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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Politics
Oberlin College
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021-present **Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics**
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

- Developed and taught ten unique courses in International Relations and Comparative Politics, cross-listed in Computer Science; Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies; Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies; Environmental Studies; Food Studies; Law & Society; First Year Seminars; Critical AI Studies minor
- Affiliated Faculty to Latin American Studies and Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies departments
- Co-led a one-month, sixteen-student summer block course in Helsinki, Finland with travel to Tallinn, Estonia
- Supervised 1-2 Politics Honors theses and independent research projects annually
- Faculty Advisor for approximately 20 Politics majors and first-year students each year

2018-2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Political Economy of Development
International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development
National Research University — Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

2021 Visiting Lecturer, Political Science
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado

2020-2021 Researcher, "Authoritarian Urbanism in the Twenty-First Century" Grant Proposal
Bauhaus University, Weimar, Germany

2012 Lecturer, "History of Economics" for Erasmus Students
Univerzita Jana Amose Komenského, Prague, Czech Republic

EDUCATION

2018 **Ph.D. in Politics**
The New School for Social Research, New York
Dissertation: *Competing for Legitimacy: Oil Industry Governance in Russia and Brazil*
Dissertation Committee: Jessica Pisano, David Plotke, Sanjay Ruparelia, Julia Ott

2004 **B.F.A. in Theater** *magna cum laude*
Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

PUBLICATIONS

Feldman, Molly Q and Amanda Zadorian. (2026) "Software and Its Workers: Teaching Software Engineering to Students for the Rentier Economy." *ACM Transactions on Computing Education*. DOI: 10.1145/383922

Zadorian, Amanda and Nathan Hutson. (2025) "From Soviet Oil Heritage to a European Energy Future in Ukraine." In Asma Mehan, ed., *After Oil: A Comparative Analysis of Oil Heritage, Urban Transformations, and Resilience Paradigms* (Heritage Studies series, Springer Nature). https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-92188-9_19

Zadorian, Amanda. (2021) "Practicing (State) Capitalism at Petrobras and Rosneft." Special Issue on The Rise of State Capitalism. *International Journal of Public Administration* 44, no. 14 (October): 1241-1252. DOI: 10.1080/01900692.2021.1964082.

Zadorian, Amanda, Miklós Szanyi, and Ali Farazmand. (2021) Introduction to the Special Issue on The Rise of State Capitalism. *International Journal of Public Administration* 44, no. 14 (October): 1195-1200. DOI: 10.1080/01900692.2021.1973723.

Zupan, Daniela, Vera Smirnova, and Amanda Zadorian. (2021) "Governing through *stolichnaya praktika*: Housing renovation from Moscow to the regions." *Geoforum* 120 (March): 155-164. DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.01.008.

Book manuscript under submission

Zadorian, Amanda. *Rentier States to Rentier Capitalism: Oil, Competition and Legitimacy in Russia and Brazil.* Prospectus submitted to presses.

Policy briefs, published conference proceedings, and works in translation

Feldman, Molly Q., Vera Khovanskaya, Michael Muller, and Amanda Zadorian. (2026) "Economic Temporalities and the Frictions of Evaluating Work." CHIWORK Adjunct '26: Adjunct Proceedings of the 5th Annual Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction for Work Article No.: 34, Pages 1-4. DOI: 10.1145/3805029.38195933

Contributor to: Visegrad Insight and Zeit-Stiftung Bucerius. (2024) *Costs of Non-Enlargement: Foresight Report on EU Enlargement and Neighborhood.* Available at: https://read.zeit-stiftung.com/report_cost_of_non_enlargement/index.php

Zupan, Daniela, Vera Smirnova, and Amanda Zadorian. (2021) "Stolitschnaja Praktika: Das Moskauer Wohnraumsanierungsprogramm soll auf die Regionen ausgedehnt werden." *Russland-Analysen* No. 399 (March 9): 2-6. Link to article.

Article manuscripts pre-publication

Zadorian, Amanda. "Fieldwork in a knowledge domain: delinking from Eurocentric epistemologies of the global oil industry." Accepted for the Special Issue on Historical Epistemologies of Central, East, and Southeast European Studies of *Wiener Slawistischer Almanach* (expected publication: November 2026).

Article manuscripts in preparation

Zadorian, Amanda, Nathan Hutson, and Sarah Wilson Sokhey. "Authoritarian Governance and Geopolitics: Russia's Sputnik V Vaccine Diplomacy During the Covid-19 Pandemic." Article manuscript in preparation.

Zadorian, Amanda. "Knowledge Majors: Energy corporations and intellectual property in the transition to renewables." Article manuscript in preparation.

Sokhey, Sarah Wilson, and Amanda Zadorian. "Russia Is Not a Normal Oil State." OSF pre-registration: https://osf.io/nw8ed/.

Invited Talks and Workshops

2023-24	"Destabilizing the conceptual borders of field research: An illustration from the energy sector." Historical Epistemologies of Central, East, and Southeast European Studies Workshops at LMU Munich (Munich, October 19-20, 2023) and Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague, October 17-18, 2024).
2023	EU Enlargement Consortium: Strategic Foresight/Trajectories of Change. Visegrad Insight & ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius (Flensburg, July 10-14).
2023	Panelist on "Emerging Scholars on the State of the Field, Activism, and Advocacy," part of the *Decolonization in Focus* series at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University (February 24).
2021	"Economic Challenges Facing Russia and Eurasia." With Sarah Wilson Sokhey. PONARS Eurasia (May 14).
2020	"*Stolichnaya praktika*: Housing Renovation from Moscow to the Regions." Decolonizing Eastern European Studies, The New School, New York (December 11).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 *"For my enemies, the market": Capitalism's spaces of selective (un)freedom in Russia. Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention (Chicago, November 12-15). With Vera Smirnova.*

2026 Economic Temporalities and the Frictions of Evaluating Work. CHIWORK Conversation, 5th Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction for Work (Linz, 22-25 June). With Molly Feldman, Michael Muller, and Vera Khovanskaya.

2026 What Do Oil and ChatGPT Have In Common? On Monopoly, Modularity, and Formal Subsumption. Historical Materialism (Cluj/Koloszár, April 16-18).

2025 Ukrainian Energy: Memory and Materiality in Overcoming Soviet Oil Heritage. With Nathan Hutson. ASEEES Convention (Washington, D.C., November 20-23).

2025 Rents Beyond Resources: Energy corporations, intellectual property, and the prospects for democracy. Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting (San Juan, January 8-11).

2024 Research in Ukraine During Wartime (State of the Field Roundtable). Roundtable participant. ASEEES Convention (Boston, November 21-24).

2023 Knowledge as an Object of Inquiry. Roundtable Participant. ASEEES Convention (Philadelphia, November 30-December 3).

2023 Historical Epistemologies of Central, East, and Southeastern European Studies. Roundtable Participant. ASEEES Convention (Philadelphia, November 30-December 3).

2022 "Sputnik-V and Russia's Authoritarian Bargain: Evidence from Media Coverage." With Sarah Wilson Sokhey. ASEEES Convention (Chicago, November 10-13).

2022 "Financial Rentierism in Brazil and Russia: Rents, Welfare, and Opportunity." American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Comparative Politics Section (Montréal, September 14-18).

2021 "*Stolichnaya praktika*: Governing Russia's Regional Capitals through Urbanism." Co-authored with Daniela Zupan and Vera Smirnova. APSA Annual Meeting, Post-Communist Politics section (Seattle, September 28 - October 3).

2021 "Spectacularization of the everyday: *stolichnaya praktika* and National Housing Renovation in Russia." Co-authored with Daniela Zupan and Vera Smirnova. International Sociological Association RC21 Conference (Antwerp, July 14-16).

Conference Presentations, cont'd.

2020 "Governing through *stolichnaya praktika*: Urban housing renovation and center-periphery relations in Russia." 9th Annual Conference of the International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) (Moscow, June 9-11).

2019 "How rentier was Russian social policy during the commodity price boom?" ASEEES Convention (San Francisco, November 23-26).

2019 "The return of *stolichnaya praktika?*: The Russian Housing Renovation project, center-peripheries, and soft power." Co-authored with Vera Smirnova and Daniela Zupan. ICSID Workshop "Quality of Governance and the Legacies of Socialism," University of Bremen (Bremen, 25-26 October).

2019 "Redistributive or Financial Rentierism? Russian Social Policy, 2004-2014." EACES-HSE Workshop at the 8th Annual ICSID Conference (Moscow, June 13-15).

2019 "Practicing (State) Capitalism at Petrobras and Rosneft." EACES Workshop "The Rise of State Capitalism: Consequences for political and economic development" at the Higher School of Economics' 20th Annual April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development (Moscow, 9-12 April).

2018 "Performing the Shareholder Value Revolution at Rosneft." ASEEES Convention (Boston, December 6-9).

2018 "From Oil to Knowledge: Sources of Rent in the Global Energy Industry." APSA Annual Meeting, International Political Economy section (Boston, August 30-September 2).

2018 "Knowledge Majors: Intellectual Property as a Strategy of Accumulation." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Environmental Political Theory section (San Francisco, March 29-31).

2017 "Oil Dependence and the Construction of Competitiveness." Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, April 6-9).

2015 "Competition and Reform of National Oil Companies in Russia and Brazil." APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, September 3-6).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

The Politics of Oil. Politics B.A. Annually, 2021-2027.
International Political Economy. Politics B.A. 2026, 2027.
Global Capitalism: Corporate Citizens and Shareholder States. Politics B.A. 2022, ’23, ’26, '27.
Software and Its Workers. Politics and Computer Science B.A. Critical AI Studies Minor. 2027.
Queering International Development. Politics B.A. 2025.
The Happiest Country? Finland and Its Welfare State. Block course taught in Helsinki, June 2025.
Queer Comparative Politics. Politics, Law & Society, and Gender Studies B.A. Annually 2022-25.
The Autocratic Turn. Politics B.A. Annually, 2022-2024.
Political Ecology. Politics and Environmental Studies B.A. 2023, 2025.
Power in Political Economy. Politics B.A. 2024.
Theater and Politics. Politics B.A. 2022, 2023, 2024. First-Year Seminar, 2026.
Post-Soviet Politics. Politics and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies B.A. 2021.

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Politics of Oil. Political Science B.A. 2021.

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

Research Methods Project Seminar. Politics, Economics, Philosophy M.A. 2018-2020.

The New School, New York

Research Methods Workshop. Lang Social Science Fellowship Program. 2017-2018.
Global Economies (intro to Global Political Economy). Global Studies B.A. 2016-2018.
Thesis Seminar. Global & Environmental Studies B.A. 2016-2018.
The Nation-State & Its Discontents (intro to Comparative Politics). Politics B.A. 2014, 2016.
Theater and Politics. First-Year Writing Program. 2013, 2015.
The Ends of the Earth (intro to Political Ecology). First-Year Writing Program. 2013, 2014.
The Resource Curse. Global Studies B.A. 2010.

Univerzita Jana Amose Komenského, Prague, Czech Republic

History of Economics. Erasmus Study Abroad Program. 2012.

Guest Lectures and Campus Events

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

"Brazil and the Politics of Oil in Emerging Markets" in LATS 100 *Introduction to Latin American Studies,* 1 December 2026.

"Living within the truth of the U.S. invasion of Venezuela" for Faculty Teach-In on Maduro, Militarization, and a New World Order, 12 February 2026.

"Content Analysis" in Professor Greggor Mattson's *Feminist Research Methodologies*, Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies 305, 10th and 19th September 2024.

"Stories We Tell About Labor: Capitalism as Context" in Professor Molly Feldman's *People-Powered Procedures*, Computer Science 317, 3 April 2024.

"What Does It Mean to Decolonize East European and Eurasian Studies?" for All the Es in REEES series, Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies department, 8 December 2023.

"Russia: An Electoral Autocracy" in Professor Rudabeh Shahid's *Comparative Politics of Developing Countries*, Politics 113, 24 April 2023.

"Conflicting Narratives and the Interests They Serve" for REEES Faculty Teach-in on The Russian Invasion of Ukraine, 1 March 2022.

Thesis and Independent Study Supervision

Oberlin College

2026	Oberlin Summer Research Institute • "The Roads to Success: An Exploration of Different Development Lending Frameworks"
2025-26	B.A. Honors Thesis, Department of Politics • "'Our Tradition is *Svoboda*': Drivers of Rising Support for LGBT+ Rights in Ukraine"
2024-25	B.A. Honors Thesis, Department of Politics • "Proximity to Genocide and the Israel-Palestine Conflict in the Armenian Diaspora: Artsakh, the Holy Land, and the Lebanese Civil War"
2023-24	Independent Student Research, Departments of Politics and Computer Science • "Human vs. AI: Navigating Technological Humanism and Its Implications for the Future of Work"
2022-23	B.A. Honors Theses, Department of Politics • "State of Decay: A Theory of Fungal Organizing" • "Stealing Speech: Discursive Motifs and Neoliberal Legitimation in the Cleveland Area"

Thesis and Independent Study Supervision, cont'd

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

2020-21 M.A. Thesis (English language). M.A. in Politics, Economics and Philosophy.
- "The Financial Sector and Government Spending: New Evidence on the Financial Curse"
- "The Applications of Post-Truth Epistemology in the Right-Wing Discourse of Cultural Marxism"
- "The Exercise of Political Autonomy over Urban Planning in Russian *Milioniki* Cities"

2020-21 Undergraduate Thesis (English language). B.A. in Political Science.
- "Social Movements' Success in Promoting International Cooperation Against Climate Change"

2020-21 Undergraduate Term Paper (English language). B.A. in Political Science.
- "The Concept of Non-Human Agency in the Bio-Politics of Coronavirus"

2019-20 Undergraduate Term Paper (Russian language). B.A. in World Economy & International Affairs.
- "The Influence of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro on Relations Between Brazil and the European Union"

2019-20 Term Paper (English language). M.A. in Politics, Economics and Philosophy.
- "The Philosophical Underpinnings of Right-Wing Movements in the Contemporary U.S.A."

The New School, New York, U.S.A.

2017-18 Undergraduate Thesis. B.A. in Global Studies.
- "'My lonely is *mine*': Social Isolation in the Black Woman's Search for Freedom"
- "The Sports-Industrial Complex: Uncovering the Lie of 'Amateur' Athletics"
- "The Texture of Plastic: Unearthing the Political Ecologies of Trash"

2017-18 Undergraduate Thesis. B.A. in Environmental Studies.
- "Justice and Agency in Post-1990 Cuban Agriculture"

2016, 2017 Lang Social Science Fellowship Mentor.
In this experiential learning program, mentors guided students in developing an independent research project based on their summer internship.
- "Does Greenwashing Affect Consumer or Investor Behavior? Measuring a populations intent to purchase/invest when presented with greenwashing information"
- "Stocks, Corporate Governance, and Market Signaling: How Investors Use Corporate Governance Scandals to Make Decisions Under Uncertainty"

DISCIPLINARY, UNIVERSITY, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2026-27	Reviewer, *Polity*
2026-27	Reviewer, Grantovná Agentura České Republiky - Czech Science Foundation
2025-27	Reviewer, *ACM Transactions on Computing Education*
2024-25	Reviewer, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*
2023-24	Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Events Committee, Oberlin College
2023-24	Politics Department Speaker Committee, Oberlin College
2022-23	Reviewer, *Competition and Change*
2022-23	Reviewer, Rowman & Littlefield
2020	Reviewer, *Post-Soviet Affairs*
2020	Reviewer, *Gorodskie issledovaniya i praktiki* (Urban Studies and Practices)
2015-2017	Program Coordinator, Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, The New School for Social Research
2014	Conference Coordinator, "Grounding Theoretical Reflections in Politics: Ukraine as a Mirror of the Political," The New School for Social Research
2013-2014	Student Advisor to undergraduate majors and minors in Politics at Eugene Lang College
2011	Program Coordinator, Center for Civic Engagement and Social Justice, Eugene Lang College

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2026	Critical AI Studies Curriculum Development Grant, Oberlin College
2017, 2018	Carnegie Foundation Summer Research and Travel Grant Harriman Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Columbia University, and the International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
2017-18	Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies Dissertation Fellowship The New School for Social Research
2017	Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, The New School for Social Research
2014-15	Trajectories of Change Fieldwork Grant ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Hamburg, Germany
2012-13	Politics Department Dissertation Fellowship, The New School for Social Research

Language Competence

English: native speaker
Russian: working proficiency
Portuguese: limited working proficiency
Ukrainian: reading proficiency
French: reading proficiency
Czech: conversational knowledge

Professional Associations

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
American Political Science Association (APSA)