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APPOINTMENTS

Academic Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

- Professor, 2022-present
- Associate Professor, 2017-2022
- Assistant Professor, 2009-2017

Affiliations: Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, Center for Global Studies, Ridgway Center for Security Studies; Ford Institute for Human Security, World History Center.

University of Washington, School of Law

- Faculty Affiliate, 2018-present

Leadership Positions at the University of Pittsburgh

- Founding Director, Center for Governance and Markets, 2019-present
- Director, International Development Program, 2017-2019

Other Appointments

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Asia Program

- Nonresident Scholar, 2021-present

Institute for Humane Studies

- Distinguished Fellow, Peace and International Cooperation, 2022-present

Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg

- Associate, 2022-present

Atlantic Council, Eurasia Center

- Nonresident Senior Fellow, 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2009

Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Comparative Law (Minor)

M.A., Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2006

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2003

B.S.F.S., Edmond A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1997
Certificate in Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies

Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies, Moscow, Russia, Fall 1995

AWARDS, HONORS, KEYNOTES, AND TESTIMONY

1. Plenary Address, Public Choice Society, Seattle, WA, 2023.
2. Named one of the “[World’s Top Thinkers](#),” Prospect Magazine (UK), 2022.
3. Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (ASPIA), [Inclusion Award for Community Building](#) for the Afghanistan Project (Out of Afghanistan), 2022.
4. Keynote Speaker, US State Department C5+1 Security Initiative, “Opportunities and Challenges to Central Asia: Impact of the Situation in Ukraine, Afghanistan, and the Role of Regional Powers in Stability and Security.” Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 2022.
5. Testimony, “[China’s Interests in Afghanistan and Pakistan](#),” United States-China Security and Economic Review Committee, May 2022.
6. Keynote Speaker, “Afghan Crisis: The New Taliban Regime and Its Impact on Central Asia.” American University of Central Asia. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. March 2022.
7. Testimony (closed door), “Central Asia after US Withdrawal from Afghanistan,” House of Representatives, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 2021.
8. Finalist, Elinor Ostrom Prize, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, for article “The Politics of Land Property Rights.” 2021.
9. Independent Institute Excellence Prize, Finalist for paper “American Institutional Exceptionalism and the Trump Presidency.” Independent Institute, 2021.
10. Keynote Speaker, Conference on Peacebuilding and Local Governance, Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Kabul, Afghanistan, February 2020.
11. Best Book Award in Social Sciences (for previous two years), Central Eurasian Studies Society for *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan*, 2018.
12. Honorable Mention, International Studies Association—Global Development Section Book Prize for *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan*, 2017.
13. Faculty Fellowship, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2018.
14. Donald Goldstein Professor of the Year Award, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2017.
15. Finalist, Elinor Ostrom Award, International Association for the Study of the Commons, 2015.
16. Bradley Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Spring 2008, Fall 2008.
17. American Institute for Afghanistan Studies, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2008.
18. International Research and Exchange Program (IREX), International Advanced Research Opportunity Grant, 2006-2007 (declined due to visa problems in research country).
19. National Security Education Program, Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2007 (declined).

20. Graduate Fellow, University of Wisconsin—School of Law, Institute for Legal Studies, 2005-2007.
21. United States Agency for International Development, Superior Unit Citation for, “Designing and implementing post-September 11 conflict mitigation programs vital to the stability of Central Asia and critical to the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives,” 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Cai, Meina, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Raufhon Salahodjaev. 2021. *Toward a Political Economy of the Commons: Simple Rules for Sustainability*. Edward Elgar Press, New Thinking in Political Economy Series.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2021. *Land, the State, and War: Property Institutions and Political Order in Afghanistan*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
3. Harris, Colin, Meina Cai, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2020. *The Origins and Consequences of Property Rights: Austrian, Public Choice, and Institutional Economics Perspectives*. Cambridge University Press (Element Series).
4. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2016. *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
 - Central Eurasian Studies Society, Best Book Award in Social Sciences (for previous two years), 2018.
 - International Studies Association, Global Development Section, Honorable Mention, 2017.

Refereed Journal Articles

1. Bustamante, Pedro, Meina Cai, Marcela Gomez, Colin Harris, Prashant Krishnamurthy, Wilson Law, Michael J. Madison, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, et al. “Government by Code? Blockchain Applications to Public Sector Governance.” *Frontiers in Blockchain* 5 (2022).
2. Cai, Meina, Gregory W. Caskey, Nick Cowen, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Raufhon Salahodjaev. “Individualism, Economic Freedom, and Charitable Giving.” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2022: 868–84.
3. Alston, Eric, Pedro Bustamante, Marcela Gomez, Colin Harris, Prashant Krishnamurthy, Michael Madison, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Tymofiy Mylovanov, Martin Weiss. 2022, “Ostrom Amongst the Machines: Blockchain as a Knowledge Commons” *Cosmos + Taxis*.
4. Crepelle, Adam, Tate Fegley, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, “Community Policing on American Indian Reservations: A Preliminary Investigation.” Forthcoming. *Journal of Institutional Economics*.

5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, Ilia Murtazashvili, Tymofiy Mylovanov. “American Institutional Exceptionalism and the Trump Presidency.” 2021 *Independent Review*.
 - Independent Institute Excellence Prize, Finalist.
6. Cai, Meina, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Hui Wang. 2020. “Sugarcoating the Bitter Pill: Compensation, Land Governance, and Opposition to Land Expropriation in China.” *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 47(6): 1371–92.
7. Cai, Meina, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Raufhon Salahodjaev. 2020. “Patience and Climate Change Mitigation: Global Evidence.” *Environmental Research* 186: 109552.
8. Jochem, Torsten, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2020. “Can the Design of Electoral Institutions Improve Perceptions of Democracy in Fragile States? Evidence from Afghanistan.” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 5(3): 443–62.
9. Cai, Meina, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2020. “The Politics of Land Property Rights.” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 16(2): 151–67.
 - Finalist, Elinor Ostrom Prize, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research
10. Cai, Meina, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Murtazashvili, and Raufhon Salahodjaev. 2020. “Individualism and Governance of the Commons.” *Public Choice* 184(1–2): 175–95.
11. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2020. “Wealth-Destroying States.” *Public Choice* 182(3–4): 353–71.
12. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2019. “Pathologies of Centralized State-Building.” *PRISM* 8(2): 14.
13. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2019. “The Political Economy of State Building.” *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice* 34(2): 189–207.
14. Murtazashvili, Ilia, Jennifer Murtazashvili, and Raufhon Salahodjaev. 2019. “Trust and Deforestation: A Cross-Country Comparison.” *Forest Policy and Economics* 101: 111–19.
15. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2019. “The Political Economy of Legal Titling.” *The Review of Austrian Economics* 32(3): 251–68.
16. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2018. “A Tired Cliché: Why We Should Stop Worrying About Ungoverned Spaces and Embrace Self-Governance.” *Journal of International Affairs* 71(2): 11–29.
17. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2017. “Coercive Capacity, Land Reform and Political Order in Afghanistan.” *Central Asian Survey* 36(2): 212–30.
18. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2016. “Can Community-Based Land Adjudication and Registration Improve Household Land Tenure Security? Evidence from Afghanistan.” *Land Use Policy* 55: 230–39.
19. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2016. “When Does the Emergence of a Stationary Bandit Lead to Property Insecurity?” *Rationality and Society* 28(3): 335–60.
20. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2016. “Does the Sequence of Land Reform and Political Reform Matter? Evidence from State-Building in Afghanistan.” *Conflict, Security & Development* 16(2): 145–72.

21. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2016. "The Origins of Private Property Rights: States or Customary Organizations?" *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12(01): 105–128.
22. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2016. "Afghanistan in 2015." *Asian Survey* 56(1): 187–98.
23. Jochem, Torsten, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2016. "Establishing Local Government in Fragile States: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan." *World Development* 77: 293–310.
24. Jochem, Torsten, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2015. "Social Identity and Voting in Afghanistan: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2(1): 47–62.
25. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2015. "Gaming the State: Consequences of Contracting out State Building in Afghanistan." *Central Asian Survey* 34(1): 78–92.
26. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2015. "Bad Medicine." *Central Asian Affairs* 2(1): 10–34.
27. Murtazashvili, Ilia, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2015. "Anarchy, Self-Governance, and Legal Titling." *Public Choice* 162(3): 287–305.
28. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2014. "Informal Federalism: Self-Governance and Power Sharing in Afghanistan." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 44(2): 324–43.
29. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2012. "Colored by Revolution: The Political Economy of Autocratic Stability in Uzbekistan." *Democratization* 19(1): 78–97.
 Reprinted: Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2014. "Colored by Revolution: The Political Economy of Autocratic Stability in Uzbekistan." In *Colored Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions*, eds. Evgeny Finkel and Yitzhak M. Brudny. New York: Routledge, 78–79.
30. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2010. "Armed with Practice: Learning to Engage with the Military." *The Forum* 8(3).

Non-Refereed Articles

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. "The Collapse of Afghanistan." *Journal of Democracy* 33, no. 1 (2022): 40–54.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2021. "The Endurance and Evolution of Afghan Customary Governance." *Current History* 120 (825): 140–45.
3. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2019. "What Can We Learn about Theories of Self-Governance by Studying Its Most Extreme Cases?" *The Review of Austrian Economics*.
4. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2019. "What Are the Lessons of the American Frontier for the Developing World?" *American Political Science Association-Comparative Politics Newsletter* 29(1): 83–98.
5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2016. "Afghanistan: A Vicious Cycle of State Failure." *Governance* 29(2): 163–66.
6. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2015. "Afghanistan in 2014: Year of Transition." *Asian Survey* 55(1): 21–32.

Book Chapters and Other Writing

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, forthcoming, "Political Organizations in Afghanistan," in *Central Asia in the World*. ed. Jeanne Feaux de la Croix and Madeline Reeves, Routledge.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. in press. "Customary Governance and the State in Central Asia." In *Central Asia in Context*, ed. David W. Montgomery. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.
3. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2021. "Maliks." *Global Informality Project*.
4. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2021. "Mullahs." *Global Informality Project*.
5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2020. "The Wealth and Poverty of Self-Governing Communities." In *Philosophy, Politics, and Austrian Economics*, Advances in Austrian Economics, eds. Daniel J. D'Amico and Adam G. Martin. Emerald Publishing Limited, 153–72. (peer-reviewed)
6. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2020. "Central Asia." In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, 159–63.
7. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2020. "Bottom-Up State-Building." In *Bottom-up Responses to Crisis*, Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy, eds. Stefanie Haefele and Virgil Henry Storr. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 113–30. (peer-reviewed)
8. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2020. "When Is Top-Down State-Building Appropriate?" In *Government Responses to Crisis*, Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy, eds. Stefanie Haefele and Virgil Henry Storr. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 111–27. (peer-reviewed)
9. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2016. "Can a Shale Gas Revolution Save Central and South Asia?" In *The Global Impact of Unconventional Shale Gas Development: Economics, Policy, and Interdependence*, Natural Resource Management and Policy, eds. Yongsheng Wang and William E. Hefley. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 171–97.
10. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2016. "Subnational Governance in Afghanistan: Back to the Future." In *State Strengthening in Afghanistan: Lessons Learned, 2001-14*, eds. Scott Smith and Colin Cookman. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, 53–68. (peer-reviewed)
11. Stanfield, J. David, Jennifer Murtazashvili, Mohammad Yasin Safar, and Akram Salam. 2013. "Community Documentation of Land Tenure and Its Contribution to State Building in Afghanistan." In *Land and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*, eds. Jon Unruh and Rhodri Williams. New York: Routledge, 265–92. (peer-reviewed)
12. Stanfield, J. David, Mohammad Yasin Safar, Akram Salam, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. 2010. "Rangeland Administration in (Post) Conflict Conditions: The Case of Afghanistan." In *Innovations in Land Rights Recognition, Administration, and Governance*, eds. Klaus Deininger, Clarissa Augustinus, Stig Enemark, and Paul Munro-Faure. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 225–41. (peer-reviewed)

Review Articles and Book Reviews

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2020, “Central Asia in the Era of Sovereignty: The Return of Tamerlane?” *Russian Review*.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2020. “Dan Honig, Navigation by Judgment: Why and When Top-Down Management of Foreign Aid Doesn’t Work (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).” *Public Administration Review* 80(5): 904–5.
3. Murtazashvili, Jennifer et al. 2018. “Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States, by Jesse Driscoll.” *Caucasus Survey* 6(2): 163–81.
4. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2018. “Review: Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia.” *Central Asian Affairs* 5(4): 373–87.
5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2016. “Securing Afghanistan: From the inside Out.” *Central Asian Survey* 35(4): 572–76.
6. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2015. “Iraqi Federalism and the Kurds: Learning to Live Together, by Alex Danilovich.” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 45(1): e1.
7. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2010. “Changing Poverty, Changing Policies.” *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 12(5): 547–48.

Research Reports and Policy Engagement

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, et. al. *Regional Risk and Resilience Assessment: Afghanistan-Central Asia Border Region and the Ferghana Valley*. Joint policy report between the World Bank, the United Nations, and the Foreign, Commonwealth, & Development Office (UK). 2021. Lead author. (peer-reviewed)
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. 2021. *Democracy Denied: The False Promise of Afghanistan’s Constitutional Order*. Kabul: Afghanistan Institute for Strategic Studies. (peer-reviewed)
3. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and David Jackson. 2018. *Engaging Customary Authority in Community-Driven Development to Reduce Corruption Risks*. Oslo: Chr. Michelsen Institute. (peer-reviewed)
4. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick et al. 2017. *Tajikistan Risk and Resilience Assessment*. Washington, DC: World Bank. (peer-reviewed)
5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2016. *Assessment of Local Governance in Tajikistan*. Washington, DC: United States Agency for International Development.
6. Nijat, Aarya, and Jennifer Murtazashvili. 2015. *Women’s Leadership Roles in Afghanistan*. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace. (peer-reviewed)
7. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2013. *Evaluation Baseline Report: Tajikistan Local Governance Project Impact Evaluation*. Washington, DC: United States Agency for International Development.
8. Murtazashvili, Jennifer. 2012. *Survey on Political Institutions, Elections, and Democracy in Afghanistan*. Washington, DC: Democracy International and United States Agency for International Development.

Opinion Pieces

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Do No Harm: America Must Put Afghans First.](#)” *The National Interest*. August 20, 2022.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Nataliia Shapoval. “[Drowning Democracy.](#)” *Journal of Democracy*. August 2022.
3. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Akram Umarov. “[What Are the Implications of Uzbekistan’s Rapprochement With the Taliban?](#),” *The Diplomat*. August 8, 2022.
4. Akram Umarov, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. “[Where Russia’s Afghanistan Policy Went Wrong.](#)” *The National Interest*. July 15, 2022.
5. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Toward a Global Revolution of Dignity.](#)” *The National Interest*. July 7, 2022.
6. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Uzbekistan’s Unrest, Explained.](#)” *Foreign Policy*. July 6, 2022..
7. Brik, Tymofii, and Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili. “[The Source of Ukraine’s Resilience,](#)” *Foreign Affairs*. June 28, 2022.
8. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Central Asian Countries Now Have Two Big Worries about Russia.](#)” *Washington Post*. March 2, 2022.
9. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Jennifer Murtazashvili: The Precious, Fragile Gift of Freedom.](#)” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. February 28, 2022
10. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Biden Continues to Bungle Afghanistan.](#)” *The National Interest*. February 14, 2022.
11. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Afghanistan Collapse Was Not Inevitable.](#)” *Slate*. February 2, 2022.
12. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Northern Afghanistan Once Kept Out The Taliban. Why Has It Fallen So Quickly This Time?](#)” *Washington Post*. July 28, 2021.
13. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[How Will the US Withdrawal from Afghanistan Affect the Countries of Central Asia? Interview with Jennifer Murtazashvili.](#)” *Central Asian Bureau for Analytical Reporting*. July 12, 2021.
14. Expert analysis, “[Hopes Dim for Reformed Kyrgyzstan as New President Consolidates Power.](#)” *Atlantic Council*. October 28, 2020.
15. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Community Before Politics.](#)” *Discourse Magazine*. October 27, 2020.
16. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Colleen Wood. “[Election Officials Annulled Kyrgyzstan’s October Election. Here’s Why.](#)” *Washington Post*. October 10, 2020.
17. Expert Analysis. [Kyrgyzstan Gripped by Political Chaos Again: What Comes Next?](#) *Atlantic Council*. October 8, 2020.
18. Murtazashvili, Jennifer, and Bahrom Mirakilov. “[The Paradox of Uzbekistan’s Budding Virtual Civic Space.](#)” *The Diplomat*. August 20, 2020.
19. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Mohammad Qadam Shah. “[Defund Afghanistan.](#)” *Discourse Magazine*. July 21, 2020.

20. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[The Role of Russia and the Russian Language in Post-Karimov Uzbekistan.](#)” *Atlantic Council*. June 1, 2020.
21. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[The Problem Today Is Not Tribalism but Its Absence.](#)” *Discourse Magazine*. May 20, 2020.
22. Murtazashvili, Jennifer, and Mohammad Qadam Shah. “[Political Reform Urgently Needed in Afghanistan.](#)” *The Diplomat*. February 22, 2020.
23. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and David Jackson. “[Can Customary Authority Reduce Risks of Corruption and Local Capture?](#)” *Public Administration Review Blog*. October 23, 2018.
24. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, and Arya Nijat. “[Women’s Leadership from the Bottom Up.](#)” *University World News*. July 8, 2016.
25. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick and Ilia Murtazashvili. “[The Sequence of Land Reform and Political Reform.](#)” *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 6, 2016.
26. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[How Ghani Learned to Play the Tribal Game.](#)” *Foreign Policy*. November 2, 2014.
27. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Resetting Afghanistan.](#)” *Mark Syndicated News Service*. March 22, 2014.
28. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick.” [Land and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding.](#)” *Terra Nullius*. May 8, 2013.
29. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. “[Waiting for Gauhar Kamardinova.](#)” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. September 25, 2011.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books in Progress

1. Customary Authority in Modern World (proposal under revision with Cambridge University Press, Element Series in International Development)
2. Built to Fail: How Institutional Legacies and Aid Derailed Governance and Stability in Afghanistan (with Mohammad Qadam Shah)
3. The Political Origins of Property Rights in Land: Between Anarchy and Predation (with Meina Cai and Ilia Murtazashvili)

Working Papers

1. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick. *The Political Economy of Institutional Layering: Evidence from Central Eurasia*.
2. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick and Mohammad Qadam Shah. *Built to Fail: How Institutional Legacies and Aid Undermined State Building in Afghanistan*.
3. Alston, Eric, Pedro Bustamante, Marcela Gomez, Colin Harris, Prashant Krishnamurthy, Michael Madison, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Tymofiy Mylovanov, Martin Weiss, *Blockchain as a Commons: Legal Institutions for a Ledger-Centric World*.
4. Alston, Eric, Pedro Bustamante, Meina Cai, Marcela Gomez, Colin Harris, Prashant Krishnamurthy, Michael Madison, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili,

Tymofiy Mylovanov, Annette Vee, Martin Weiss. *Can Blockchain Solve Legal Titling's Conundrum?*

5. Weiss, Martin B. H. et al. 2019. *Blockchain Governance for Technologists*. Rochester, NY: Social Science Research Network. SSRN Scholarly Paper.
6. Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, Ilia Murtazashvili, Martin Weiss. *The Role of Blockchain in State Building*.
7. Cai, Meina, Adam Crepelle, Wilson Law, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, *The Predatory State and The Problem of Selective Enforcement of Property Rights*

GRANTS AND GIFTS

External

1. Support for Afghan Scholars at Center for Governance and Markets; Established Afghanistan Project. Anonymous Donation. 2021. \$1,100,000.
2. Support for Scholars in Ukraine, Mercatus Center, 2022, \$100,000.
3. International Scholar Support, Open Society University Network—Central European University, 2022, \$160,000 (to host one scholar; open ended agreement to provide additional support to scholars).
4. Central Asian Governance Knowledge Hub, American Councils for International Education, 2022, \$20,000.
5. Scholars at Risk, Atlas Network, 2022, \$405,000.
6. Support for Afghan Scholars at Center for Governance and Markets; Established Afghanistan Project. Anonymous Donation. 2021. \$250,000.
7. Afghan Asylum Assistance Task Force, Elsie Hillman Foundation, 2021, \$25,000.
8. Subnational Governance in Nepal, Center for International Private Enterprise, 2020, \$83,000.
9. Developing Public Administration Education in Kazakhstan, American Councils for International Education, 2020, \$20,000.
10. Center for Governance and Markets, Charles Koch Foundation, 2019, \$4.2 million.
11. United States Agency for International Development - Institute for International Education, 2016. \$33,000.
12. Conference on Afghanistan in Regional Perspective, United States Institute of Peace. 2013, \$2,000.
13. Electoral Reform in Afghanistan, United States Agency for International Development - Democracy International, 2011-2012, \$20,000.

Intramural

University of Pittsburgh

1. Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Travel Grant, 2018. \$2000.
2. Faculty Research Grant, Richard Thornburgh Law and Public Policy Forum, 2014. \$5000.
3. Conference Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Asian Studies, 2013. \$3000.

4. Conference Grant, University of Pittsburgh, European Union Studies Center/EU Center for Excellence, 2013. \$2000.
5. Conference Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Global Studies Center, 2013. \$3000.
6. Conference Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies, 2013. \$5000.
7. Faculty Research Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2011.
8. Domestic Travel Grant, Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2011.

University of Wisconsin--Madison

1. Vilas Travel Fellowship, 2006–2007, 2008-9.
2. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship - Persian Language Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2003–2004, (declined 2004–2005).

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

1. Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University, September 2022.
2. Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office. United Kingdom, February 2022.
3. George Washington University, May 2022.
4. Mahbub ul Haq Research Center, Lahore University for Management Sciences, January 2022.
5. U.S. Army War College, January 2022.
6. Centre de recherches sociologiques et politiques de Paris, October 2021.
7. Afghanistan Institute for Strategic Studies, Mehr Lecture on the Afghanistan Peace Process, May 2021.
8. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism, March 2021.
9. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Tashkent, July 2020.
10. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), Kabul, June 2020.
11. University of Chicago, Pearson Institute for the Study of Violent Conflict, Inaugural Pearson Global Forum, October 2018.
12. Brown University, Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Seminar, September 2018
13. Centil Law, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. June 2018.
14. Development Strategy Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. May 2018.
15. George Mason University, Workshop in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, January 2018.
16. World Bank, October 2016.
17. Yale University, InterAsia Program, McMillan Center for International Studies, 2016.
18. U.S. Army, Human Terrain Systems, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. 2012, 2013.
19. Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense, Arlington, VA. May 2013, 2010.
20. Indiana University, Workshop on Policy Analysis and Political Theory, Indiana University, 2011.

21. Australian National University, Graduate School of International Affairs. October 2010.
22. National Defense Science Board, Counterinsurgency Task Force, National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC. May 2010.
23. Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, January 2010.
24. St. Norbert College, Green Bay, WI, January 2009.

PRESENTATIONS AT INVITED ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & POLICY WORKSHOPS

1. Yale University, Department of Political Science, Workshop on Political Ethnography, December 2022.
2. Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Workshop on Alternative Governance Solutions, November 2022. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
3. Yale University, Department of Political Science, State Capacity Conference, October 2022.
4. IDinsight, Symposium: A Research Agenda for Dignity and Development, September 2022.
5. Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Future of Higher Education in Afghanistan, Istanbul, Turkey. July 2022.
6. Workshop on Democracy, Human, Rights, and Public Administration, Perspectives on Public Management and Governance (Journal), June 2022.
7. University of Gothenburg, Center for Governance and Local Development Annual Conference. Gothenburg, Sweden. May 2022.
8. University of Central Florida, Conference on American Foreign Policy and Intelligence, April 2022.
9. Princeton University, Institute for Transregional Studies, Conference on Civil Conflict and its Aftermath in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa, April 2022.
10. Princeton University, Conference on State Building, and International Development, School of Public and International Affairs, March 2022.
11. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Rondeli Security Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia. January 2021,
12. Hollings Center for International Dialogue (Turkey), US-Afghan Relations: Vision for The Future. July 2021.
13. Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Doha Institute (Qatar), Looking Towards Peace in Afghanistan after US-NATO Withdrawal. June 2021.
14. University of Arizona, Crisis of Capitalism? May 2021.
15. Arizona State University, Conference on Voluntary Governance, October 2020.
16. Conference on Foreign Assistance and Political Development in Fragile States, Pearson Institute for the Study of Violent Conflict, University of Chicago. May 2020.
17. King's College, University College London, Center for the Study of Governance and Society Empirical Cases of Self-Governance. Workshop on Self-Governance, June 2019.
18. Brown University, Political Theory Project. Philosophy, Politics and Austrian Economics, July 2019.

19. University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Program on Governance and Local Development, May 2019.
20. Government of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Justice, Tashkent Law Spring conference, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, May 2019.
21. Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Future Directions in Social Science: A Workshop on the Emergence of Problem-based Interdisciplinarity, Arlington, VA. April 2019.
22. George Mason University, Mercatus Center, Manuscript workshop for Timur Kuran's book, *Freedoms Delayed: The Political Legacies of Islamic Law in the Middle East*, March 2019.
23. George Mason University, Department of Economics, Book panel: Paul Dragos Aligica, *Public Entrepreneurship, Citizenship, and Self Governance* (2018, Cambridge University Press), January 2019.
24. University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Program on Governance and Local Development, May 2018.
25. Columbia University, American Institute for Afghanistan Studies/Hollings Center, Afghanistan: The Next Generation of Scholars. February 2018.
26. NASPAA NEXT: A Leadership Development Institute for Public Affairs, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, Washington, DC, September 2017.
27. Indiana University, Ostrom Workshop on Policy and Political Theory, Informality and Development: A Conference in Honor of Elinor Ostrom. October 2016.
28. University of Pittsburgh, Katz School of Business. Social and Community Implications of Introducing DC Power, Business of Humanity Project. April 2016.
29. Stanford University/Chatham House/United States Institute of Peace, State-Strengthening in Afghanistan 2001-2014: Learning from the Past to Inform the Future. Washington, DC. March 2015.
30. American University of Central Asia. Constructing Authority through Custom and Tradition. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. September 2013.
31. University of Zurich, Workshop on Ethnic Politics and Electoral Democracy. July 2012.
32. United Nations Development Program. Conference on Traditional Justice and Development, Bangkok, Thailand. October 2010.
33. University of Pittsburgh, Ridgway Center for International Security, Conference on Violent Armed Groups, October 2010.
34. United States Agency for International Development/United States Institute for Peace, Research Workshop on Tribes, States, and Development. September 2010.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

1. *Coexistence in Pluralist Societies*. Manuscript Workshop. Institute for Humane Studies. May 2021.
2. *Coexistence in Pluralist Societies*. Discussion Colloquium. Institute for Humane Studies, October 2020.
3. *Afghanistan: A Regional Way Forward?* University of Pittsburgh, December 2013.

4. *The Sustainability of Community Development Councils in Afghanistan*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul, Afghanistan, January 2008.
5. *Investigating the Sustainability of Community Development Councils in Afghanistan: Research Methodology*, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit Workshop, Kabul, Afghanistan, March 2007.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Panel Discussant

1. China Russia Eurasia Center, Southern Methodist University, Economic Research Mentoring Program, November 2021.
2. “Afghanistan,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2017.
3. “Changing Political Economies of Authoritarianism in Central Asia,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.
4. “Gender and Politics,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., October 2015.
5. “Approaching Afghanistan: Ethnographies between Marginality and Power,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2015.
6. “Illicit Political Economy and Security,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, New York City, October 2014.
7. “State Building,” (co-discussant, Francis Fukuyama) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 2013.

Academic Conference Roundtable Presentations

1. “Assessing Five Years of Reform in Uzbekistan,” PONARS Eurasia, George Washington University, April 2021.
2. Roundtable: What Do We Know about International Statebuilding? International Studies Association, April 2021.
3. Roundtable: Discussing Central Asia in Context, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Washington, DC. October 2019.
4. Roundtable: Field Safety and Research Ethics. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 2018.
5. Roundtable: Fieldwork in Challenging Settings. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. October 2017.

Selected Academic Conference Presentations

1. “Polycentric Governance: Structural Constraints, Tradeoffs, and Operational Limitations.” (with Paul Dragos Aligica), World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, September 2022.

2. "Soviet Legacies in the 'Third World': Law, Governance and Conflict." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2021.
3. "Red Tape: Political Centralization and Vicious Cycles in Afghanistan," (with Mohammad Qadam Shah) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020.
4. "Local Governance, Legitimacy, and Social Extraction: Survey Evidence from Uzbekistan," Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Washington, DC. October 2019.
5. "Leadership in Turbulent Times: Perspectives from Conflict-Affected States," Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) annual conference, Atlanta, October 2018.
6. "CESS Book Prize Author-Critic Forum: Jesse Driscoll's 'Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States.'" Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington, Seattle. October 2017.
7. "Social Institutions and Local Governance: Survey Evidence from Rural Tajikistan." Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual conference, University of Washington—Seattle, October 2017.
8. "The Paradox of State Strength: How Efforts to Strengthen Government Undermined Stability in Afghanistan," American Society of Public Administration, Riggs Symposium on Comparative Public Administration, Seattle. March 2016.
9. "Built to Fail: Institutional Design in Post-2001 Afghanistan," International Studies Association, Atlanta. March 2016.
10. Women's Leadership in Afghanistan (with Aarya Nijat), Presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference: October 2016.
11. "Built to Fail: Institutional Design in Post-2001 Afghanistan." Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting. Columbia University, New York. October 2014.
12. "Desirability Bias and Ethical Challenges of Conducting Fieldwork in the Shadow of Aid Projects in Conflict Zones." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2014.
13. "Land and the State: Customary Property Regimes and State Building in Afghanistan," with Ilia Murtazashvili, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.
14. "Village Electoral Systems and State Building: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Rural Afghanistan," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.
15. "Demand Driven State Building in Fragile States: Inter-communal Cooperation for the Provision of Public Goods in Rural Afghanistan," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011.
16. "The Formal-Informal Nexus in Rural Afghanistan," Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, April 2011.
17. "Ungovernable Afghanistan? The Role of Customary Authority and International Assistance in Generating State Support," Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, May 2009.

18. “The Politics of Property Rights in Afghanistan” with Ilia Murtazashvili, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2009.
19. “Informal Ties that Bind: Interest Aggregation and Representation in the Absence of the State,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2009.
20. “Customary Organizations and Community Development in Rural Afghanistan,” Conference on Afghan Development, Center for Global Studies and Center for Afghanistan Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha, October 2008.
21. “Local Governance as an Instrument of State Building,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2008.
22. “The Political Economy of Customary Organizations in Rural Afghanistan,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2008.
23. “The Political Foundations of State Building and Limited Government in Afghanistan,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2008.
24. “The 2005 Parliamentary Elections in Afghanistan: From the Campaign to the First Session – A Preliminary Assessment,” Center for Middle East Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, February 2006.

PUBLIC AND PODCAST APPEARANCES

1. Podcast Interview: [Ideas of India](#): The Future of Afghanistan. August 2022.
2. Panelist: Atlantic Council, “Nukus, Reform in Uzbekistan, and US-Uzbek Relations.” July 2022.
3. Public Presentation: The Stans: Where US Interests are Tested in Redefining Diplomacy. DACOR. Washington, DC. June 2022.
4. Podcast Interview: [Democracy Paradox](#): Afghanistan, Local Institutions, and Self Governance. March 2022.
5. Panelist: United States Institute of Peace, “[Does US Strategy in Central Asia Address Region’s Current Problems?](#)” January 2022.
6. Panelist: Atlantic Council, “Where is Unrest Taking Kazakhstan?” January 2022.
7. Panelist: Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, “[Bridging State and Civil Society: Informal Organizations in Tajik/Afghan Badakhshan.](#)” January 2022.
8. Panelist: Tadalab (Pakistan) Afghanistan Solutions Summit, January 2022.
9. Presentation: Eurasia Foundation, Young Professionals Network, December 2021.
10. Panelist: Institute for War and Peace Studies, “Implications of the Afghan Government’s Collapse on its Neighboring Countries—Russia, Iran, and Central Asia.” November 2021.
11. Panelist: Caspian Policy Center, Caspian Security Conference, November 2021.
12. Panelist: Newlines Institute, Mapping out Central Asia’s Geopolitical Importance, Washington, DC. October 2021.
13. Panelist: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “Afghanistan after US Withdrawal: Great Power Dynamics in Central Asia and Beyond.” August 2021.

14. Panelist: Jawaharlal Nehru University, Center for International Politics, Organization, and Disarmament. “Finding the Leverage: The Challenge of Stabilizing Afghanistan.” August 2021.
15. Panelist: Columbia University, Harriman Institute, “Russia and Central Asia after Afghanistan Withdrawal.” August 2021.
16. Panelist: [Afghanistan, Central Asia, and the Resurgence of the Taliban](#). Central Asia Program, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University. July 2021.
17. Participant: U.S.-Afghanistan Relations: Vision for the Future. Dialogue session hosted by the Hollings Center for International Dialogue. Istanbul. July 2021.
18. Panelist: [2021: Afghanistan’s Year of Reckoning](#). Organized by Observer Research Foundation (India), Wilson Center (USA), and IMEMO (Russia). July 2021.
19. Podcast interview: Raiders of the Lost Archive (hosted by Christian Davenport and Jesse Driscoll). June 2021.
20. Panelist: Central Asia after Afghanistan: The Implications of the US Withdrawal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 2021. (off-the-record briefing for senior US policymakers).
21. Panelist: Democratization and the Road Ahead for Afghanistan: Engaging the Native Population in Striving for Fundamental Human Values. The Atlantic Council and the National Center for Dialogue and Peace (Kabul). June 2021.
22. Panelist: The Possibility of Producing Consensus within the Parliamentary and Decentralized System of Democracy in Afghanistan. Afghanistan Institute for Strategic Studies. May 2021.
23. Panelist: Border Battle: Assessing the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan Clashes. Atlantic Council. May 2021.
24. Panelist: Democracy Denied: The False Promise of Afghanistan’s Constitutional Order. Afghanistan Institute for Strategic Studies. May 2021.
25. Panelist and Moderator: Political Economy of Reforms in Central Asia, World Bank—Central Asia; February 25, 2020.
26. Panelist: The Future of US Policy in Afghanistan – Human Rights, US Military Presence, and Confronting the Taliban, Los Angeles World Affairs Council, January 25, 2021.
27. Panelist: The Peril and Promise of the Afghan Peace Process: A Regional Perspective, Council on Foreign Relations Afghanistan, November 19, 2020.
28. Panelist: The Power of Conflicts and Protests in Central Asia—Comparative Analysis, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, November 5, 2020.
29. Panelist: Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and EU Relations, Fredrich Ebert Stiftung, October 15, 2020.
30. Panelist: Center for International Private Enterprise Roundtable Discussion: Economic Transitions and Democratic Transitions – What’s The Big Deal? (conference respondent along with Thomas Carothers and Francis Fukuyama), October 8, 2020. (Discussion with government officials leading economic reforms around the world).
31. Panelist: Negotiating Peace in Afghanistan: The Way Forward, McColm & Company, September 29, 2020.

32. Panelist: Eurasian Hotspots, Eurasia Congressional Fellowship Virtual Roundtable, Atlantic Council, September 25, 2020. (Briefing of congressional committee staffers).
33. Moderator and Discussant: Promoting Productive Employment during the COVID-19 Crisis in Uzbekistan, International Labor Organization & Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, September 23, 2020.
34. Podcast panelist: What Has Changed in Mirziyoyev's Four Years as Uzbek President? Majlis Podcast, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. September 6, 2020.
35. Panelist: Afghanistan-Central Asia: Prospects and Challenges in Bilateral Cooperation on Security and Peace. Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (Kabul). August 29, 2020.
36. Panelist: Prospects of Cooperation between Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and the United States, Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies. July 23, 2020.
37. Panelist: Crisis Management as a Test of Reforms in Uzbekistan, Central Asia Program, George Washington University, June 11, 2020.
38. Podcast interview: Postindustrial Podcast, May 13, 2020.
39. Podcast interview: Political Economy and Governance in Central Asia, Hoshimov Iqtisodiyoti (Hoshimov's Economics), February 4, 2020.
40. Podcast interview: Self-Governing Social Orders, Economic Methods, and Academic Women Roundtable, The Governance Podcast, King's College, University College London, November 25, 2019.
41. Podcast panelist: Role of Women in Central Asian Governments, Majlis Podcast, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. October 13, 2019.
42. Podcast interview: Decentralization and Reforms in Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, Governance Uncovered, May 2019.
43. Podcast panelist: Public Entrepreneurship, Citizenship, and Self-Governance Book Panel, Hayek Program Podcast, Mercatus Center, February 12, 2019.
44. Podcast interview: Jennifer Murtazashvili on Democracy and Informal Order in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, Economic Rockstar, December 2018.
45. Podcast panel: Is Uzbekistan Reforming under Its New President? Majlis Podcast, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. October 4, 2018.
46. Podcast interview: Christopher Coyne and Jennifer Murtazashvili on Foreign Aid and Development, Hayek Program Podcast, Mercatus Center, September 2018.

TEACHING

PhD-level Courses Taught

1. Qualitative Research Design and Methods
2. State Building
3. Institutions and Development
4. Field Seminar in International Development

MA-level Courses Taught

1. Political Economy Analysis for Global Affairs
2. The Political Economy of Central Eurasia: Security, Foreign Policy, and Development
3. Administration of Public Affairs
4. Islam, Politics, and the State
5. Comparative Governance
6. Global Governance
7. Post-conflict Reconstruction
8. Capstone Seminar: Marcellus Shale Policy and Governance
9. Capstone Seminar: US State Department Diplomacy Lab working with US Embassies on governance issues in Libya and Tajikistan

Short Courses

Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala), one-week intensive undergraduate course “Traditional Authority in a Modern World.” Course featured lectures as well as field visits in indigenous regions in Guatemala. March 2022.

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees

Chair

- Pengshan Pan: Effects of Chinese Investment on Central Asian Labor Markets, dissertator
- Blaire Modic: Property Rights, Corruption, and Courts: Evidence from Costa Rica, 2021

Committee Member

- Mohammad Sulaimani, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, dissertator
- Jeffrey Depp, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, dissertator
- Liyang Zhou, Department of Economics, dissertator
- Mirzokhid Karshiev, University of Helsinki, dissertator
- Liliana Devia, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, dissertator
- Alekhya Velagapudi, School of Computing and Information, dissertator
- Colleen Wood, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2022
- Dan Bisbee, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2021
- Kira Pronin, Department of Political Science, 2021
- Mohammad Qadam Shah, University of Washington, School of Law, 2018
- Caitlin Corrigan, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2016
- Ronald Redondo, Department of Political Science, 2016
- Shelley Scherer Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, 2015

- Hande Sozer, Department of Anthropology, 2012

Chair: M.A. Thesis (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

- Mookie Goodson, 2022: Strategies for Applying Distributed Ledger Technologies in Index-based Crop Microinsurance Schemes

Chair: Undergraduate Honors Thesis (B.Phil.)

- Marjorie Tolsdorf, 2017: The Relationship Between Religiosity of Kazakh Women and Attitudes toward Political, Economic, and Social Factors in Kazakhstan: Received Fulbright Award (Russia).
- Cian Stryker, 2016: Integration and Differentiation within the Russian Diaspora, Received Critical Language Fellowship (Tajikistan).
- Nikolai Condee-Padunov, 2010: Maternal health infrastructure in Afghanistan. Received Fulbright Award (Norway), Presidential Management Fellow.

EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE

Central Asian Survey, 2019-present

SERVICE

Service to the Global Community and Profession

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

- President (elected), Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2020-2023 (three-year rotating presidency).
- Chair, Conference Committee, Tashkent Regional Conference, 2020-2022.
- Organizer and Host, CESS Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, 2018.
- Board member (elected), 2017-2019.
- Chair, Institutional Linkages Committee, 2016-present.
- Conference Committee, 2016-2018.
- Best Book Award Committee 2016, 2019, 2020.
- Taskforce on Fieldwork Safety, 2015-16.
- Best Graduate Paper Award Committee, 2014.

Section for International and Public Administration, American Society for Public Administration

- Board member (elected), 2019-2022.
- Social Media committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
- SICA Occasional Papers committee, 2019-2010.
- Riggs Workshop organizing committee, 2019-2021.

International Studies Association

- Inaugural Board Member, Section on South Asia in World Politics, 2016-2018.

Other Global Service

- PONARS Eurasia, Member, 2019-present.
- Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Program and Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg, 2019-2021.
- Board Member, CEDOS (Ukraine), 2019-present.
- Board Member, Kloooh (Ключ) Media (Republic of Georgia), 2019-present.
- Independent expert witness (written affidavits and expert witness testimony), in support of applicants seeking political asylum in the United States, 2005-present.
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Election Observer, Presidential Elections, Kazakhstan, 2005.

University Wide Service

University-level committees

1. Board of Trustees Academic Affairs/Libraries Committee, 2021-present
2. Senate Council, elected representative, 2020-2022
3. Faculty Senate, elected representative, 2019-2022, 2022-2025
4. Gifts that Sponsor Projects Policy Committee, 2020-2021
5. Ad hoc tenure committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2020-2021
6. GSPIA faculty representative, UCIS Global Strategy, 2015-16
7. Ridgway Center for Security Studies, Faculty Steering Committee 2011-2016
8. Provost's Committee on Information Technology, 2010-12
9. Co-convenor, University of Pittsburgh Governance Group, 2011-3
10. University Center for International Studies, Hewlett Grant Committee, 2013-14

Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

1. Faculty Advisory Board, 2010-2020
2. Member, Small Grants Committee, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
3. FLAS Selection Committee Member, 2000-2016.
4. Search Committee Member, Post-doctoral Fellow, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2015-6

Center for Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh

1. Faculty Advisory Board, 2012-2018
2. FLAS Selection Committee, Member, 2010-11, 2012-13

School-wide Service

1. Committee member, Doctoral Studies Committee, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2019-present
2. Founding Co-chair, Technology Committee, 2016-2020
3. President, Faculty Assembly, 2017-18 (elected)
4. Vice President, Faculty Assembly, 2011-12 (elected)
5. Faculty Advisory Committee member, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18 (elected)
6. Committee member, Public Administration/Public Policy faculty search, 2017-18
7. Review committee, Ridgway Center for Security Studies and Wesley W. Posvar Chair, 2013-14
8. Chair, Committee to create Governance and International Public Management major, 2013-14
9. Search Committee, International Political Economy faculty search, 2013-14
10. Committee Member, Curriculum Review and Evaluation Committee, 2011-12, 2012-13
11. Committee Member, Professional Development Fund Committee, 2009-10, 2011-12
12. Committee member, Security Studies faculty search, 2009-10

PEER REVIEW

Journals

Afghanistan; Agriculture; American Political Science Review, Asian Politics and Policy; Asian Survey; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; Central Asian Survey; Central Asian Affairs; Children and Youth Services Review; Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Democratization; European Journal of International Relations; Forest Policy and Economics; Geopolitics, History, and International Relations; Governance; Independent Review; International Studies Perspective; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Asian Studies; Journal of South Asian Studies; Journal of Politics; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of Communism and Post-Communism; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Political Studies; Post-Soviet Economics; Public Choice; Publius; Social Science Quarterly; Structural Change and Economic Dynamics; Sustainability; Sustainable Development, Territory, Politics, Governance; Third World Quarterly; World Bank Economic Review, World Development; World Politics.

Book Presses

CQ Press, Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Routledge; Rowman and Littlefield; Stanford University Press; University of Notre Dame Press

Others

AidData; Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit; Afghanistan Office of the Chief Executive; Atlantic Council; National Science Foundation; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research; Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; Swiss National Science Foundation; United States Institute for Peace.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Acquisition Assistance Training for Cognizant Technical Officers (Contracting Officers), United States Agency for International Development, Almaty, Kazakhstan. May 2001.

Democracy and Governance Officers Training, United States Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. December 2001.

United States Peace Corps, Guliston, Uzbekistan, September-December 1997, Intensive Uzbek Language and Culture, TESOL Methodology, Cross-Cultural Understanding, Community Development, September-December 1997.

Non-Academic Appointments

Full-time Appointments

- Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Senior Research Officer, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2007-2008.
- United States Agency for International Development, Democracy and Governance Officer, Central Asia Regional Mission, Uzbekistan Country Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 1999-2002.
- United States Peace Corps, Secondary Education and Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 1997-1999.
- Civilian Research and Development Foundation Global, Project Assistant, Arlington, VA, 1996-1997.

Short-term Appointments

- US Department of State, Consultant, Afghanistan affairs, November 2021
- US Department of State, Consultant, Central Asian affairs, August 2021
- World Bank, Social Development: Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment Global Practice, 2016-2021.
- United States Agency for International Development, Justice Reform in Uzbekistan Program, 2018-19.
- United States Agency for International Development, Team Leader, Democracy and Governance Strategy Assessment, Kyrgyz Republic, June 2018.
- World Bank, Investment Climate Group, 2015-2016.
- United States Agency for International Development/Central Asian Mission, Tajikistan, Local Governance Evaluation, 2012-2016.
- Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, Faculty Mentor, 2011-2014.
- United Nations, Afghanistan, Contributor: Common Country Analysis, 2013.
- United States Agency for International Development (Democracy International). Afghanistan Governance Strategy Assessment, 2012.
- United States Agency for International Development, Africa, and Middle East Bureau (Management Systems International). 2010.

- National Security Interest Corporation/Department of Defense, Washington, DC, 2009-2010.
- Internews, Kabul, Afghanistan 2005-6.
- United Nations Development Program, Support to the Establishment of the Afghan Legislature, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2006.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Afghanistan (three years), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia (one year), Tajikistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan (five+ years)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

American Society for Public Administration

Central Eurasian Studies Society (lifetime member)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (lifetime member)

American Institute for Afghanistan Studies

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English (native)

Russian (working fluency, certified advanced proficiency)

Uzbek (working fluency)

Persian (Tajiki and Dari dialects) (working fluency)

Turkish (basic)

REFERENCES

Available upon request