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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Education Leadership & Policy Studies, Indiana University, 2006

Dissertation: “Learning the Language: International, National and Local Dimensions of Regional-Language Education Policy in Estonia” Doctoral Committee: Bradley A.U. Levinson (Chair), Robert Arnove, William Fierman, Toivo Raun & Margaret Sutton

M.A., Central Eurasian Studies Department, Minor: Anthropology, Indiana University, 2000

Master’s Thesis: “Learning to Integrate: The Education of Russian-Speakers in Estonia, 1920-2000”

B.A., Vassar College, 1995, with General and Departmental Honors

Major: Political Science Minor: Russian Language

Senior Thesis: “A Dream Deferred: The Kazakhs’ Quest for Independence”

SPECIALIZATIONS

Fields of Specialization: Comparative and International Education; Foundations of Education; Educational Anthropology

Topical Interests: Language Policy; Immigration & Education; Rural Education; Gender & Education

Regional Interests: Estonia & the Baltic States; Central & Eastern Europe; European Union; Central Asia; Russia

Languages: Estonian, Russian, Czech

EMPLOYMENT & TEACHING

2006-present

Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, Educational Studies; Affiliate of Walker Institute of International Studies, European Studies Program, and Russia & Eurasian Studies Program

Courses: Schools in Communities (EDFN300), Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

2001-2005 Assistant Instructor, Indiana University, Department of Education Policy Studies

Courses: Anthropology of Education (H525), Summer 2005; Education & American Culture (H340), Summer 2001 & Spring 2004

PUBLICATIONS

“Estonian Schoolscapes and the Marginalization of Regional Identity in Education,” *European Education* v. 37, 3(Fall 2005): 78-89.

“Education of Russian-Speakers in Estonia,” in Ben Eklof, Larry E. Holmes, and Vera Kaplan, eds. *Educational Reform in Post-Soviet Russia: Legacies and Prospects* (Frank Cass: London, 2005): 176-193.

“‘Like Lace on the Bottom of a Curtain’: Regional Language Policy, the European Union, the Estonian Government, and the Võro Institute in Estonia” in Margaret Sutton and Robert Arnove, eds. *Civil Society or Shadow State? State/NGO Relations in Education* (Westport, CT: Ablex Press, 2004): 109-131.

“Võro Language Revival,” *Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center Newsletter* Fall 2002, p. 2. www.indiana.edu/~iaunrc/newsfall2002.html

“Latsõvankriq, viinamüük’ ja marineerit kürvits (Baby Carriages, Vodka Sales, and Marinated Pumpkin),” *Uma Leht* 5 February 2002, n. 20, p. 2.

“Czech Roma and Special Schools,” *REEIfication* v. 25, 2 (April 2001): 16-17. www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/newsletter/current/2001/april2001.pdf

“Summary,” in *A Kõilt Rahvas Kynõlõs...: Võrokeste Keelest, Kommetest, Identiteedist* (Võru: Võro Instituut’, 2000): 133-137. Translation from Estonian into English.

“Võro in Vogue?” *REEIfication Newsletter* v. 23, 4 (December 1999): 3.

“Integration through Education? The Russian-Speaking Minority and Estonian Society,” *ISRE (Institute for the Study of Russian Education) Newsletter* v. 6, 2 (1997): 1 & 3. www.indiana.edu/~isre/NEWSLETTER/vol6no2/brown.htm

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

- **Alo Raun Prize for Excellence in Estonian and Finnish Studies**, Indiana University, September 2006
- **Professional Development Fellowship**, June-December 2004
Awarded a U.S. Department of State/Institute of International Education (IIE) to complete a study of rural education reform and community preservation in Estonia.

- **Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003**
Awarded to complete the write-up of “Globalization and Grassroots: Bringing the Võro-Language Movement into Estonian Schools”
- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2001-2002**
Awarded to conduct a year-long dissertation project in Estonia and Belgium.
- **International Research Exchanges Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Grant, 2001-2002**
Awarded an eleven-month grant to complete dissertation research in Estonia.
- **Language and Research Grant, Summer 2000, ACTR/ACCELS**
Awarded a three-month grant to conduct preliminary dissertation research and study Estonian and Võro.
- **Summer Pre-Dissertation Grant, Summer 2000, Indiana University Office of International Programs**
Awarded a six-week grant to conduct preliminary dissertation research.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 1999-2000**
Awarded an academic-year full tuition grant to study Czech at Indiana University by the Russian and East European Institute & the Center for the Study of Global Change.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Summer 1999**
Awarded a full tuition grant to study Czech at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
- **International Summer Enhancement Grant, Summer, 1999 Indiana University Office of International Programs**
Awarded a grant for Estonian- and Võro-language summer study and for research on the Võro-language revival in Southern Estonia.
- **Eva Kagan-Kans Memorial Award, Awarded to best graduate research paper, March, 1999**
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 1997-1998**
Awarded an academic-year full tuition grant to study Estonian by the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Summer 1997**
Awarded a full tuition grant to study advanced Estonian at the University of Illinois, Chicago.
- **College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellowship, 1996-1997**
Full tuition grant awarded for first year study in the Central Eurasian Studies Master’s Program.

- **Maguire Fellowship**, Vassar College, Academic Year 1995-1996
One of three graduating seniors awarded a grant to pursue an independent research project in Tartu, Estonia and continue advanced education abroad. My project, “The Challenge of Educating Estonia’s Russian Minority” focused on the recently passed education laws in Estonia and how they affect the Estonian state school system.

PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

“The Politics of Language in the New Europe,” European Union Studies Association Biennial Conference, Montreal, Canada 17-19 May 2007

“Language Law & National Identity: Minority, Regional and Official Languages in Estonia,” Comparative and International Education Society, Baltimore, Maryland, 25 February – 1 March 2007

“Resisting a Homogenized Regional Identity: Teachers’ Attempts to Keep Regional Diversity Alive in Southern Estonia,” Ethnography in Education Research Forum, University of Pennsylvania, 23-24 February 2007

“Role of Education in Estonian History, National Identity and Culture,” Lenoir-Rhyne College, 26 August 2006

"Legal Definitions & National Scripts: Seeking Juridical Recognition for Estonian Regional-Languages," Georgetown University Round Table on Language and Linguistics (GURT), 3-5 March 2006

“Opening the Cellar Door: Regional-language and Education in Southern Estonia” Invited Keynote address, Estonian Independence Day Celebration, Indiana University, February 2006

“Identity and the Politics of Language,” Baltic Studies Summer Institute (BALSSI), Indiana University, 11 July 2005

“Võro keel- ja kultuuri tund: Kooli ja õpetaja elus (The Võro-Language and Culture Class: In the Life of the School and the Life of the Teacher),” Tartu University/Võro Institute Conference, Haanja, Estonia, 22 October 2004

“A Reluctant Minority Group?” Indiana University Association of Central Eurasian Students’ Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, 3 April 2004

“Riigi tähtsus regioonakeelte rahvusvahelises toetamisel (The Importance of the State in International Support for Regional Languages,” Tartu University/Võro Institute Conference, Rõuge, Estonia, 23-24 October 2003

“Rural Education, European Union Politics and Regional-Language Teachers,” International Conference on Minority Languages, Kiruna, Sweden 6 June 2003

“The Politics of Language Policy: The Development of Regional Language Education in Estonia,” Regional Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, University of Pittsburgh, 2 November 2002

“The Challenge of Introducing a Regional Language into the Curriculum: The Case of Võro,” The II International Hilda Taba Conference, Tartu University, Tartu, Estonia, 13 September 2002

“Õpetajad ja Võro kiil (Teachers and the Võro Language),” Kaika Suve Ülikool, Misso, Estonia, 10 August 2002

“Between Two Unions: The Revival of Võro in Post-Soviet & Pre-European Union Estonia,” Linguapax – World Congress on Language Policies, Barcelona, Spain, 16-20 April 2002

“Minorities and Struggles in Estonia,” Presentation at the Inner Asian and Uralic Resource Center Outreach Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, 12 May 2001

“Grassroots & Globalization: The Survival of Võro in Estonia,” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, Washington, D.C., 15 March 2001

“Estonia as Seen by *Postimeses*, 1900 & 2000,” Invited Keynote Address, Estonian Independence Day, Indiana University, 24 February 2000

“The Integration of Non-Estonians Through Education,” Lecture, Baltic Studies Summer Institute (BALSSI), Indiana University, Bloomington, 4 August 1999

“Russian-Speakers” & Educational Reform in Estonia: A Return to Minority Education,” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, Toronto, Canada, 17 April 1999

“Negotiating Control Over Estonia’s Russian Schools: Educational Reform in Post-Soviet Estonia,” Presentation at the Mid-West Comparative International Education Society 1998 Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 21 November 1998

“Minority Rights and Wrongs: Education for Assimilation or Integration in Estonia?” Lecture, Indiana University, Bloomington, 30 March 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Evaluation & Education Policy, Indiana University, Graduate Assistant, Fall 2005 & Spring 2006

Participated in the evaluation and research of Kentucky’s 21st Century Community Program and Indiana’s Reading First program; responsible for helping to develop an evaluation of the IU Title VI and area studies programs (ASP); advised in the drawing up of ASP program goals and grant writing.

Russian and East European Institute (REEI), Indiana University, Assistant Outreach Coordinator, 2000-2001

Central Eurasian Studies Department, Indiana University, Research Assistant, 1998-1999

SERVICE

Organizer & Co-Chair (with Dr. Craig Kridel) of Monthly Instructional Forum for Foundations of Education, Fall 2006

Active faculty affiliation with the Russian & Eurasian Studies (RES) Program: In September, helped to shape an (RES) mission statement & a proposed minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Educational outreach for Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Lanesville Community School, Lanesville, Indiana 5 December 2005 & University Elementary School, Bloomington, Indiana 13 October 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGY ASSOCIATION (AAA)
- COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY (CIES)
- AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA)
- ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BALTIC STUDIES (AABS)

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain (England & Scotland), Hungary, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation (and U.S.S.R.), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey.

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