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## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley**  
Associate Director (September 2015 –Present)

## **EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D. in Political Science (August 2015)  
Committee: Margaret Weir (Chair), Taeku Lee, J. Nicholas Ziegler, Kim Voss  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Western European Politics, Public Policy and Organizations

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**  
M.A. in Political Science and Transatlantic Relations (2004)  
Adviser: John D. Stephens

**Columbia University in the City of New York**  
B.A. in History (2001)  
Honors Thesis Adviser: Volker R. Berghahn (History)

## **ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

### **External**

Title VI and FLAS National Resource Centers Grant, US Department of Education, 2018-2022, Co-Principal Investigator, for the Institute of European Studies (2018)

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Grant, European Commission, 2018-2021, Co-Principal Investigator, for the Institute of European Studies (2018)

Getting to Know Europe Grant, European Commission, 2017-2019, Co-Principal Investigator, for the Institute of European Studies (2017)

Honorable Mention, Thomas A. Kochan & Stephen R. Sleigh Best Dissertation Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) (2017)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Global Germany Grant for the Institute of European Studies, 2017-2018, Co-Principal Investigator (2016)

University of Virginia Dept. of Politics Postdoctoral Fellowship (2015) *declined*

Mellon-Council of European Studies Dissertation Finishing Fellowship (2013)

Berlin Program Fellowship at FU-Berlin for Dissertation Research (2010)

Fulbright Fellowship for Research in Germany (2010) *declined*

DAAD Award for Dissertation Research (2010) *declined*

Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Diversity 3 Yr Fellowship (2007)

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2007)

DAAD German Studies Research Grant (2000)

### **Internal**

UCB Graduate Division Summer Grant (2012, 2013)

UCB Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant (2012, 2014)

UCB Institute for European Studies (IES) Dissertation Grant (2012)

UCB Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant (2012, 2011)

UCB IES Summer Grant for Pre-Dissertation Research (2009)

UCB Fernström Grant for Pre-Dissertation Research in Scandinavia (2009)

UCB Department of Political Science David William Bell 5 Yr Fellowship (2007)

UNC-Chapel Hill, Graduate Travel Grant, (2004, 2005)

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Comparative Political Economy  
Social Movements

Immigration, Race and Ethnicity  
Qualitative Methods and Fieldwork

### **BOOK PROJECTS**

*The Color of Solidarity: Explaining the Conditions of Labor Union Support for Immigrants* (sole-authored manuscript)

*Crises, Resilience and the Future of the EU* (co-edited with Marianne Riddervold and Jarle Trondal) under consideration by Palgrave Macmillan

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*In Press: US-EU Relations in Times of Uncertainty*, co-edited journal special issue for Fall 2018 publication by the *Journal of European Integration* (with Marianne Riddervold)

*In Press: "Introduction to Special Issue, US-EU Relations in Times of Uncertainty,"* forthcoming in *Journal of European Integration* for Fall 2018 (with Marianne Riddervold)

*In Press: "Credible Champions? Transatlantic Relations and Human Rights in Crisis,"* forthcoming in *Journal of European Integration* in August 2018

"Immigrants in European Labor Unions: Organizational Pitfall or Potential?" in *Perspectives on Europe*, vol. 45, no.1 (2015): 123-128.

Book Review, Lee Adler, Maite Tapia and Lowell Turner's *Mobilizing Against Inequality: Unions, Immigrant Workers and the Crisis of Capitalism* (Ithaca: ILR Press, 2014) in *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal* vol. 36, no. 2 (2015): 337-341.

"Fieldwork in Political Science: Encountering Challenges and Crafting Solutions," (Editors' Introduction with Francesca Refsum Jensenius, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs and Roselyn Hsueh, Temple University) *PS: Political Science and Politics* vol. 47, no. 2 (2014): 391-393.

"Knowing When to Scale Back: Addressing Questions of Research Scope in the Field," *PS: Political Science and Politics* vol. 47, no. 2 (2014): 410-413.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

"Choosing Race as a Resource for Class Mobilization in Europe," article manuscript under review

"Schengen and the Refugee Crisis" book chapter in *Crises, Resilience and the Future of the EU*

"Introduction," book chapter in book chapter in *Crises, Resilience and the Future of the EU*

"Corporatism and the Representation of Immigrant Interests by Labor Unions," article manuscript.

"Are Some More Equal than Others? Ethnicity and Dualization in Europe," working paper

“Verfassungspatriotismus at Work: Immigrant Mobilization in German Labor Unions,”  
working paper.

“Migrant Labor and the Limits of State-Led Nativization Policy,” (with Joseph Gardner),  
working paper

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

“Credible Champions? Transatlantic Relations and Human Rights in Crisis”  
UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (June 2018)

“Supranational Failure or Opportunity? The Role of EU Institutions in Schengen’s Collapse”  
IES, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (December 2016)

Global Europe in Crisis Workshop  
IES, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (December 2016)

“German and European Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” Panel Discussion  
--BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington,  
DC (December 2016)

“Challenges for German and European Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” with Center Directors and  
Representatives of German Universities  
--German Studies Association, San Diego, CA (October 2016)

“Economic Boon or Bane? Elite Discourse and the Prospects for Labor Market Integration of  
Immigrants During the Refugee Crisis”  
--Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics,  
Berkeley, CA (June 2016)

“*Verfassungspatriotismus* at Work: Immigrant Mobilization in German Labor Unions”  
--Workshop on the German Model at the BMW Center for German and European  
Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC (December 2015)  
--CGES 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Institute of European Studies, University of  
California, Berkeley, CA (October 2015)

“Identity Matters: Immigrants On Strike at European Public Hospitals”  
--Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA (March  
2016)  
--Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA,  
(September 2015)  
--Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Chicago, IL,  
(July 2014)

“Mobilizing Against Hate at Work: Two Auto Plants Compared”

--UCB Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop, Berkeley, CA, (April 2013)

“Ethnicity and the Politics of Privatization in Hospitals”

--UCB Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop, Berkeley, CA, (October 2012)

“Migrant Labor and the Limits of State-Led Nativization Policy” (with Joseph Gardner)

--Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL,  
(April 2013)

--UCB Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop, Berkeley, CA, (January 2012)

--Religious Norms in the Public Sphere Network Launch Meeting, Florence, Italy,  
(December 2009)

“Corporatism, Unemployment and the Representation of Immigrant Interests in Denmark and the Netherlands”

--Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, (April 2012)

--Annual Meeting of the Council of European Studies, Boston, MA, (March 2012)

--UCLA Migration, Ethnicity and Urban Inequality in Europe, Los Angeles, CA  
(March 2012)

“Hear No Evil, See No Evil? A Case Study of Unions and Immigrants at a German Hospital”

--Migration, Integration and Transnationalization Colloquium at the Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin, Germany, (July 2011)

--Berlin Program Colloquium at FU-Berlin, Berlin, Germany, (May 2011)

“Successful Regions, Successful Immigrants? Are Economic Gains in Europe’s Successful Regions Distributed to Immigrants?”

--Harvard University-University of Manchester Workshop on Immigration and Social Change, Manchester, U.K., (June 2008)

## **OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

Organizer:

--UCB Department of Political Science Workshop, “Reconciling Research Design with Fieldwork” (April 2013)

--Graduate Student Working Group Meeting, “Fieldwork Challenges in Political Science (February 2013)

--UAW Local 2865, Panel Event, “Confrontations and Common Ground: Organizing in Communities of Color” (April 2013)

--UNA-USA, YPIC, Panel Event at the German Consulate General of New York, “The Return of the Grand Coalition: Angela Merkel and the 2005 Elections in Germany” (March 2006)

Discussant/Rapporteur:

- UCB Conference on US/EU Immigrant Integration (2012)
- Freie Universitaet Berlin, Berlin Program Colloquium (2011)
- UCB Comparative Politics Colloquium (2008, 2012)
- UCB Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop (2008, 2012)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

PS2: "Introduction to Comparative Politics," Professor Steven Fish, (Spring 2015)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

PS138E: "The Varieties of Capitalism: The Political-Economic Systems of the World," Professor Steven Vogel, (Fall 2011)

Guest Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

"Solidarity with or against Immigrants? European Labor Unions at the Crossroads," PS138E: "The Varieties of Capitalism: The Political-Economic Systems of the World," Professor Steven Vogel, (October 2011)

Guest Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

"The Headscarf Ban: Germany and France in Comparison,"

PS 138F: "Immigrants, Citizenship and the State," Rebecca Hamlin and Ken Haig, (July 2008)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Fieldwork in Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, France and the UK (17 months)

Affiliations:

- Visiting Fellow, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB), Berlin, Germany (July 2010-July 2011)
- PUF Fellow, L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France (June 2010)
- Visiting Researcher, Employment Relations Research Centre (FAOS), University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark (June 2009)

Research Assistant:

--Professor Steven Vogel, UCB

Researched and drafted for new lecture presentations and units for upper division undergraduate lecture course PS138e (The Varieties of Capitalism and junior seminar PS191 (The Governance of Markets), designed and maintained course webpages via Canvas educational software (Fall 2014).

## Research Assistant (cont.):

--Professor Olivier Roy (EUI) and Heddy Riis, UCB

Organized a conference for December 2009, launching a network of scholars researching religion in the public sphere across the globe (Fall 2009); Expert interviews, including imams, for research project (June 2010).

--Professor Margaret Weir, UCB

Conducted background research and produced summary documents describing the public health care safety net in Houston, TX for a larger study on public health care access in American cities (Summer 2008)

--Professor Taeku Lee, UCB

Analyzed and coded the first three years of journal articles in *Perspectives on Politics* as background research to an article on the discussion of race across the social sciences (Summer 2008)

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

--Program Associate at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York, NY (2004-07)

--Graduate Intern at the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. in Berlin, Germany (2004)

--Editor (Redakteurin) for corporate communications at Deutsche Telekom in Bonn, Germany (2002-03)

--Intern (Praktikantin) for corporate communications at Deutsche Telekom in Bonn, Germany (2001-02)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association, Council of European Studies, Midwest Political Science Association

## **SERVICE**

UCB Political Science Graduate Students Association, UCB Black Graduate Students Association, UAW Local 2865

## **LANGUAGES**

German (fluent), French (reading), Danish, Turkish, Hausa (basic)

## REFERENCES

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