

# Brittany L. Holom

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## 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>

## RESEARCH, POLICY, TEACHING, AND EDITING POSITIONS

**New Jersey Policy Perspective**, Trenton, NJ May 2020-Current  
*Senior Health Policy Analyst*

**The College of New Jersey**, Ewing, NJ AY 2019-2020, Fall 2020  
*Adjunct Instructor, POL 345: Human Rights in International Relations and POL 250: Politics and Society in Developing Countries (Fall 2019); POL 370: Bears, Beets, and Babushki: The Politics of Russia and the Post-Soviet States (Spring 2020)*

**Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs**, Princeton, NJ Spring 2019, AY 2019-2020, Fall 2020  
*Lead Instructor, WWS 403/404 Policy Research Seminar – Human Security: The Challenges of a Globalized Security Paradigm (Spring 2019, Fall 2020); WWS Task Force 402g - Fixing the Healthcare System: Is There an Ideal Model? (Spring 2020)*

**NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia**, New York, NY AY 2018-2019  
*Visiting Scholar*

**Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School (Now SPIA)**, Princeton, NJ Spring 2017, AY 2017-2018, Fall 2018  
*Assistant Instructor, WWS 404 Research Methods Lab (Dr. Dov Weinryb Grohsgal, Dr. Lynda Dodd)*

**Princeton University Department of History**, Princeton, NJ July-September 2018  
*Research Assistant for Dr. Keith Wailoo (Supervisor: Dr. Dov Weinryb Grohsgal)*

**Office of Undergraduate Research – Summer Research Colloquium**, Princeton, NJ Summer 2018  
*Post Grad Instructor – Community-Based Learning Pod, Social Events and Faculty Lunch Series Lead*

**Prison Teaching Initiative**, Princeton, New Jersey Spring 2018  
*Instructor, Introduction to Political Science – Garden State Youth Correctional Facility*

**Princeton University Department of Politics**, Princeton, NJ Fall 2015, Fall 2017  
*Assistant Instructor, POL 388: Causes of War (Professor Gary Bass)*

**Princeton University Department of Economics**, Princeton, NJ Spring 2017  
*Assistant Instructor, ECO 332: Economics of Health and Healthcare (Professor Maria Rosales-Rueda)*

**Princeton University Department of Economics**, Princeton, NJ Fall 2016  
*Assistant Instructor, ECO 324: Law and Economics (Professor Thomas Leonard)*

**Princeton University Department of Politics**, Princeton, NJ Spring 2016  
*Assistant Instructor, POL 380: Human Rights (Professor Gary Bass)*

**Princeton University Department of History**, Princeton, NJ Spring 2014  
*Assistant Instructor, HIS 362: The Soviet Empire (Professor Stephen Kotkin)*

**Innovations for Successful Societies**, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ Summer 2013  
*Ph.D. Research Affiliate*

- Case-scouting: Gathering information about possible cases in the Central Asian region

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ Summer 2013  
*Research Assistant for Leonard Wantchekon*

- Gathering and analyzing materials as well as writing the progress report for the African School of Economics board meeting

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ Summer 2011  
*Research Assistant for Mark Beissinger*

- Collected information on revolts and revolutions, categorized and entered them into revolutions database on Microsoft Access

**Kellogg Institute for International Studies**, Notre Dame, IN Spring and Summer 2011  
*Copy Editor*

- Formatted all chapters for Chalmers and Mainwaring's 2012 edited volume *Problems Confronting Contemporary Democracies* in preparation for submission to the University of Notre Dame Press

**Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures**, Notre Dame, IN Fall 2009, AY 2010-2011  
*Tutor of Russian*

- Received training in second language acquisition
- Worked a regular tutoring schedule in which students taking Russian could sign up for one-on-one

- meetings for conversation, writing, or reading practice
- Wrote regular reports on the progress of the students who attended tutoring sessions

**Kellogg Institute for International Studies**, Notre Dame, IN  
*Research Assistant for Professor Debra Javeline*

Fall 2008-Fall 2009

- Conducted research on political activism in Chechnya using newspaper, periodical, and primary resources

### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

**ASEEES Annual Convention**, San Francisco, CA

November 23 – 26, 2019

*Roundtable Speaker*

- Health and Demography in Eurasia: Current Issues and Trends

*Paper Presenter*

- Official Rhetoric, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement: Communicating Healthcare Reforms in Post-Soviet States

**APSA Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C.

August 29 – September 1, 2019

*Paper Presenter*

- Paper Title: “Engaging Citizens in Post-Soviet Health Reforms: Patterns of State Communication”

**NESEEEES Annual Conference**, New York, NY

March 30, 2019

*Paper Presenter*

- Paper Title: “Engaging Citizens in Post-Soviet Healthcare Reform: Information, Communication, and Policy Literacy in Russia and Ukraine”

*Panel Chair*

- Art and Protest Culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**ASEEES Annual Convention**, Boston, MA

December 6-9, 2018

*Roundtable Speaker*

- Post-Soviet Health and Demography

**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"

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

**Office of Undergraduate Research**, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ Spring Semester 2019  
*University Administrative Fellow*

- Served as Application and Program Development Team Leader for the Princeton Research Day conference
- Developed expertise in Ex Ordo conference management software
- Created the Princeton Research Day application in Ex Ordo and monitored submissions
- Analyzed data from the submissions and produced application report for the Princeton Research Day team
- Organized teams of reviewers for submissions and the review process in Ex Ordo and arranged the Program Development Team meeting, where we developed the conference schedule
- Served as a reviewer on the Social Sciences team

**AmeriCorps VISTA Program – PRAB (Puerto Rican Action Board)** November 13, 2018 – November 12, 2019  
*Resource Development Coordinator*

- Evaluated PRAB's resource needs and systems
- Restructured and strengthened our donor management system (Little Green Light) to encourage better donor engagement, retention
- Created systems for better donation management (in-kind donation forms, donation reporting)
- Researched funding opportunities based on resource needs – grants, corporate and foundation support, individual giving, in-kind donations
- Developed expertise on fundraising, donor management, and donor engagement through the AmeriCorps online Resource Development course (completed with a 97.5% grade) and other training webinars
- Developed expertise on EmpowOR data collection software required by the State of New Jersey for Community Service Block Grant reporting
- Developed a Resource Development Handbook and packets by program to ensure sustainability
- Helped to plan special events, including a bowling tournament and mixer, and aiding with the development of

sponsorship levels, fundraising, and pre- and post-event donor engagement

**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)  
*Russian Ensemble*, Member  
*Walsh Hall Council*, Treasurer  
*Early Childhood Development Center*, Volunteer  
*Athletic Department*, Tutor of Russian  
*Appalachia Spring Service Learning*, Volunteer

Academic Years 2009-2011  
Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2011  
Academic Year 2008-2009  
Spring 2009  
Fall 2008  
Seminar Spring 2008

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association	2011-present
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies	2011-present
Midwest Political Science Association	2013-present
Association for Women in Slavic Studies	2013-present