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CURRENT POSITION

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

- Teaching courses include World Politics (intro to IR) and research methods at the undergraduate level; qualitative research methods and comparative European politics at the M.A. level, and advanced research design at the Ph.D. level
- Coordinator for SIS Undergraduate Research Symposium and SIS Undergraduate Research Travel Grant program
- SIS Gateway program mentor working with advanced undergraduates to incorporate new undergraduates in the university community
- Instructor and volunteer for the SIS Honors program

2010 - PRESENT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C.
Academic Director, SIS in Brussels Summer Program

- Assist in the selection of M.A. students for summer internship/study abroad program
- Evaluate the academic portion for students participating in the program
- Administer and evaluate supplemental independent study projects from selected students

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

- 2011 Aaron P. Boesenecker and Leslie Vinjamuri, "Lost in Translation? Civil Society, Faith-Based Organizations and the Negotiation of International Norms," *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 5 (2011).
- 2000 “Turkish Immigrant Experiences in Germany: The Cultural Divide,” *The Michigan Academician*, XXXII, 37-48 (2000).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2008 Leslie Vinjamuri and Aaron P. Boesenecker, “Religious Actors in Transitional Justice,” in *The New Religious Pluralism*, edited by Tom Banchoff, 155-194, Oxford University Press, 2008.

REPORTS

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

- 2011 Review of *The Politics of Welfare State Reform in Continental Europe: Modernization in Hard Times*, Silja Häusermann, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, in *German Politics and Society*, forthcoming.
- 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

- 2011 "A Crisis Wasted: Explaining the Return to National Patterns of Socio-Economic Governance in Europe," paper presented to the 18th International Conference of Europeanists, Barcelona, Spain, 20-22 June, 2011.
- 2011 "A Collaborative Teaching Strategy in Undergraduate Research Methods," (co-authored with Elizabeth Cohn, SIS, American University), paper presented to the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, 11-13 February, 2011, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2011 "Academic Research and Writing Across Disciplines," presentation at the 22nd Annual Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University, 7 January 2011.
- 2010 "Germany and the Financial Crisis: Constructing a Success Story," paper presented to the Workshop "What's Up with Germany?" 3-4 December 2010, Georgetown University.
- 2010 "Mapping the Actors in Transitional Justice" (co-authored with Leslie Vinjamuri, SOAS, University of London), paper presented to the Workshop for Restorative Justice, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding Project, at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 16-18 September 2010.
- 2010 "The Road Less Taken? A Discourse-Theoretic Analysis of the European Response to the 2008 Economic Crisis," presented to the working group "Diskurse im Institutionellen Wandel," Graduiertenkollege Märkte und Sozialräume in Europa, Otto-Friedrichs Universität, 15-17 July, Bamberg, Germany.

- 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 715	SEMINAR ON ADVANCED RESEARCH DESIGN <i>Fall 2011</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ph.D. course on advanced research design.▪ Covers contemporary philosophy of science debates, methodological foundations for qualitative, quantitative, and multi-method research research, research design process, and data collection and analysis.	
SIS 680	QUALITATIVE METHODS AND METHODOLOGY <i>Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Summer 2011</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M.A. level course in qualitative research methods.▪ Covers contemporary philosophy of science debates, theoretical foundations for qualitative research, epistemological questions, research design, and data collection and analysis.▪ Summer version (2011) taught in online learning/distance education format	
SIS 676	COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN POLITICS <i>Fall 2010</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M.A. level comparative politics course in contemporary European politics and society.▪ Core comparative politics literature with additional treatment of international/comparative political economy literature as well as contemporary public policy literature and debates.	
SIS 206	INTRODUCTION TO IR RESEARCH METHODS <i>Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Core international relations course for the School of International studies.▪ Teach fundamental tools and strategies of IR research methods, including literacy in scholarly literature, research design, research methodologies, data analysis, and writing research papers.	
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 2009, Summer 2009)</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.	

Instructor (Summer 2008, Summer 2009)

- 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.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2009 Panelist, “The Cold War Turned Concrete: The Building of the Berlin Wall,” part 1 of a 3-part documentary produced by *Deutsche Welle*, recorded at the Newseum, Washington DC. Aired on NPR Berlin (August 2009) and *Deutsche Welle* TV USA (October 2009).

TA/RA EXPERIENCE

2005-2008 TEACHING ASSISTANT IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Charles King, Department of Government
Dr. Eric Langenbacher, Department of Government

- TA for the course “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (GOVT 121/CPS)

2005 -2007 RESEARCH ASSISTANT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Kathleen McNamara, Department of Government / School of Foreign Service

- Research on US-EU economic and political relations

2004 TEACHING ASSISTANT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Tony Arend, Department of Government / Institute for International Law and Politics (IILP)

- Assistance with seminar “International Law and War” (GOVT 491)

2004-2009 RESEARCH ASSISTANT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri, Department of Government / School of Foreign Service

- Research on war crimes tribunals and transitional justice for a book project

2003-2005 RESEARCH ASSISTANT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Director, BMW Center for German and European Studies

- Research on projects concerned with Europeanization and transatlantic relations
- Course preparation work for “Methodology of Comparative Politics” (GOVT 531)

2002-2003 RESEARCH ASSISTANT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Gregory Flynn, Associate Professor for International Affairs

- 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

NEUSIEDL AM SEE, AUSTRIA

Fulbright Commission / Austrian – American Education Commission

- 2 semesters at the Vocational College for Business (Bundeshandelsakademie) assisting with conversational and content courses, website development, language instruction

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- Curriculum Development Grant, American Consortium on EU Studies (ACES) (2011)
- Online Learning / Distance Education Curriculum Development Grant, American University (2011)
- 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)
- Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, American Consortium on EU Studies (ACES) (Summer 2005)
- Graduate School Assistantship Stipend, Georgetown University (2002-2007)
- Graduate School Tuition Scholarship, Georgetown University (2002-2007)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Alumni Achievement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University (2010)
- 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, social policy, and 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
- Post-conflict reconciliation and transitional justice
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

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 and Mixed Methods, and Religion and Politics sections
- Council for European Studies (CES)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer, National Capitol Area Leukemia Cup Regatta Organizing Committee, Potomac River Sailing Association & Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (2010)
- President, BMW Center for German and European Studies Alumni Association, Georgetown University (2004 – 2008)
- Active Member, Potomac River Sailing Association and Lightning Class Fleet 50 (Arlington VA, 2002-Present)
- 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

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Intern for the City Manager

- Partners Building Community comprehensive development project: research, design and implementation teams
- Kalamazoo Connects: *Blueprint for ACTION, 2003* 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. 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
Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri	Department of Politics and International Studies SOAS, University of London Thornhaugh Street Russell Square London WC1H 0XG United Kingdom lv@soas.ac.uk	+44 (0) 20 7898 4758
Dr. Tamar Gutner	Professor & Director, International Politics Program American University School of International Service 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington DC 20016-8071 tgutner@american.edu	202.885.1620
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