

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Educational Experience**

#### **University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.**

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, 2007.

Specializations: Comparative Politics  
International Politics  
Post-Soviet and Eastern European Politics  
Social Science Methodology

Title of Dissertation: "The Russian Constitutional Court: An Analysis of Its Evolution Within a Developing Federal System"

Dissertation Advisors: Cynthia Kaplan, Ph.D.; Kathleen Bruhn, Ph.D.; Andrew Spicer, Ph.D.

#### **Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA.**

Master of Public Administration in International Management, 1995.

Specializations: Public Administration  
Post-Soviet and Eastern European Politics  
International Political Economy

Other fields: Russian Language

Capstone project: "Esteemed, But Abandoned: The U.S. Foreign Service During the Postwar and Post-Cold War Eras"

Awards: Dean's List (Fall 1993, Spring 1994, Fall 1994, Spring 1995)

#### **University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA.**

Bachelor of Arts in Politics, 1992.

Specializations: Comparative Politics  
American Politics  
International Politics

Other fields: Russian Language, Music

Awards: Degree with Honors in the Major (Political Science)  
College Honors (overall academic performance)  
Phi Beta Kappa (inducted 1992)

## **Teaching Experience**

**Lecturer, Department of Political Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.**

Courses Taught:

Introduction to American Government/U.S. History and Government/Essentials of U.S. and California Government (Spring 2012; Fall 2012; Spring 2013; Spring 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2020)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2007; Spring 2011; Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Spring 2019)

Introduction to International Politics (Fall 2008; Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019)

Controversial Legal Issues (Spring 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2012; Spring 2013; Spring 2014)

Introduction to Public Administration (Fall 2009; Fall 2010)

Eurasian Politics (Spring 2009; Spring 2012; Fall 2012; Spring 2014; Fall 2015; Spring 2018)

African Politics (Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2020)

Globalization (Fall 2012; Fall 2013)

Nationalism and Political Culture (Fall 2012; Spring 2015)

War & Peace (Winter 2009; Fall 2012; Spring 2013; Summer 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Summer 2014; Fall 2014; Summer 2015; Fall 2016)

U.S. Foreign Policy (Fall 2014; Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2020)

Islam, Politics and the West (Fall 2015)

American Politics in a Global Perspective (Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2017; Summer 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019)

Research Methods in Political Science/Political Inquiry (Spring 2019; Fall 2020)

Senior Seminar in Political Science (Fall 2019; Spring 2020)

**Lecturer, Program in Public Administration, Department of Political Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA**

Courses Taught:

Policy Analysis and Evaluation (Fall 2010)

**Part-Time Instructor, Mission College, Santa Clara, CA.**

Courses Taught:

Introduction to American Government (Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2020)

Introduction to Comparative Government (Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Spring 2011; Spring 2012)

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2009; Fall 2010; Fall 2011)

**Part-Time Instructor, Gavilan College, Gilroy, CA.**

Courses Taught:

Introduction to American Government (Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011, Spring 2012; Fall 2012; Spring 2013)

**Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA.**

Courses Taught:

Research Methods in Comparative Political Science (Spring 2006)

**Campus Service**

**Department Representative, California Faculty Association, SJSU**

**CFA Delegate to the South Bay Labor Council**

**Member of CFA Anti-Racism Social Justice Transformation Committee, SJSU**

**Publications**

Pinnell, Sabrina (2010). "The Second Constitutional Court: An 11-Year Assessment of Its Role in Center-Regional Conflicts," New Balkan Politics 12. Electronic publication: Access at [www.newbalkanpolitics.org.mk/documents/pdf/NBP,Pinnell.pdf](http://www.newbalkanpolitics.org.mk/documents/pdf/NBP,Pinnell.pdf).

**Research Experience/Conferences**

**Law & Society Association Conference: Law and Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, July 25-28,**

**2007**

Paper Presentation – Presented paper “Formation vs. Action: What Empowers Constitutional Courts?”

**Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 12-15, 2007**

Paper Presentation – Presented paper “Formation vs. Action: What Empowers Constitutional Courts?”

**Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 20-23, 2006**

Paper Presentation - Presented paper “The Russia Constitutional Court: Solution to the ‘Parade of Sovereignties’ in Russia?”

**Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7-10, 2005**

Paper Presentation - Presented paper “An Analysis of the Russian Constitutional Court and its Role in Resolving Issues of Federalism in the Russian Federation for the Period 1995-2003.”

**Program for Nonproliferation Studies**, Monterey Institute for International Studies, Monterey, CA.

Research Associate/Abstracter (February - May 1994, September 1994 - May 1995)