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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International relations; global politics; cartography; borders; political geography; identity construction; Ukraine; post-Soviet societies; qualitative research methodologies; field research; research ethics; digital methods; visual methods

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford 2021-Present
Department of Politics and International Relations
Departmental Lecturer in Politics (Qualitative Methods)

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science 2017-2021
London, UK
Doctor of Philosophy, International Relations
Dissertation: 'Nationalism in the Borderlands of a Borderland: A Critical, Cartographical, and (De)constructional Analysis of Contemporary Ukraine'
Supervisor: Professor Tomila Lankina (LSE)

University of Bamberg February 2019
Bamberg, Germany
ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques

Syracuse University June 2018
Syracuse, USA
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

University of Saskatchewan 2016-2017
Saskatoon, Canada
Master of Arts in Political Studies
Dissertation: 'The Euromaidan: A Social Movement Towards Ontologically Securing a Unified and Salient Civic Ukrainian National Identity'

Ukrainian Catholic University May 2014
Lviv, Ukraine
Spring Session Ukrainian Language Program

University of Saskatchewan and St. Thomas More College 2011-2015
Saskatoon, Canada
Bachelor of Arts (High Honours) in International Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Howlett, Marnie. 2021. "Looking at the 'Field' Through a Zoom Lens: Methodological Reflections on Conducting Online Research During a Global Pandemic." *Qualitative Research*. DOI: 10.1177/1468794120985691.

Howlett, Marnie. 2020. "Playing Near the Edge: An Analysis of Ukrainian Border Youths' Engagement with the Euromaidan." *Problems of Post-Communism*. DOI: 10.1080/10758216.2020.1845212.

Projects in Preparation

Dall' Agnola, Jasmin, Allyson Edwards, and Marnie Howlett (eds). Forthcoming in 2022. *Field Reflections from the Post-Soviet Space: A Handbook for Scholars Researching the Former Soviet Union*. London: Routledge.

Howlett, Marnie. Forthcoming in 2022. "Balancing Diasporic Ties and Research: A Ukrainian-Canadian's Reflections on Fieldwork in Ukraine." In *Field Reflections from the Post-Soviet Space: A Handbook for Scholars Researching the Former Soviet Union*, edited by Jasmin Dall' Agnola, Allyson Edwards, and Marnie Howlett. London: Routledge.

Howlett, Marnie. *Imagined Borderlands: A (De)Construction of the Nation-State from the Cartographical Peripheries*. Book proposal under review.

Howlett, Marnie and Lauren Konken. 'Finding the "Field" in our "Home" and our "Home" in the "Field."' Paper under review.

Howlett, Marnie. 'Inside Looking Out and Outside Looking In: Re-Thinking Nationalism from Ukraine's Cartographic Center and Peripheries.' Paper in progress.

Howlett, Marnie. 'Positioning and Being Positioned: What Can We Learn About Reflexivity From Quantum Physics?' Paper in progress.

Howlett, Marnie. 'Seeing is Believing and Believing is Seeing: Visualising Space in Political Science Research.' Paper in progress.

Blog Posts

Howlett, Marnie. 2022. 'The Russia-Ukraine crisis reminds us that the absence of war is not always peace.' *LSE EUROPP Blog*.

Allen, William, and Marnie Howlett. 2022. 'Why Visuals Matter for the Politics of Migration – Particularly Now.' *Oxford COMPAS Blog*.

Howlett, Marnie, and Dean Thompson. 2020. 'Why Did/n't They Leave?: Understanding International Postgraduate Students' (Im)mobility During the Covid-19 Pandemic.' *Routed: Migration and (Im)mobility Magazine* 12.

Howlett, Marnie, and Dean Thompson. 2020. 'Why Did/n't They Leave?: Understanding International Postgrad Students' (Im)mobility During Covid-19.' *Oxford COMPAS Blog*.

Howlett, Marnie. 2020. 'States alone cannot compete against the forces of nature.' *LSE Covid-19 Blog*.

Howlett, Marnie. 2018. 'Brexit is part and parcel of Britain's ongoing quest for national self-understanding.' *LSE Brexit Blog*.

Other Publications

Howlett, Marnie. 2019. 'Counting Sheep at the VAULT Festival: 'A Dynamic and Emotive Staged Revolution.'" *London Student*.

Howlett, Marnie. 2018. 'A Comedy About A Bank Robbery at the Criterion Theatre.' *London Student*.

Howlett, Marnie. 2018. 'The Importance of Being Earnest at the Vaudeville Theatre: 'most definitely a trivial play for serious people.'" *London Student*.

TEACHING

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, Departmental Lecturer

- Research Design in Comparative Political Science (Michaelmas Term 2021)
- Comparative Government (Michaelmas Term 2021)
- Qualitative Methods in Political Science (Hilary Term 2022)

Department of Methodology, LSE, Guest Teacher

- Qualitative Research Methods (MY421) (Michaelmas Term 2020)

Department of International Relations, LSE, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates (IR100) (2020-2021)
- Master's Dissertation Adviser (Summer Term 2020)
- Methods in International Relations (IR501) (2019-2020)
- Master's Dissertation Adviser (Summer Term 2019)
- Methods in International Relations (IR501) (2018-2019)

Department of Public Policy, LSE, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to MPA Programme (Michaelmas Term 2020)
- Introduction to MPA Programme (Michaelmas Term 2019)
- Introduction to MPA Programme (Michaelmas Term 2018)

Department of Languages and Linguistics, St. Thomas More College, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Beginner Ukrainian (UKR 117) (Winter Term 2017)
- Beginner Ukrainian (UKR 114) (Fall Term 2016)
- Beginner Ukrainian (UKR 117) (Winter Term 2015)
- Beginner Ukrainian (UKR 114) (Fall Term 2014)

Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- International Terrorism (POLS 364) (Winter Term 2017)
- Global Politics (POLS 261) (Fall Term 2016)
- Democracy in Canada and the United States (POLS 375) (Winter Term 2014)

LSE LIFE, LSE, Associate Adviser (2017-Current)

- Mentor and advisor for Bachelor's and Master's students through one-on-one meetings focused on academic writing, reading and studying techniques, and research methodologies
- Underwent "Managing Anxiety" training to aid students struggling with anxiety, depression, and other stress-related issues

Awards:

- LSE Class Teacher Award (Department of Methodology at LSE) 2020-21
- LSE Student Union's Teaching Award for 'Exceptional Teaching in an Unprecedented Year' (Highly Commended) 2020-21

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fellowships

- Neporany Doctoral Fellowship (20,000CAD) 2020-2021
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (60,000CAD) 2019-2021
- Shevchenko Foundation of Canada Graduate Bursary (5,000CAD) 2019
- London Goodenough Association of Canada Scholarship (6,000GBP) 2018-2019
- Shevchenko Foundation of Canada Graduate Bursary (5,000CAD) 2018
- University of Saskatchewan Graduate Fellowship (16,000CAD) 2016-2017
- University of Saskatchewan Chancellor's Scholarship (20,000CAD) 2011-2015

Grants

- BASEES Research and Development Grant (700GBP) 2020
- LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant (1,000GBP) 2019
- LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant (1,000GBP) 2019
- LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant (790GBP) 2018
- ASEES Kathryn Davis Graduate Student Travel Grant (500USD) 2018

Awards

- Montague Burton Award (750GBP) 2018
(for first year performance in LSE's Department of International Relations' doctoral program)
- Dr. Norman Ward Memorial Scholarship (750CAD) 2017
(for strongest academic record in M.A. in Political Science at the University of Saskatchewan)
- Ukrainian Canadian Congress 'National Youth Leadership Award of Excellence' 2016
- Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Saskatchewan Provincial Council
'Nation Builders Youth Achievement Award' 2015
- St. Thomas More College International Studies Award (for top graduating student in the program) 2015
- Rose Semko Hrynchuk Scholarship (2,500CAD) 2014
- Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association/TYC-Steppe Branch Ukrainian Language Award (500CAD) 2013
- Saskatoon Public Schools 'Award of Excellence' (3,000CAD) 2012
- Governor General's Medal (for top graduating student in a Canadian high school) 2011

SELECT CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaking Engagements

'Digital/Remote Qualitative Data Collection' Nov. 25, 2021
Norwegian Maritime Days (guest speaker)
Online (Norway)

'The Use of Digital Methods for Qualitative Data Collection in a Post-Pandemic World' April 28, 2021
Imperial College's HuBEx Methodological Seminar Series (guest speaker)
Online (London, UK)

'Managing Research in the COVID Era' April 1, 2021
University of California, Irvine School of Law (guest speaker)
Online (Irvine, California)

'Adapting Study Methods for Remote Qualitative Research' March 2, 2021
Luiss University's Politics Seminar Series (guest speaker)
Online (Rome, Italy)

'Methodological Reflections on Conducting Online Research During a Global Pandemic' Feb. 26, 2021
NIHR ARC North Thames Academy (guest speaker)
Online (London, UK)

'Challenges for Democracy in the Digital Age' Nov. 7, 2019
Cumberland Lodge Annual Debate (panelist)
London, UK

Refereed Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Virtual Annual Meeting Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2021
'Yes, And': Graduate Students Conducting Qualitative Methods During/After COVID-19'

ASN Annual Convention Online May 5-8, 2021
'Inside Looking Out and Outside Looking In: Re-Thinking Nationalism from Ukraine's Cartographic Center and Peripheries'

- ASEEES Virtual Annual Conference Nov. 5-8, 2020
 ‘Balancing Diasporic Ties and Research: A Ukrainian-Canadian’s Reflections on Fieldwork in Ukraine.’
- ASEEES Annual Conference Nov. 23-26, 2019
 San Francisco, USA
 “Inside Looking Out and Outside Looking In: Re-Thinking Nationalism from Ukraine’s Cartographic Center and Peripheries”
- Enraged or Engaged Citizens? Political Participation in Post-Communist Europe Workshop Oct. 17-18, 2019
 Stockholm, Sweden
 “Playing Close to the Edge: An Analysis of Ukrainian Border Youths’ Engagement with the Euromaidan”
- ASN Annual Convention May 2-4, 2019
 New York, USA
 “Playing Close to the Edge: An Analysis of Ukrainian Border Children’s Responses to the Revolution of Dignity”
- ASEEES Annual Conference Dec. 6-9, 2018
 Boston, USA
 “Children on the Border: An Analysis of Contemporary Ukrainian Identity Formation During and Following the Euromaidan”
- Canadian Political Studies Association Annual Conference May 30-June 1, 2018
 Regina, Canada
 “Ontologically Securing a Salient Civic Ukrainian National Identity”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistantships

- ‘The Adaptive Society: From Estates to Middle Class’ Feb.-June 2019
 (Author: Tomila Lankina)
 - Assisted with research and data analysis/visualizations for book project
 - Aided in formatting, editing, and checking the citations of the manuscript
- Gender and Diversity Syllabus Project, LSE, Department of Public Policy Nov. 2018-Feb. 2019
 (Lead: Paul Sullivan)
 - Assisted in determining diversity statistics on reading lists in the Department of Public Policy
- Indigenous Education Systems Project, University of Saskatchewan Nov. 2015-Oct. 2016
 (Lead: Omeasoo Wahpasiw)
 - Transcribed and analyzed twelve interviews of Elders from First Nations in British Columbia

Editorial Assistantships

- Deputy Editor of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (Volume 48) Nov. 2018-Nov. 2019
 - Assist in finding peer-reviewers for manuscript, as well as working with editors on administrative tasks
- Founder and co-editor of *Satis: Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Journal of Goodenough College* Jan. 2018-2021
 - Assisted in advertising calls for papers and peer-reviewers, as well as formatting and editing
- ‘Back to Blakeney: Revitalizing the Democratic State’ Jan.-April 2017
 (Editors: David McGrane, John Whyte, Roy Romanow, and Russell Isinger)
 - Assisted in formatting, editing, and compiling the 15 chapters into one manuscript

Internships

- Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, Legislative Intern Jan.-July 2016
- Worked for six weeks with opposition MLA and six weeks with government MLA preparing budgets, private members' bills, special projects, as well as facilitated correspondences and aided in constituency work
 - Worked at the Elections SK head office for two months prior, during, and after the 2016 Saskatchewan Provincial Election, and as Returning Office for the week of the election
 - Attended conferences, conventions, and comparative study tours in Saskatchewan, Canada, and Europe (England, Belgium, and Switzerland)
- Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. Sept. 2014-Jan. 2015
- Researched and designed a Community Justice Course and Self-Advocacy Workshop to help marginalized people in Saskatoon effectively overcome barriers to accessibility
 - Prepared grant applications and assisted Supervising Lawyer in daily operational tasks

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Service

- Editorial Board of *Qualitative Research* 2021-2024
- Representative on Goodenough College Academic Committee 2018-2021
- PhD Student Representative on Academic and Student Affairs Committee (LSE) 2018-2019
- International Relations Representative on School-Wide Staff-Student Committee (LSE) 2018-2019
- PhD Student Representative on Faculty Hiring Committee (LSE) 2018
- PhD Student Representative on Student-Staff Liaison Committee (LSE) 2017-2020
- International Relations Colloquium Organizer (LSE) 2017-2020
- Editorial Board of *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, vol. 48 2018-2019
- Editorial Board of *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, vol. 47 2017-2018
- Graduate Student Representative on Faculty Hiring Committee (University of Saskatchewan) 2017

Panels, Workshops, and Events Organized

Panel Organizer and panellist. ASEEES Annual Convention 2019. 'What We Believe vs. What is True: Re-Thinking Dominant Narratives and Popular Beliefs about Contemporary Ukraine.' Participants: Viktoriya Sereda (Harvard), Emma Mateo (Oxford), and Austin Charron (Wisconsin-Madison). November 2019. San Francisco, USA.

Conference Co-organizer. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* Annual Conference 2018. 'Revolution and Resistance in World Politics.' October 2018. London, UK.

Affiliations

Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Member (ASEEES); Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN); British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES); Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)

Peer-Reviews

Nationalities Papers; Qualitative Research; M/C Journal; International Journal of Social Research Methodology

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Paid Positions

- Director of Green Grove Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp (Wakaw Lake, Canada) July 2018
- Director of Green Grove Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp (Wakaw Lake, Canada) July 2017
- Co-Director of Green Grove Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp (Wakaw Lake, Canada) July 2015

Volunteer Positions

- Board Governor of Stream of Hopes Aid for Ukraine Inc. (Saskatoon, Canada) 2016-Current
- Executive Member of Ukrainian Canadian Professionals and Business Association (Saskatoon, Canada) 2016-2017
- Volunteer with Help Us Help the Children (Vorokhta, Ukraine) 2014-2017

Artistic Pursuits

- Dancer with the Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble (semi-professional) (Saskatoon, Canada) 2010-2017
- Public workshops, performances, and festivals showcasing Ukrainian dance in various international locations (Canada, Ukraine, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and on a Royal Caribbean Cruise ship)
- Singer with Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir (Saskatoon, Canada) 2007-2017
- Public workshops, performances, festivals, and educational programs in various locations in Canada and Ukraine

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Languages

English (native); Ukrainian (strong written and conversational); Russian (conversational and A1 level certified)

Technical Proficiencies

- MS Office Suite
- SPSS Statistics
- NVivo
- QGIS
- ArcGIS
- Gephi
- R

REFERENCES

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Relation: Academic Mentor

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Relation: Teaching Colleague and Examiner