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Research Interests:

My primary academic interest centers on the international relations of centralized/centralizing regimes, particularly those in Eurasia. I study the ways in which such states employ non-coercive influence to achieve foreign policy objectives, focusing on the intersection between (higher) education and international relations.

Education History

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA (Expected graduation Summer 2025)

Ph.D. in Political Science (sub-fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics)

Ph.D. Minor in Social Science Research Methods

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, USA (Graduated with Honors May 12, 2018)

Master of Arts degree in Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA (Graduated *Summa cum laude* May 17, 2013)

Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science

Minor: Russian Language & Area Studies

Salem Community College, Carneys Point, New Jersey, USA (Graduated with Honors May 18, 2011)

Associate of Arts degree in History/Political Science

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Stanko, John C. 2024. "Role Theory, Non-Coercive Influence, and the Agency of Target States: The Case of Kazakhstan's Ambassadorial Corps and the Russian Diplomatic Academy". *Foreign Policy Analysis* 20(3). <https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/orae017>.

Stanko, John C. 2022. "The Future of Sino-Russian Relations in the Russian Far East: A Stable but Not Impervious Equilibrium." *Global Studies Quarterly* 2(4). <https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksac050>.

Other Publications

Stanko, John C., and Spenser A. Warren. April 02, 2024. "Russian Threat Perception and Nuclear Strategy in its Plans for War with China." *War on the Rocks*. <https://warontherocks.com/2024/04/russian-threat-perception-and-nuclear-strategy-in-its-plans-for-war-with-china/>.

Notable Teaching, Research, and Writing Experience

Associate Instructor for Various Political Science Courses, Multiple semesters, 2022 – Present

Indiana University Department of Political Science, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

Participant at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2023

Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse, New York, USA

Coding Research Supervisor, May – August 2022

Indiana University Sociology Department, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

English Teacher, September 2018 – May 2020

Samantha School of Foreign Languages, Moscow, Russia

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad: Siberia by Southwest, June – August 2018

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA / Irkutsk State University, Irkutsk, Russia

- Bilingual project website: <http://scalar.usc.edu/works/portraits-of-irkutsk/motives-for-studying>

Graduate Research Assistant, June 2017 – May 2018

Institute for Policy and Social Research, Lawrence, Kansas, USA

Editorial Assistant, August 2016 – June 2017

The Russian Review, Lawrence, Kansas, USA

Lectures and Conference Presentations

Institute for Digital Arts and Humanities Spring Symposium, Bloomington, IN, USA, April 05, 2024

“Degrees of Engagement: Foreign Policy Goals and the Internationalization of Education in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan”

- Poster and abstract available at <https://hdl.handle.net/2022/2969>

Harvard University Davis Center Graduate Student Conference on Central Asia, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, April 22, 2023

"The Russian Diplomatic Academy as Soft Power Resource: The Case of Kazakhstan's Ambassadorial Corps"

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA, April 14, 2023

"Comparative Advantage or Resource Trap: The Linkages between National Ice Hockey Teams and the Development of Domestic Human Capital"

ASEEES Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, USA, November 12, 2022

“International Partnerships within Kazakhstan’s Higher Education System: Internationalization or Globalization”

Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, USA, June 03, 2022

"Examining Russian Influence on Kazakhstan via International Higher Education Partnerships"

World Politics Research Seminar, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, March 25, 2022

“Kazakhstan's Ambassadorial Corps: Toward an Independent Foreign Policy or Stuck in the Russian Diplomatic Track?”

ASEEES Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (remotely), December 01, 2021

“Kazakhstan's Ambassadorial Corps: Toward an Independent Foreign Policy or Stuck in the Russian Track?”

ISA/APSA IS-ISSS Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, November 13, 2021

“Economic Capabilities and Alliance Institutionalization: A Reexamination of Alternate Markets and the Imposition of Economic Sanctions”

Central Slavic Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, USA (remotely), October 16, 2021

“Kazakhstan's National Hockey Teams as a Societal Mirror: International Soft Power Efforts and Domestic Geographic Inequality”

KU CREES Brown Bag Talk, Lawrence, Kansas, USA (remotely from Moscow), November 27, 2018

“Motivations for Studying Chinese and Russian in Irkutsk”

- Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oi-XEAobdPE>

KU CREES Brown Bag Talk, Lawrence, Kansas, USA, May 01, 2018

“The Relevancy Gambit: A Vision for the Future Evolution of the Russia-China Relationship”

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, March 23, 2018

“Neighbors or Rivals?: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Central Asian Hegemony”

Central Slavic Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, October 21, 2017

“A Twenty-First Century Albasin?: The Russian Far East and Russia-China Relations”

KU CREES Brown Bag Talk, Lawrence, Kansas, USA, December 6, 2016

“Democracy in Donetsk?: Findings of the Diplomacy Lab Project,” (August – December 2016)

- Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhjaqTvz3Pc>

Texas Tech Undergraduate Research Conference, Lubbock, Texas, April 25 – 26, 2012

“The Effect of Exogenous Events on Domestic Education”

Professional Development Pursuits

- **Monterey Summer Symposium on Russia Fellow**, June – August 2021
Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, USA (Remotely)
- **Harvard Negotiation Boot Camp Participant**, July 2021
Harvard Negotiation Task Force, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (Remotely)
- **Preparing Future Faculty Seminar**, August 2020 – May 2021
Indiana University Department of Political Science, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

Notable Scholarships and Grants

- Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory Fellowship (\$500), Indiana University (IU) Institute for Digital Arts & Humanities (IDAH), 2023-24 academic year
- Summer Pre-dissertation Research Grant (\$2,000): IU Russian & East European Institute, Summer 2023
- Bentley Pre-dissertation Writing Fellowship (\$1,000): IU Department of Political Science
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Award (\$15,000): IU Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, 2021-22 academic year
- Russian Studies Workshop Fellow (\$20,000): IU Russian Studies Workshop, 2020-21 academic year
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Award (\$1,200): IU Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Summer 2020
- U.S. Russia Experts Program (\$5,000): International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), Summer 2018
- Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Fellowship (\$1,200): Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2016-17 academic year
- John H. Nelson Scholarship (\$5,000): University of Kansas (KU) Office of Graduate Studies, Fall 2016
- H.Y. Price Scholarship (\$3,500): Texas Tech University (TTU), 2012-13 academic year
- Presidential Transfer Scholarship (\$2,500/academic year): TTU, 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years
- Lawrence L. Graves Scholarship (\$1,200): TTU, 2012-13 academic year

Other Academic Honors

- CREES Laird Essay Contest Winner - Graduate Student Category, University of Kansas, Spring 2018
- Achievement for Excellence in Advanced Russian, University of Kansas, Spring 2018
- Student Excellence Award - Russian, Texas Tech University, 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years
- 2011 Phi Theta Kappa All-New Jersey Academic Team, Salem Community College, Spring 2011

Language Competencies

- English (Native)
- Russian (Advanced)
- Chinese (Novice/Intermediate)
- Kazakh (Novice)

Software and Data Analysis Knowledge

- RStudio and R programming language
- JavaScript programming language
- Python programming language
- Stata
- ArcGIS/QGIS platforms
- Microsoft Word/Excel and LibreOffice Writer/Calc

Service Activities

- ASEES Annual Convention 2021 online Zoom session manager (Dec 2021)
- IS-ISSS Conference 2021 registration table volunteer (Nov 2021)