

Curriculum Vitae

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Research, Education & Activism

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EDUCATION

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln , Lincoln, NE, USA Political Science: Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ph.D. Program	2019-
European University Viadrina , Frankfurt(Oder), Germany LL.M. Master of Laws International Human Rights Law, Migration Law, and Humanitarian Law	2013-2016
St. Lawrence University , Canton, NY, USA Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts Major: Honors in Global Studies Minors: Asian Studies, European Studies	2009-2013
Adam Mickiewicz University (UAM) , Poznań, Poland Postgraduate Studies of Foreign and International Service, International Law and Diplomacy Studies	2016-2017
East China Normal University (ECNU - 华东师范大学) , Shanghai, China Mandarin Chinese, Globalization in China, Chinese Politics, History and Cultures of China	2012
Université de Rouen , Rouen, France African Studies, French	2010
The United World College of the American West (UWC-USA) , Montezuma, NM, USA International Baccalaureate & Diploma of Bilingualism in English Majors: Social and Cultural Anthropology, History, English	2007-2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"The Bright and Somber Hues of the Pandemic: a gendered perspective"

- Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on women and civil society in Central Europe (Czechia & Poland, 2020-)
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Hana Waisserova, University of Nebraska

"The Conditions of Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Thirty Years After: A Comparative Perspective"

- A survey of civil society sponsored by Polish National Science Center Grant - Harmonia (Poland & USA, 2019-)
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Patrice McMahon, University of Nebraska

Political Science Experimental Participant Pool (PSEPP)

- The administrator of political science surveys and data collection at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (USA, 2019-)
- Coordinator of the Study: "Political Attitudes and Associations" IRB Approval #20161016400EP

- Principal Investigators: Prof. Ingrid Haas, Prof. Dona-Gene Barton, University of Nebraska

"Policy vs. Reality: Ethnic, Religious, and Linguistic Minorities in the People's Republic of China"

- A legal analysis of the PRC policies towards ethnic, religious, and linguistic minorities (XUAR-China, Frankfurt(Oder)-Germany, 2013–2015)
- Supervisor: Prof. Carmen Thiele, European University Viadrina

"Transformation: Hopes, Shock, and New Order"

- An analysis of the 25-years of Polish transformation from the perspective of political economy; preceded with the fieldwork in Poznań, Gdańsk, Warsaw, and within the Polish countryside (Poland & USA, 2012–2013)
- Supervisor: Prof. Jayantha Jayman, St. Lawrence University

"Atlantis: The Forgotten Jewish Poznań"

- A research project involving a series of interviews with the members of the local Jewish community, ethnography, and historical research on a thousand years of the history of the Poznań Jews (Poland & USA, 2012– 2013)
- Supervisor: Prof. Elun Gabriel, St. Lawrence University

"Before the Past Disappears: China, Through the prism of Uighur Minority"

- A research project conducted in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR) on the Uighur minority and its relations with the Han-Chinese (XUAR-China, 2012)
- Supervisor: Prof. Grace Huang, St. Lawrence University

"Kerala – The Paradise and Limbo: The story of a place where the high social standards do not originate from the economic growth"

- A socio-economic assessment of the sustainability of the so-called "Kerala development model" (Kerala-India, 2010)
- Supervisors: Prof. Natalia Singer and Prof. Jayantha Jayman, St. Lawrence University

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE, USA Aug 2019-present

- Course for the Research Investigators and Key Personnel in Social/Behavioral Research (2019)

Analyst at Thomson Reuters, Gdynia, Poland Jan 2018-Apr 2018

- Conducted analyses for the financial institutions regarding countering the financing of terrorism and "money laundering"
- Prepared reports on the reliability of financial customers
- Assessed risks of providing financial services to potential clients
- Achieved: Data Privacy Certificate and Information Security Certificate

Fellow at American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio (ACLU), Cleveland, OH, USA Aug 2017-Nov 2017

- Conducted research on human rights violations and civil liberties violations in the State of Ohio
- Advocated for the respect toward the right to asylum, the rights of incarcerated persons, and against discrimination
- Prepared court briefs and human rights reports

Specialist at Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Warsaw, Poland Jan 2017-June 2017

- Responsible for the preparation and coordination of the PAH's activities in the realm of global and peace education as well as for obtaining financial grants for these projects

Project Coordinator at Talent Development Foundation, Poznań, Poland Oct 2016-Dec 2016

- Designed and implemented in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States of America the project promoting (within Poland) 'liberal arts values' in education and the American higher education system
- Led workshops, training events, and meetings, for the Polish youth in the International Baccalaureate schools

Pat Cox Fellow at the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium Jan 2016-Apr 2016

- Assisted the Office of MEP Nirj Deva (the Chairman of the China Friendship Group in the European Parliament and the Vice-President of the Parliamentary Development Committee) by fulfilling various tasks including the organization of events, managing correspondence and the calendar
- Searched data and prepared reports on human rights violations and international affairs, especially in regard to the Korean Peninsula

- Project Coordinator of Anne Frank Project**, Poznań, Poland May 2015-Dec 2015
- Co-designed and organized a school of human rights and countering antisemitism, which was addressed to the students of secondary schools from Poznań, Poland
 - Developed curriculum, designed and organized workshops and field trips
 - Built a network of supporters including the local authorities, NGOs, and multi-faith organizations
 - Developed a successful grant proposal and was in charge of accounting and project's evaluation
 - Responsible for the logistics of the project, e.g., catering, transportation, and lodging of participants
- Legal Assistant at Association for Legal Intervention (SIP)**, Warsaw, Poland Apr 2014-Dec 2015
- Worked on the court cases of refugees, asylum seekers, and economic migrants
 - Translated legal documents between Polish and English
 - Co-prepared the 'shadow-report' to the European Commission on Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- Migration Clinic Fellow at Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights**, Warsaw, Poland Sept 2014-Jan 2015
- Wrote court briefs, drafted pleadings, in particular, appeals and complaints in the proceedings on granting refugee status and on the legalization of a stay for foreigners in Poland
 - Researched information on the countries of origin of asylum seekers
 - Prepared supplementary reports used in the court proceedings
- Fellow at Humanity In Action (HIA)**, Warsaw, Poland May 2014-June 2014
- Designed and facilitated a successful campaign in social media against the discrimination of the persons of Roma origin and Romani communities in Poland, which built an 'anti-hate' coalition and gained support from various NGOs within Poland as well as the interest of the Polish national media
- Academic Assistant at European University Viadrina**, Frankfurt(Oder), Germany Apr 2014-June 2014
- Prepared case law hand-outs and other teaching materials for the students of law
- Project Manager and Instructor at Sanmen China Rural Library**, Sanmen, China June 2013-Aug 2013
- Taught liberal arts and peace studies courses to less-privileged students in the rural areas of China
 - Prepared curriculum and course materials; managed the team of educators, teaching assistants and volunteers
- Public Relations Coordinator at The Weave News**, Canton, NY, USA Aug 2011-May 2013
- Designed and led communication and fundraising strategies
 - Facilitated social-media outreach and relations with other media outlets and potential donors from diverse sectors
- Community Assistant at St. Lawrence University**, Canton, NY, USA Jan 2011-May 2013
- Assisted students in the campus housing environment
 - Organized various meetings and workshops (e.g., academic advising and community building)
 - Conducted mediation when conflicts had occurred
- Consultant at the Center for International and Intercultural Studies**, Canton, NY, USA Aug 2010-May 2013
- Advised students in choosing their study abroad programs
 - Promoted global education, e.g., prepared presentations, designed brochures, and posters
 - Organized workshops, training events, and orientation meetings
 - Fulfilled general office tasks, e.g., copying, phone-calls receiving
 - Oversaw correspondence and a calendar
- Teacher at Stepping Stones China**, Shanghai, China Feb 2012-May 2012
- Taught English to the primary school pupils from a migrant background
- University Fundraiser at St. Lawrence University**, Canton, NY, USA Aug 2009-Dec 2009
- Promoted annual giving through personal contact and digital outreach

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- Waisserova, Hana, Lenka Johnson-Filipova, and Łukasz W. Niparko. Forthcoming. "The Bright and Somber Hues of the Pandemic."
- McMahon, Patrice C. and Łukasz W. Niparko. Forthcoming. "Shrinking, Shifting and Strengthening: The dynamics and diversity of civic activism in Poland."

- Niparko, Łukasz, W. Forthcoming. "Atlantis." In: *Antisemitism on The Rise*. Eds. Ari Kohen and Gerald J. Steinacher.
- Niparko, Łukasz, W. "[The prohibition of ritual slaughter vs. the freedom of religion of national, ethnic and religious minorities: The Case Study of Poland.](#)" *República y Derecho* 5, no. 5 (2020): 1-36.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- "Return to Materialism: COVID-19 Fieldnotes for Upstanders," *The Weave News*, April 13th, 2020
- "Lured to Injustice: The 'Sleep of Reason' in Poland," *The Weave News*, July 23rd, 2018
- "Death Penalty: A Poster Child," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, November 9th, 2017
- "The Right to Asylum: What Can We Do?," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, November 8th, 2017
- "The Right to Asylum: Detention and Legal Counsel," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, September 19th, 2017
- "International Reactions to Ava DuVernay's Documentary, 13th," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, October 3rd, 2017
- "The Right to Asylum: Migration Law," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, October 2nd, 2017
- "The Right to Asylum: Legal Relief from Persecution," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, September 20th, 2017
- "Death is Back in Ohio," American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, September 15th, 2017
- "Imponderabilia," *The International Student Anthropology Journal*, Cambridge University (Spring 2009)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Anthony Jung Award for Best Graduate Student Research, The 45th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (2020)
- Summer Research Laboratory Associate, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2020)
- Humanity In Action Grant for organizing the anti-discrimination programming "Time to Act: Addressing Antisemitism in Nebraska" (2019)
- Donald F. Othmer Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2019)
- EVZ Foundation (Die Stiftung "Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft") grant for organizing the summer school of countering discrimination and anti-Semitism (2015)
- Summer Internship Fellowship to China (2013)
- Dean's list, St. Lawrence University (Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- Davis United World College Scholarship, St. Lawrence University (2009–2013)
- Charles A. Dana Scholarship, St. Lawrence University (2013)
- Center for International and Intercultural Studies Summer Student-Faculty Fellowship (2012)
- Romeo-Gilbert Travel Enrichment Grant to Xinjiang, China (2012)
- Alfred Kahrs Award for Research of the post-1989 Transformation in Poland (2012)
- Exemplary UWC Scholar, St. Lawrence University (2012)
- "Who is Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" (2012)
- Andrew W. Mellon Research Grant to Kerala, India (2011)
- The Letter of Recognition from The Goi Peace Foundation and UNESCO (2010)
- Sol Feinstone Travel Enrichment Grant to France and Poland (2010)
- Davis International United World College of the American West Best Scholar (2009)
- Community Service Award from The United World College of the American West (2009)
- The 2nd place in Poland, in the competition "The Heroes of Family Stories," Społeczne Towarzystwo Oświatowe (2009)
- The 1st place in Poland, in the competition "Our Europe" (2007)
- The laureate in the Competition of the Polish Tourist and Sightseeing Society "We discover our Homeland" (2002, 2006, 2007)
- Scholarship of the Voivodeship Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region (2007)
- The letter of recognition from the President of The Republic of Poland, the Minister of the Education, and the Governor of Wielkopolska Region (2006)
- The 1st place in the competition, "Europe closer to the citizens" (2006)
- Awards in the regional journalist competition, the 1st place (2006), the 2nd place (2002)
- The laureate of the regional competition of the Poznań Historical Association, the 1st place winner (2003, 2005, 2006), the 2nd place winner (2004)

CONFERENCES

- International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Conference. Participated in the panel "Popu-Nationalism" (2020)
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 52nd Annual Convention Co-Presented the paper: "When the Donors Go Home: Civil Society Activism in Poland" and Participated in the Roundtable "Gender Anxieties and (Counter)rebellions in Central Europe" (2020)
- The 45th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Presented the paper: "The Civil Society Response to the Erosion of Democracy: The Case Study of Poland" (2020)
- American Political Science Association (APSA), The 116th Annual Conference. Presented the paper: "The Civil Society Response to the Backsliding of Democracy: Poland" (2020)
- European Consortium for political research (ECPR), General Conference. Presented the paper: "The Bright and Somber Hues of the Pandemic: a gendered perspective" (2020)
- The 26th World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon, Portugal, July 25th-29th, 2020. Presentation of a paper: "The Pathway to Populism: Poland" (2020, the conference was canceled)
- The 25th Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University in New York City. Presentation of a paper: "Will Hipsters Save Democracy? A Survey of the post-2015 Youth Activism in Poland" (2020, the conference was canceled)
- The 78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. Presentation of a paper: "The Rise of Populism in Poland" (2020, the conference was canceled)
- James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Presentation of a paper: "The Forgotten Jewish Poznań" (2020, the conference was canceled)
- Humanity In Action Conference and Action Academy, Berlin, Germany. Presented the project: "Time to Act: Addressing Antisemitism in Nebraska" (2019)
- The 44th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Presented the paper: "Atlantis: The Forgotten Jewish Poznań" (2019)
- The Humanity In Action 9th Annual Conference at The European Parliament in Strasbourg. Presented in the "Career Path Panel with members of the Humanity In Action Senior Fellows Leadership Council" (2018)
- The Humanity In Action New York Conference "State of the States" at The New School. Keynote speech: "Ohio: ACLU Perspectives on Free Speech and Racial Justice" (2017)
- The European Studies Conference at The University of Nebraska in Omaha. Presented a research paper: "TRANSFORMATION: Hopes, Shock, and New Order" (2017)
- The Weave News 10th Anniversary Conference at St. Lawrence University. Chaired and participated in the panel "Shaking the world from within" (2017)
- Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) Conference in Brussels (2017)
- The 2nd Trilateral Forum: The German-Polish-Russian Trialogue. Presented a research paper: "Anti-Discrimination Legal Framework. The case of Russia, Germany, and Poland" (2014)
- The 10th National Conference for Media Reform, Denver, CO, USA. Presented and promoted to the Conference Audience "The Weave Media Project" (2013)
- The 35th Global Studies Conference at The University of Nebraska-Omaha. Presented a research paper: "Before the Past Disappears: China, Through the Prism of Minorities" and organized a panel: "Borderlands, Occupation, and Globalization" (2012)
- The 34th Global Studies Conference at The University of Nebraska-Omaha. Presented a research paper: "Kerala — The Paradise and Limbo: The story of a place where the high social standards do not originate from economic growth" (2011)

INVITED & OTHER TALKS

- Zukunft für Alle / Future for All Congress, Leipzig. Organized a Workshop: "Bright and Somber Future: The 2048 Perspectives on Labor and Digitalization" (2020)
- Comparative Politics and International Relations Research Group Meeting. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Presented the paper (2020)
- Political Behavior Research Group Meeting. University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2020)
- "What does it mean to be an anti-antisemitism activist?" Keynote at The Institute for Holocaust Education, Omaha, Nebraska: April 27th, 2020 (event canceled)
- "Political Science Experimental Participant Pool (PSEPP)," a presentation to the Department of Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (2020)
- "Multicultural Poznań: The legacy of hope, the task for the future," a workshop for the students of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Program in Poznań, Poland (2018, 2019)
- "The Roman-Catholic Church in Poland: Its role and influence," a workshop for the Participants of the Humanity In Action Fellowship (2017)
- "The Violence in the 'Cyberspace,'" a debate at The Zbigniew Tylewicz School in Poznań, Poland (2015)

- "The System of Legal Protection of Asylum Seekers and Migrants in The Republic of Poland, a workshop for the Participants of the Humanity In Action Fellowship (2015)
- "The Legal Framework for the Prevention of Discrimination in The Republic of Poland," a lecture for the students of Adam Mickiewicz University (2014)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Founder**, UNL Students for Human Rights Organization (2020-present)
- **Coordinator**, Peace Studies and Liberal Arts Education Project at Sanmen Youwei Library (2016)
- **Founder, Director, and Coordinator**, Anne Frank Project Poznań (2015)
- **Founder and Coordinator**, Global Dialogue Center at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, USA (2013)
- **Founder**, "Glocal" Interdisciplinary Student Peer-Reviewed Journal at St. Lawrence University (2012-2013)
- **President**, Amnesty International at St. Lawrence University (2011)
- **Student Council** (2001-2002, 2002-2007, 2008-2009)
- **Secretary**, Journalist Club and Magazine "TeXT," Poznań, Poland (2006-2007)
- **Founder and Editor in Chief**, The "Eurokram" Magazine, Poznań, Poland (2002-2005)

MEMBERSHIP

- **American Political Science Association, APSA** (2020-present)
- **Midwest Political Science Association, MPSA** (2020-present)
- **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity** (2019-present)
- **Humanity In Action Senior Fellows Leadership Council** (2018-present)
- **Committee on International and Intercultural Studies** at St. Lawrence University (2013)
- **Amnesty International USA, AIUSA** (2007-2013)
- **Presidential Council** at St. Lawrence University, NY-USA (2011)
- **Poznań Historical Society TMMP** (1999-2007)
- **Polish Youth Parliament** (2006)
- **Model of the European Parliament** (2003)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Humanity In Action**, Admissions Committee Member for The Alfred Landecker Democracy Fellowship (2020)
- **Migrant Info Point Poznań**, Mentor (2019)
- **Coalition against Hate Speech "Our Poznań"** (2016-2018)
- **Free Will Dinner & Soup Kitchen** (2010-2013)
- **The Union of European Football Associations Volunteer** (2012)
- **Samaritan House** (2007-2009)

SKILLS

Languages (Levels: A1/2: Basic user, B1/2: Independent user, C1/2 Proficient user)

- Polish (Native)
- English (C2)
- Chinese Mandarin (B1), [The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi - The Chinese Proficiency Test, Level III, May 11th, 2019, Level II, 2014]
- French (A2)
- German (A2)

Communication

- Proven public speaking skills in relations with media and diverse audiences

Organizational & Managerial

- Leadership skills gained while coordinating various NGO chapters, an academic journal, and a team of educators and volunteers
- Broad experience in budgeting, organizing office work, and running organizations

Computer

- STATA, R
- Excellence in Microsoft Office packet, Salesforce, and Workday
- Experience in producing online news content, social media outreach, website development, and video-editing

Editorial

- Peer-reviewed research papers
- Managed journals and magazines
- Prepared brochures, presentations, and newsletters

Driver's license

- Category (B) valid for entire European Union and International Driver's License

Other

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative - Course for the Research Investigators and Key Personnel in Social/Behavioral Research (2019)
- An alumnus of the Security Training with Port Arthur, Poland (2017)

REFERENCES

Reference Name: Prof. Patrice McMahon

Relationship: Principal Investigator, Academic Adviser, Mentor

Position: Professor, Honors Program Director,

Current Employer: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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Reference Name: Prof. Jayantha Jayman

Relationship: Academic Advisor, Mentor

Position: Chair of Global Studies Department

Current Employer: St. Lawrence University

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