

**SARAH J. HUMMEL**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Harvard University  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2018 - Present

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Assistant Professor, Fall 2014-Summer 2018

University of Pittsburgh  
Visiting Scholar, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

**EDUCATION**

*PhD Politics, 2014*

Princeton University

Dissertation: "Nondemocratic Politics, Targeted Goods Provision, and International Policy: Water and Energy Management in Post-Soviet Central Asia"

Committee: Mark Beissinger, Adam Meirowitz, Grigore Pop-Eleches

*MA Politics, 2009*

Princeton University

*BA Political Science, 2006*

Yale University

**PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)**

"Leader Age, Death, and Political Liberalization in Dictatorships." Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*

"Sideways Concessions and Individual Decisions to Protest." Forthcoming. *Comparative Politics*

"Relative Water Scarcity and Country Relations along Cross-Boundary Rivers: Evidence from the Aral Sea Basin" 2017. *International Studies Quarterly*.

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Political Science  
Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, 2011-2012, 6 months field research

Social Research Center Fellow at the American University of Central Asia  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, duration of NSF-funded research

IREX Title VIII Policy Fellow

Kyrgyzstan, 2011- 2011, 2 months field research

Related Research Brief: "Anti-Corruption Reforms in the Kyrgyz Republic", September 21, 2012

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Research Grant  
Kyrgyzstan, January 2011, 3 weeks field research

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Legislatures in Transition: The Kyrgyz Jogorku Kenesh.”

“Sideways Concessions: Protest and Cooperative Resource Management in Central Asia.” *Currently under review.*

“Protestor Identity and Government Response to Initial Protest”

“Buying the People or the Purse-Strings? The Allocation of Housing Projects in Turkey”

“Political Selection Procedures, Executive Constraints, and Idiosyncratic Leadership Effects”

“The Effect of Leadership Selection Mechanisms on Inter-Group Games,” *co-authored with Stephen Chaudoin and Yon Soo Park*

## **PUBLICATIONS (NOT PEER REVIEWED)**

“Nuclear Arms Control and U.S.- Russian Relations.” 2018. *Co-authored with Andrey Baklitskiy.* Working Group on the Future of U.S.-Russia Relations, Working Group Paper 9.

“Domestic Uncertainty and Flexible Policy Formation in Authoritarian Regimes.” 2014. *APSA-Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 24(1):8-10.

## **TEACHING**

*Classes:*

PS 231: Strategic Models of Politics I  
Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

PS 300: Strategic Models of Politics II  
Spring 2015

PS 397: Authoritarian Regimes  
Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

PS 549: Authoritarianism (graduate level)  
Spring 2017

PS 590: Politics Workshop  
Fall 2015, Spring 2016

*Awards:*

Clarence A. Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching  
2014-2015

On the list of Teachers Ranked as Excellent  
2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

Member, Working Group on the Future of US-Russia Relations

*Conferences attended: May 2016 (Moscow), December 2016 (Moscow), May 2017 (Washington D.C.), December 2017 (Moscow)*

“Political Economy of Emerging Market Countries: The Challenges of Developing More Humane Societies,” Kolkata and New Delhi, India, December 2016 - January 2017.

Harvard University, February 2016

## OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

“Saying No: Understanding Dissent Among Kyrgyz Legislators,” presented at the *Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting*,” October 2017, and the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2019.

“Buying the People or the Purse-Strings? The Allocation of Housing Projects in Turkey,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2018.

“Sideways Concessions: Protest and Cooperative Resource Management in Central Asia,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2017.

“Democratic and Non-Democratic Leader Selection in Inter-Group Games,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2017, and the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2016.

“Waiting for Autocrats to Die? The Relationship Between Coups, Leader Death, and Regime Change,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2016.

“Protesting over Dissatisfaction or Policy Change,” presented at the *Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference*, October 2015, and the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 2016.

“Protestor Identity and Government Response,” presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2015, the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 2015, and the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 2016.

“Sub-National Politics and International Cooperation over Water and Energy Resources in Post-Soviet Central Asia”, presented at the *Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference*, October 2013, the *American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting*, August 2013, and the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, October 2014.

“Conflict, Cooperation, and Water Scarcity: Evidence from Post-Soviet Central Asia”, presented at the *Peace Science Society Annual Meeting*, October 2012, the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, April 2013, and the *Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference*, October 2014, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, March 2016.

“Selection of a Legal Principle and the Success of Coordinated Management in International River Basins”, presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, April 2012.

“Electoral System Change: 1950-2000”, presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, March 2010 and the *Alexander Hamilton Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy*, May 2011 at New York University.