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**Summary of Qualifications:**

Over 20 years of international programming experience in think tanks and institutions of higher education, working both independently and collaboratively on national and international research projects, policy development, academic program start-up and management, graduate recruitment and advising, alumni relations, teaching and writing in the areas listed above. Have served as the lead coordinator on international research and policy development projects in Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Ukraine and the U.S. Helped establish and negotiated MOUs for international graduate program agreements, including a unique double MA in international studies. Received special recognition as a graduate school instructor, curriculum developer, student mentor and advisor at the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech. Published a book on democratization processes in former communist countries and served as editor and author of an extensive array of articles and reports published nationally and internationally.

**Major Areas Experience:**

***International Research Project Leadership, Development and Management***

- ❖ Initiated, developed and currently manage the International Refugee Research Project which brings together a research team of over 100 domestic and international academic and non-profit partners to analyze and provide information and policy recommendations about refugee integration in local communities, and their impact on the communities in which they relocate. Recommendations have been presented to local, state and federal level service agencies and government leadership in several countries affected by large influxes of refugees (Germany, Belgium, the United States).
- ❖ As the Deputy Director of the International Action Commissions Program for the Center for Strategic & International Studies, brought together key representatives from business, government, academia, NGOs and the media to identify and address legal and institutional challenges to democracy building, market growth, security and integration in central Europe. Developed and managed 60 projects related to Euro-Atlantic integration for Central and Eastern Europe involving a network of over 10,000 government, business and civil society leaders. Averaged 15 projects annually with outreach to academic, policy and business leaders in 37 countries in Eurasia and North America.

***Policy Development***

- ❖ Researched, analyzed and developed policy briefs and recommendations for governments and other institutions in Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine in the areas of government transparency, labor policy, public-private partnerships for infrastructure modernization, e-commerce regulations, the role of regulators in the power and telecommunications sectors, social and pension reform, education for mid-level government staff, training of judges, strengthening of the role of NGOs, security, energy sector restructuring and legislation, modernization of the agriculture sector, adoption of modern accounting standards, tax system reform defense reform and free market mechanisms.
- ❖ Elected to serve as a Representative in the Romanian Chamber of Deputies and specialized in education and environmental legislative policy development.

### ***Academic Program and Curriculum Development***

- ❖ Worked with the University of Kent, UK and Virginia Tech leadership to plan and implement an innovative and unique dual master's program co-sponsored by the two universities. Negotiated the contract for the program; recruited students; served as a key advisor and mentor; and coordinated all practical and logistical support arrangements for the program.
- ❖ Developed the curriculum for semester-long graduate-level courses in American Foreign Policy, Post-Communist Societies, Terrorism and Counter Terrorism and Special Topics: Refugee Crisis.
- ❖ Co-developed and co-led a leadership development seminar for current and aspiring leaders in a faith-based organization that has been adapted for use by other organizations in the region.

### ***Teaching, Mentoring and Advising***

- ❖ Taught ten different graduate-level courses over the last 15 years, developing four of them completely, for the Political Science Department of Virginia Tech University.
- ❖ Specialize in on-line teaching and development of innovative dual and F2F courses on current topics such as Global Change, Collaborative Governance and Civil Society, Refugee Issues, US foreign policy, security topics.
- ❖ Advised and mentored hundreds of US and international students since 2003.
- ❖ Advised and mentored Mandela Institute Fellows from sub-Saharan countries (US State Dept. program in the framework of Young African Leaders Initiative).

- ❖ Received special recognition from Virginia Tech for services to SPIA in 2010.

### ***Fundraising***

- ❖ Secured \$350,000 grant from the Charles Mott Foundation, and smaller US government grants for projects coordinated at CSIS.
- ❖ Secured internal grants for the refugee project at Virginia Tech.

### **Education**

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY** **Norfolk, VA**

**Ph.D., International Studies** **2000**

**Areas of Specialization:** international relations, security, U.S. foreign policy, democratization and economic transformation in post-communist societies, media, and the environment

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY** **Blacksburg, VA**

**M.A., Political Science** **1993**

**UNIVERSITY OF TIMISOARA** **Timisoara, Romania**

**B.A., English and French Language and Literature** **1980**

### **Employment History**

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**

**School of Public and International Affairs** **2013 - present**

Associate Director for Recruitment and Alumni Relations

Director, Two Capitals, Two Masters

Coordinator, International Refugee Project

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY, POLITICAL SCIENCE  
DEPT. 2003 - 2013**

Director, On-Line MA, Political Science

**THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
Washington, DC 1997-2003**

Deputy Director, International Action Commissions Program

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
Norfolk, VA 1994-1997**

Graduate Assistant, International Studies Program

Editorial and Production Assistant, *International Politics Journal*

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Riverhead, NY 1993-1994**  
Adjunct Instructor, International Politics

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY  
Blacksburg, VA 1990 - 1993**

Graduate School Office Assistant, International Student Regulations

Visiting Scholar and Guest Lecturer

**CASA DE CULTURA SALA DALLES  
Bucharest, Romania 1985 - 1990**  
Teacher of English and French

**Professional Affiliations**

- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Eurasian Studies (Seoul, Korea)
- Fellow (non-resident), Europe Program, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC

## **Books and Publications**

“Refugee Integration in New EU Member States,” with Dawn Cutler, forthcoming 2019.

“International Refugee Research: Evidence for Smart Policy” (editor), 2019, Virginia Tech.

EU’s Eastern “Empire”, in *Revisiting the European Union as Empire*, Behr H. and Stivachtis (eds.) Y. Routledge, 2015.

“International Society and Regional Integration in Central Asia,” with Yannis Stivachtis, in *Journal of Eurasian Studies* vol. 5, no. 1 (Jan. 2014), pp. 68-76.

“The OSCE: A Pan-European Society in the Making?” *Journal of European Integration* 33, no. 2, pp. 179-195, 2011.

“Collision Course: NATO, Russia and the Former Communist Bloc in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” in *NATO At 60*, The Magazine of International Affairs Forum (spring 2009) pp. 30-35.

*Rising Eurasia: Democracy and Independence in the Post-Soviet Space*, Praeger, July 2008.

“Democracy, Markets, and Security in Eastern Europe,” with Daniel N. Nelson, in *Politics and Society in Eastern Europe*, ed. Sabrina Ramet, Indiana University Press, 1999.

“NATO Enlargement and Democracy in Eastern Europe.” *European Security* 6, no. 4, 1997.

“The Defense Industry in East-Central Europe.” *European Security* no. 4, 1997. Book review of Yudit Kiss, *The Defense Industry in East-Central Europe. Restructuring and Conversion*, SIPRI, Oxford University Press, 1997.

“Mass Media and Democracy in Romania: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future,” in *Romania in Transition*, ed. Lavinia Stan, Dartmouth, 1996.

“Democracy’s Travails: Past, Present and Future.” *International Politics* 1, no. 4, 1997. Book review of Ian Shapiro, *Democracy’s Place*, Cornell University Press, 1996; Gretchen Casper and Michelle M. Taylor, *Negotiating Democracy; Transitions from Authoritarian Rule*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1996; Mary Ellen Fischer, ed., *Establishing Democracies*, Westview Press, 1996; Arend Lijphart and Carlos H. Waisman, eds. *Institutional Design in New Democracies; Eastern Europe and Latin America*, Westview Press, 1996.

## **CSIS Reports:**

“Learning from Successful Cooperation in the Expanding Euro-Atlantic Region.” Final report of Euro-Atlantic Security Project, May 2003.

“Euro-Atlantic Integration for Ukraine.” Euro-Atlantic Security Project, February 2003.

“Central and Eastern Europe, and Russia: Obstacles to Euro-Atlantic Cooperation - Anticipating and Resolving Security Challenges in the Aftermath of September 11.” Euro-Atlantic Security Project, May 2002.

“Lessons of Euro-Atlantic Integration in the face of Expanding Cross-National Threats: Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe.” Euro-Atlantic Security Project, April 2002.

“Future Security Roles of NATO and the EU: Central and Eastern European Contributions.” Euro-Atlantic Security Project, May 2001.

“Polish-Belarusian Cooperative Council for Border Operations: Practical Actions for the Improvement of Border Management and Operations.” Border Crossing Conference Report, March 2001.

Published op-eds and held interviews on topics related to American foreign policy, elections in Europe, security, and democratization processes.

### **Languages**

Fluent in English and Romanian. Fair in French.