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EMPLOYMENT

Sam Houston State University Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure-track position)	Fall 2006 to the present
Concordia College Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure-track position)	Fall 2003 – Spring 2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science , Rutgers University Dissertation: <i>The Continuum of Politics: Theory, Discourse, Analysis</i>	2003
M.A., Political Science , Rutgers University	1999
M.A., Political Science , Central European University, Hungary Thesis: <i>Paperweight – Press Discourses in Hungary and the US</i>	1997
M.A., American Studies , ELTE, Budapest, Hungary Thesis: <i>The Notion of Power in Tocqueville's <i>Democracy in America</i></i>	1994
M.A., French Language and Literature , ELTE, Budapest, Hungary Thesis: <i>Montfaucon de Villars, un libertin du XVIIIe siècle sur Pascal</i>	1994

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Open Society Institute Doctoral Fellowship	1997-2001
Travel Grant , Political Science Department and the Graduate School of Rutgers University	Spring 2000
Soros Foundation Award , Central European University	1996-97

Fulbright Fellowship, Political Science Department at Rutgers University 1995-96

PUBLICATIONS

Book in progress

Magyar Meanings: What Hungary Can Tell Us About Post-Communism In The 21st Century

Under Review

“Death Discourses: Language and the Reality of Iraq” – with Mary Ann Davis, SHSU Sociology

“Whose Alien Is It Anyway? Analyzing US State Legislative Resolutions on Immigrants and Immigration”
– with Alexandra Filindra, Research Fellow, Political Science Department, Rutgers University –
‘Revise and Resubmit’ at International Migration

Peer-reviewed Articles:

“The Borders of Orientalism: ‘Europeanization’ in Hungary and Ukraine” – with Olena Leipnik – Debate: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe, vol. 16, no. 2. August 2008, pp. 151-169.

“The EU-cators: Discourses of Education and Ontologies of the EU in Hungarian Handbooks” – Debate: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe, vol. 16, no. 1, April 2008, pp. 87-99.

“Gazing ‘There and Back Again’: Bilateral Relations as Constructions of Hungarian Identity in the Press”. Dialectical Anthropology, 27: 297-312, 2003.

“A rendkívüli megismerése: A politikus diszkurzív konstrukciója a magyar sajtóban”. (“How the Extraordinary Became Knowable: The Discursive Construction of the Politician in the Hungarian Press”). Médiakutató, Spring 2001, 30-42.

Edited Work:

Böröcz, József, and Melinda Kovács, eds. Empire’s New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement. 2001. ISBN: 1-84287-009-2. E-book originally published at www.ce-review.org, and currently available at <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~eu/Empire.pdf>

Hungarian Version of Edited Work:

Böröcz, József, and Melinda Kovács, eds. EU-birodalom. Replika 45-46, November 2001.

Invited Articles and Book Chapters:

“The Selfless Self: Constructions of the EU in its Yearly Reports, 1998-2002.” in The European’s Burden: Global Imperialism in EU Expansion ed. Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro, Peter Lang Publishers, 2006, pp. 209-24.

“Shedding Light on the Quantitative Other – The EU’s Discourse in the Commission Opinions of 1997” with Peter Kabachnik in Empire’s New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement.

“Putting Down and Putting Off: The EU’s Discursive Strategies in the 1998 and 1999 Follow-Up Reports” in Empire’s New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement.

“A kvantitatív másság felfedezése – Az EU diskurzusa az 1997-es országvéleményekben” (Hungarian translation of “Shedding Light on the Quantitative Other”) EU-birodalom, 61-88.

“Elmarasztalni és elhalasztani: Az EU diszkurzív stratégiái az 1998-as és 1999-es országvéleményekben” (Hungarian translation of “Putting Down and Putting Off”). EU-birodalom, 89-110.

“Percepciók, fajok, valóságok: Benito Cereno tanulságai” (“Perceptions, Races, Realities: The Lessons of Benito Cereno”) in: Mónika Román, ed. Publicationes Universitatis Miskolciensis. Sectio Philosophica. Tomus VII.-Fasciculus 1. Fasciculus specialis "Irodalom és politika". Miskolc: Typographia Universitatis, 2001, pp. 59-71.

“Roles, Changes, Genders – Women as an Analytical Category of Social Science in Hungary” – book review. East Central Europe, Vol. 28., part 2., pp.141-147.

“Ambiguities of Power: The Metaphorical System in Tocqueville’s Democracy in America.” in: C.L.E.A.R. (Cognitive Linguistics: Explorations, Applications, Research), 1995:7.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Violence of Others: ‘Eastern’ and ‘Western’ Press Discourses”. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Baku, Azerbaijan, November 9-12, 2008.

“All Politics is Local: State-level Differences in Legislative Immigration Discourses” – with Alexandra Filindra - Paper presented by A. Filindra at the Eighth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, May 31 2008.

“Death Discourses: Language and the Reality of Iraq” – with Mary Ann Davis – Paper presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12-15, 2008.

“The EU-cators: Discourses of Education and Ontologies of the EU in Hungarian Handbooks” Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Alliance Universities for Democracy, Katowice, Poland, November 5-8, 2006.

“Under Ground, Out of Control – East-West Cultural Exchange Through Film” Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Alliance Universities for Democracy, Katowice, Poland, November 5-8, 2006.

“So That Accession Will Be No Question: Ontologies In Promotional EU Accession Materials In Hungary” Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 8, 2005.

“Femininity, Masculinity, And Maybe Post-Communism: Genders And Their Constructions In The Hungarian Press” presentation in the Concordia College Faculty Colloquium Series, September 14, 2004.

“Millennial Masculinity: Constructions In The Hungarian Press” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 16, 2004.

“Exclusions, Evolutions, Emancipations: Changing Constructions Of Women In Hungarian Public Discourse” paper presented at the 13th Annual Women’s Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, October 17, 2003.

“The Selfless Self: Constructions Of The EU In Its Yearly Reports, 1998-2002.” paper presented at the 8th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2003.

“The Bridge: Discursive Political Theory For Empirical Research” paper presented at the 56th Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, April 2002.

“Play Nice: Towards A Wittgensteinian Politics” paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2001.

“Putting Down And Putting Off: The EU’s Discursive Strategies In The 1998 And 1999 Follow-Up Reports” Invited to present at ‘Challenges of the European Union’s Eastern Enlargement’ – Conference organized by the Canadian Center for German and European Studies on September 14, 2001.

“The Evolution Of The Excluded Actor: The Discursive Construction Of Women In Post-Communist Hungary” paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, May 2001.

“Communicating Past Each Other? The EU And Hungary’s Discursive Construction Of One Another” paper presented at “Nation-Making, Past and Present: Community, Economy, Security” The Sixth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2001.

“Perceptions, Races, Realities: The Lessons Of Benito Cereno” paper presented at the Literature and Politics conference of the University of Miskolc, October 1999.

“Wicked Words: Discourses Of Corruption In The US And Hungary” paper presented at “The Way Ahead: Choices in Transformation” - CEP International Student Conference, Budapest, 1997.

“Somewhere On The Road From Darkness To Light: Tocqueville’s Notion Of History In Democracy In America”, paper presented at the American Studies Conference at ELTE, Budapest, 1992.

TEACHING COMPETENCE AND INTERESTS

The European Union	Introduction to political thought
Eastern Europe	Introduction to feminist theory
Post-communism	Gender and political theory
Democratization and consolidation	Language and politics
Introduction to comparative inquiry	Qualitative discourse analysis
Canonical political theory	Academic writing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Political Science Association; Section memberships: Foundations of Political Theory, Women and Politics, Comparative Politics, Politics, Literature and Film

Chair, Bearkats Read to Succeed Sub-committee on Curriculum Infusion

Member, SHSU CHSS Constitution Day Committee

Member, SHSU Political Science Committee on the Preamble to the Five Year Plan

Member, SHSU Political Science Comprehensive Exam Committee on Theory and Methods

Member, SHSU Political Science Scholarship Committee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Participant, SHSU Writing in the Disciplines Workshop, Summer 2007.

Participant, SHSU Research Workshop, Fall 2006

Participant, SHSU Provost’s Breakfast Series for New Faculty, Fall 2006

Panel Chair, “Social Developments in Post-Communist Space and the New EU Environment”, AUDEM, Katowice, Poland, November 5-8, 2006

Organizer, Concordia College Faculty Colloquium Series, 2004-2005, 2005-2006.

Panelist, Concordia College International Student Organization Week, November 2005.

Faculty Lecturer, Concordia College Psychology Honors Project by Dane Furfaro on Attitudes Towards Sexual Orientation, November 2005.

Speaker, NEW Leadership Institute, MSUM, May 2005. Talk: “The USA Patriot Act: Law, Interpretations, Stories.”

Participant, Concordia College Women’s History Week Faculty Panel, March 2005.

Participant, Concordia College Faculty Panel on the Death Penalty, March 2004.

Speaker, Concordia Students for Social Justice meeting, Concordia College, February 2004.
Talk: "Globality and Advocacy: Challenges for Activists"

Participant, Teaching Colloquium, Rutgers University, Fall 2002.

Panel organizer for "Nationhood and the European Union" at the Sixth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2001.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Huntsville Pets Helping People

Member, Walker County Emergency Response – Huntsville Small Animal Issues Committee

Registered Delta Society Pet Partner, no. 58442

Registered Reading Education Assistance Dogs Team, no. 1243

Member, Huntsville Small Animal Issues Committee

Speaker, Training of Docent Corps volunteers at the Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, April 2003. Talk: “Art and Politics: Questions about a Relationship”

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Tri-lingual in English, French and Hungarian