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Education

- University of Wisconsin-Madison:
 - **Ph.D.**, Political Science, 1994.
 - M.A., Political Science, 1990.
- Loyola University of Chicago: M.A., Political Science, 1989.
- State University of New York (Stony Brook/Regents College): B.S., Liberal Arts, 1985.

<u>Employment</u>

- Department of Government, Minnesota State University-Mankato:
- **Distinguished Faculty Scholar,** since 2018. **Full Professor**, tenured, from August 2007-present.
- *Visiting Professor*, Department of Political Science, Institute of Eastern and Central European Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, Fall Semester 2016.
- Director, International Relations Program, 2006-08, 2015-16, 2020-2022.
- Associate Professor, tenured, August 2001-July 2007.
- Assistant Professor, January 1995 July 2001.

Books and Book Chapters:

- (Co-authored with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat). *Mothers, Families or Children? Family Policy in Poland, Hungary, and Romania, 1945-2020.* Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2022.
- (Co-authored with Linda Cook). "Central and Eastern Europe," (Chapter 50). In Herber Obinger et.al, eds, *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2021: 881-898.
- *Welfare States in East Central Europe, 1919-2004.* New York/Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press, 2008. (Co-winner of the **2009 Orbis Book Prize** from the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies ASEEES).
- Welfare States w Europie Srodkowo-Wschodniej w latach 1919-2004. Warsaw: Wyzsza Szkola Pedagogiczna TWP, 2010. (Polish language translation of "Welfare States in East Central Europe" sponsored by the European Union).
- "Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia: Adaptation and Reform of the Post-Communist 'Emergency Welfare States'." (Chapter 5) In Alfio Cerami and Pieter Vanhuysse, eds., *Postcommunist Welfare Pathways: Theorizing Social Policy Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe*, Basingstoke UK: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2009, 73-95.
- (Co-edited with Nida Gelazis and Michael J. Cain). *Fighting Poverty and Reforming Social Security: What Can Post-Soviet States Learn from New Democracies in Central Europe?* Washington DC: Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars (East European Studies), 2005.
- "From Theory to Practice: Lessons of Post-communist Social Policy Reforms in Central Europe." In Nida Gelazis, Tomasz Inglot, and Michael J. Cain, eds. (Introduction), *Fighting Poverty and Reforming Social Security: What Can Post-Soviet States Learn from New Democracies in Central Europe?* Washington DC: Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars (East European Studies), 2005, 3-10.
- "Historical Legacies, Institutions and the Politics of Social Policy in Hungary and Poland, 1989-1998." (Chapter 7). In Grzegorz Ekiert and Stephen Hanson, eds. *Capitalism and Democracy in Eastern and Central Europe: Assessing the Legacy of the Communist Rule*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003, 210-247.

Published Journal Articles and Working Papers:

- (Co-editor, with Tsveta Petrova), "Introduction: Politics and Current Challenges of Demography in Central and Eastern Europe (special section). *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures,* vol.34, no.4 (November) 2020: 879-892.
- "The Trumph of Novelty over Experience: Social Policy Responses to the Demographic Crises in Hungary adn Poland since the EU Enlargement," *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures,* vol.34, no.4 (November) 2020: 984-1004.
- "Social Policy and the New Middle Class in Central and Eastern Europe." *Current History*, vol.118, no.806 (March) 2019: 96-102.
- "Convergent, Divergent, and Reversible Societal Trends in Europe: A Post-Cold War Historical Approach: Reflections on Béla Tomka's "A Social History of Twentieth- Century Europe." *Quaderni Stroici* (Bologna, Italy), no. 1 (April) 2016: 335-341.
- "Path-dependency vs. Reform in Pensions and Family Policy Re-examined: Dual Trajectories of the Polish Welfare State since the 1990s." *Social Policy & Administration*, vol. 50, no.2 (March) 2016: 241-261.
- "Western Welfare States Watched from the East During the Cold War: Condemnation, Competition, and Creative Learning." *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*, vol.29, no.3, 2013: 241-257.
- (co-authored with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat), "Reforming Post-Communist Welfare States: Family Policy in Poland, Hungary, and Romania since 2000." *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol.59, no.6 (November-December) 2012: 27-49.
- (with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat), "Continuity and Change in Family Policies of the New European Democracies: A Comparison of Poland, Hungary, and Romania. "Part I: Institutional Legacies and Path Dependence in Family Policies, 1945-2000." Washington DC: *NCEEER (National Council for East Eurasian and East European Research) Working Paper* no. 825-10 (November 14, 2011): 1-74.
- (with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat), "Continuity and Change in Family Policies of the New European Democracies: A Comparison of Poland, Hungary, and Romania. "Part II: Path Dependence and Path Departure in Family Policies since 2000." Washington DC: *NCEEER (National Council for East Eurasian and East European Research) Working Paper* no. 825-10 (November 14, 2011): 1-69.
- "Zasiłki rodzinne jako "odrzucone" dziedzictwo komunistycznego welfare state w Polsce (1947-2003)." ("Family Benefits as a 'Rejected' Legacy of the Communist Welfare State in Poland, 1947-2003," in Polish). *Polityka Spoleczna* (Warsaw) no. 9 (2010) (Special Edition – European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion): 13-17.
- "The Emergence of Postcommunist Entitlement States: Social Insurance Policy and Politics under the Left-Wing Governments in Hungary and Poland." *Program on Central and Eastern Europe Working Paper Series, no.46, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University,* 1998: 1-43.
- "Between High Politics and Civil Society: Polish Trade Unions in the Process of Democratization." *Perspectives on Political Science* no.3 (Summer), 1998: 148-154.
- "The Politics of Social Policy Reform in Postcommunist Poland: Government Responses to the Social Insurance Crisis during 1989-1993. *Communist and Postcommunist Studies* no.3 (September), 1995: 361-373.
- "Explanations of Welfare Effort in Comparative Studies of Social Policy" (in Polish) *Polityka społeczna* (Warsaw, Poland) no. 7 (July), 1993: 2-5.
- (co-authored with John P. Pelissero) "Ethnic Political Power in a Machine City." *Urban Affairs Quarterly* vol. 28, no. 4 (June), 1993: 526-543.

Fellowships, Awards, Grants, and Research Travel

- 2024 (January 1-June 30) NAWA/Ulam Research Grant for International Scholars, National Agency of International Academic Exchanges/Ministry of Science, in collaboration with the Institute of Labor and Social Studies, Warsaw, Poland, *Neoliberalism and the Welfare State in Central and Eastern Europe: Legacies, Theory and Practice from the 1990s to the Present.*
- 2020, Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School MSU, Nationalism, Pronatalism and the Politics of Family Policy under Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes.
- 2018, Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, Minnesota State University-Mankato.
- 2014-2015, Teacher of the Year Award, Minnesota State Student Association.

- 2013, 34th Annual Frontier Forum Lecture Award (College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, MSU-Mankato: (Doing More with Less: Supporting Gender Equality and Families in Europe).
- **2012, Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School-MSU**, *European Integration, Welfare State, and the Family since 2004.*
- 2009-11, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) Collaborative Research Grant (Family Policies in Central & Eastern Europe).
- 2009, Orbis Book Prize (American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, AAASS), for the book *Welfare States in East Central Europe, 1919-2004*.
- 2009, Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School -MSU, for field research on the politics of family policies in Poland, Hungary, and Romania.
- 2005, Postsecondary Curriculum Development Program Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES), University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 2003, Postdoctoral Fellowship in East European Studies, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) (to complete a book manuscript).
- 2003, Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Graduate School -MSU, for field research in Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland.
- 2002, Research and Travel Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS)-MSU, to conduct field research in Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland.
- 2002, Douglas R. Moore Presidential Faculty Research Lectureship, MSU.
- **1999, Short Term Grant, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Washington DC,** for collaborative work with a foreign scholar.
- 1997-98, Public Policy Fellow, Humphrey Institute for Public Policy, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities,
- 1996/97, Short Term Travel Grant, IREX, for field research in Hungary and Poland.
- **1996**, **Faculty Research and Travel Grant**, **Graduate School (MSU)**, to conduct field research in Hungary and Poland.
- 1992/93, Fulbright Fellowship, Ph.D. dissertation research, Warsaw, Poland.
- 1992 (Summer) Social Science Research Council Summer Seminar on Post-Soviet Economics, University of Pittsburgh, PA.

Selected Conference Presentations

- "Neoliberalism and the Welfare State in Central and Eastern Europe: Legacies, Theory, and Practice since 1989," paper presentation, 30th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies), Lyon, France, July 3-5, 2024.
- "Mothers, Families or Children, Family Policy in Poland, Hungary and Romania, 1945-2020," book presentation/roundtable panel, organizer and presenter. *European Social Policy Network (ESPAnet)* annual conference, University of Warsaw, Poland, September 8, 2023.
- "Mothers, Families or Children, Family Policy in Poland, Hungary and Romania, 1945-2020," book presentation/roundtable panel, organizer and presenter. The 54th Annual Convention of the American Society for East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Chicago, IL, November 10-13, 2022.
- "Family Policy in Poland, Hungary and Romania, 1945-2020,"roundtable panel organizer and presenter, the 28th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies), Lisbon, Portugal, June 29-July 1, 2022.
- "Historical Explanations of Poland's 'Emergency' Welfare State," paper presented at the conference, *1918-2018, Poland in the Changing World*, University of Warsaw, Poland, 19 October, 2018.
- "Welfare States in Central and Eastern Europe: A Search for New Comparative Perspectives." Roundtable organizer and chair, *25th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies)*, Chicago, IL, March 28-30, 2018.
- "The Trumph of Novelty over Experience: Social Policy Responses to the Demographic Crises in Hungary adn Poland since the EU Enlargement," Paper presented at the 24th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies), Glasgow, UK, 12-14 July, 2017.

- "The Age of Austerity vs. The Golden Age: A New Historical Explanation of Family Policy Continuity and Change in Europe." Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of Europeanists, (Council of European Studies) Paris, France, April 8-10, 2015.
- "The European Future of Permanent Austerity? New Approaches to Comparative Analysis of Welfare and Family Policies Including Old and New EU Member States. Conference panel organizer and chair, 22nd Annual Conference of Europeanists, (Council of European Studies) Paris, France, April 8-10, 2015.
- Co-organizer (with Brigit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg, Germany) of the mini-symposium on "Family Policies in Europe in Times of Austerity: The New Politics and Ideas of Gender, Employment and Children's Welfare," (three panels) at the 20th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies-CES), Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 25-27, 2013.
- (with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat) "The New Politics of Family Policy in Hungary, Poland, and Romania Since the EU Accession: Domestic vs. International Influences." Paper presented at the 20th Annual Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies-CES), Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 25-27, 2013.
- "Eastern European Approaches: The Impact of the Cold War and Welfare Regimes in Eastern Europe." Paper presented at the conference: *The European Welfare State in a Global Context, the German Historical Institute London & London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK*, April 11-13, 2013.
- "Western Welfare States Watched from the East: Condemnation, Competition and Creative Learning." Paper presented at the international symposium on the *Cold War and the Welfare State, at the Nobel Peace Institute, Oslo, Norway*, November 11-14, 2012.
- "History, Politics and Ideas: Family Policy in Postwar Poland, Hungary and Romania" (with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat). Paper presented at the international conference, *Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development, Nordic Center of Excellence and the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark*, June 13-15, 2012.
- "Developmental Paths of Family Policies in the Former Socialist Countries." Paper presented at the International Symposium on *Welfare State Reform and Consequences*, organized by the *Center for Globalization and Governance, University of Hamburg, Germany*, June 12, 2012.
- "The Origins and Development of Family Policies in Central and Eastern Europe: A Comparison of Poland, Hungary and Romania, 1945-1989." Paper presented at the 19th Conference of Europeanists, (CES-Council on European Studies), Boston MA, 23 March 2012.
- "Trade Unions and the Polish 'Emergency Welfare State": A Critical Reassessment." Paper presented at the *symposium on "Trade Unions and Social Policy under Communism," Indiana University, Bloomington IN*, October 22, 2010.
- (with Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Rat). "The Anti-Poverty Dimension of Family Policies in Three New EU Member States: Hungary, Poland, and Romania." Paper presented at the 8th annual ESPAnet (*European Social Policy Network Association*) conference, *Budapest, Hungary*, 2-4 September, 2010.
- "Recent Trends and Future Family Policy Models in an Enlarged Europe." Conference panel organizer and chair, the 7th annual conference of the *Europea Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet)*, Urbino, *Italy*, September 17-19, 2009.
- "Limits to Cross-Border Influences: Reproduction of Inequalities in Social Policy Outcomes in the New Democracies of East-Central Europe." Paper presented at the 6th Annual ESPAnet Conference, Helsinki, Finland, September 18-21, 2008.
- "Postcommunist Welfare States and Inequality: Lessons from Comparative Study of Central and Eastern Europe Since 1989." Roundtable organizer and presenter at the *104th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston MA*, August 28-31, 2008.
- "Emergency Welfare States in East Central Europe, 1919-1999." Paper presented at the 5th Annual ESPAnet Conference, Vienna, Austria, September 20-22, 2007.
- "Fighting Poverty and Reforming Social Security: What Can Post-Soviet States Learn from New Democracies of Central Europe?" Conference co-organizer, chair, and discussant, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (East European Studies), Washington DC*, June 10, 2005.
- "Comparative Study of European Welfare States: Western Theories of Social Policy Development and the East European Experience." Paper presented at the 98th annual meeting of the *APSA* in *Boston MA*, August 28-September 1, 2002.
- "Historical Legacies, Institutions, and the Politics of Social Policy in Poland and Hungary during 1989-1993." Paper presented at the international conference on *Postcommunist Transitions a Decade Later: How*

Far East Can Western Europe Go? Harvard University, Cambridge MA, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, October 15-17, 1999.

- "The Politics of Pension Privatization in Poland and Hungary after 1989." Paper presented at the 95th annual Meeting of the *APSA*, *Atlanta*, *GA*, September 2-5, 1999.
- "The Polish Trade Unions in the Process of Democratization after 1989." Paper presented at the 93rd annual meeting of the *APSA*, Washington DC, September 1-4, 1997.
- "Social Insurance Policy under Left-Wing Governments in Poland and Hungary." Paper presented at the 28th annual convention of the *AAASS*, Boston, MA, November 1996.

Invited Guest Lectures

- "Family Policies in Hungary, Poland and Romania, 1945-2020." Guest lecture/debate, organized by the Institute of Labor and Social Studies, Warsaw, September 5, 2023.
- "Family Policies in Hungary, Poland, and Romania, 1945-2020." Guest lecture at University of Padua, Padua, Italy, May 15, 2023.
- "Family Policies in Hungary, Poland, Romania, 1945-2020." Guest lecture at Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy, May 17, 2023.
- Keynote Speaker: 4th Hermann Weber Conference on Social Policy and the Cold War organized by the University of Bremen and the Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in East Germany, Berlin, Germany, June 9, 2022.
- "Contemporary Studies of the Welfare State Central and Eastern Europe in the European and Global Context." Guest lecture at the 40th Annivesary Conference of the Institute of Social Policy, University of Warsaw, Poland, 20 September, 2017.
- "Effects of Labor Migration in Poland and Hungary," lecture presentation, *Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State*, Washington D.C., May 11, 2016.
- "Path-Dependence Reconsidered: Toward a New Comparative Historical Approach to the Study of Continuity and Change in Central European Welfare States and Beyond." Guest Lecture, *Central European University, Budapest, Hungary*, April 8, 2015.
- "Welfare States and Families in a Transforming Europe," Guest lecture, *Hungarian Academy of Sciences*, *Budapest, Hungary*, April 9, 2015.
- "State Paternalism Revisited: Early Legacies of the Welfare State and the Socialist (Communist) Experience in Eastern and Central Europe." Guest lecture presented at the workshop on Social Policy in the Successor States of the Habsburg Empire: Searching for a Multidisciplinary Approach. Institute for East and South European Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, June 21, 2013.
- "Historical Legacies and Contemporary Politics of Family Policy in the New EU Member States: A Comparison of Poland, Hungary and Romania." Guest lecture presented at the Department of Sociology, *Institute for Social Policy, Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany*, June 26, 2012.
- "Building Welfare States for the Young Generation in Postcommunist Europe: The Politics of Family Policy in Hungary, Poland, and Romania." Guest lecture delivered at the *Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 19, 2012.*
- "In the Shadow of History- The Emergency Welfare States in East Central Europe." Guest lecture, *ELTE University, Faculty of Social Policy, Budapest, Hungary*, October 8, 2009.
- "The Historical Study of Social Policies in East Central Europe." Guest lecture, Faculty of Sociology, *Babes-Bolayi University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*, on October 15, 2009.
- "Comparative Study of Social Policy in Central and Eastern Europe." Guest lecture, *ELTE University, Institute for Social Policy, Budapest, Hungary*, May 18, 2007.

Foreign Languages: English (fluent), Polish (native), Russian, German, Czech, and Slovak language competence for research purposes.

Memberships and Professional Activities:

- The Political Economy and Welfare Network member, Council for European Studies.
- European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAnet) member.
- Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) member.

- Public Policy Fellow Alumni Association, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota.
- Editorial Board Member-*Problemy polityki społecznej (Social Policy Issues)*, quarterly journal, Warsaw, Poland).
- Editorial Board Member *Ubezpieczenia społeczne (Social Insurance)*, quarterly journal, Social Insurance Administration (ZUS), Warsaw, Poland.