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### Education

February 2008 PhD in Political Science, Boston University.  
 1997-2001 BA/ MA (*Diplom*) in Social Sciences, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.  
 1999-2000 Visiting student, Duke University, Political Science Department.

### Dissertation

*Economic Interests, Domestic Constraints, and the Construction of a European Single Pension Market.* The dissertation examines how EU pension policies are affected by welfare-finance regimes in coordinated and liberal market economies.

### Field

Comparative Politics, International Relations, International Political Economy, West and East European Governments, Social Policy, Varieties of Capitalism, Comparative Public Policy, Politics of the European Union, Business-Government Relations.

### Awards and Fellowships

2007-2008 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies, University of Rochester.  
 2007 Travel grant, American Political Science Association.  
 2005, 2008 Dean's Award, Boston University.  
 2004 DAAD pre-dissertation grant for field research in Germany.  
 2001-2005 Presidential University Graduate Fellowship, Boston University. Awarded to top incoming graduate student.  
 2001 DAAD grant for summer school in data analysis, University of Essex, UK.  
 2000 Grant for summer school in data analysis, University of Essex, UK, by Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin.  
 1999-2000 R. Taylor Cole scholarship, Duke University.

### Publications

*Economic Interests and the Construction of a European Single Pension Market.* British Journal of Politics and International Relations (2008), Vol. 10, No. 1, February 2008, pp. 105-128.

*Die Muslimische Elite in Europa.* Translation into German of Jytte Klausen's book *The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in Western Europe.* Campus Verlag, Frankfurt/ Main, February 2006.

(with Gabriele Kasten and David Soskice): *Europäische Beschäftigungspolitik: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen*. Schüren Presseverlag, 2001.

*The German Position on European Pension Policies*. Revise and resubmit.

## Works in Progress

*The Politics of Pension Reform in the European Union*. Book manuscript in preparation.

*The British Position on European Pension Policies*. Under review.

*The Sources of Pension Reforms in Europe: Domestic, Interdependent, or International Factors?*. Under review.

*The Transposition of EU Pension Policies in Poland and the Czech Republic*.

*The Gendered Consequences of EU Pension Policies*.

## Selected Conference Participation

*The EU Single Pension Market: Comparing Compliance in Old and New Member States*. Paper presented at the Skalny Center, University of Rochester, March 31, 2008.

*More rights, Fewer Pensions? The Gendered Consequences of European Union Pension Policies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30–September 2, 2007.

*The Role of Agenda Control in the Creation of a Single Market for Pension Funds*. Paper presented at the tenth EUSA Biennial International Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 17-19, 2007.

*The German Position on European Pension Policies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007.

*Pension Privatization in Europe: Diffusion or Coercion?* Paper presented at the student/ faculty brown bag seminar, Boston University, February 16, 2007.

Discussant for panel 15-10 *The Politics of the European Constitution*. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 30-September 2, 2006.

*Decision-Making in the European Union: The Case of Pension Portability*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 20-23, 2006.

*Pension Reform in Europe: Great Britain and Germany in Comparative Perspective*. Paper presented at the meeting of EUSA's Political Economy Section. The University of Edinburgh, UK, April 8, 2006.

*The Challenges of Implementing a Common Pension Market in Europe*. Paper presented at the fifteenth International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Chicago, March 29-April 2, 2006.

*Promoting Financial Market Integration and Social Protection? The Impact of European Union Legislation on Domestic Pension Regimes*. Paper presented at the ninth EUSA Biennial International Conference, Austin, March 29, 2005.

## Other Academic Work

*The Political Economy of Social Pacts. Italy and Germany in Comparative Perspective.* Unpublished MA thesis, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany.

## Teaching Experience

University of Rochester; Lecturer

Politics of the European Union (PCS 266, undergraduate elective). Designed syllabus, prepared online discussion forum, presented all lectures, graded midterms and final papers with re-write option. Spring 2008.

SUNY Geneseo; Lecturer

West European Politics (PISc 226, undergraduate elective). Designed syllabus, delivered all lectures, graded weekly reading quizzes, research papers with re-write option, and final exams. Spring 2006.

Harvard University; Tutor

Introduction to Comparative Politics/ International Relations (Gov 97b, sophomore tutorial, lectures by Prof. Stanley Hoffmann and Paul Pierson). Introduced literature for 2-hour tutorial, graded weekly response papers and final papers with re-write option. Spring 2003.

Boston University; Lecturer

Introduction to International Relations (PO 120, undergraduate core course). Designed syllabus, prepared reader and online discussion forum, presented all lectures, graded midterms and final papers. Summer 2003.

Boston University; Teaching Fellow

Introduction to Public Policy, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, American Political Parties. 2002-2004.

## Research Experience

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| October-November 2007 | Polish Ministry of Labor, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland. Conducted interviews with academics and government officials regarding Poland's accession to the European Union.  |
| June-August 2006      | European Commission and Parliament, Brussels; German Ministry of Social Affairs, Bonn; and Association for Occupational Pension Provision (aba), Heidelberg. Conducted interviews with officials involved in drafting European pension legislation. |
| July 2004             | Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany. Dissertation research.   |
| 05/2002-08/2002       | Harvard University, for Prof. Margarita Estevez-Abe. Work involved collection of data for pension and gender project.   |
| 01/2002-05/2002       | Boston University, for Prof. John Gerring. Work involved coding and collection of various datasets for growth and inequality project.   |
| 4/2000-7/2001         | Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, for Prof. David Soskice. Conducted interviews with central bankers, labor union and business representatives in Italy, Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands for EMU project.  |

## Administrative Work

09/2004-03/2005 Take Five Scholars Program Coordinator, Academic Support Services, University of Rochester.

## Skills

Languages: German (native), French, Russian.

Software: Stata, SPSS, Latex, Dreamweaver, Frontpage, Filemaker, Microsoft Office.

## Personal

Born in 1975, dual citizenship (USA and Germany), married, one child (born in 2002).

## References

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