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SKILLS

Research Methods: Mixed Methodology, Data Collection and Analysis, Legal Research

- Primary Data: Surveys (Qualtrics, Sona Systems) with the use of a Likert-scale, feeling thermometers, multi-choice, and open-ended questions, Big Five personality battery measure, Interviews, Focus Groups, Ethnography, and Legal Ethnography
- Data Coding (and *in vivo* coding), Data Memoing, Data Mapping
- Secondary Data Analysis and Visualization: R, STATA

Legal: Data Protection and Privacy, Data Protection Legislation, Digital Human Rights, Malbek CLM,

Project Management: Research, Advocacy, and Educational Projects Management, Grants Preparation & Grants Management

Communication: Public Speaking, Producing online news content and Video Editing, Website Design (Drupal, WordPress), Canva, Adobe Suite, Google Workspace, Salesforce

Languages: English (fluent), Polish (native), Chinese-Mandarin (intermediate), German, French, Spanish (basic user)

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

PhD in Political Science, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

Expected 2023

MA in Political Science

2021

Certificate in Mixed Methods Research (2020-present)

Certificate in Digital Humanities (2020-present)

Fellow at the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center (2022-present)

European University Viadrina, Frankfurt(Oder), Germany

2016

MA/LLM in International Human Rights Law, Migration Law, and Humanitarian Law

St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

2013

BA in Global Studies with Honors, *Magna Cum Laude*

Minors: Asian Studies, European Studies

Study Abroad: Université de Rouen, Rouen, France (2010), East China Normal University (2012)

United World College of the American West, Montezuma, NM

2009

IB (International Baccalaureate) in Social and Cultural Anthropology, History, English

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE

Aug 2019-present

- **Research Coordinator** of the Political Science Experimental Participant Pool (PSEPP)

- Coordinated operation of the participants' pool, recruitment of participants and researchers
 - Assured compliance with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) standards through the preparation of IRB forms and research protocols—IRB Approval Number: 20150316011FB
 - Advised and assisted researchers in setting and posting their research projects on Qualtrics and Sona Systems
 - Handled and stored data following security and anonymization protocols
 - Developed and maintained PSEPP's website
- **Research Coordinator** of the study: "Political Attitudes and Associations"
 - Outlined and arranged public opinion survey through Qualtrics and Sona Systems
 - Investigated the determinants of political attitudes, behaviors, and measured demographic variables with the use of a Likert-scale, feeling thermometers, multi-choice and open-ended questions, and Big Five personality battery measures
 - Assured compliance with the IRB standards through the preparation of IRB forms and research protocols—IRB Approval Number: 20161016400EP
 - Handled and stored data following security and anonymization protocols
- **Research Assistant** and a Member of a Research Team in the project: "The Conditions of Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe Thirty Years After: A Comparative Perspective," a survey of civil society sponsored by The Polish National Science Center Grant-Harmonia
 - Co-designed research and interview protocols; conducted 38 semi-structured open-ended interviews; translated and transcribed answers; coded and analyzed qualitative data and quantitative data obtained through a survey on a representative sample (N=1000) conducted through computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) technique
 - Presented research work regularly in regional and national conferences, such as American Political Science Association (APSA) and International Studies Association (ISA)
 - Mentored undergraduate students
- **Research Assistant** of the project "Assessment of Holocaust Education"
 - Collected qualitative data to measure the effectiveness and impact of college Holocaust Education at UNL
 - Conducted semi-structured open-ended interviews
 - Collected survey data
- **Research Assistant** of the project "The Bright and Somber Hues of the Pandemic: a gendered perspective"
 - Collected and assessed quantitative and qualitative data to gauge the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and civil society in Central and Eastern Europe
- **Research Assistant** in the project "Progress and Pushback in the Judicialization of Human Rights"
 - Collected data concerning backlash to the institutions of international justice
 - Organized sources and bibliographic materials
- **Obtained Certificate and Credentials for the Research Investigators and Key Personnel in Social/Behavioral Research**, The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (2019)

Summer Research Laboratory Associate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL
 Summers 2020 & 2021

- Conducted mixed methods research project on the nexus of civil society and democracy in Poland using analysis of primary and secondary data sources and quantitative datasets (Varieties of Democracy) and primary sources (semi-structured interviews)

Data Analyst, Thomson Reuters, Gdynia, Poland

Jan 2018-Apr 2018

- Conducted analyses of various data for the financial institutions
- Assessed risks of providing financial services to potential clients
- Achieved: **Data Privacy Certificate** and **Information Security Certificate**

Research Specialist, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Warsaw, Poland

Jan 2017-June 2017

- Coordinated PAH's activities in the realm of Global and Peace Education as well as obtained funding for these projects

Graduate Thesis Researcher at European University Viadrina Frankfurt(Oder), Germany, for the project "*Policy vs. Reality: Ethnic, Religious, and Linguistic Minorities in the People's Republic of China (PRC)*" 2013-2015

- A legal analysis of the PRC policies towards ethnic, religious, and linguistic minorities and their compliance with the international law treaties

St. Lawrence University, NY

2010-2013

- **Undergraduate Thesis Researcher** of the study "*Transformation: Hopes, Shock, and New Order*"
 - A mixed methods research project surveying the 25-years of Polish transformation from the perspective of political economy—preceded with ethnographic fieldwork in Poznań, Gdańsk, Warsaw, and within the Polish countryside
- **Undergraduate Thesis Researcher** of the study "*Atlantis: The Forgotten Jewish Poznań*"
 - A research project involving a series of interviews with the members of the local Jewish community, ethnography, and historical survey of a thousand years of the history of the Poznań Jews
- **Undergraduate Researcher** of the study "*Before the Past Disappears: China through the prism of Uighur Minority*"
 - An ethnographic research project in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR) on the Uighur minority and its daily relations with the Han-Chinese and with Chinese Communist Party
- **Undergraduate Researcher** of the project "*Kerala, 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)

FELLOWSHIPS, LEGAL & PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Legal HQ Summer Intern, TIBCO Software Inc., Palo Alto, CA

2022

- Conducted legal and data analyses for Legal HQ

- Tested and enhanced A.I. legal solutions in legal operations
- Monitored Data Protection Compliance

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 (against solitary confinement), death row inmates, and against racial discrimination
- Prepared court briefs and human rights reports

Pat Cox Fellow at the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

Jan 2016-Apr 2016

- Assisted the MEP Office by, among others, organization of events, managing correspondence, and the calendar
- Worked with the Parliamentary Development Committee
- Searched data and prepared reports on human rights violations and international affairs, especially concerning the Korean Peninsula

Project Coordinator at [Anne Frank Project](#), Poznań, Poland

May 2015-Dec 2015

- Designed and organized a school of human rights and countering antisemitism
- Developed curriculum, designed and organized workshops and fieldtrips
- Built a network of supporters, including the local authorities, NGOs, and multi-faith organizations
- Developed a successful grant proposal and oversaw 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
- Prepared a '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 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

Summer 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 Roma 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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- McMahon, P. C., & Niparko, Ł. W. (2022). Shrinking, Shifting, and Strengthening: The Dynamics and Diversity of Civic Activism in Poland. *East European Politics and Societies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08883254221085308>
- Niparko Łukasz, W. Forthcoming (under revision). "The Triple Pandemic: COVID-19, Democratic Erosion, and Anti-Genderism in Poland"
- Johnson-Filipova, Lenka, Hana Waisserova and Łukasz W. Niparko. Forthcoming (under revision). "The Virus of Anti-Genderism in Czechia and Poland."
- 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

Op-Eds and Book Chapters

- Niparko, Łukasz, W. & Kohen Ari. Forthcoming (under revision). "Religion." In: *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Human Rights* Eds.: Jesse Tomalty and Kerri Woods
- McMahon, Patrice C. and Łukasz W. Niparko. "[Poles Waive the Rainbow Flag in 'LGBTQI+ free zones'](#)." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. January 21st, 2021
- Niparko, Łukasz, W. 2021. "The Forgotten Jewish Atlantis: Poznań and the Legacy of Antisemitism." In: [Antisemitism on The Rise](#). Eds.: Ari Kohen and Gerald J. Steinacher
- "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

Presented at Conferences (selected)

- International Studies Association (ISA) 2022 Annual Convention. Presented research paper: "The Dreadful Nexus of Global Public Goods and Democratic Erosion" (2022)
- The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), The 53rd Annual Convention. Presented a research paper: "Historical Patterns and Accursed Realities of Anti-Genderism in Poland" and Participated in the Roundtable "The Power of the Powerless": Gendered Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe: The Solution?" (2021)
- The 46th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Presented a research paper: "Anti-Genderism in Poland" (2021)
- International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Conference. Participated in the panel on "Popu-Nationalism" (2020)
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), The 52nd Annual Convention Co-Presented a research 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 a research 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 a research paper: "The Civil Society Response to the Backsliding of Democracy: Poland" (2020)
- European Consortium for political research (ECPR), General Conference. Presented a research paper: "The Bright and Somber Hues of the Pandemic: a gendered perspective" (2020)
- The 26th World Congress of Political Science (International Political Science Association, IPSA), Lisbon, Portugal, July 25th-29th, 2020. Presented a research paper: "The Pathway to Populism: Poland" (2020; conference took place in 2021 due to the global pandemic)
- The 44th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Presented a research paper: "Atlantis: The Forgotten Jewish Poznań" (2019)
- The European Studies Conference at The University of Nebraska in Omaha. Presented a research paper: "TRANSFORMATION: Hopes, Shock, and New Order" (2017)
- The 2nd Trilateral Forum: The German-Polish-Russian Dialogue. Presented a research paper: "Anti-Discrimination Legal Framework. The case of Russia, Germany, and Poland" (2014)
- 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, Paradise and Limbo: The story of a place where the high social standards do not originate from economic growth" (2011)

INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- Executive Club Meeting, Lincoln, NE. With Prof. Hana Waisserova—delivered a talk: "On War in Ukraine" (2022)
- Humanities Nebraska Event Lincoln, NE. With Prof. Hana Waisserova—delivered a talk: "The End of Globalization Paradigm" (2022)
- Lincoln Jewish Community School, Lincoln, NE. Lecture: "Atlantis: The Forgotten Jewish Poznań" (2021)
- Zukunft für Alle / Future for All Congress, Leipzig. Organized a Workshop: "Bright and Somber Future: The 2048 Perspectives on Labor and Digitalization" (2020)
- Humanity In Action Conference and Action Academy, Berlin, Germany. Presented an academic project: "Time to Act: Addressing Antisemitism in Nebraska" (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)
- "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 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 Roman-Catholic Church in Poland: Its role and influence," a workshop for the Participants of the Humanity In Action Fellowship (2017)
- "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 Violence in the ‘Cyberspace,” a debate at The Zbigniew Tylewicz School in Poznań, Poland (2015)
- “The Legal Framework for the Prevention of Discrimination in The Republic of Poland,” a lecture for the students at Adam Mickiewicz University (2014)

COURSES TAUGHT

- **MODL 291 Honors Global Dialogue: Forum for Hope, Freedom, and Belonging** (Spring 2022). This course is a survey of Central European civil society and activism throughout history, especially with an outlook on anti-totalitarian civil disobedience and current developments associated with erosion of democracy
- **HON 102 The Science of You** (Spring 2022). A course for university honors students, which prepares them for future academic, research, and career endeavors

AWARDS (SELECTED)

- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (3000.00 USD), (2022)
- Graduate Students Association Travel Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (400.00 USD), (2022)
- Graduate Studies and Political Science Department Travel Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1,000.00 USD), (2021)
- Summer Graduate Assistantship, University Honors Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2,000.00 USD), (2021)
- Best Research Assistant Award, the Department of Political Science, University Nebraska at Lincoln (2021)
- Anthony Jung Award for Best Graduate Student Research, 45th European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (2020)
- Political Science Department Travel Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (600.00 USD), (2019)
- Humanity In Action Grant (6,000.00 EUR) 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 (20,000.00 PLN) for organizing the summer school of countering discrimination and antisemitism (2015)

LEADERSHIPS AND SERVICE (SELECTED)

- The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) at University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 - Chair of Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2022-present)
 - Representative and Member of Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2021-2022)
- Political Science Graduate Student Association at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Faculty-Student Relations Representative (2022-present); Representative and a Delegate to the GSA (2021-present)
- Founder, UNL Students for Human Rights Organization (2020-present)
- Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Country Expert for Poland in the project *“Democracy under Threat: How Education can Save it”* (2022)
- St. Lawrence University Alumni Mentorship Program-LINC; Alumni Mentor (2022)
- Antisemitism Prevention in Nebraska Humanity In Action (HIA) Project Coordinator (2020-2022)
- Sanmen Youwei Library (Zhejiang, China) Peace Studies and Liberal Arts Education Project Coordinator (2016)

- Anne Frank Project Poznań: Founder and Director (2015)
- St. Lawrence University (NY-USA) Global Dialogue Center Founder and Coordinator (2013)
- Amnesty International at St. Lawrence University: Managing President (2011)
- Journalist Club and Magazine "TeXT" in Poznań (Poland), Secretary (2006-2007)
- "Eurokram" Magazine in Poznań (Poland) Founder and Editor In Chief (2002-2005)

CERTIFICATES

- The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (**HSK**)—The Chinese Proficiency Test: Level III (2019), Level II (2014)
- Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland), **Certificate in Foreign and International Service** (2017)
- The Council on International Educational Exchange and East China Normal University **Certificate in Chinese Studies** (2012)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, ASEES (2021-present)
- International Political Science Association, IPSA (2020-present)
- Member of the IPSA Research Committee: Local – Global Relations
- American Political Science Association, APSA (2020-present)
- International Studies Association, ISA (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)