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Contact Information

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Recent Employment History

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, July 2012 to present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, August 2006 to June 2012.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, August 2005- May 2006.
Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, April 2004- June 2005.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Political Science, March 2004. Fields: Comparative Politics (qualified with distinction) and Methodology. Thesis: *Economic Reform and Ethnic Cooperation in post-Soviet Latvia and Ukraine*. Committee: Daniel Treisman (chair), Rogers Brubaker, Daniel Posner, and Barbara Geddes.

University of Texas at Austin

M.A., Government, May 1996. Thesis: *The Politics of Immigration in Former Soviet Republics*. Committee: Clement Henry, and Zoltan Barany.

Boston University

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude* with distinction in political science, May 1991. Thesis: *Algerian Immigration to France: The Politics of the French Immigration Politique, 1945-1990*. Advisor: Irene Gendzier.

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Ethnicity, Nationalism, Political Economy, Electoral Systems and Political Parties, Immigration, Extreme Right Parties, Transitions from Communism, Central and Eastern Europe, the European Union, Ukraine, and the Baltic states.

Books

Mitchell A. Orenstein, Stephen Bloom, and Nicole Lindstrom, eds. *Transnational Actors in Central and East European Transitions*. Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh University Press, 2008.

Journal Articles

Frank Thames and Stephen Bloom, "When are Gender Quotas Fulfilled? Party Strategy and Historical Memory in Ukrainian City Elections," *Politics & Gender*, 2022.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom, "Are Russia's Threats Credible? *Political Violence at a Glance*: February 23, 2022.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames, Nomination and List Placement of Ethnic Minorities under Open-list Proportional Rules: The Centrality of Ethnopolitical Context. *Electoral Studies* 74 (December) 2021.

Stephen Bloom and Benjamin Bricker, "Observing Elite Support for Democracy: The Prison Vote in Poland and Ukraine." *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 28/4 (Winter) 2020: 487-516.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames, "Whither the Party Vote Bonus? Stand-down Agreements in Ukraine's Mixed Member System." *Electoral Studies* 52 (April) 2018: 46-57.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom. "Does Nation-Building Promote Citizen Loyalty? A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis." *Polity* 46/3 (July) 2014: 354-80.

Stephen Bloom and Vladislava Petrova. "National Subversion of Supranational Goals: Pork-Barrel Politics and EU Regional Aid." *Europe-Asia Studies* 65/8 (October) 2013: 1599-1620.

Stephen Bloom. "Minority Group Size, Unemployment, and the Extreme Right Vote: The Crucial Case of Latvia." *Social Science Quarterly* 94/3 (September) 2013: 795-810.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom. "The Legitimacy of Foreign Intervention in Elections: The Ukrainian Response." *Review of International Studies* 38/2 (April) 2012: 445-71.

Stephen Bloom. "Does a Nationalist Card Make for a Weak Hand? Economic Decline and Shared Pain." *Political Research Quarterly* 65/1 (March) 2012: 166-78.

Stephen Bloom and Stephen Shulman. "Interest versus Identity: Economic Voting in Ukrainian Presidential Elections." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 27/4 (October-December) 2011: 410-28.

Stephen Bloom, "The 2010 Latvian Parliamentary Elections." *Electoral Studies* 30/2 (June) 2011: 379-83.

Stephen Bloom, "Which Minority is Appeased? Coalition Potential and Redistribution in Latvia and Ukraine." *Europe-Asia Studies* 60/9 (November) 2008: 1575-1600.

Stephen Bloom, "Competitive Assimilation or Strategic Nonassimilation? The Political Economy of School Choice in Latvia." *Comparative Political Studies* 41/7 (July) 2008: 947-70.

Book Chapters

Mitchell A. Orenstein, Stephen Bloom, and Nicole Lindstrom. "A Fourth Dimension of Transition." In Mitchell A. Orenstein, Stephen Bloom, and Nicole Lindstrom, eds. *Transnational Actors in Central and East European Transitions*. Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh University Press, 2008: 1-18.

Book Reviews

Stephen Bloom. Review of *Constructing Grievance: Ethnic Nationalism in Russia's Republics*, by Elise Giuliano, *Comparative Political Studies* 45/6 (June) 2012: 804-8.

Stephen Bloom. Review of *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe*, by Marc Morjé Howard, *International Studies Review* 12/4 (December) 2010: 658-60.

Stephen Bloom. Review of *Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War*, by Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder, *International Studies Review* 8/2 (June) 2006: 339-41.

Roman Koropecykj and Stephen Bloom. Review of *A New Slavic Language is Born: The Rusyn Literary Language of Slovakia*, ed. Paul Robert Magocsi et al., *International Journal of Slavic Linguistics and Poetics* 43 (2001): 203-6.

Popular Writing

Stephen Bloom and Stephen Shulman, "Ukraine's presidential elections are a step forward, but a modest one," *The Hill*, June 5, 2014.

Stephen Bloom and Stephen Shulman, "A pro-Western victory? Looking at parliamentary elections in Ukraine," *The Hill*, November 7, 2014.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Frank Thames, Stephen Bloom and Diana Butsko, "The Centrality of Oligarchs in Ukrainian Politics."

Invited Talks and Workshops

Stephen Bloom. Symposium on Ukraine. Panelist in a roundtable discussion. Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, March 16, 2022.

Stephen Bloom. Latvia's General Election. Defrosting the Status Quo? Panelist in a roundtable discussion. Johan Skytte Institute for Political Studies, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, October 8, 2018.

Stephen Bloom. The Conflict in Ukraine. Panelist in roundtable discussion. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, April 25, 2014. Expenses paid by organizer.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom. "Does Nation-Building Promote Citizen Loyalty?" Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, October 20-22, 2011. Expenses paid by organizer.

Stephen Bloom. Central and Eastern Europe after Georgia: The International Dimension. Panelist in roundtable discussion. Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, November 17, 2008.

Stephen Bloom and Mitchell A. Orenstein. "Explaining the Ethnic Mobilization Deficit in Central and Eastern Europe." Borderlands Workshop, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, May 24-25, 2006. Expenses paid by organizer.

Stephen Bloom. "Economic Reform and Ethnic Cooperation in post-Soviet Latvia and Ukraine." Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, DC, September 15, 2004.

Conference Presentations

Frank Thames, Stephen Bloom, and Diana Butsko. "Oligarchs and Legislative Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 6-10, 2022.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames, "Open-list PR and Ethnic Representation." Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas, January 16-19, 2019.

Frank Thames and Stephen Bloom. "Electoral System, Gender Quotas, Party Nomination Strategies, and Female Local Government Representation in Ukraine." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5-9, 2018.

Stephen Bloom and Benjamin Bricker, "Measuring Elite Support for Democracy:

The Prison Vote in Poland and Ukraine.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5-9, 2018.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. “Explaining Gender Variation in Ukrainian Local Elections.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 6-9, 2017.

Stephen Bloom and Simonas Cepenas, “Ethnic Fractionalization, Party System and Redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe.” Association for the Study of Nationalities, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, June 30- July 2, 2016.

Stephen Bloom and Simonas Cepenas, “Left is Right and Right is Left? Electoral System, Cabinet Partisanship, Redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 3-7, 2015.

Stephen Bloom, “Measuring Democratization: The Prison Vote in New Democracies and Hybrid Regimes.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16-19, 2015.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. “Electoral Coordination in Mixed-Member Systems: Stand-Down Agreements in the 2012 Ukrainian Parliamentary Elections.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16-19, 2015.

Stephen Bloom and Stephen Shulman, “What factors account for the electoral success of Ukraine’s extreme right Svoboda (Freedom) Party?” International Studies Association, Midwest, St. Louis, November 7-9, 2014.

Stephen Bloom and Vladislava Petrova. “Partisan Control of Ministries and the Allocation of EU Regional Aid.” SGEU Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, The Hague, Netherlands, June 5-7, 2014.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames, “Electoral Coordination in Ukraine’s Mixed-Member Electoral System, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-7, 2014.

Stephen Bloom and Vladislava Petrova. “Partisan Control of Ministries and the Allocation of EU Regional Aid.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 28- September 1, 2013.

Stephen Bloom, “Diversity within Regions: Using Subnational Data to Study Ukrainian Politics.” Sixth L’viv International Sociological Forum, L’viv, Ukraine, October 12, 2012.

Stephen Bloom, Buddy Peyton, Philip Habel, and Frederick Solt. “State Withdrawal and Ethnic Demobilization: A Global Analysis, 1970-2003.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2012.

Stephen Bloom and Vladislava Petrova. "National Subversion of Supranational Goals: Pork-Barrel Politics and EU Regional Aid." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31- April 3, 2011.

Stephen Bloom. "Minority Group Size, Unemployment, and the Extreme Right Vote." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31- April 3, 2011.

Stephen Bloom and Stephen Shulman. "Interest versus Identity: Economic Voting in Ukrainian Presidential Elections." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 21-25, 2010.

Stephen Bloom. "Does a nationalist card make for a weak hand? Economic decline and the limits of ethnic framing." American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 3-6, 2009.

Stephen Bloom. "Does a nationalist card make for a weak hand? Economic crisis and nationalist demobilization." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2-5, 2009.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom. "Perceptions of Interference in Ukrainian Elections." American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, November 20-23, 2008.

Stephen Shulman and Stephen Bloom. "Foreign Interference in the Ukrainian Electoral Process and its Implications for National Autonomy." Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 10-12, 2008.

Stephen Bloom and Frederick Solt. "Privatizing Discrimination: State Withdrawal and Ethnic Demobilization." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007.

Stephen Bloom. "Power under Yushchenko: East and West Ukraine after the Orange Revolution." American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2006.

Stephen Bloom. "What's a Vote Worth? Central Governments, Ethnic Minorities and Redistribution in the Baltic States." American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.

Stephen Bloom. "Who's being Appeased? The Politics of Local Government Finance in Latvia and Ukraine." American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.

Stephen Bloom. "Economic Reform and Ethnic Cooperation: Explaining Nationalist Demobilization in Latvia and Ukraine." American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003.

Stephen Bloom. "Non-competitive Assimilation or Competitive Non-assimilation? The Political Economy of School Choice in Latvia." American Political Science Association. Boston, August 28-31, 2002.

Stephen Bloom. "Ethnic Cooperation and Conflict in Latvia and Ukraine: A Game Theoretical Analysis." American Political Science Association. Washington DC, August 31-September 3, 2000.

Stephen Bloom. "Courting the Russian Vote in Post-communist Latvia." Association for the Study of Nationalities. New York, April 15-17, 1999.

Awards and Fellowships

Frank L. Klingberg Professorship. Department of Political Science. Southern Illinois University. 2022-2027.

Fulbright Scholar Program. Teaching and Research Award. Johan Skytte Institute for Political Studies, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, Fall 2018.

Title VIII Program for Research and Training in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Award for Estonian language study in Estonia, Summer 2018.

Title VIII Program for Research and Training in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Award for Estonian language study at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Summer 2017.

Fulbright Scholar Program. Teaching and Research Award. L'viv National University, Department of Sociology, L'viv, Ukraine, September 2012- July 2013.

Center for European Studies, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Syracuse University. Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2005-2006.

Nominated for the American Political Science Association's Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics by the Political Science Department of the University of California, Los Angeles, December 2004. University of California, Los Angeles. Postdoctoral Faculty Fellowship, 2004-2005.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC. Research Scholar Fellowship, Summer 2004.

University of California, Los Angeles. Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2003-2004.

University of California, Los Angeles. Mentored Teaching Fellowship, 2003-2004 (declined).

Social Science Research Council. Eurasia Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003.

Fulbright Student Fellowship for Ukraine, 2000-2001.

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). Individual Advanced Research Opportunity for Ukraine, 2000-2001 (declined).

American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR). Regional Scholar Fellowship for Ukraine, 2000-2001 (declined).

Center for German and European Studies, University of California, Berkeley. Predissertation Grant for Latvia, Fall 1998.

University of California, Los Angeles. University Fellowship, 1997-1998.

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). East European Language Grant for Latvian language study in Latvia, Summer 1997.

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute. Senkowski Prize for Achievement in Ukrainian Studies, 1995.

University of Texas at Austin. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Ukrainian, 1995.

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Southwest Chapter. Best Essay by a Graduate Student, 1995.

University of Texas at Austin. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Russian, 1995.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics	Comparative Political Economy
Introduction to International Relations	European Politics
Global Politics	East European Politics
Ethnicity and Nationalism	Russia and the Post-Soviet States
Comparative Nation-Building	The Politics of Immigration
Francophone North Africa: Politics and Culture (taught in French)	The Politics of US Diversity

Graduate

Comparative Politics	Ethnicity and Nationalism
Research Design	Russia and the Post-Soviet States
Political Economy	

Service

Disciplinary Service

Section Head. Ethnicity and Nationalism panels. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31- April 3, 2011.

Committee Member. Midwest Political Science Association: Comparative Politics/Kellogg-Notre Dame Award Committee, Fall 2019.

University Service

University Core Curriculum Committee, 2020- Present.

College Service

Global Studies Committee, September 2009- Present.

Graduate Council, 2013- 2014.

Core Curriculum Committee, 2019- Present.

Departmental Service

Director of Graduate Studies, Southern Illinois University, 2013-2014, 2019-Present.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Southern Illinois University, August 2008- May 2012.

Graduate Studies Committee, Southern Illinois University, August 2013 to Present.

Executive Committee, Southern Illinois University, August 2006- May 2008, August 2016 to Present.

Academic Reviews

Journals. *Acta Universitatis Carolinae Geographica, Comparative Political Studies, Demokratizatsiya, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Ethnopolitics, European Journal of Political Research, European Sociological Review, Europe-Asia Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Baltic Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence, Nationalities Papers, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Social Science Quarterly.*

Foreign Study and Research

University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, Fall 2018.

Tallinn and Tartu Universities, Estonia, Summer 2018.

Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania, July 2016.

L'viv National University, L'viv, Ukraine, 2012-2013.

Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine, 2000-2001.

University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, Fall 1998.

L'viv National University, L'viv, Ukraine, Summer 1998.

University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, Summer 1997.

St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, Fall 1995.

Institut d'Études Politiques, Grenoble, France, 1988-1989.

Languages

French-Fluent.
Russian-Fluent.
Latvian-Excellent.
Ukrainian-Excellent.
Estonian-Intermediate.
Lithuanian-Basic/Intermediate.

References

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Mitchell Orenstein, Professor of Central and East European Politics, Slavic Department, University of Pennsylvania. Address: 745 Williams Hall, 255 South 36th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-6305. Email: mitchell.orenstein@gmail.com.

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