2007

- Office of International Affairs travel grant (Ohio State University), \$2000, September-December, 2007
- Mershon Center Travel Grant (for field research in Russia), \$3500, Summer 2006
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Russian language, September 2005-June 2006
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Eurasia Program Fellow, \$7000, June-September 2005
- Mershon Center Travel Grant (for field research in Russia), \$2500, Summer 2005
- Office of International Affairs, The Ohio State University, Graduate Student International Dissertation/MA Thesis Research Travel Grant (for field research in Russia), \$2000, Declined, 2005
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, Moscow State University, Center for International Education, Russian language, Declined, summer 2005
- Graduate Fellow at The Ohio State University, September 2003-August 2004
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Russian language, Declined, September 2003-June 2004
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, Summer 2003, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Summer Workshop for Slavic and East European Languages, Russian language

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Midwest Political Science Association Conference (annual participation from 2006-2019)
 American Political Science Association (participation in 2008, 2011-2016, 2019, 2020)
 Southern Political Science Association Conference (2004, 2005, 2006)
 International Studies Association (2009)
 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) (2012, 2014-2018)
 European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) & Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow, Russia, (2013, 2015, 2016)
 Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, July 2016, Paris, France
 Council for European Studies (2018)

Invited Talks, Roundtables & Workshops

2020 PONARS Eurasia Fridays, “How Has Covid-19 Impacted Regime Legitimacy in Eurasia?” September 18, 2020.
 2020 Foreign Policy Research Institute, “Russia’s Constitutional Change,” July 13, 2020.
 2020 Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), Political Economy Research Group Workshop, March 10, 2020; talk given remotely.
 2019 Round table, Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), “The Culture and Politics of Authoritarianism in Russia after Two Decades of Putin,” with Maria Lipman, Nikolay Petrov, and Kirill Rogov, November 23, 2019.
 2019 PONARS Workshop, “New Voices on Russia,” Institute of East European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at George Washington University, April 12, 2019
 2019 PONARS Eurasia Workshop, St. Petersburg, Russia, March 14-15, 2019.
 2019 PONARS Eurasia Policy Workshop, “Social Policy in Putin’s (Last?) Term in Office,” George Washington University, February 1, 2019
 2018 Invited talk on Russian social policy reform, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, December 7, 2018
 2018 Invited talk on *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries* (Cambridge, 2017), Institute of East European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at George Washington University, November 28, 2018.
 2018 Invited workshop at Brigham Young University, “*The Foundations of Social Policy Support: Experimental Evidence on How Institutional Quality Affects Redistributive Preferences?*”
 2018 Invited talk, Columbia University, October 15, 2018, *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries*.

- 2018 Roundtable on 2018 Russian Presidential Election, March 5, 2018, Columbia University, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute.
- 2018 Roundtable on 2018 Russian Presidential Election, February 28, 2018, Denver Council on Foreign Relations and World Denver, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute.
- 2018 Roundtable on 2018 Russian Presidential Election, February 1, 2018, University of Texas, Austin, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute.
- 2016 Invited talk, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, December 12, 2016, *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries*.
- 2016 Invited talk, University of Houston, *The Political Economy of Pension Policy Reversal in Post-Communist Countries*, February 18, 2016
- 2015 *Remaking the Social Contract in Russia and China*, workshop at Emory University, November 7, 2015

Professional Service

- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Business & Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Governance*, *International Studies Quarterly Perspectives on Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*, Polity Press, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *South European Society & Politics*
- Ed A. Hewett book award committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Section head for Political Economy for Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, April 2019
- Grant reviewer for Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development
- Grant reviewer for Czech National Science Foundation
- Co-organized working group (with Natalia Forrat) on Social Policy in Non-Democracies and Non-Western countries for American Political Science Association 2016 and Midwest Political Science Association 2017
- Member of PONARS (Eurasia), a network of over 100 academics specializing in advancing new approaches to research on security, politics, economics, and society in Russia and Eurasia
- Contributor to Monkey Cage blog in the *Washington Post*
 - “Putin has options so don’t expect change,” March 31, 2017
 - “Why the West should pay attention to the drama in Macedonia,” with Danilo Gjukovikj, May 29, 2017
- Panel Member, “Advice for First Year Faculty at Research Institutions,” Midwest Political Science Association conference, April 2015
- Participated in a Junior Working Group set up by Amy Liu (UT Austin) with Sarah Shar-Rosenfeld (Arizona) and Jan Pierskalla (Ohio State); We regularly circulated and reviewed each other’s papers and invited senior scholars to comment on our work via Skype, 2016-2017.
- Discussant for Junior Scholars Symposium, Midwest Political Science Association conference, April 2018.
- Hewett Book Prize Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasia Studies, 2020.
- PONARS Eurasia Pandemic Task-Force, 2020.

Departmental and University Service

- 2020-present Director, STUDIO Undergraduate Research Lab, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado
- 2019 Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, Spring 2019
- 2019 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, Spring 2019
- 2018 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, Spring 2018.

2018	Moderator for Conference on World Affairs at the University of Colorado, "Who Lost Russia?" with Jeffrey Engel, April 13, 2018
2017	Moderator for Conference on World Affairs at University of Colorado, "America's (Un)changing Relationship with Russia," April 14, 2017
2016-2017	Budget Committee, Department of Political Science Department
2016-2017	Graduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science Department
2016-2017	Inclusive Excellence Committee, Department of Political Science Department
2016	Moderator for Conference on World Affairs at University of Colorado, "Is Putin Willing to Risk World War III?," April 6, 2016
2016	Assisted with the development of the new Russian Studies MA in Germanic & Slavic Studies and Languages (GSSL), 2016
2016	New Faculty Orientation, invited by Dean Jeffrey Cox to participate in a panel entitled, "Advice for the 1st Year," August 15, 2016
2016	Provided comments on Global Studies Residential Academic Program inclusive excellence statement, Spring 2016
2015-2016	Inclusive Excellence Committee
2015-2016	Budget Committee, Department of Political Science
2015-2016	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science
2014-2015	Budget Committee, Department of Political Science
2014-2015	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science
2012-2013	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2012-2013	Departmental External Review Committee (to prepare for external review)
2012-2013	Van Ek committee to invite outside speakers
2012	Political Science Open House, "What do I do with a political science major," event for undergraduates
2012	Departmental Ph.D. general exam committee
2012	Participated in the Global Residential Academic Program Global Forum, February 29, 2012
2011	Participated in the Global Residential Academic Program Global Forum, February 29, 2012
2011	Participated in dissertation seminar workshop on April 29, 2011

Teaching

Awards

- 2019 Marinus Smith Teaching Award, University of Colorado (nominated by students Danilo Gjukovikj and Jeffrey Nonnemacher)

Courses

- *Undergraduate Courses:* Introduction to Comparative Politics, Russian Politics, East European Politics, Eastern Europe and the EU
- *Graduate Courses:* Comparative Political Economy Seminar (Fall 2011, Spring 2015, Fall 2016), Comparative Political Institutions Seminar (Fall 2019), Dissertation Writing Seminar (Spring 2013), Teaching Political Science (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Advisees

- *Ph.D. students:* Pavel Bacovsky, Michael Cude (outside committee member), Erkan Gunes, James Pripusich, Megan Roosevelt, Joseph B. Schaffer, Emily Sager, and Nichole Torpey-Saboe
- *Undergraduate Research Opportunity Students (UROP), University of Colorado:* 16 undergraduate students from 2012-present
- *Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, University of Colorado:* 9 students, 2012-present
- *Undergraduate Students Nominated for and Receiving Van Ek award, University of Colorado:* 3 students
- *Undergraduate Students Nominated for and Receiving Fischer award, University of Colorado:* 1 student

STUDIO Undergraduate Research Lab

- Hired a group of 6 students in summer 2019 to work together on coding news articles; students were paid by the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) and the University of Colorado's Department of Political Science's "learning by doing" initiative
- STUDIO research lab launched in spring semester 2020; received \$8,000 from the Department of Political Science's "learning by doing" initiative to set up an undergraduate research lab within the department. Received an additional \$28,000 from the University of Colorado in summer 2020 to run the STUDIO lab for at least 3 more years.

Teaching Grants & Work on Pedagogy

- Course Development Grant, Colorado European Union Center for Excellence (CEUCE): to develop course on Eastern Europe and the European Union (taught in spring semester 2010), \$2,983.60
- UROP team grant for summer 2019 to hire a group of undergraduate students to work on a data collection project, \$3,000
- Faculty Fellow with Arts & Sciences Support of Education Through Technology (ASSETT), University of Colorado, 2018: Developing departmental project to disseminate information to political science faculty about new technology & teaching strategies to boost diverse participation and reduce inequality in students' performance; \$3,000
- Instructor for Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP), University of Colorado: Teaching workshop, "Designing a Syllabus" (offered 3 times in the 2018-2019 academic year)

Languages

Russian (professional proficiency)

French (basic speaking skills, intermediate reading comprehension)

References

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