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ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, Project on Managing the Atom, Cambridge, MA

Senior Research Associate (present)

- Research and publications in nuclear nonproliferation, arms control, crisis dynamics, deterrence, and nuclear security
- Organization of special events and conferences in close collaboration with MTA fellows and staff, other Belfer projects, and Belfer communications team
- Member, “Mitigating pathways to nuclear war” working group, MacArthur Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence research network
- Lead, MTA’s diversity and inclusion program, *Atomic Voices*, a series of seminars to empower marginalized voices and perspectives in the nuclear field
- Lead, Nuclear Dangers at Zaporizhzhia NPP working group
- Participant, Track-II dialogue with Russian Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on International Security and Arms Control

Research Associate (2020-2022)

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, MTA/International Security Program (2017-2018; 2019-2020)

Stanton Nuclear Security Post-Doctoral Fellow (2016-2017)

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Postdoctoral Fellow (2018-2019)

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany

Visiting Professor (Summer 2019)

Research project exploring Germany’s role in the future of US-Russian arms control endeavors.

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Visiting Professor, Experimental College, School of Engineering, Arts and Sciences (Spring 2018)

Course designed and taught: “The Bomb and Its Meanings”

EDUCATION

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

PhD in Political Science (2010-2016)

Dissertation title: “The Power of the NPT: International Norms and Nuclear Disarmament of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine, 1990-1994.”

Doctoral Committee: Paul Roe, Alexander Astrov, Xymena Kurowska (CEU), David Holloway (Stanford)

Teaching Assistant, Critical Security Studies, MA course, Spring 2012

Nuclear Proliferation International History Project Bootcamp, Allumiere, Italy

Student, Certificate of completion (June 2015)

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and Roma Tre University

12-day intensive nuclear history immersion course

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

MA in International Relations and European Studies (2009-2010)

Thesis title: "Role of Context in Securitization Theory: Holodomor Discourses and Societal Security in Ukraine"

Recipient, 2010 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine

BA in Political Science (1993-1997)

Co-founder, Student Government

ACADEMIC AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Inheriting the Bomb: The Collapse of the USSR and the Nuclear Disarmament of Ukraine, Nuclear History and Contemporary Affairs Series, John Hopkins University Press (Baltimore), 2022.

"Distressing a system in distress: Global nuclear order and Russia's war against Ukraine," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, November 2022.

"Non-Proliferation and State Succession: The Demise of the USSR and the Nuclear Aftermath in Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine," *Journal of Cold War Studies* Vol. 24 (2), Spring 2021: 46-94.

"Damage Control: The Breach of the Budapest Memorandum and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime," with Andreas Umland, in Oxana Schmies, ed., *NATO's Enlargement and Russia: A Strategic Challenge in the Past and Future*, ibidem-Verlag (Stuttgart, Germany), 2021: 177-189.

"Chernobyl: 35 years after the disaster began," in *World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2021* (Paris), September 2021: 208-217.

"Arms control by and for Europe," with Alexander Bollfrass, *CSS/ETH Policy Perspective*, Vol. 8/10, September 2020.

"Budapest Memorandum at 25: Between Past and Future," conference report co-authored with Matthew Bunn, *Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Project on Managing the Atom*, March 2020.

"Interpreting the Bomb: Ownership and Deterrence in Ukraine's Nuclear Discourse," with Polina Sinovets, Wilson Center Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Working Paper #12, December, 2017.

"Was Ukraine's Nuclear Disarmament a Blunder?" *World Affairs Journal*, Summer 2016.

"The Power of the NPT: International Norms and Ukraine's Nuclear Disarmament," *The Nonproliferation Review* Vol. 22 (2), June 2015.

"Looking Back: Ukraine's Nuclear Predicament and the Nonproliferation Regime," *Arms Control Today* 44 (10), December 2014: 35-40.

"The Breach: Ukraine's Territorial Integrity and the Budapest Memorandum," Issue Brief #3, Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., September 2014.

SELECTED COMMENTARY AND OPINION

“Factoring the human dimension of Putin’s takeover of Ukraine’s nuclear power plant,” *Boston Globe*, October 24, 2022

“Was Ukraine wrong to give up its nukes?,” *Foreign Affairs*, April 8, 2022.

“If Ukraine chooses neutrality, what could that look like?” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, April 7, 2022.

“In Ukraine, there’s no second Chernobyl disaster in the making – not yet,” *Boston Globe*, March 10, 2022.

“Ukraine building a number bomb? Dangerous nonsense,” with Matthew Bunn, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, March 9, 2022.

“A pragmatic turn in Geneva,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, June 17, 2021.

“Revisiting Ukraine’s nuclear past will not help security its future,” *Lanfare*, May 21, 2021.

“Neither NATO, nor nukes: The answer to Ukraine’s security is a strategic alliance with the United States,” with Thomas Graham, Jr., *Just Security*, May 20, 2021

“Impeachment backstory: Nuclear dimension of US security assistance to Ukraine,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, November 13, 2019

“Chernobyl’s effects go far beyond what you’re seeing on HBO. It shook up politics for years,” *Washington Post, Monkey Cage blog*, July 12, 2019.

“Without the INF Europe could see a new missile power. (Spoiler: It’s not Russia),” *Washington Post, Monkey Cage blog*, February 26, 2019.

“Ukraine and the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons,” *Sources and Methods*, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, October 15, 2018.

“Denuclearization Again? Lessons from Ukraine’s Decision to Disarm,” with Polina Sinovets, *War on the Rocks*, April 19, 2018

“North Korean missile engines: Not from Ukraine,” with Andrew Zhalko-Tytarenko, *Atlantic Council*, September 12, 2017.

“25 Years of Nuclear Security Cooperation by the US, Russia and the Newly Independent States: A Timeline,” with Simon Saradzhyan and William Tobey, Russia Matter Project, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, June 16, 2017.

“Against All Odds: Kostiantyn Morozov and the Unlikely Establishment of Ukraine’s Military,” *Sources and Methods*, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, March 6, 2017.

INTERVIEWS AND PODCASTS

“With Putin losing, the risk of nuclear war grows.’ How could it happen?,” *iRozhlas*, Czech Radio, October 26, 2022

“Alexey und die Katastrophe,” Ukraine – Der Riss mit Mirko Drotschmann, *ZDF*, October 2022.

“A blip on the radar,” *Sideways* with Matthew Syed, BBC Radio 4, August 1, 2022

“Did Ukraine make a mistake by giving up nuclear weapons?” *At the Brink*, March 30, 2022

“Mariana Budjeryn: A personal perspective on the war in Ukraine,” Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, Spring 2022.

“What’s next in the Russia-Ukraine crisis?,” Bloom Europa Podcast, February 20, 2022.

Regular contributor to *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *NPR*, *BBC TV and Radio*, *France 24*, *Al Jazeera*, *Voice of America*, as well as multiple Ukrainian and Eastern Europeans TV and radio outlets. Quoted in *The Guardian*, *New York Times*, and *Economist*.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

“Cuban Missile Crisis at 60: Lessons of the Past and Relevance for the Present,” Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, Cambridge, MA (October 14, 2022)
Jointly with Belfer Applied History Project and Intelligence Project, organized a one-day conference that brought together prominent historians of the Cuban Missile Crisis to revisit its lessons and consequences and relate it to the war in Ukraine.

“Ukraine’s Nuclear Disarmament: 25 Years After the Budapest Memorandum,” Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center, Cambridge, MA (December 6, 2019)
Organized a one-day conference that brought together decision-makers and experts from the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia to reflect on the history and impact of Ukraine’s nuclear disarmament.

Arms Control Negotiations Academy (ACONA), (2019-present)
One of the architects, organizers, and contributors of a year-long immersive course in arms control history, technology, and negotiations skills in a multi-institutional international collaborative aimed at honing a new generation of arms control negotiators. ACONA is in its 3rd year and attracted 48 fellows from 23 nationalities.

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC (2019-present)
Global Fellow, History and Public Policy Program
Lecturer, NPIHP Nuclear Bootcamp

National Security Archive Oral History Conference “Nuclear Weapons and Ukraine,” Siena, Italy (September 2019)
Contributed to the oral history conference on Ukraine’s nuclear disarmament that brought together direct participants of Ukraine’s nuclear disarmament from the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia.

Ukrainian Nuclear History Fellowship, Odesa-Kyiv, Ukraine (Summer 2018)
Wilson Center Nuclear Proliferation International History Project and Odesa Center for Nonproliferation at the Odesa National Mechnikov University.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Cultural Survival, Cambridge, MA, USA
Intern and Contributor, part-time (2004-2006), indigenous rights advocacy group

Porohy Magazine, Prague, Czech Republic

Co-editor and contributor (2002-2003), magazine of the Ukrainian community in the Czech Republic

Goldfarb Consultants, London, UK

Research Analyst (2000-2002), qualitative research Ford Motor Company, Jaguar Cars, Ogilvy & Mather, Accenture, Standard & Poor's, British Telecom, ICO Global Communication

Western NIS Enterprise Fund, Kyiv, Ukraine

Public Relations Manager (1997-1999), US government-funded venture capital fund for Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus

Council of Advisors to the Parliament of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

Research Assistant (1993-1996), policy think-tank and advisory body

MISCELLANEOUS

- Member, International Studies Association (ISA), American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Women in International Politics and Security (WIPS).
- Reviewer, *International Security*, *The Nonproliferation Review*
- Languages: Ukrainian (native), English, Russian (fluent), Belarusian, Czech, Polish (listening and reading comprehension), French (beginner).