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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Nevada, Reno
Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2018-present

Western New Mexico University
Department of Social Sciences & Cultural Studies
Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2014-June 2018

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2014
Certificate in College and University Teaching, December 2012
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Russian/Post-Communist Studies
Dissertation: *Protest in the Provinces: Patterns of Contentious Politics in Post-Communist Russia*
Committee: Rudra Sil (Chair), Tulia Falleti, Teresa Wright

California State University, Long Beach
M.A. in Political Science, May 2006
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

San Diego State University
B.A. in Political Science and Russian, May 2003
Graduated Magna cum Laude with Distinction in Political Science and Russian

PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript: *Protest in the Provinces: Coming to Terms with Capitalism in Russia's Company Towns*.
Forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

Allison D. Evans, "Exploring Local Political Opportunity Structures: Protest and Social Control in Russia's Provinces," *Russian Politics*. 2023. Vol. 8, No. 4, pp. 440-467.
<https://doi.org/10.30965/24518921-00803008>

Allison D. Evans, "Privatization and Judicialization in Resource Extraction: Comparing Labor Militancy in the Oil Fields of Russia and Kazakhstan," *Comparative Politics*. 2022. Vol. 55, No. 1, pp. 71-93. <https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16429775341998>

Allison D. Evans & Ian M. Hartshorn, "Education as the 'Silver Bullet': Bringing Politics into the Study of Social Mobility, Redistribution, and Education," *New Political Science*. 2021. Vol. 43, No. 3, pp. 280-300. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2021.1928442>

Allison D. Evans & Rudra Sil, "The Dynamics of Labor Militancy in the Extractive Sector: Kazakhstan's Oilfields and South Africa's Platinum Mines in Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Political Studies*. 2020. Vol. 53, No. 6, pp. 992-1024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414019879715>

Allison D. Evans, "Labour Protest and Industrial Peace: Russian Steelworkers' Encounters with Economic Reforms and Unraveling Social Protections," *Economy & Society*. 2018. Vol. 47, No. 3, pp. 360-381. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03085147.2018.1492801>

Allison D. Evans, "Patterns of Pluralism and Protest in Provincial Russia: A Paired Comparison of Company Towns," *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 2016. Vol. 51, No. 4, pp. 456-481. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-015-9191-5>

Allison D. Evans, "Local Democracy in a Hybrid State: Pluralism and Protest in Volzhskiy, Russia," *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 2014. Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 298-323.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1060586X.2013.862971>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Running Against, With, or From? A Typology of Political Parties in Nondemocratic Regimes," with Ian M. Hartshorn, under review. Presented at the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting, UNR Faculty Research Workshop, and 2022 ISA Annual Convention.

"Rentier, Resource Curse, or Post-Soviet Legacy? Modes of Social Control in Russia and Central Asia in the Mirror of Middle Eastern Autocracies," with Ian M. Hartshorn. Presented at the 2021 ASEEES Annual Convention and 2022 APSA Annual Meeting.

"Grievance or Opposition? Assessing Written Forms of Claim-Making in Russia's Provinces." Presented at the 2023 ASEEES Annual Convention.

"Education Rhetoric and the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary: Substituting for Redistribution," with Ian M. Hartshorn. Presented at the 2023 APSA Annual Meeting.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Scholarly and Creative Activities Grants Program (\$1,700), College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Reno, 2024
- National Research Competition Grant (\$17,400), National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2019-2021
- Huang Hsing Chun-tu Hsueh Fellowship Fund Research Grant (\$2,200), Centennial Center, American Political Science Association, 2019
- Harvard Academy Scholars Program, The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Semi-finalist (top 35 out of 509 applicants), Fall 2013
- Browne Center Research Grant, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, Spring 2012
- Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program Fellowship, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Fall 2011
- Penfield Summer Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2011
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2006 – Spring 2011
- Summer Grant, University of Pennsylvania Political Science Department, 2009

- Summer Stipend, Luba Zinkowsky Friedman Fund, 2009

AWARDS

- 2019 Dorothy Day Award for Outstanding Labor Research, with Rudra Sil, *Labor Politics*, American Political Science Association
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Western New Mexico University, 2016
- Professor of the Year, Western New Mexico University, 2015
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Robert C. Tucker/Stephen F. Cohen Dissertation Prize, Finalist, Fall 2015
- Pew Presidential Prize, Summer 2010
- Margaret E. Galey Award, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, 2009
- Department of Political Science Outstanding Graduate Student Award, California State University, Long Beach, 2006
- College of Arts and Letters Dean's List, San Diego State University, Spring 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2003

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

“Labor after Socialism: A Comparative Perspective,” presented February 2020 at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan Political Science Workshop.

“Protest and Political Opportunity Structures: Responses to Transition in Provincial Russia,” presented March 2017 at the University of Nevada, Reno Political Science Brown Bag Workshop.

“Protest in the Provinces,” presented November 2011 at the American Center, Moscow, Russia.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Grievance or Opposition? Assessing Written Forms of Claim-Making in Russia’s Provinces.” Presented at the 2023 ASEEES Annual Convention, Philadelphia, December 2023.

“Rentier, Resource Curse, or Post-Soviet Legacy? Post-Soviet and MENA Autocracies,” with Ian M. Hartshorn, presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 2022.

Presented as a critic in “Author Meets Critics on Margarita Balmaceda’s *Russian Energy Chains*,” APSA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 2022.

“Running Against, with, or From: A Typology of Parties in Nondemocracies,” with Ian M. Hartshorn, presented at the ISA Annual Convention, Nashville, April 2022.

“Rentier, Resource Curse, or Post-Soviet Legacy? Modes of Social Control in Russia and Central Asia in the Mirror of Middle Eastern Autocracies,” with Ian M. Hartshorn, presented at the ASEEES Annual Convention, December 2021.

“Protest and Elite Strategies in the Oil Capital of Russia: Surgut in Transition,” presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, October 2021.

“Variation in Resource Extraction and Labor Relations Across Post-Communist Space: A Cross-Regional, Contextualized Comparison of Russia and Kazakhstan’s Oil Fields,” presented at the ISA Annual Convention, April 2021.

Organized and presented on a roundtable, “Conducting Research on Civil Society and Subnational Politics in Russia’s Provinces: Recent Experiences in the Field,” at the ASEEES Annual Convention, November 2020.

“Protest and Labor in the Oil Capital of Russia: Company Town in Transition,” iPoster presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, September 2020.

“How Issue-Specific, Cross-Regional Studies Serve Single-Case Analysis,” with Rudra Sil, presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, September 2020.

“Protest and Elite Strategies in the Oil Capital of Russia: Adjusting to Transition in Surgut,” presented at the ASEEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 2019.

“State, Labor, and Business in the Oilfields of Russia and Kazakhstan,” presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2019.

“The Dynamics of Labor Backlash in the Commodity Sector,” presented August 2018 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

“Education as the ‘Silver Bullet’: On the (Mis)Uses of Education in the United States,” with Ian M. Hartshorn, presented November 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology. Havana, Cuba.

“Protest and Coming to Terms with Transition in Provincial Russia,” presented August 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

“Toward a Unified and Cross-Regional Understanding of Monotowns in Global Transformations,” presented November 2016 at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Washington, DC.

Presented on a roundtable, “Grassroots Responses to Economic, Political and Social Stress: Russia’s Crisis from the Ground Up,” at the ASEEES Annual Convention in Washington, DC. November, 2016.

“How Cool was “Cold Steel”? Trade Unions and Industrial Peace in Post-Soviet Russia’s Steel Industry,” presented March 2016 at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Atlanta, GA and the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San Diego, CA.

Presented on a roundtable, “Measuring Elusive Concepts: New Work on Corruption, Clientelism, Nationalism and Protest in Russia’s Regions,” at the ASEEES Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX. November, 2014.

“Tracing Social Control: Protest and Elite Strategies in Provincial Russia,” presented August 2014 at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

“Protest Structures and Elite Strategies: Tracing Social Control in Provincial Russia,” presented November 2013 at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Boston, MA.

“1990s Russia: The View from Overseas,” presented February 2012 at the Conference of the Faculty of History and Law at The Shukshin Altai State Academy of Education. Biysk, Russia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Nevada, Reno

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring and Fall 2020, Fall 2021-23, Fall and Spring 2024

Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics, Spring 2020, 2022, and 2024

Political Systems of Russia and East-Central Europe, Spring 2021 and 2023

US-Russian Relations, Fall 2020, 2022 and 2024

Comparative Political Movements, Spring 2022

US Foreign Policy, Summer 2020, Fall 2021 and 2023

Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2018 and 2019

International Law, Fall 2018, Spring 2021 and 2023

Advising

- Ongoing
 - Committee Member, PhD, Horohito Norhatan and Sanjeevan Pradhan
 - Advisor, PhD, Mariia Makarenko
 - Committee Chair, MPA, Jared Keller, Erin Shaffer, and Olivia Taylor
 - Advisor, MA, Dawson Frost and Sarah Gleason
- Graduated
 - Committee Member, PhD, Jordyn Green (2024)
 - Committee Chair, MPA, Spencer Flanders (2024), Kennedy McKinney (2023), Amber Rieger (2022)
 - Committee Member, MA, Sarmat Misikov (Journalism, 2020)
 - Mentor, Nevada Undergraduate Research Award, Sawyer Barnett (2020-2021)

Western New Mexico University, College of Arts and Sciences

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2017 and Spring 2018

Politics of Post-communism, Spring 2015 and Spring 2017

Social Movements, Fall 2016

American Foreign Relations, Fall 2016

Democratization, Spring 2016

Research Methods, Spring 2016, 2017, and 2018

American National Government, Fall 2014-Spring 2018

Comparative Political Analysis, Fall 2015

Topics: U.S. Constitution and History, Fall 2015

World Politics, Summers 2015-2018

Politics among Nations, Spring 2015

International Law & Organization, Fall 2014 and Fall 2017

University of Pennsylvania, College of Liberal and Professional Studies**Instructor**

Post-Communism in a Comparative Historical Perspective, Spring 2014

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2013

University of Pennsylvania**Teaching Assistant**

International Institutions and Law, Spring 2009

Political Change in the “Third World,” Fall 2008

International Political Economy, Spring 2008

Russian Politics, Fall 2007

California State University, Long Beach**Graduate Assistant**

Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Graduate Council, The Graduate School, 2024-Present
- Organizer, Faculty Research Workshop, Political Science Department, 2021-Present
- Graduate Programs Committee, Political Science Department, 2021-2024
- Selection Committee Member, Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, 2022
- Undergraduate Programming Committee, Political Science Department, 2020-2021
- Comparative Politics Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee Chair, Summer 2020
- Comparative Politics Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee Member, Summer 2019, Winter 2021
- Search Committee for Human Security (2019), University of Nevada, Reno
- Search Committees for Sociology (2017) and Political Science (2018), Western New Mexico University
- Salary and Benefits Committee, Western New Mexico University, August 2015-May 2018
- Instructional Research Committee, Western New Mexico University, August 2014-May 2017
- Graduate Student Coordinator for the Political Science Department’s Comparative Politics Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania, August 2013-May 2014
- Organized the Political Science Department’s Professional Development and Dissertation Prospectus Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania, September 2012-May 2013
- Created the University of Pennsylvania’s dissertation template under the supervision of the Associate Director for Education, Provost’s Office, Summer 2011
- Department of Political Science, Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2008-Summer 2009
- School of Arts and Sciences SASgov representative of the Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, September 2007-August 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Chair, Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries Division, American Political Science Association, 2020-2021
- Co-Chair, Labor Politics, American Political Science Association, 2018-2020

- Reviewer: *Comparative Politics*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Mobilization*, *Journal of Labor and Society*, *Labor Studies Journal*, Cambridge University Press, SAGE Publishing, Inc., Higher School of Economics Research Program (Moscow, Russia)

LANGUAGE SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Effective Instruction, Association of College and University Educators, 2020

Research proficiency in Russian, advanced (B2)

Six years college-level language study, plus additional proficiency development at Middlebury College School of Russian, Summer 2009

MEDIA APPEARANCES/OUTREACH

- KRNV, News4, interview on adapting teaching during outbreak of war in Ukraine. Interview by Leanna Faulk. February 28, 2022.
- KTVN, 2News, “Local Reaction to Russia and Ukraine Tension,” by Paul Nelson. January 25, 2022.
- *NevadaToday*, “Political Scientist Dispels Belief that Russian Steelworkers Didn’t Protest in 1990s,” by Grace Pickard. November 16, 2018.
- *Biyskii Rabochii* (newspaper in Biysk, Russia), interview on research, the history and future of Biysk. «Россия, Алтай и Бийск глазами Эллисон Эванс—американской гостьи» [“Russia, Altai and Biysk from the Perspective of Allison Evans, an American Guest”]. Interview by Serge Filatov. February, 2012.
- *Biyskii Rabochii*. «Старшеклассники Бийского лицея встретились с американской аспиранткой». [“Seniors of Biysk’s Lyceum Met with an American Graduate Student”]. February, 2012.
- *Nash Biysk* (newspaper in Biysk, Russia), interview on research in Biysk and experience in Russia. «О России с любовью» [“About Russia with Love”]. Interview by Vitalii Solovov, February 1, 2012.
- *Rech’* (newspaper in Cherepovets, Russia), interview on research in Cherepovets, October 29, 2010.
- *Vesti* “Good Morning Russia” (Vologda Oblast), interview on research in Cherepovets, October 20, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
International Studies Association