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University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus

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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy May 1999, Political Science

The University of Alabama

Dissertation: *Nationalist Rhetoric and Political Competition in Slovakia:
December 1989 to June 1992*

Advisor: Professor Barbara A. Chotiner, Ph.D.

Master of Arts May 1994, Political Science

The University of Alabama

Bachelor of Arts December 1988, Anthropology and Geography (double major)

The University of Alabama

Fields of Specialization:

Comparative Politics; Political Theory; International Relations; Political
Anthropology; Nationalism; Post-Cold War Europe; former Soviet Bloc

Languages:

Slovak: proficiency in reading, writing, speaking

Czech: proficiency in reading

Russian: proficiency in reading (speaking with practice)

German: proficiency in reading

Serbo-Croatian: elementary knowledge (two semesters of study)

Publications:

Dietrich, David and **Paul Mego**. 2014. "The Evolution of an Interdisciplinary Team-Taught Course." *Journal of Social Sciences Research* 2014 Volume II: 44-53.

Mego, Paul. 2006. Review of Michelle Goldberg, *Kingdom Coming: The Rise of Christian Nationalism*. In: *Journal of Church and State* vol. 48, no. 4 (Autumn): 894-896.

Malová, Darina and **Paul Mego**. 1999. "Slovakia: National consciousness borne from repeatedly denied autonomy." Chapter in: *European Nations and Nationalism in a Historical Perspective*, Louk Hagendoorn, George Csepeli, Henk Dekker, and Russell Farnen, eds. (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Company).

Mego, Paul. 1995. "The Division of Czecho-Slovakia: Interests, Values, and Issues of Slovak National Identity." *South East European Monitor* 2, no. 6: 67-80.

Mego, Paul. 1992. "GDP and Energy Consumption Efficiency in Eastern Europe." *Papers in Public Policy and Economic Development* vol. XXI (Barcelona: Universidad de Málaga, Spain): 6445-6458.

Scholarships/Fellowships:

J. William Fulbright Fellowship for independent dissertation research in the Slovak Republic, 1 September 1994 through 30 September 1995.

American Council for Collaboration in Education and Language Study (ACCELS) scholarship to attend the 1992 Studia Academica Slovaca Summer Slovak Language Program, Comenius University, Bratislava, Czech and Slovak Federative Republic. College credit through Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania (transcript available).

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh to attend the 1991 Slovak Summer Institute for Slovak language study at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (transcript available).

Academic Awards:

Luther L. Gobel Outstanding Faculty Award, 2010 (Lambuth University)

Billie P. Exum Outstanding Educator Award, 2010; 2011 (Lambuth University)

Sigma Phi Epsilon Faculty Outreach Award, 2003; 2007 (Lambuth University)

Conferences; Presentations; Lectures:

Paper Presented: *“Issues in the Development and Implementation of an Interdisciplinary Team Taught Undergraduate Course on the Psychology and Politics of Terrorism”* with David Dietrich, Ph.D. (University of Tennessee at Martin). International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research annual conference, 18-19 October 2012, Biloxi, MS.

Roundtable presentation: “Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching: The Psychology and Politics of Terrorism” at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference Faculty Forum: *Teaching International Relations*, 16 February 2012, St. Louis, Missouri.

Panel Presentations (Lambuth University School of Social Sciences Symposia):

- “‘Porn Rock’: Freedom of Expression or Government Regulation?” for *Sex, Drugs and Rock n’ Roll* (Spring 2000)
- “The Roots of Ethnic Hatred: Lessons for the 21st Century” for *The Holocaust: 21st Century Perspectives* (Spring 2001)
- “The Politics of Genes and the Legislation of Morality” for *Man as God? The Brave New World of Genetic Manipulation* (Spring 2002)
- “The Politics of Reparations and the Role of the State” for *Reparations: 40 Acres and a Mule in the 21st Century* (Spring 2003)
- “America and the World” for *America in the 21st Century: America Divided* (Spring 2004)
- “Global Cultural Wars” for *Cultural Wars: America in the 21st Century* (Spring 2005)
- “Is a Political Agenda Hiding Within the ‘Trojan Horse’ of Intelligent Design?” for *Intelligent Design: Creationism’s Trojan Horse* (Spring 2006)
- “Political Christianity: A Threat to Democracy?” for *Christian Nationalism: A conversation and discussion on Christian Nationalism and its effect on American Political Life* (Spring 2007)
- “What practical implications does the idea of ‘socialism’ have for politics and public policy-making?” for *Are We All Socialists Now?* (Spring 2010)

Panel participant: “Genocide and International Law” for panel discussion on genocide in conjunction with *And Cain Rose Up...A Study of Modern Genocides*, a series of programs presented by Lambuth B’nai Israel Center for Jewish Studies, October 2008.

Paper presented: *“Sociology and International Relations: Theoretical Explorations”* with Dr. Paul Jacobson. International Studies Association Midwest annual conference, 1-2 November 2002, St. Louis, MO.

Guest lecture: “European Union: Updates, 2002” for the 16th Annual Foreign

Language Teacher's Workshop, September 22, 2002 at Union University, Jackson, TN.

Discussion leader/coordinator: "Choices for the 21st Century – Responding to Terrorism: Challenges for Democracy" public discussions about issues arising from the September 11, 2001 attacks, sponsored nationally by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Brown University, March-April 2002, Lambuth University, Jackson, TN.

Discussion leader/coordinator: "Choices for the 21st Century – Defining Our Role in a Changing World" public discussions about U.S. public policy in the 21st century, sponsored nationally by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Brown University, October-November 2000, Lambuth University, Jackson, TN.

Paper presented: "*Nationalism as Political Capital: Slovakia, 1989-1998.*" International Studies Association South annual conference, 20-22 October 2000, Birmingham, AL.

Roundtable participant: "*The anomalies of Slovak electoral politics in a Central European perspective*" at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 29th National Convention, 20-23 November 1997, Seattle, WA.

The Ninth Annual Thomas Kukucka Memorial Lecture: "*One Flew East and One Flew West: Slovak Politics and European Integration.*" Invited lecture sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literature Slovak Studies Program, 6 April 1997.

Paper presented: "*Slovak National Identity (1989-1993): Nationalism as a Political Resource.*" American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 28th National Convention, 14-17 November 1996, Boston, MA.

Co-sponsor and organizer of The Alabama Conference on Europe After Communism 19 September 1992, University of Alabama.

Paper presented: "*Slovak Nationalism and the Dissolution of the Federative Republic.*" The Alabama Conference on "Europe After Communism" 19 September 1992, University of Alabama.

Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association (APSA)

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) inactive

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) inactive

Slovak Studies Association (AAASS affiliate)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Administrative Positions/University Committees/Honor Societies:

- **University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus:**

Helen Hardin Honors Program Coordinator for University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus (January 2012-present)

University of Memphis University College Advisor for Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies program and Political Science on Lambuth campus (August 2011-present)

Faculty Advisor, University of Memphis Model United Nations program (August 2011-present)

Chair, University of Memphis, Lambuth campus Strategic Planning Committee (August 2012-May 2013)

University of Memphis Fulbright Fellowship Committee (August 2011-present)

- **Lambuth University:**

Lambuth University School of Social Sciences Head (2008-2011)

Foreign Scholarships Advisor, Lambuth University (1999-2011)

International Studies Undergraduate Program Advisor, Lambuth University

Pre-law Advisor, Lambuth University

Lambuth University Faculty Council representative, School of Social Sciences (2000-2002, 2002-2004, 2004-2006, 2006-2008)

Lambuth University International Education Committee (1999-2011)

Lambuth University Interdisciplinary Education Committee (2000-2011)

Lambuth University Black Student Life Committee (2000-2006)

Lambuth University Student Affairs Committee (2006-2008)

Lambuth University Administrator Search Committee (Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University)

Lambuth University Faculty Search Committees (History/Political Science)

Lambuth University "Lambuth in London" study-abroad program resident advisor and course instructor (2003, 2006, 2008, 2010)

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, Zeta Tau chapter (Lambuth University chapter co-founder and faculty advisor, 2007-2011)

Advisor/coordinator Lambuth University Model United Nations delegations (1999-present): outstanding delegate awards – 2004, 2007

Advisor/coordinator Lambuth Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature delegation (1999-present): outstanding delegate awards – 2004, 2007

Advisor/coordinator Lambuth American Mock Trial Association team
(2002-present): outstanding lawyer award – 2002, 2006; outstanding
witness award – 2003; *Spirit of AMTA* team award – 2006

- **Other:**

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society of International Scholars, Beta Upsilon chapter

Dobro Slovo National Slavic Honor Society, Alpha Tau chapter (President 1987-1988)

Rosetta Networking Systems, Inc. Executive Board Secretary (2000-2002)

Slovak Studies Association elected Member-at-Large (1998-2000 term)

Lambuth Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) Board of Directors (2007-2008)

Midwest Model United Nations, Inc. Board of Directors elected Faculty
Advisors representative (2012-2014)

Academic Work Experience:

- *August 2011 to present):*

Senior Lecturer in Political Science at University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus. Matthias Kaelberer, Ph.D., Department Chair; Dan Lattimore, Ph.D., Provost, Lambuth Campus (Jackson, TN).

Academic courses offered include (teaching evaluations available upon request):

- Introduction to International Relations online through Regents Online Degree Program (RODP) using Desire2learn learning management system (freshman)
- International Political Economy online (RODP) using Desire2learn LMS (senior)
- American Foreign Policy online (RODP) using Desire2learn LMS (senior)
- Theories and Concepts of International Relations (RODP) using Desire2learn LMS (senior)
- Theory and Concepts of International Relations (senior) using Desire2learn LMS (senior)
- American Government (freshman)
- Origin and Development of American Political Thought (senior)
- Survey of World Regions (freshman)
- Introduction to Modern Political Thought (freshman)
- Introduction to International Relations (freshman)
- Freshman Honors Seminar (freshman)

- *August 2011 to August 2012):*

Visiting Faculty at University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus (Department of Political Science). Matthias Kaelberer, Ph.D., Department Chair; Dan Lattimore,

Ph.D., Provost, Lambuth Campus

Academic courses offered include (teaching evaluations available upon request):

- Introduction to International Relations online through Regents Online Degree Program (RODP) using Desire2learn learning management system (freshman)
 - American Government (freshman)
 - Seminar in Comparative Politics (graduate)
 - Survey of World Regions (freshman)
 - Introduction to Modern Political Thought (freshman)
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (freshman)
 - Globalization and the Professions online through Regents Online Degree Program using Desire2learn learning management system (graduate)
 - Freshman Honors Seminar (freshman)
- *August 2005 to 30 June 2011):*
Associate Professor of Political Science (tenured) at the School of Social Sciences, Lambuth University. Paul Jacobson, Ph. D., (former) School Head.
 - *August 1999 to August 2005:*
Assistant Professor of Political Science at the School of Social Sciences, Lambuth University. Paul Jacobson, Ph.D., (former) School Head.

Academic courses offered included:

- Introduction to Political Science (freshman)
- International Relations (sophomore)
- U.S. Government and Politics (sophomore)
- Comparative Politics (sophomore)
- Political Theory (sophomore)
- Comparative Government: Latin America (junior)
- Comparative Government: Russia and Eastern Europe (junior)
- Comparative Government: Africa (junior)
- Comparative Government: Middle East and Central Asia (junior)
- Comparative Government: Great Britain and the European Union (junior) through Lambuth in London program
- International Organizations and Law (junior)
- Senior Seminar in Political Science: Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (senior)
- Senior Seminar in Political Science: Democracy and Democratization (senior)
- Cultural Anthropology (sophomore)
- Senior Seminar in Interdisciplinary Studies (senior)
- International Political Economy (junior)
- History of Political Thought (senior)
- Special Topics: Diplomacy and Deception (senior)
- Special Topics: History of U.S. Politics (senior)
- Special Topics: Political Geography (sophomore/senior)
- Special Topics: Conflict Prevention and Resolution (senior)

- Special Topics: Non-Democratic Systems (sophomore/senior)
 - Special Topics: Psychology and Politics of Terrorism (senior) with Dr. David Dietrich, Psychology
 - Special Topics: Music and Politics (senior) with Dr. Jeremy Tubbs, Music
 - Honors in Political Science (junior, senior)
 - Honors in International Studies (junior, senior)
 - University Honors 3 (junior)
 - Model United Nations I & II (sophomore)
- Teaching evaluations available.*

Non-academic courses offered include:

- Freshman Seminar
 - Bicycling for Fitness
- *August 2002 to August 2008*
 - **Adjunct faculty professor for University of Memphis** (Jackson Campus).
Courses taught include:
 - Cultural Anthropology through Regents Online Degree Program (RODP) using WebCT learning management system (LMS) (Fall 2002).
 - Contemporary Issues in International Relations (junior/graduate)
 - Contemporary Issues in Comparative Politics (graduate)
 - *August 2003 to December 2013*
 - **Adjunct faculty professor for Jackson State Community College** (Jackson, TN).
Courses taught include:
 - World Regional Geography online using Desire2Learn learning management system (LMS) (Fall, 2009; Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Fall 2010)
 - World Regional Geography (freshman)
 - *January 1996 through August 15, 1999:*
 - **Adjunct faculty instructor at the Department of Government and Public Service, University of Alabama at Birmingham**, tel. (205) 934-9680. Bobby Wilson, Ph.D., interim department chair.

Courses taught include:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (freshman)
 - Introduction to International Relations (freshman)
 - Western European Political Systems (sophomore)
 - Eastern European Political Systems (sophomore)
 - Latin American Political Systems (sophomore)
 - International Organization (junior)
 - Russian Foreign Relations (junior)
 - Seminar in Comparative Politics/International Studies (senior/graduate)
- Teaching evaluations available.*

- *October 1995 (Winter Semester 1995):*
Team-taught (with Edward Snajdr, Fulbright Fellow 1994-1995) “Introduction to Political Anthropology”; Department of Politics, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic. Telephone/Fax: (42-7) 5323-640
- *August 1991 through May 1994:*
Temporary part-time instructor of elementary Russian grammar (RUS 101 and RUS 102) at the Department of German and Russian, University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). *Teaching evaluations available.*
- *August 16, 1990 through May 15, 1993:*
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Dr. Daniel Pound, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), tel. (205) 348-5980.
- *August 16, 1988 to August 15, 1990:*
Research Assistant, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Alabama, Box 870216, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0216. *Duties included:* survey design, interviewing, and data analysis for National Administration on Aging grant #90-AR-0122. Dr. John Bolland, supervisor.