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MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Collective Decision-Making, Economics of Transition, Economic History

DISSERTATION

Title: “Economic Incentives and Institutional Change under Non-Democratic Regimes”

Advisors: Steven Craig (University of Houston), Paul Gregory (University of Houston),
Gavin Wright (Stanford University)

EDUCATION

Department of Economics, University of Houston
Ph.D. (Economics), expected May 2003

Russian Academy of Science (Moscow, Russia)
M.S. (Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences), 1998

Moscow Physics and Technology Institute (Moscow, Russia)
B.S. (Applied Mathematics), 1989

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2000 to present | Hoover Institution, Stanford University, visiting fellow |
| 1997-2002 | Research project “Soviet Administrative-Command Economy,” funded by National Science Foundation; investigator |
| 1990-1998 | Moscow State University, Center for Economic and Quantitative History, research fellow |
| 1995-1997 | Research project “Determinants of political modernization in Russia” (Columbia University and Moscow State University); investigator |
| 1993-1995 | Research project “Quantitative Methods and Information Technologies for Historical Research”, funded by the International association for the promotion of cooperation with scientists of Newly Independent States (INTAS); investigator |
| 1988-1990 | Moscow State University, Computing center, research assistant |

PUBLICATIONS

- “Commissars and Cars: A Case Study in the Political Economy of Dictatorship,” *Journal of Comparative Economics* (forthcoming); with Paul Gregory
- *The Economics of Forced Labor: Soviet Gulag in the 1930s-1940s*, Stanford, Ca: Hoover Institution Press, forthcoming in 2003; (co-editor)

- “The Wheels of A Command Economy: Allocating Soviet Vehicles,” *Economic History Review*, 15 (2), May 2002; with Paul Gregory
- “Human Capital of New Russian Banking: A Survey of 100 Moscow Banks” in *Ekonomicheskaiia istoriia 1*, Moscow: Rosspen, 1999; (in Russian)
- “Networks in Russian Banking in the late 19 c. - early 20 c.,” in *Ekonomicheskaiia istoriia 1*, Moscow: Rosspen, 1999; (in Russian)
- “General Election in Russia, 1917: Revealing Political Preferences,” in Manfred Thaller, ed., *New Methods in Historical Research*. Goettingen: St.Katharinen Verlag, 1996

WORKING PAPERS

- “Promotion Contracts and Bureaucratic Rents: Economic Foundations of a One-party Regime”
- “Efficiency Wages, Public Spending, and Productivity in the USSR”
- “Borrowing Loyalty: Circulation and Stability of the Soviet Elite,” paper presented in Public Choice Society Meeting, San Diego, April 2002
- “Evolution of the Soviet Regime and its Post-Communist Transformation”, *PERSA Working Paper* 11 (July 2001), University of Warwick, Department of Economics

RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

- “Borrowing Loyalty: Circulation and Stability of the Soviet Elite,” University of Warwick, UK, July 2002
- “Borrowing Loyalty: Circulation and Stability of the Soviet Elite,” Public Choice Society Meeting, San Diego, April 2002
- “Evolution of the Soviet Regime and Its Post-Communist Transformation”, Oxford University and University of Houston Joint Workshop “Initial Conditions and the Transition Economy in Russia,” April 2001
- “Dictators and Cars: Politics and Economics of Resource Allocation by Dictatorship,” Stanford University, October 2000
- “Studies of the Soviet Economy: What We Know and What We Can Learn from the Recently Opened Archives,” Harvard University, August 2000
- “Politics and Economics of Resource Allocation by the Soviet Dictatorship in the 1930s,” European University, Florence, Italy, March 2000.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 1999, 2000 | Research fellowships from the Hoover Institution, Stanford University |
| 1997 | Development of Commercial Banking in Russia, 1860s-1900s and 1990s: A Comparative Analysis (with Valery Bovykin, et al.); funded by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFFI) |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 1999 to present | University of Houston; lecturer: principles of macroeconomics, intermediate microeconomics, Russian economic development |
| 1998-2000 | University of Houston; teaching assistant: principles of macroeconomics |
| 1992-1998 | Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia); lecturer: introductory statistics, quantitative methods for social science research |

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2000 contributor to the study guide for Gregory and Ruffin *Essentials of Economics*
- 1992-1997 International summer schools “New Methods in History” (Moscow State University); member of organizing committee
- 1992-1994 International Association “History and Computing”, CIS branch; secretary

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Economic Association
- Public Choice Society

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