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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Economics, August 1988.

Bachelor of Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Political Science, 1981.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1986 Instructor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1986-87 Instructor, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

1988-89 Assistant Professor, Smith College, Northampton, MA

1989-1996 Assistant Professor, American University, Washington, DC

1996- Associate Professor and Ph.D. Program Director, American University

2004- Professor and Ph.D. Program Director, American University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Evolution of Agrarian Institutions: A Comparative Study of Post-Socialist Hungary and Bulgaria (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001). Winner 2002 AAASS Hewett Prize.

Many Shades of Red: State Policy and Collective Agriculture (Boulder: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999).

Journal Articles:

"The Decline in Intergenerational Mobility in Post-Socialism: Evidence from the Bulgarian Case", *World Development* 2009, with Thomas Hertz and Sibel Selcuk.

"Forward to the Past? Agricultural Restructuring in Bulgaria," *Mediterranee* (special issue of European Accession of Bulgaria and Romania), with Angel Bogushev, forthcoming.

Decentralisation and Development in Post-Socialism: Local Characteristics and Outcomes in Post-Socialist Bulgaria," *Post-Communist Economies*, 2007.

"Market Reform and Infrastructure Development in Transition Economies," *Review of Development Economics*, OnlineEarly, August 2007, with Robert M. Feinberg.

"Changing Preschool Enrollments in Post-Socialist Central Asia: Causes and Implications," *Comparative Economic Studies*, with Lisa Giddings and Tilahun Temesgen, 2007.

"Declining Child Care Enrollments in Post Socialism: Causes and Implications in the Bulgarian Case," *European Journal of Social Policy*, with Lisa Giddings, 16 (2) 2006.

"Market Reform, Infrastructure and Exchange Rate Passthrough In Central and Eastern Europe," *Post-Communist Economies*, 17(1), 2005, with Robert Feinberg.

"Exchange Rate Effects on Domestic Prices in Bulgaria and Poland: Progress in Making Markets," *International Journal of Economics and Business*, 2004, with Robert Feinberg.

"De-development in Post-Socialism: Conceptual and Measurement Issues," *Politics and Society*. 31 (1), 2003, with Rasika Ranasinghe.

"Transition to Market Economies: Employment and Informal Activity in Rural Areas," *Forum for Social Economics*, 2003.

"Agricultural Ecology and Changing Economic Systems: Lessons from the Bulgarian Case," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 29 (2), Spring 1997, with Monique Morrissey.

Book Chapters:

"Economic Strategies of Surviving Post-Socialism: Changing Household Economies and Gender Divisions of Labour in the Bulgarian Transition," A. Rannie, Adrian Smith, and A. Swain, eds., *Work Employment and Transition* (London: Routledge, 2002).

"Rural Change in Bulgarian Transitions," in *Europe's Green Ring*, Leo Granberg, et. al. eds, (Ashgate, 2001), pp. 107-127. With Robert Begg.

"History-Eastern Europe," in Meg Lewis and Janice Peterson, eds., *Handbook of Feminist*

Economics (London: Edward Elgar, 1999).

“Peasant Production and Agricultural Transformation in the 1990s: How Distinct are the Hungarian and Bulgarian Cases?,” in Imre Kovach and Leo Granberg, eds., *Actors in the European Countryside* (Helsinki: Finnish Academy of Sciences Press, 1998).

“Imagined and Imaging Equality: Gender and Ethnicity in the Bulgarian Transition,” in John Pickles and Adrian Smith, eds., *Theorizing Transition* (London: Routledge, 1998).

“Writing a New Song: Path Dependence and State Policy in Reforming Bulgarian Agriculture,” in Ivan Szelenyi, ed., *Privatizing the Land: Rural Political Economy in Post-Communist Countries* (London: Routledge, 1998), with Robert Begg.

“The Alchemy of Reform: Bulgarian Agriculture in the 1980s,” in Ivan Szelenyi, ed., *Privatizing the Land: Rural Political Economy in Post-Communist Countries* (London: Routledge, 1998), with Simeon Djankov.

"The Evolution of Agrarian Institutions in Bulgaria: Markets, Cooperatives, and Private Farming 1991-1994," in Derek Jones and Jeffrey Miller, eds., *The Bulgarian Economy: Lessons from Reform During Early Transition* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 1997).

"Downwardly Mobile: Women Agricultural Workers and the Decollectivization of East European Agriculture," in Lynn Duggan, Lauri Nisonoff, Nalini Visvanathan and Nancy Weigersma, eds. *The Women, Gender and Development Reader* (London: Zed Press, 1997).

"The Persistence of Collectivism: Household Responses to Land Restitution in Romania, 1991-1993," in Darrick Danta and Derek Hall, eds, *Reconstructing the Balkans: A Geography of the New South-East Europe* (London: John Wiley Press, 1996).

SPONSORED RESEARCH:

1990 International Research Exchanges Board (IREX), Individual Research Exchange-Bulgaria. Analysis of survey data: changing role of women in agriculture.

1991-95 MacArthur Foundation, collaborative project on decollectivization of agriculture. Data collection for life history studies, surveys of 600 rural households.

1994-95 National Council for Soviet and East European Research, Survey data collection: development of rural land, labor and credit markets in Hungary and Bulgaria.

1996-0 National Science Foundation, four year study of regional development in the rural, ethnically mixed Rhodope region of Bulgaria.

2001 World Bank funded survey of quality of local government in 150 Bulgarian

municipalities.

2003-5 National Science Foundation, International Collaboration Grant, “Making Competitive Markets,” co-PI with Robert Feinberg.

2003 COBASE, awarded Sept. 2003, travel grant to do preliminary work on municipal government in Kyrgyzstan.

2004 COBASE, awarded Sept. 2003, travel grant to do preliminary work on municipal government survey in Poland.

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Editorial Board, *Politics and Society*

Editorial Board, *Problems of Post-Communism*

Member, Executive Board and Finance Committee, National Council for East European and Eurasian Research.

2004-6 Member, then Chair, Prize Committee, Hewett Book Prize, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.