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CURRENT POSITION

2009 - PRESENT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C.
Assistant Professor, International Politics Program

- Instructor for the core World Politics course, including Honors Sections

EDUCATION

2005-2009 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, D.C.
Ph.D. in Comparative Government (Department of Government)

- Dissertation: “Defining Work and Welfare: Politics of Social Policy Reform in Europe”
- Distinction on both Major Field (Comparative Government) and Minor Field (German and European Studies) comprehensive exams
- Apprenticeship in Teaching Certification

2006 – 2007 MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIETIES COLOGNE, GERMANY
Visiting Doctoral Fellow, August 2006 – August 2007

- Fieldwork research in Germany, United Kingdom, Denmark

JAN 2006 CONSORTIUM FOR QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Arizona State University

- Presentation of research design proposal on European welfare state reform
- Practical training in qualitative research methods

2002 – 2005 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, DC
*Master of Arts, BMW Center for German and European Studies,
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service*

- M.A. Project: “New Governance in the European Union: The Case of Economic and Social Cohesion.”

- 1995 – 1999 WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
Bachelor of Arts: International and Comparative Politics, German, Comparative Religion
- December 1999 *Summa Cum Laude* Graduate (3.93 GPA)
 - Honors Thesis: “European Integration and the Expansion of the European Union: Identity Formation in Europe”
 - Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi academic honors societies
 - Presidential Scholar Award, Department of Political Science
 - Western Michigan University Rhodes Scholarship nominee
- 1997 – 1998 KARLS-EBERHARD-UNIVERSITÄT (1997-1998) TÜBINGEN, GERMANY
International and Comparative Politics, German, Comparative Religion
- Complete immersion in a German university
 - Intensive seminar “Theories of International Regimes” under Dr. Volker Rittberger

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2000 “Turkish Immigrant Experiences in Germany: The Cultural Divide,” *The Michigan Academician*, XXXII, 37-48 (2000).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2008 “Religious Actors in Transitional Justice,” (together with Leslie Vinjamuri), in *The New Religious Pluralism*, edited by Tom Banchoff, Oxford University Press, 2008.

REPORTS

- 2007 Leslie Vinjamuri and Aaron Boesenecker, “Peace Agreements and Accountability Since 1980,” Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva, Switzerland.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2007 Review of *Social Enterprise: At the Crossroads of Market, Public Policy, and Civil Society*, edited by Marthe Nyssens, London: Routledge, 2006, in *Democracy & Society* 4, no. 2 (Spring 2007), 16-17.
- 2006 Review of *Solidarity in Europe: The History of an Idea*, Steinar Stjernø, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006, in *German Politics and Society* 24, no. 2 (Summer 2006), 98-104.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2007 “The Power of Defining Work,” Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University, Working Paper C-02-0708.
- 2006 “Learning to Work Together: The Impact of the European Employment Strategy on European Integration,” Council for European Studies Working Paper, available at <http://www.councilforeuropeanstudies.org/pub/papers.html>

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 “Religious and Secular Actors: The ‘Doers’ of Transitional Justice,” (co-authored with Leslie Vinjamuri, SOAS, University of London) paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, 15-18 February, New York, NY.
- 2008 “The Power of Defining Work: Politics and Discourse in European Welfare State Reform,” paper presented to the European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Student Conference, 25-27 August, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2008 “The Power of Defining Work and Welfare: Politics and Discourse in European Welfare State Reform,” paper presented to the 16th Annual Meeting of the Conference of the Council for European Studies, 6-8 March, Chicago, IL; panel organizer for section E3, “Caught Between a Rock and a Hard Place: New Risks, New Welfare, and the Politics of Social Adjustment in Europe.”
- 2007 “The Power of Defining Work: Social Policy Reform Discourses in the United Kingdom, Denmark and Germany,” paper presented to the 39th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, 15-17 November, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2007 “Religious Actors and Transitional Justice,” (co-authored with Leslie Vinjamuri, Georgetown University), paper presented to the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 30 August-2 September, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 “Making Europe Work: The Impact of the European Employment Strategy on the EU” paper delivered to the 64th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 20-23 April, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 “Learning to Work Together: The Impact of the European Employment Strategy on European Integration and Capitalism,” paper presented to the 15th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, 29 March-2 April, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 “Religious Actors and Transnational Justice,” (co-authored with Leslie Vinjamuri, Georgetown University), paper presented to “The New Religious Pluralism in World Politics,” Georgetown University, 16-17 March, Washington, DC.
- 2005 “Making Europe Work: The Impact of the European Employment Strategy on European Integration,” paper delivered to the International Conference on Social Science Research, 4-6 December, Orlando, FL.
- 2005 “New Modes of European Union Policymaking: Local Cooperation and Cross-border Learning within the Open Method of Coordination,” paper delivered to the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research, 15-19 April, Granada, Spain.
- 2004 “Historical Institutionalism and European Social Policy: A Reassessment of the Dynamics of European Integration,” paper delivered to the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, 11-13 November, Boston, MA.
- 1999 “Turkish Immigrant Experiences in Germany: The Cultural Divide,” presented to the 1999 Conference of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

COURSES TAUGHT

SIS 105	WORLD POLITICS <i>Fall 2009</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Core international relations course for the School of International studies▪ Core international relations literature with additional treatment of international political economy, foreign policy, and transitional justice subject areas	
GOVT 334	SEMINAR: POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND SOCIETY IN EUROPE <i>Instructor (Spring '09, Summer '09)</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Focus on major political, economic, and social developments in post-1945 Europe▪ Key case studies: Germany, Great Britain, Denmark, Czech Republic▪ Core comparative politics literature with additional treatment of international/comparative political economy literature	
GOVT 121	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS <i>Instructor (Summer '08, Summer '09)</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Overview of theory, concepts, and methods of comparative politics▪ Overview of world political systems and key issues in comparative politics▪ Focus on key analytical skills including understanding and comparing key concepts such as electoral systems, institutions, civil society, the state, globalization and development.	

TA/RA EXPERIENCE

2005-2008	TEACHING ASSISTANT IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT <i>Dr. Charles King, Department of Government</i> <i>Dr. Eric Langenbacher, Department of Government</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TA for the course "Introduction to Comparative Politics" (GOVT 121/CPS)	
2005 -2007	RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dr. Kathleen McNamara, Department of Government / School of Foreign Service</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Research on US-EU economic and political relations	
2004	TEACHING ASSISTANT <i>Dr. Tony Arend, Department of Government / Institute for International Law and Politics (IILP)</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assistance with seminar "International Law and War" (GOVT 491)▪ Administrative and organizational assistance to the IILP	
2004 – 2009	RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri, Department of Government / School of Foreign Service</i>	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Research on war crimes tribunals and transitional justice for a book project	

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| 2003 – 2005 | RESEARCH ASSISTANT
<i>Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Director, BMW Center for German and European Studies</i> | GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research on projects concerned with Europeanization and transatlantic relations ▪ Course preparation work for “Methodology of Comparative Politics” (GOVT 531) | |
| 2002 – 2003 | RESEARCH ASSISTANT
<i>Dr. Gregory Flynn, Associate Professor for International Affairs</i> | GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research and editing for book project on Constructivism in International Relations ▪ Assistance with syllabus and course preparation for “The Cold War in Europe” (INAF 341) and “International Relations in Europe” (INAF 590) | |
| 2001 – 2002 | ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
<i>Fulbright Commission / Austrian – American Education Commission</i> | NEUSIEDL AM SEE, AUSTRIA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 semesters at the Vocational College for Business (Bundeshandelsakademie) assisting with conversational and content courses, website development, language instruction | |

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2008-2009)
- Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (Spring 2008)
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Visiting Doctoral Fellow (August 2006-August 2007)
- American Consortium on EU Studies (ACES) Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (Summer 2005)
- Graduate School Assistantship Stipend, Georgetown University (2002-2007)
- Graduate School Tuition Scholarship, Georgetown University (2002-2007)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Northeast Political Science Association, Best Paper Award (2007)
- Distinction awarded on Ph.D. Major Field Comprehensive Exam (Comparative Government) (2005)
- Distinction awarded on Ph.D. Minor Field Comprehensive Exam (German and European Studies) (2004)
- Best Paper in Comparative Government, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2004)
- Jill Hopper Award Nominee, Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University (2004)
- Presidential Scholar Award, Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University (1999)
- Western Michigan University Rhodes Scholarship nominee (1999)
- Steckelberg German Award, Western Michigan University (1999)
- D.C. Schilling Award in Political Science, Western Michigan University (1998)

INTERESTS

- Welfare states and social policy
- Varieties of Capitalism
- European Integration, Europeanization, and European area studies
- Religion and politics
- Comparative politics and comparative politics methodology
- Qualitative research methods
- Discourse, narrative, and linguistic approaches to politics
- Post-conflict reconciliation and transitional justice

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

GERMAN

- Georgetown University Oral Proficiency Exam (2002)
- *Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom*, Goethe Institute, Berlin (Spring 2001)
- German Federal Parliament (Bundestag) Internship (Fall 2000)
- Study abroad at Karls-Eberhard-Universität, Tübingen (Sept. 1998 – Aug. 1999)
- B.A. in German, Western Michigan University (1999)

FRENCH

- Georgetown University Reading Proficiency Exam (2003)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association (APSA); EU, Comparative Politics, Qualitative Methods sections
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCPSA)
- Council for European Studies (CES)
- European Consortium for Political Research (GU Graduate Student Representative)
- Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Societies

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- President, Center for German and European Studies Alumni Association (2004 – 2008)
- Active Member, Potomac River Sailing Association and Lightning Class Fleet 50 (Arlington VA)
- Volunteer coach, Northern VA and Southern MD Special Olympics Sailing Team (2005, 2008)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

FALL 2000	INTERN, GERMAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG) <i>Émigré Memorial German Internship Program</i>	BERLIN, GERMANY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 6 weeks in the Secretariat for the Committee on European Union Affairs; 6 weeks in the Office of Karl Lamers, MdB, Foreign Policy Spokesperson for the CDU/CSU▪ Research, draft writing, and observation of parliamentary sessions	
1999 – 2001	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER <i>Intern for the City Manager</i>	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Partners Building Community comprehensive development project: member of research, design and implementation teams▪ Kalamazoo Connects: <i>Blueprint for ACTION, 2003</i> strategic planning and citizen participation process: project team member for process design and implementation▪ RFP writing: Economic Development Strategic Plan and Upjohn Park Master Plan▪ Daily work with city, county, and state administration and local elected officials	

REFERENCES

Dr. Jeffrey Anderson	Professor, Department of Government and School of Foreign Service; Graff Goltz Professor, and Director, BMW Center for German and European Studies Georgetown University, ICC 501 Washington DC 20057 jja5@georgetown.edu	202.687.5602
Dr. Thomas Banchoff	Director, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs Georgetown University 3307 M St NW, Ste. 200 Washington DC 20007 banchoff@georgetown.edu	202.687.5117
Dr. Kathleen McNamara	Associate Professor Department of Government and Mortara Center, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service Georgetown University 3600 N. St. NW Washington DC 20057 krm32@georgetown.edu	202.687.5159
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