

# Brittany L. Holom

Email: [bholom@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:bholom@alumni.princeton.edu) | Website: <http://www.brittanyholom.com> | (C) 406-853-2882

---

## EDUCATION

- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ 5 June 2018  
Ph.D., Politics  
Primary field: Comparative Politics; Secondary fields: Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics, International Relations  
Dissertation Title: *Strike While the Iron is Hot: Post-Soviet Healthcare Reforms and the Critical Juncture of the 1990s*
- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ October 2013  
M.A., Politics  
Primary field: Comparative Politics; Secondary fields: Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics, International Relations
- University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN May 2011  
Bachelor of Arts, Russian Language and Literature and Political Science  
GPA: 3.883/4.0 (magna cum laude)  
Dean's List: All Semesters
- Russian State Pedagogical University (Herzen)**, St. Petersburg, Russia January 2010-May 2010  
Study Abroad -Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program (American Council of Teachers of Russian)
- National Research University Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia Summer 2012  
Intensive Russian language program focused around politics, economics, and society
- ALMA Language School**, Kyiv, Ukraine June 2015-June 2016  
Russian language lessons with a private tutor (in person and on Skype)

## EXPERTISE

**Language:** Proficient in Russian through Advanced level (reading, writing, speaking); Ukrainian (beginner writing, speaking, and reading); German (beginner reading)

**Computer Skills:** R, Stata, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Suite, ArcGIS (in the process of learning)

## PUBLICATIONS

**"U.S.-Russia relations are at a real low. Here's the diplomacy that is working"** *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* (5 November 2016). Co-authored with Alyssa Haas and Yury Barmin. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/11/05/u-s-russia-relations-are-at-a-real-low-heres-the-diplomacy-that-is-working/>

**"Russian health-care protests continue despite Putin's popularity"** *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* (1 January 2015). [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/01/01/russian-health-care-protests-continue-despite-putins-popularity/?wpisrc=nl\\_cage&wpmm=1](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/01/01/russian-health-care-protests-continue-despite-putins-popularity/?wpisrc=nl_cage&wpmm=1)

**Book Review:** "Kaplan, Robert D. 2016. In Europe's Shadow: Two Cold Wars and a Thirty-Year Journey Through Romania and Beyond. New York: Random House." *New Global Studies* (December 2016). Online: <https://doi.org/10.1515/ngs-2016-0024>

**Book Review:** "Halfmann, Drew. 2011. Doctors and Demonstrators: How Political Institutions Shape Abortion Law in the United States, Britain, and Canada. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press." *World Medical & Health Policy* (March 2015). Online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/wmh3.127/abstract>

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- ASEEES Annual Convention**, Chicago, IL November 9-12, 2017  
*Roundtable Speaker*
- Post-Soviet Health and Demography
- APSA Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA August 31-September 3, 2017  
*Paper Presenter*
- Paper title: "Post-Soviet Healthcare Reforms and the Critical Juncture of the 1990s"

- MPSA Annual Conference**, Chicago, IL April 6-9, 2017  
*Paper Presenter, Panel Chair*
- Paper title: "Strike While the Iron is Hot: Post-Soviet Healthcare Reforms and the Critical Juncture of the 1990s"
- ASEEES Annual Convention**, Washington, D.C. November 17-20, 2016  
*Roundtable Speaker*
- Post-Soviet Health and Demography
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Aleksanteri Conference: Life and Death in Russia**, Helsinki, Finland October 26-28, 2016  
*Paper Presenter*
- Paper title: "Framing Health and State Responsibility: Healthcare Reforms and the Critical 1990s in Post-Soviet Russia."
- Fort Ross Dialogue** October 17, 2016  
*Panel Member – Innovation in U.S.-Russia Relations*
- Pitch for NERV (Network for Emergency and Routine Vitals), a U.S.-Russia collaborative project in healthcare technology
- APSA Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA September 1-4, 2016  
*Paper Presenter*
- Paper title: "Healthcare Reform and Variable Communist Legacies: The Case of Ukraine"
- MPSA Annual Conference**, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2016  
*Paper Presenter*
- Paper title: "Optimizing Influence, Optimizing Health: The Strategies of Healthcare Actors and their Effects on Post-Communist Healthcare Reform"
- ASEEES Annual Convention**, Philadelphia, PA November 19-22, 2015  
*Roundtable Speaker*
- Post-Soviet Health and Demography
- APSA Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA September 3-6, 2015  
*Paper Presenter*
- Paper title: "Post-Soviet Health Benefit Provision: the Role of Soviet Legacies & Veto Players."
  - Paper title: "Elite Strategies and Non-State Actors in Post-Communist Health Policy."
- Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum**, Moscow, Russia and Palo Alto, CA AY 2014-2015  
*Biosecurity/Healthcare Collaborative Research Group Member*
- Final Paper: "Bad Bugs in a Big World: U.S.-Russia Collaboration in the Fight Against Global Epidemics"
- 13th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London**  
*Paper Presenter* February 19-21, 2014
- Paper Title: "When Babushka's Unwell: Generation, Communication, and Healthcare Reform in Russia"
- University of Notre Dame London Program** February 20, 2014  
*Guest Lecturer*
- Lecture: "The Establishment of Authoritarian Rule: the Russian Revolution," POL 34571: The Rise and Fall of Democracies and Dictatorships, Professor Scott Mainwaring
- ASEEES Annual Convention**, Boston, MA November 26, 2013  
*Panel Coordinator/Paper Presenter*
- Panel title: "At the Corner of Government Service and Social Advocacy in Russia's Regions"
- RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND EDITING POSITIONS**  
**NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia**, New York, NY AY 2018-2019  
*Visiting Scholar*

<b>Princeton University Department of History</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Research Assistant for Dr. Keith Wailoo (Supervisor: Dr. Dov Weinryb Grohsgal)</i>	July-September 2018
<b>Office of Undergraduate Research – Summer Research Colloquium</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Post Grad Instructor, Social Events and Faculty Lunch Series Lead</i>	Summer 2018
<b>Prison Teaching Initiative</b> , Princeton, New Jersey <i>Instructor, Introduction to Political Science – Garden State Youth Correctional Facility</i>	Spring 2018
<b>Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, WWS 404 Research Methods Lab (Dr. Dov Weinryb Grohsgal)</i>	Spring 2017, AY 2017-2018
<b>Princeton University Department of Politics</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, POL 388: Causes of War (Professor Gary Bass)</i>	Fall 2015, Fall 2017
<b>Princeton University Department of Economics</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, ECO 332: Economics of Health and Healthcare (Professor Maria Rosales-Rueda)</i>	Spring 2017
<b>Princeton University Department of Economics</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, ECO 324: Law and Economics (Professor Thomas Leonard)</i>	Fall 2016
<b>Princeton University Department of Politics</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, POL 380: Human Rights (Professor Gary Bass)</i>	Spring 2016
<b>Princeton University Department of History</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Assistant Instructor, HIS 362: The Soviet Empire (Professor Stephen Kotkin)</i>	Spring 2014
<b>Innovations for Successful Societies</b> , Princeton University, Princeton, NJ <i>Ph.D. Research Affiliate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case-scouting: Gathering information about possible cases in the Central Asian region</li> </ul>	Summer 2013
<b>Princeton University</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Research Assistant for Leonard Wantchekon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering and analyzing materials as well as writing the progress report for the African School of Economics board meeting</li> </ul>	Summer 2013
<b>Princeton University</b> , Princeton, NJ <i>Research Assistant for Mark Beissinger</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collected information on revolts and revolutions, categorized and entered them into revolutions database on Microsoft Access</li> </ul>	Summer 2011
<b>Kellogg Institute for International Studies</b> , Notre Dame, IN <i>Copy Editor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formatted all chapters for Chalmers and Mainwaring’s 2012 edited volume <i>Problems Confronting Contemporary Democracies</i> in preparation for submission to the University of Notre Dame Press</li> </ul>	Spring and Summer 2011
<b>Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures</b> , Notre Dame, IN <i>Tutor of Russian</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received training in second language acquisition</li> <li>• Worked a regular tutoring schedule in which students taking Russian could sign up for one-on-one meetings for conversation, writing, or reading practice</li> <li>• Wrote regular reports on the progress of the students who attended tutoring sessions</li> </ul>	Fall 2009, AY 2010-2011
<b>Kellogg Institute for International Studies</b> , Notre Dame, IN <i>Research Assistant for Professor Debra Javeline</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted research on political activism in Chechnya using newspaper, periodical, and primary resources</li> </ul>	Fall 2008-Fall 2009

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**University Center for Human Values, Princeton, NJ**

April 13, 2018

*Symposium Co-Organizer*

- Annual "Prison and the Academy" symposium, 2018 topic: Exploring Critical Prison Pedagogy
- Aid in administrative organizing of the event, advertising

**Firestone Library, Princeton, NJ**

Summer 2013, Academic Years 2013-2014, 2015-present

*Reserves Student Assistant, Student Supervisor*

- Organize and prepare e-reserves and books on reserve for each semester's courses
- Distribute and organize the incoming newspapers and journals in several different languages
- As student coordinator: manage student workers at the circulation desk and serve in all services for which a supervisor is required

**Davis International Center, Princeton, NJ**

Academic Years 2012-2013

*Davis International Center Advisory Board (DICAB) Member*

- Organized the Graduate/Undergraduate Social Dinner in March 2013 in order to increase the interaction between graduate and undergraduate students and develop mentorships; 100 attendees
- Attended regular meetings and worked on several other minor projects, including the International Quiz Bowl, cultural dinners, and discussion groups

**Office of U.S. Senator Max Baucus, Bozeman, MT**

Summer 2010

*Intern*

- Researched bills in Congress and political issues, organized constituent records
- Attended regionally important meetings, such as the U.S. Wheat Associates Board meeting and the America's Great Outdoors listening session

**Kresge Law Library, Notre Dame, IN**

Academic Years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, Fall 2009, AY 2010-2011

*Technical Services Student Assistant*

- Managed and entered the new and incoming books and periodicals into the law library's computer system

**Stockman Bank, Miles City and Bozeman, MT (Summer 2010)**

Summer and Christmas Break 2007-2011

*Teller*

- Worked full-time schedule managing customer assistance and monetary transactions
- Organized regular emails using Microsoft Excel to relay information to bank officers on agricultural sales of all of the Stockman Bank branches of Montana

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Princeton Center for Health and Wellbeing Graduate Health Grand Challenge Grant (2014-2015)

Mamdouha S. Bobst Dissertation Research Grant (2014-2015)

PIIRS Summer Language Grant for Russian (Summer 2012; Summer 2014)

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

Honors in Department of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame

Lauren B. Thomas Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in Russian for 2010-11 (University of Notre Dame)

Tom and Mary Gerry Lee Family Scholarship (University of Notre Dame, academic merit)

Frederick Sullivan Memorial Scholarship (University of Notre Dame, academic merit)

Ann E. Wardlaw Scholarship (University of Notre Dame, academic merit)

Invitation to the Honors Program in Russian at the University of Notre Dame

National Merit Finalist

## **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

*Prison Teaching Initiative*

Spring 2018

*Woodrow Wilson School Center for International Security Crisis Simulation,*

*Russia Executive Team Advisor*

October 14, 2017

*ReMatch Graduate-Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program*

Academic Year 2017-2018

*Princeton University - Forbes College, Resident Graduate Student*

Academic Years 2015-2017

*Notre Dame Russian Club, Vice President (2009-10), President (2010-11)*

Academic Years 2009-2011

*Russian Ensemble, Member*

Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2011

*Walsh Hall Council, Treasurer*

Academic Year 2008-2009

*Early Childhood Development Center, Volunteer*  
*Athletic Department, Tutor of Russian*  
*Appalachia Spring Service Learning, Volunteer*

Spring 2009  
Fall 2008  
Seminar Spring 2008

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Association for Women in Slavic Studies

2011-present  
2011-present  
2013-present  
2013-present