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## CURRENT POSITION

fall 2016- Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014-16 Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations  
Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

2014-15 Department Coordinator/Acting Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Nazarbayev University

2013 Kazakhstan Country Expert, Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem)

2011-14 Assistant Dean of Faculty, Pitzer College

2010-11 Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College

2010 Research Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington DC

2001-03 Information Officer, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Central Asia Regional Mission, Almaty, Kazakhstan

## EDUCATION

Certificate Management Development Program for mid-level managers in higher education, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, summer 2012

Ph.D. Political Science, Indiana University, January 2010  
Subfields: Comparative Politics and American Politics  
Minor: Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods  
Dissertation: *Market Reform Regimes, Elite Defections, and Political Opposition in the Post-Soviet States: Evidence from Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan*

M.I.S. Information Science, Indiana University, December 2002

B.A. International Relations, with a minor in Geography, San Francisco State University, 1998  
Graduated *Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude*, and with departmental honors

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- comparative political institutions and cultures, organizational bases of politics
- comparative authoritarianism, democratization
- post-Soviet politics and society
- learning-centered pedagogy and academic assessment

## COURSES TAUGHT

- Graduate Seminar in Comp Politics
- Intro to Political Science
- Intro to Comparative Politics
- Organizational Theory
- First-Year Seminar
- Senior Capstone
- Politics of Org Culture
- Authoritarian Institutions
- US Politics and Government
- Congress & the Presidency
- Post-Soviet Politics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Peer-reviewed Articles

- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Baurzhan Zhussupov. 2017. "Two Countries, Five Years: Islam in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan through the Lens of Public Opinion Surveys," *Central Asian Affairs* vol. 4, no. 1: 1-25. [Lead article]
- Junisbai, Barbara, Sara Lowe, and Natalie Tagge. 2016. "A Pragmatic and Flexible Approach to Information Literacy: Findings from a Three-Year Study of Faculty-Librarian Collaboration," *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, vol. 42, no. 5: 604-611.
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Nicola Ying Fry. 2015. "Mass Media Consumption in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan: The View from Below," *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, vol. 23, no. 3: 233-256. [Lead article]
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2014. "The Promise and Potential Pitfalls of a 'Learning-Centered' Approach to Creative Social Inquiry: Lessons Learned from an Undergraduate Seminar on Authoritarianism through Literature and Film," *Journal of Political Science Education*, vol. 10, no. 3: 331-351.
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2012. "Improbable but Potentially Pivotal Oppositions: Privatization, Capitalists, and Political Contestation in the Post-Soviet Autocracies," *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 10, no. 4: 891-916. [Impact factor of 1.963; ranked #10 in political science]
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2010. "A Tale of Two Kazakhstans: Sources of Political Cleavage and Conflict in the Post-Soviet Period," *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 62, no. 1: 235-269. [Impact factor of .464; ranked #22 in area studies]
- Junisbai, Barbara, and Azamat Junisbai. 2005. "The Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan: A Case Study in Economic Liberalization, Intra-Elite Cleavage and Political Opposition," *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, vol. 13, no. 2: 373-392.

### Book Chapters

- Junisbai, Barbara. forthcoming/2018. "Informal Politics: Elite-Led Pressure Groups," *Cambridge History of Inner Asia: The Modern Age*, eds. Annette Bohr and Edmund Herzig. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Baurzhan Zhussupov. forthcoming/2017. "Are Youth Different? The Nazarbaev Generation and Public Opinion in Kazakhstan," chapter accepted for inclusion in a peer-reviewed edited volume to be published in French by Laval University Press (Quebec, Canada).
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Baurzhan Zhussupov. forthcoming/2017. "Two Countries, Five Years: Islam in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan through the Lens of Public Opinion Surveys," in *Being Muslim in Central Asia: Practices, Politics and Identities*, ed. Marlene Laurelle. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2011. "Oligarchs and Ownership: The Role of Financial-Industrial Groups in Controlling Kazakhstan's 'Independent' Media," *After the Czars and Commissars: The Press in Post-Soviet Authoritarian Central Asia*, eds. Eric Freedman and Richard Shafer. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press.

### Book Reviews

- Junisbai, Barbara. 2014. Review of *Why Communism Did Not Collapse: Understanding Authoritarian Regime Resilience in Asia and Europe*, edited by Martin K. Dimitrov (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), in *Perspectives on Politics* (2014): 503-504.
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2012. Review of *Building States and Markets: Enterprise Development in Central Asia*, by Gul-Berna Özcan (Hampshire, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), in *East European Politics*, vol. 27, no. 4 (November): 482-483.
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2012. Review of *Chaos, Violence, Dynasty: Politics and Islam in Central Asia*, by Eric McGlinchey (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2011), in *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 10, no. 2 (June): 461-463.

## Interviews and Reports

"The Political Implications of Kazakhstan's Success at the 2012 Olympics," interview with the *Monocle Daily* (UK), August 9, 2012. Available at: <http://www.monocle.com/monocle24/?opendisplay=112>.

"Poslednyaya Popytka 'Novykh Bogatykh' Razygrat' Karty Demokratii v Kazakhstane" ("The Nouveau Riche's Last Attempt at Playing the Democracy Card in Kazakhstan"), interview with *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Radio Kazakh Service*, November 18, 2011. Available in Russian at: [http://rus.azattyq.org/content/oppositional\\_movement\\_democratic\\_choice\\_kazakhstan\\_barbara\\_junisbai/24394309.html](http://rus.azattyq.org/content/oppositional_movement_democratic_choice_kazakhstan_barbara_junisbai/24394309.html).

Junisbai, Barbara. 2002. "Controlling Conflict in Central Asia," *Foreign Service Journal*, vol. 79, no. 9 (September): 47-50. Available at: <http://reliefweb.int/report/kazakhstan/focus-usaid-controlling-conflict-central-asia>.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Junisbai, Barbara. *Risking Retribution: The Business of Political Opposition in Post-Soviet Eurasia*. (After reviewing book prospectus, Cambridge University Press requested submission of full manuscript.)

Junisbai, Barbara and Azamat Junisbai. "Political Context and Political Values: A Comparison of Democratic Values in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan."

Junisbai, Barbara. "'Forging' a National Identity for External Consumption: Kazakhstan, Globalization, and the Dilemmas of Post-Colonial Nation-Building."

## GRANTS AND HONORS

spring 2017 Grapples and Oranges Featured Teacher, in recognition for dedication to teaching and mentoring writers on campus, Pitzer College Writing Center

spring 2016 Women in Academia Featured Professor, Nazarbayev University Political Science Review, available at: <https://nupsreview.wordpress.com/2016/03/08/women-in-academia-series-dr-barbara-junisbai/comment-page-1/>

2013-14 Co-PI, Assessment in Action (AiA) project to assess first-year seminar collaboration with The Claremont Colleges Library on first-year information literacy, implemented by the Association of College and Research Libraries and funded by a National Leadership Demonstration Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services

2012-14 Co-PI, *Value Systems in Comparative Perspective*, funded by the National Science Foundation, Award 1226437

2010-11 Hoffman Junior Postdoctoral Fellow in Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (declined)

2010 Kennan Institute Research Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC

2010 Greenough Award for Best Dissertation of the Year, Indiana University Political Science Department

2009 Mellon Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Indiana University Russian and East European Institute

2009 World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation International Security and Foreign Policy Program

2009 Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, Association for the Study of Nationalities

2009 Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, Central Eurasian Studies Association

2007-08 Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Belarus

## CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

"Political Context and Political Values: A Comparison of Democratic Attitudes in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan," paper to be presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Association/European Society for Central Asian Studies Regional Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 2017.

“Democracy, Anyone?” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

“Who Trusts the Media? An Analysis of Individual-Level Predictors in Kazakhstan,” paper presented (with Azamat Junisbai) at the Kazakhstan Forum of Sociologists, Astana, Kazakhstan, November 2015.

“‘Forging’ a National Identity for External Consumption: Kazakhstan, Globalization, and the Dilemmas of Post-Soviet Nation-Building,” paper presented at the International Conference of the Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden, June 2014.

“Perfect Storm: Aligning Multiple Expertise to Improve Information Literacy at the First-Year Level,” presentation (with Natalie Tagge) at the New Directions in Information Literacy Conference, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, April 2014.

“Unpacking the ‘Competition’: Business-led Opposition in Post-Soviet Eurasia,” invited talk at the Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, January 2014.

“Going Paperless for Course Evaluations: Pitzer’s Experience Piloting Two Online Course Evaluation Systems,” invited talk (with Joanne Zhang), Bite of Learning Speaker Series, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, November 2013.

“Exploring Politics through Literature and Film: The First Year Seminar as an Introduction to College Writing and Creative Social Inquiry,” paper presented at the Teaching and Learning Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Long Beach, CA, February 2013.

“Privatization, Capitalists, and Political Contestation in the Post-Soviet Autocracies,” invited talk, the Oldenborg Learning Center, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, February 2013.

“Innovations to the First-Year Seminar (FYS) Program: With a Focus on Student Writing and Faculty Mentoring,” invited talk, Regular Meeting of the Pitzer College Board of Trustees, February 2013.

“Overview of Russia’s Relations with the Post-Soviet States,” guest lecture, POL100: Introduction to International Relations, Scripps College, February 2013.

“Variation in Post-Soviet Political Opposition and Implications for the Study of Authoritarian Regimes,” paper presented at the International Conference on Eurasia, Russia, China, and India, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, July 2012.

“Variations on Kazakh-ness: What Internationally Competitive Sports Tell Us about Identity and Nation-Building in Kazakhstan,” invited talk, Department of Political Science/Research Focus Group on Identity, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, May 2012.

“Studying Opposition Movements in Kazakhstan: Qualitative Research Methods and Data Analysis,” guest lecture, SOC95: Contemporary Central Asia, Pitzer College, April 2011.

“Improbable Oppositions in the Post-Soviet Autocracies,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2010.

“The Kyrgyz Conflict: Overview and Forecast,” public talk, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington DC, July 2010.

“Business Elites and Political Opposition Movements in the Post-Soviet Autocracies,” policy briefing, U.S. Department of State, Washington DC, June 2010.

*Building States and Markets: Enterprise Development in Central Asia* (by Gul-Berna Özcan, Routledge 2010), book discussion panelist, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, May 2010.

## **SERVICE**

### Conferences & Events

Discussant, panel on “The Inclusive Classroom,” Annual Teaching and Learning Conference of the American Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, February 2017.

Discussant, Program on New Approaches to Research and Security (PONARS) Eurasia Policy Workshop, sponsored by George Washington University, the University of Wisconsin, and Nazarbayev University, Astana Kazakhstan, June 2015

Organizer, public talk on “The Future of Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” given by political theorist Jeffrey

C. Isaac (Indiana University), Pitzer College, Claremont, CA, March 2013  
Organizer, faculty colloquium on publishing in *Perspectives on Politics*, The Claremont Colleges, March 2013  
Chair, panel on "Elite Networks and Political Competition in Central Asia and the South Caucasus," Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, November 2011  
Chair, panel on "Authoritarianism in the Former Soviet Union: Causes and Consequences," Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011  
Chair and discussant, panel on "Prospects for Change in Central Asia," Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, CA, November 2010  
Moderator, "The Highjacking of a Government and the Collapse of a Society: The Kyrgyz Protests and Violence of 2010," Rumi Forum, Washington DC, June 2010

#### Peer Reviewer

Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Politics* (2014-present), *Journal of Political Science Education* (2014-present), *Europe-Asia Studies* (2013-present), and *Perspectives on Politics* (2010-present), *International Journal of Communication* (2016-present)

#### Academic Advising

PhD dissertation adviser

- Rena Salayeva, "Finding Democracy in Authoritarian Elections: Strategies for Mobilizing and Rewarding Russian Voters," Claremont Graduate University, Politics and Government Department dissertation defended fall 2016 (third reader)
- Nurken Aitymbekov, "Nation-Building in Kazakhstan: The Kazakh versus Kazakhstani Controversy," Al-Farabi Kazakh National University Department of Philosophy and Political Science, dissertation defended fall 2015 (outside reader)

MA Thesis adviser, Nazarbayev University Dept of Political Science and International Relations, 2015-16

- Raikhan Satymbekova, "Women in Parliament: A Comparative Study of Kazakhstan and Belarus" (first reader)
- Accepted to Erasmus Mundus Masters Program in Women's Studies at University of Barcelona (fully funded, declined) and to the MA Program in Gender and Feminist Studies at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary (fully funded, accepted), fall 2016
- Zhaniya Turlubekova, "Legacies, Bribes, or Culture: Prosecuting Large-Scale Drug Trafficking in Kazakhstan" (second reader)
- Accepted to PhD in Cultural and Global Criminology at University of Leeds, fall 2016 (fully funded)
- Makhabbat Issabekova, "Attract or Restrict? Kazakhstan's Migration Policy toward High-Skilled Labor" (second reader)
- Aisulu Kazhikenova, "Choosing Aid: When Do States Become Donors?" (second reader)

Senior thesis adviser, Political Studies Field Group, Pitzer College, spring 2015

Senior thesis reader, Russian and East European Studies, Pomona College, spring 2012

Academic adviser, Pitzer College, 2011-14

Average advising load 35 students (majority of advisees were first-year or pre-major)

- 4 advisees were accepted to graduate school: University of Redlands (2015), University of Virginia (2013), London School of Economics (2012), University of Southern California (2012)
- 8 were Fulbright fellows: Ecuador (2013), Nepal (2013), South Korea (2013), Thailand (2013), Bangladesh (2012), Brazil (2012), Bulgaria (2012), Spain (2012)
- 3 won other fellowships: English Teaching Assistantship with the French Ministry of Education, administered by the Fulbright program (2013); Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2012);

Pomona College Independent Summer Research Program in Almaty, Kazakhstan (2012)

- 4 were accepted to competitive language study programs: Critical Language Summer Program, Arizona State University (Russian, 2013); Intensive Summer Language Program, Cornell University (Nepali, 2013); UK Summer Institutes (2013); ACTR Russia and Eurasian Outbound Programs for summer study in Moscow (Russian, 2011)
- 8 studied abroad (China, Japan, Denmark, India, Morocco, France, Nepal, Scotland)

#### Governance Committees

Member, Strategic Master Planning Team, The Claremont Colleges Library, winter 2016-present

Member, Teaching and Learning (Curriculum) Committee, Nazarbayev University, 2014-16

Member, Dean's Council, Nazarbayev University, 2014-15

Co-chair, Diversity Committee, Pitzer College, 2013-14

Ex-officio member, Academic Standards Committee, Pitzer College, 2013-14

Chair, First-Year Seminar Task Force, Pitzer College, 2012

Co-chair, Teaching and Learning Committee, Pitzer College, 2011-13

#### Selection/Search Committees

MA admissions committee member, Political Science and International Relations Department, spring 2015

Search committee member, Political Science and International Relations Faculty and Chair hires, 2014-15

Evaluation committee member, Claremont Colleges Library Undergraduate Research Award, spring 2014

Search committee co-chair, Director of Academic Assessment hire, fall 2011

Fulbright evaluation committee, Pitzer College, 2010-12, 2016-present

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Invited member, Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia),

<http://www.ponarseurasia.org/>

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA), <http://www.apsanet.org/>

Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), <http://www.centraleurasia.org/>

Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (AAASS) (<http://www.aseees.org/>)

#### **LANGUAGES**

Russian – fluent; Kazakh – intermediate; Spanish – intermediate; Mandarin – elementary

## REFERENCES

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