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ACADEMIC TRAINING

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. candidate, August, 1999-present

Concentration: International Relations and Comparative Politics with focus on Central and Eastern Europe and European Union.

Dissertation Topic: "The Effectiveness of Transnational Advocacy Networks in the Fight Against Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation in Central and Eastern Europe".

Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

B.S., Economics/International Business, minor in Political Science, May 1998

Summa cum Laude honors

SKILLS

Languages: Slovak/Czech (native), English (fluent), conversational German (proficient)

Software: SPSS (Statistics), MS Excel and Word, PowerPoint

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Science Department, UIC, Autumn, 1999-present (Except Spring 2001-Autumn 2002)

Lead two discussion sections of twenty to forty students in Comparative Politics, compose and grade exams, think papers, and oral presentations.

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to International Relations, Political Science Department, UIC, Spring, 2001- Autumn, 2002

Led two discussion sections of twenty-five students each, designed and graded exams as well as the final book review assignments and policy briefs.

Lecturer for Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Science Department, UIC, Summer, 2002

Taught a class of thirty students with focus on comparative politics theory, discussed case studies of Germany, France, United Kingdom, Russia, Canada, Nigeria, China, Mexico, Switzerland, China and India, designed and graded exams, written assignments and oral presentations, brought to class a number of Chicago-based Consulate Generals who discussed with students their countries' current challenges.

Research Assistant for Professor Ruhil and Professor Marschall, Political Science Department, UIC, Spring 2002-Autumn 2002

Assisted with quantitative and qualitative research on sub-national level data of OECD countries, collected and coded data, assisted with development of databases, analyzed national constitutions, composed country reports, translated German, Czech and Slovak documents and reports into English.

Adjunct Instructor for International Politics and International Organizations, Political Science Department, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL, Autumn, 2001

Taught a class of twelve students that focused on introduction of the dominant international relations theories, structure of European Union and United Nations, composed and graded exams, written assignments and the final paper.

Research Assistant for Professor Lopez, Political Science Department, UIC, Autumn, 2000

Translated Czech academic literature into English. (Project's funding was provided by the Institute for Humanities, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research at University of Illinois at Chicago.)

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International Trade Specialist, International Trade Center, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, February 1999-July 1999

Provided research assistance to Northern Illinois companies interested in exporting their product and/or service and marketed International Trade Center programs to the Northern Illinois Business Community.

Lecturer and Interpreter, College of DuPage, November 1998

Lectured on "The United States vs. Slovak Republic", presentation on North American corporate culture to Slovak business delegation.

Research Aide, Political Science Department, Elmhurst College, Summer 1998

Conducted library research on international donors and their influence on democratic and economic development in Senegal.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Do the Boomerang Effect and the Spiral Model Apply?: The Case of Human Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe", paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

"Transnational Advocacy Networks and UN Human Trafficking Protocol", paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-April 6, 2003.

"International Regime Formation: Global Ban on Landmines and UN Human Trafficking Protocol", paper presented at 44th Annual Conference of International Studies Association, Portland, OR, February 25-March 1, 2003.

SCHOLARSHIPS and HONORS

UIC Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Autumn, 2001

UIC International Student Scholarship, Autumn, 2001

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, 2000-2001, 1999-2000

UIC Doris Graber Scholarship, 1999-2000

Delta Mu Delta-Business Honors Society, 1997-present

Elmhurst College International Scholarship, 1996-1998

Honors Scholar Program Scholarship, 1994-1996

Charta 77/ Soros Foundation Travel Award, Summer, 1995