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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D. (Political Science)  
Dissertation Title: “Bordering on Chaos: Ad-hoc and Arbitrary Decision Making in the U.S. Immigration Bureaucracy”  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.A. (Political Science), *Mills Fellowship*  
University of Pennsylvania, B.A.

### Courses Taught

- Immigration law
- Immigration Politics and Policy
- Law and Society
- Public Policy
- Education Policy
- Urban Politics/Policy
- Human Rights
- Race and Inequality
- Media and Democracy
- Service-Learning/ Community Development

### Recent Op-Ed Columns

- “Making Real ID real” Op-Ed, Baltimore Sun, February 6, 2008  
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.realidcon07feb07,0,4262454.story>
- “Facing Manipulation on Immigration” Op-Ed, Baltimore Sun, October 31, 2007  
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.immigration31oct31,0,2883986.story>
- “Turning to Corporate America to Save the World” Op-Ed, Baltimore Sun, July 22, 2007 <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.bono22jul22,0,1920288.story>
- “Conservatives Waging War on Non-Profits” Op-Ed, Baltimore Sun, February 16, 2007. <http://www.commondreams.org/views07/0216-20.htm>

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- “A Corporate Takeover of American Borders” Op-Ed, Baltimore Sun, August 21, 2006. <http://www.commondreams.org/views06/0821-20.htm>

### **Current Book Project**

- *Immigration and American Democracy: the Constitution, Privatization and Civil Society*, to be published by Routledge Press in 2009.

### **Publications**

- “Blackwater and the Privatization of Immigration Control,” Saint Thomas Law Review (forthcoming, Fall, 2008)
- “Baby Boomers and the Death of Political Speech: An Unintended Consequence of Bono’s Red Campaign,” Pepperdine University School of Law’s Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship & the Law (Spring, 2008).
- “Profit, Plenary Powers and Militarization: A ‘Perfect Storm’ Scenario for Immigration Control,” 3 Journal Migration and Refugee Issues (No.4) (2007)
- “Privatizing the Leviathan Immigration State” MR-zine (Monthly Review online), (July 20, 2007). [mrzine.monthlyreview.org/koulish200707.html](http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/koulish200707.html)
- Integrating Corporate Social Responsibility into the Accounting Curriculum,” in Advances in Accounting Education (Volume 8, 2007, co-authored).
- “Hungarian Attitudes about Minority Rights,” 57 Europe-Asia Studies (formerly Soviet Studies) (2) (March 2005).
- “Attitudes Towards Roma Minority Rights in Hungary: A Case of Symbolic Violence, Doxa, and the Legitimization of Roma Inferiority.” 31 Nationalities Papers Journal 3 (2003).
- “Opportunity Lost? The Social (Dis)Integration of Roma Minority Rights in Post-Transition Hungary.” 8 Journal of Nationalism and Ethnic Politics 1(2002).
- “Building Colonia Land Policy From the Inside Out,” with Marlynn May, Irregular Settlement and Self-Help Housing in the United States. Lincoln Institute monograph series (2001). [http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/dl/586\\_may\\_koulish.pdf](http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/dl/586_may_koulish.pdf)
- What Roma Want: A Survey of Hungarian Roma and their Minority Rights, Budapest: Mediant Publishing. (2001) (in English and Hungarian).
- “Teaching Diversity through Service-Learning Immigrant Assistance,” Transforming the Classroom, Transforming the World. Carolyn O’Grady ed. Lawrence Erlbaum & Associates. (2000).
- “Community Impact: Defining and Assessing the Intentional Community,” Assessing Internal and External Outcomes of Service-Learning Collaborations. Learn and Serve America monograph series. (1998).
- “Citizenship Service Learning: Becoming Citizens by Assisting Immigrants,” PS: Political Science and Politics. (1998).
- “Joining Academy and Community in a Collaborative Educational Venture,” with Marlynn May, Teaching Sociology. (1998).
- “Civil Rights Violations in a South Texas Border Community,” 4 Rio Bravo: A Bilingual Journal of International Studies. (1995).

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- “U.S. Immigration Authorities and Border Communities,” Migration World Magazine. (Sept-Oct. 1995).
- “Human and Civil Rights Abuses at the U.S.-Mexico-Border,” 3 Poverty and Race. (Oct. 1994).
- “U.S. Immigration Authorities and Victims of Human and Civil Rights Abuses: The Border Interaction Project Study of South Tucson, Arizona, and South Texas,” University of Arizona Mexican American Studies and Research Center Working Paper Series No. 20. (June 1994).
- “Systemic Deterrence Against Prospective Asylum Seekers: A Study of a South Texas Immigration District,” 19 New York University Journal of Law and Social Change. (1992).

### **Recent Media Interviews**

- Television Interview: “Frontline-USA” (with Avi Lewis), Blackwater and Privatization of Immigration Control,” February 20, 2008.
- Pacifica Radio Interview: “Talk-Back” with Hugh Hamilton: “The Corporate Takeover of America’s Borders” NYC Pacifica Radio: WBAI FM, August 23, 2006.
- Pacifica Radio Interview: “Talk-Back” with Hugh Hamilton: “Conservatives Waging War on Non-Profits” WBAI FM, February 21, 2007.

### **Grants**

- Department of Justice sub-grant for Juvenile and Child Victimization (2007) (\$80,000)
- Baltimore Family League for Community School Funding at Dallas Nicholas Elementary School (2006) (\$50,000)
- Baltimore Family League for BOOST after school funding at Dallas Nicholas (2006) (\$100,000)
- Abel Foundation (December 2004) to Goucher College for Service-Learning Collaborative at 2526 North Charles Street (\$50,000)
- Goucher College Summer Research Grant (2003, 2004).
- CNS Partnerships for Healthy Students and Schools (PHSS), Mini-Grant for Service-learning Faculty Fellows Workshop with Goucher College Education Department (received \$5,000, spring 2003)
- Federal Government Grant for Immigrant-based Multi-Lingual Tax Assistance Service-Learning Project (Lead Investigator; \$53K for FY2001)
- Bentley College Faculty Research Grant (2001)
- Federal Government Grant for Immigrant-based Multi-Lingual Tax Assistance Service-Learning Project (Lead Investigator; \$100K for FY2000)
- Bentley College Faculty Research Grant (2000)
- Fleet-Boston Grant for Service-Learning (1997-2001) (\$10K annually)
- Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges 2+4=Service on Common Ground (1997-1999) (10K annually)
- Bentley College Faculty Development Grant (1998)

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- Bentley College Summer Research Grant (1998)
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- Bentley College Faculty Development Grant (1997)
- Poverty and Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) (1992) (\$10K)

### **Administrative Experience**

- Founding Director of Law and Society Program at Philadelphia University (2008-)
- Founder and Administrator for Goucher College's "The Old Goucher Neighborhood Collaborative" at 2526 North Charles St. (2004-2008)
- Director Service Learning Goucher College (2002-2008)
- Director of Bentley Service-Learning Center (1998-2001). Largest Service-Learning Program of all U.S. Business Colleges. Center highlighted for excellence in Templeton Guide to University-based Character Development (1999) as well as AACU Guide to Service-Learning Programs (1999)
- Associate Director of Bentley Service-Learning Center (1997-1998)
- Director of Bentley Immigrant-Assistance Program (BIAP) (1997-1998)
- Director of Community Research and Policy Studies Center (CoRPS) at Beloit College (1995-1996)

### **Teaching Experience**

#### Philadelphia University (2008-)

- Intro to Law and Society

#### Goucher College (2002-2008)

- Immigration Politics (fall, 2006)
- Urban Politics: Baltimore Politics (spring 2006)
- International Media and Communications (spring 2006)
- Frontiers: Building Communities (fall, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006).
- Understanding Inequality (spring 2003)
- Making Connections: A Service-Learning Liberal Arts Capstone (spring 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Media and Democracy (fall, 2003, 2004)

#### Visiting Adjunct Professor: University of Vermont (summer 2002, 2003, 2005)

- Education, Media and Democracy

#### Assistant Professor of Government: Bentley College Department of Government (1996-2002 )

##### Courses Taught:

- Global Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities (new course)
- American Government
- Public Policy
- Political Protest in the United States
- Politics of Immigration (new course)
- The City/State Government

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- The Role of Community Service in a For-Profit Organization (new course, co-teach)

Lecturer: Beloit College Department of Political Science (1995-1996)

Courses Taught:

- State and Local Politics

Lecturer: Edgewood College Department of Social Science (1995)

Courses Taught:

- American Government

Lecturer: University of Texas-Pan American Department of Political Science (1990-1992)

Courses Taught:

- The Politics of Immigration
- American Government Part I
- American Government Part II

Teaching Assistant: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Courses Taught:

- Law, Politics and Society
- Political Ideologies

### **Professional Activities: Public Lectures, Conferences, Workshops and Ceremonies**

- Panel Paper Presentation, Baby Boomers and the Death of Political Speech: An Unintended Consequence of Bono's Red Campaign, at Law and Society Association Conference, in Montreal, May 29, 2008.
- Panel Paper Presentation, Blackwater and the Privatization of Immigration Control, at Law and Society Conference, May 31, 2008, Montreal.
- Panel Presentation at Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Panel: Poverty, Ideology and the Media in Philadelphia, Pa. March 6-8, 2008.
- Paper Presentation, Profit, Plenary Powers and Militarization: A 'Perfect Storm' Scenario for Immigration Control at LatCritXII, in Miami, Fla. October 4-6, 2007.
- Public Lecture Series, "Hungarian Roma Self Governance: Help or Hindrance?" at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, (CREECA) and Center for European Studies (CES), in Madison, WI, (September 28, 2006)
- Paper Presentation at the annual Law & Society Association Conference, "Liberty With Strings: A Geography of Public Space in Urban America," in Baltimore MD., (July 6-8, 2006)
- Panel Presentation at the annual Community School Initiative Conference, on university-community partnerships. Baltimore, MD., (June 15-16, 2006).
- Panel Presentation on community schools at annual HUD COPC Conference, "Leadership and Sustainability for Community/University Partnerships." Baltimore MD., (March 29-31 2006).

- Presented Paper and Chaired Panel: “It Takes A Village with a Camera, Community Building Through Media Literacy,” for American Media Literacy Association Conference, in San Francisco, CA. June 2005.
- Presented Paper at International Civic Engagement Conference in Reno, Nevada, “It’s all Text: Media Literacy and Service-Learning,” (October, 2004).
- Chaired Panel and Presented Paper at National Media Education Conference in Baltimore, MD. “Service-Learning and Media Literacy,” organized by the Alliance for a Media Literate America. (June 28-July 1, 2003)
- Participated in “The International Conference, Universities, Schools, and Community partners for effective Education, Community Building and Democracy, at University of Pennsylvania, (April 7-8, 2003)
- Participated in Action Coalition Media Education (founding convention on democratic media education), Albuquerque, NM, (October 15-16, 2002)
- Presented Public Lecture on Roma in Eastern Europe for Geography of Europe Course at the University of Vermont, (April, 2002)
- Presented Paper at Northeastern Political Science Association Meetings in Philadelphia, Pa. “Ethnicity Matters: A Look at Roma Identity.” (November 2001)
- Chaired Panel, Ethnicity, Race and Politics at Northeastern Political Science Association Meetings in Philadelphia, Pa. (November 2001)
- Participated in University of Vermont John Dewey Project Summit on Progressive Education (October 2001).
- Presented Paper at Conference, “Irregular Settlement and Self-Help Housing,” at Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, in Cambridge. (September 2001).
- Chaired Panel discussion on “Identities in the Balkans” at International Conference “Nationality and Citizenship in Post-Communist Europe,” organized by the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques with the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) (Paris). (July 9-10, 2001)
- Presented Paper at International Conference “Nationality and Citizenship in Post-Communist Europe,” organized by the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques with the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) (Paris) (July 9-10, 2001)
- Attended American Bar Association and American University Workshop on Low Income Taxpayer Clinics, in Washington D.C. (May 9-10, 2001)
- Chaired Panel on International Service-Learning at Massachusetts Campus Compact Annual Conference, Asking the Hard Questions: Visions and Strategies for Civic Engagement in Higher Education, in Waltham MA. (March 2001)
- Presented Keynoted Address at Partners Foundation Conference on Roma in Budapest. (January 26-27, 2001)
- Presented Public Lecture at Budapest University of Economic Sciences (BUES), “Do Minority Rights Matter in Hungary: A Case for Shifting the Focus of Minority Self-Government from Culture to Politics. (October 17, 2000)
- Attendee at Harvard University Workshop on Post-Socialist Politics and Gender, at Minda De Gunzburg Center for European Studies. (October 6, 2000)
- Participated in Yale University Poverty Project Workshop, at Institute for Comparative Social Research. (September 22, 2000)

- Presented Keynote Speech at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, National Society of Collegiate Scholars. (September 19, 2000)
- Conference Participant on Hungary and the Fall of Communist Dominoes. Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, Washington D.C. (May 2, 2000)
- Attended Boston University Conference, The Right of Return: Palestinian Refugees & Prospects for a Durable Peace. (April 2000)
- Attended at Budapest Conference, Democratic Transition: Ten Years Later. (June 17, 1999)
- Presented at National Business School Network—Inner City Leadership Conference, Boston, MA (April 23, 1999)
- Presented at National Service Learning Conference, sponsored by National Youth Leadership Council, San Jose CA. (April 19, 1999)
- Participated in Interaction Associates Workshop, “The Power of Collaborative Action” (June 15-17, 1998)
- Presented at Bentley College Workshop on Job Loss. (June 9-11, 1998)
- Presented at Campus Compact Conference, Scottsdale, AZ. (May 1998)
- Participated in Training Conference on Leadership and Capacity Building, National campus Compact 2+4 Common Ground, Cocoa Beach, FL. (January 31-February 3, 1998)
- Delivered “Action Research as Service Learning” at National Society for Experiential Education National Conference: Reflecting on Practice. Kansas City, MO. (October 22-25, 1997)
- Presented Community Service and Service Learning: Working for Democracy, Diversity, and Citizenship Conference, Waltham, MA, sponsored by Campus Compact (May 29-31, 1997)
- Reactor at Conference on New Approaches to International Law, Fin de NAIL: A Celebration, Harvard University. (May 9 - 11, 1997)
- Presented “The New Federalism and old Politics of Immigration” to the New England Political Science Association Meeting, New London, CT. (May 1997)
- Participated in the 1997 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Panel: The Consequences of Devolution. (April 10 - 12, 1997)
- Served as Mentor for Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) Minority Student Scholar Conference at Carlton College, MN. (October 4 - 5, 1996)
- Presented at conference sponsored by Northeastern University entitled “What’s Going On: The Effects of Welfare Reform,” in Boston, MA. (October 26, 1996)
- Participated in conference sponsored by MA Bar Foundation on Immigrants and Welfare Reform: Response to Changing Times, in Cambridge, MA sponsored by MA. Bar Foundation. (November 26, 1996)
- Chaired and was Discussant at Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Panel: Citizens, Officials, Texas. (April 18-20, 1996)
- Presented “Orchestrating the Rogue Elephant: Institutionalizing Human Rights Abuses at the Mexico-US Border,” at the IX Conference of Mexican and American Historians, Mexico City, Mexico (1994).
- Moderated Immigration Panel for U.W. Havens Center Conference: “Beyond NAFTA: Toward equity and Sustainability.” (October 1994)

- Presented “Documenting Interactions Between Border Communities and Immigration Authorities.” Paper delivered at Facets of Border Violence Conference, University of Texas at El Paso (1993).
- Presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association paper entitled “The State at the Margins of Society: Systemic Deterrence Against Asylum Seekers.” Reviewed at roundtable: “Organizational Behavior—How Distinctive is the Immigration Context?”, Philadelphia, PA (1992)
- Presented “Administrative Appellate Review in the Immigration Context,” at annual meeting of Law and Society Association. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. (1991)
- Presented “Political Asylum: The 1980 Refugee Act Ten Years Later,” at annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association. (1990)

### **Related Professional Activities**

- Law and Society Association, Collaborative Research Network for Citizenship and Immigration (2008-)
- Consultant for United Nations Development Project survey on Albanian Roma (summer 2007).
- Baltimore Community Radio Consortium (2006-) (create neighborhood based radio programming: citizen journalism, storytelling, information sharing and dialogue. Partners from the Baltimore community, Johns Hopkins University and Loyola College)
- Advisory Board for Maryland International College of Art (MICA) Community Arts Partnerships (CAP) Program (2006-)
- Steering Committee for Baltimore’s University-Community Partnership (2006-)
- Steering Committee for Dallas Nicholas Community School (2006-)
- Steering Committee for Baltimore Partnership Higher Education & Student Service-Learning (2002-)
- Text Reviewer for Wadsworth Publishing (2001)
- Research Fellow Budapest University of Economic Sciences (BUES) (summer 2000)
- Research Fellow at Bentley Center for Business Ethics (1997-98)
- Submitted testimony to House of Representatives Subcommittee on International Law, Immigration and Refugees for H.R. 2119 bill to Establish an Independent Review Commission (1993)
- Consultant for the American Friends Service Committee Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project (1992-1993)
- Commissioned by American Bar Association (ABA) to critique Report on Political Asylum submitted to Senate Judiciary Committee (1990)

### **Curriculum Development**

- Developing Law and Society Major and Minor at Philadelphia University (2008-)
- Established course for Goucher Political Science Department on Immigration Politics (fall, 2006); Baltimore Politics (spring 2006)
- Established international intensive course on Border Crossing (Com. 299) (spring 2004)

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- Established interdisciplinary course on Service-Learning & Corporate Social Responsibility (ID 399 2000) (winner of national AICPA Award 2001)
- Established and taught interdisciplinary course on global citizenship (ICE 398)
- Established community-based introductory course on American Politics with focus on homelessness (class filmed by CNN November 1999)
- Established International Service-Learning at Bentley College which integrates Service-Learning and International Studies and Study Abroad Programs (1999)
- First-Year Initiative: Integrating Service-Learning into First-Year Student Program (1998)
- Developed American Studies Course (1997)
- Special topics cluster course for American Government with English Department (1997)

### **Awards/ Recognition**

- Dallas Nicholas Elementary School (Baltimore) Certificate for Exceptional Service, 2008
- Greater Homewood Community Corporation (Baltimore) Public Education Partnership Award 2007
- Baltimore Women's Housing Coalition Volunteer of the Year 2003
- Bentley College Innovation in Teaching Award (2001) (course on social responsibility and community service)
- AICPA/AAA Joint Collaboration Award (2001) (a national academic association award for curriculum development for interdisciplinary course on social responsibility--"The Role of Community Service in a For-Profit Organization")
- Finalist National Campus Compact Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning (1998) (Campus Compact: The Project for Public and Community Service)
- Bentley College Innovation in Teaching Excellence Award (1997) (course on the Politics of Immigration)

### **Professional Associations**

- Law and Society Association
- American Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)
- Association for Nationality Studies (ASN)
- American Association Higher Education
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association
- National Society for Experiential Education

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