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Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Economics, August 1988.

Bachelor of Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Political Science, 1981.

RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2020-present Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, American University, Washington, DC

2017-2020 Chair, Department of Economics, American University, Washington, DC

2017 Jan-May Visiting Balkan Scholar, American University in Bulgaria

2012-2016 Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, American University, Washington, DC

2004- present Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC.

1996-2004 Associate Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC

1989-2004 Assistant Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Evolution of Agrarian Institutions: A Comparative Study of Post-Socialist Hungary and Bulgaria (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001). Winner 2002 AAASS Hewett Prize.

Many Shades of Red: State Policy and Collective Agriculture (edited volume). Roman and Littlefield, 1999.

### Journal Articles:

“Women Are Herders Too: Women’s Role and Bargaining Power in Mongolian Herding Households,” under review. With Amarjargal Amartuvshin, Otgontugs Banzragch, Mayagmasuren Boldbaatar, and Georgia Poyatzis

“Elder Care and Paid Work: Gender Differences in the Relationship Between Unpaid Elder Care Work and Employment in Bulgaria.” *European Journal of Social Policy*, forthcoming 2020, with Lisa Giddings.

“Improving Assessments of Gender Bargaining Power: A Case Study from Bangladesh” *Feminist Economics*, 2019, with Rita Ismaylov.

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“Governance and Behavior in Non-Profits: Analysis of Uruguayan Health Care Organizations,” *Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms* 12: 267-292, 2011, with Juan Jose Barrios.

"The Decline in Intergenerational Mobility in Post-Socialism: Evidence from the Bulgarian Case", *World Development* 2009, with Thomas Hertz and Sibel Selcuk.

*Declining Secondary Enrollment in Albania: What Drives Household Decisions?* vol. 2003, 2009. Pittsburgh, PA: *The Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies*, with Tom Hertz and Juna Miluka.

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"Transition to market economics: Employment and informal activity in rural areas," *Forum for Social Economics* 32(1) 2002: 33-42.

"De-development in Post-Socialism: Conceptual and Measurement Issues," *Politics and Society*, 31 (1), 2003, with Rasika Ranasinghe.

"Are Markets Like Mushrooms and Other Neo-Liberal Quandries," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2001.

"Agricultural Ecology and Changing Economic Systems: Lessons from the Bulgarian Case," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 29 (2), Spring 1997, with Monique Morrissey.

"Bulgarian Cooperatives and Economic Transformation," *Cooperatives et Developpement*, 26 (1), 1994/95, with Charles Rock.

"From Hoes to Hoes: State Policy, Agricultural Mechanization, and Women's Work Under Central Planning," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 26 (4), December 1994.

"Market Socialism as a Culture of Cooperation," *Politics and Society*, 22 (4), December 1994.

"Downwardly Mobile: Women in the Decollectivization of East European Agriculture," *Women in Development Working Papers*, #247, Michigan State University, September 1994 (pp. 1-10).

"Privatization and Antitrust in Eastern Europe: The Importance of Entry," *The Antitrust Bulletin* 33 (3), Fall 1994, with Robert Feinberg.

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"Economic Strategies of Surviving Post-Socialism: Changing Household Strategies and the Gender Division of Labor in the Bulgarian Transition," in Rainnie, A, Adrian Smith and A Swain, eds., *Work, Employment and Transition* (Routledge, 2002).

"Rural Change in Bulgarian Transitions," in *Europe's Green Ring*, Leo Granberg, et. al. eds, (Ashgate, 2001), pp. 107-127. With Robert Begg.

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Jorge Perez, *Cuba's Second Economy: From Behind the Scenes to Center Stage* in *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Fall 1996.

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Jorge Perez-Lopez, *The Economics of Cuban Sugar*, in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 1992.

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2018 Open Society Foundation Grant to strengthen the Program for Gender Analysis in Economics

2018 sub-award, Open Society Foundation Grant to study household labor and bargaining power in Mongolian rural households

2018 Open Society Foundation Grant for feasibility study for gender sensitive macroeconomic model for Colombia

- 2010 Fulbright Award, teaching and research, Uruguay, behavior of health care non-profits
- 2009 US Title VIII Grant, awarded Dec. 2008, to study behavior of Bulgarian farmers
- 2004 COBASE, municipal government survey in Poland
- 2003-5 US National Science Foundation, International Collaboration Grant, "Making Competitive Markets," co-PI with Robert Feinberg
- 2003 COBASE, municipal government in Kyrgyzstan
- 1996-00 National Science Foundation, Regional Development in Post-Socialism
- 1995-97 National Council for Soviet and East European Research, Evolution of Agrarian Institutions.
- 1995 National Research Council, Hungary, Evolution of Agrarian Institutions.
- 1991-95 MacArthur Foundation, Collaborative Project on Agriculture and Environment.
- 1990 International Research Exchanges Board, Individual Research Exchange.
- 1990 American Council of Learned Societies, Language Training Grant.