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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016- Assistant Professor of Organizational Studies, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA
2017-19 Extended Graduate Faculty, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
2014-16 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
2011-14 Assistant Dean of Faculty, Pitzer College
2010-11 Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College
2001-03 Information Officer, United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
Central Asia Regional Mission, Almaty, Kazakhstan

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Indiana University, January 2010

- subfields: Comparative Politics, American Politics (high pass), minor in research methods
- dissertation: *Market Reform Regimes, Elite Defections, and Political Opposition in the Post-Soviet States: Evidence from Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan*
- funding and awards: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Title VIII Research Scholar, Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Mellon Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Association for the Study of Nationalities Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, Central Eurasian Studies Association Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, IU Political Science Departmental Award for Best Dissertation of the Year

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

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

comparative political institutions and cultures; comparative authoritarianism; post-Soviet politics and society; learning-centered pedagogy and academic assessment

COURSES TAUGHT (SELECTED)

- Politics of Organizational Culture^{1,2,3,4,5}
- College [Inside-Out Prison Exchange](#)^{2,3,4,5}
- US Democracy in Comparative Perspective²
- Organizational Theory^{3,4}
- Authoritarian Institutions^{1,2}
- First-Year Seminar¹

fulfills Pitzer College's ¹writing intensive, ²intercultural understanding-global, ³intercultural understanding-local, ⁴social justice theory, and ⁵social responsibility praxis learning objectives

PUBLICATIONS

peer-reviewed

- Junisbai, Barbara, and Azamat Junisbai. forthcoming. "Regime Type versus Patronal Politics: A Comparison of 'Ardent Democrats' in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan." *Post-Soviet Affairs*. [accepted for publication on 17 December 2018; 2017 impact factor 2.578]
- Junisbai, Barbara, and Azamat Junisbai. 2018. "Are Youth Different? The Nazarbayev Generation and Public Opinion in Kazakhstan." *Problems of Postcommunism*, 1-13. Published online on 25 October. DOI: 10.1080/10758216.2018.1520602 [2017 impact factor 1.481]
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Baurzhan Zhussupov. 2017. "Two Countries, Five Years: Islam in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan through Public Opinion Surveys." *Central Asian Affairs* 4 (1): 1-25.

- 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* 42 (5): 604-611. [2016 impact factor 1.287]
- 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* 23 (3): 233-256.
- 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* 10 (3): 331-351.
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2012. "Improbable but Potentially Pivotal Oppositions: Privatization, Capitalists, and Political Contestation in the Post-Soviet Autocracies." *Perspectives on Politics* 10 (4): 891-916. [2012 impact factor 1.963]
- Junisbai, Barbara. 2010. "A Tale of Two Kazakhstans: Sources of Political Cleavage and Conflict in the Post-Soviet Period." *Europe-Asia Studies* 62 (1): 235-269. [2010 impact factor 1.19]
- 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* 13 (2): 373-392.

chapters in edited volumes

- Junisbai, Barbara. Forthcoming in 2020. "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. [accepted for publication]
- Junisbai, Barbara, and Azamat Junisbai. Forthcoming in fall 2019/winter 2020. "Qu'en Pensez les Jeunes? La Perception du Politique par les Membres de la Génération Nazarbayev," *Kazakhstan: Société et Gouvernance*, ed. Jean-Francois Caron. Quebec, Canada: Laval University Press.
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Baurzhan Zhussupov. 2018. "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. [reprint] <https://brill.com/abstract/title/32666>
- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Nicola Ying Fry. 2018. "Mass Media Consumption in Post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan: The View from Below," in *Mass Media in the Post-Soviet World: Market Forces, State Actors, and Political Manipulation in the Informational Environment after Communism*, ed. Marlene Laurelle and Peter Rollberg. New York, NY: Columbia University Press. [reprint] <https://cup.columbia.edu/book/mass-media-in-the-post-soviet-world/9783838271163>
- 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. <http://msupress.org/books/book/?id=50-1D0-3C4D#.WIVOI5M-e88>

reports and interviews

- Junisbai, Barbara, Azamat Junisbai, and Christopher Whitsel. 2017. "What Makes 'Ardent Democrats' in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan?" *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 489*. Available at: <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/what-makes-ardent-democrats-kazakhstan-and-kyrgyzstan>.
- "Golovkin Carries Belts and Kazakhstan's Hopes," interviewed by the *Daily Breeze*, September 15, 2017. Available at: <https://www.dailybreeze.com/2017/09/15/whicker-golovkin-carries-belts-and-kazakhstans-hopes/>.
- "Women in Academia – Dr. Barbara Junisbai," interview with the *Nazarbayev University Political Science Review*, March 8, 2016. Available at: <https://nupsreview.wordpress.com/2016/03/08/women-in-academia-series-dr-barbara-junisbai/comment-page-1/>.
- "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/?openshow=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.

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*: 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*, 27(4): 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*, 10(2): 461-463.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Whitsel, Christopher, Barbara Junisbai, and Azamat Junisbai. “Polarization during Institutional Decline: Variation in Educational Attainment in Post-Soviet Central Asia in 1991-2006.” [R&R from *European Education*]
- Junisbai, Barbara. *Risking Retribution: The Business of Political Opposition in Post-Soviet Eurasia*. [book manuscript]

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS (SELECTED)

- 2018-19 Active Learning Faculty Fellow, Claremont Colleges Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2018 Research Fellow, “Youth and National Identity in Central Asia,” Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University (\$4,000)
- 2018 Summer fieldwork grant, “Local Responses to Global Challenges: The Case of Birmingham, UK,” Institute for Global-Local Action and Study, Pitzer College (\$5,000)
- 2018 Course development grant for [Inside-Out](#) course on “College,” Center for Teaching and Learning, The Claremont Colleges (\$1,500)
- 2017 Grapples and Oranges Featured Teacher, in recognition for dedication to teaching and mentoring writers on campus, Pitzer College Writing Center <https://www.pitzer.edu/writing-center/grapples-and-oranges/>
- 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 (\$249,330)
- 2013 Country Expert, Kazakhstan, Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem)
- 2012-14 Co-PI, “Value Systems in Comparative Perspective,” National Science Foundation (\$100,000)
- 2010-11 Hoffman Junior Postdoctoral Fellow in Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (declined)
- 2010 Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington DC (\$12,000)

CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED)

- “Patronage Norms, the First Family, and Presidential Legitimacy in Central Asia,” paper presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston, MA, December 2018.
- “The Nazarbayev Generation and Public Opinion in Kazakhstan,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Central Asian Studies Society (CESS), the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, October 2017.

“‘Ardent Democrats’ in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: Political Context and Support for Democracy,” paper presented at the Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia) 25th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, September 2017.

“Political Context and Political Values: A Comparison of Democratic Attitudes in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan,” paper 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.

“‘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.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES (SELECTED)

“The Benefits of a Pitzer Liberal Arts Education,” faculty panelist, Office of Admissions Diversity Program for underrepresented prospective students, Pitzer College, October 2018.

“Looking Back, Looking Forward: Strategic Perspectives for First-Generation College Students,” faculty panelist, One Gen student organization, Claremont McKenna College, April 2018.

“Wondering and Wandering with Old and New Eyes: How the Unfamiliar Can Spark our Curiosity and Our Imaginations.” lecture, the Global/Local Mentorship Program, Pitzer Study Abroad, Quito, Ecuador, March 2018.

“Unpacking the ‘Competition’: Business-led Opposition in Post-Soviet Eurasia,” invited talk at the Political Science Department, 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.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

undergraduate adviser (current advising load 54 students)

- Graduate school acceptances: Bocconi School of Management (2018), Claremont Graduate University (2018), London School of Economics (2018), Columbia University (2018), University of Notre Dame (2018), University of Redlands (2015), University of Virginia (2013), London School of Economics (2012), University of Southern California (2012)
- Fulbright fellows: Ecuador (2013), Nepal (2013), South Korea (2013), Thailand (2013), Bangladesh (2012), Brazil (2012), Bulgaria (2012), Spain (2012)
- Other fellowships (selected): Teach for America (2018); 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)
- Funded 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)
- Internships and training: EnviroLab Asia (2019), Kaya Collaborative Internship for Filipino Americans (2018), Eli Lily Summer Internship Program (2018), Management Leadership for Tomorrow Career Preparation Program (2018, 2019), Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Summer Internship Program (2017), Americans for Progress Internship Program (2017)
- Study abroad: Botswana, China, Denmark, Ecuador, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Morocco,

Nepal, Scotland, Spain, Vietnam

undergraduate thesis reader

- Sophie Morgan Burns, "Organizational Culture and Wilderness Adventure Programs: Perspectives of Outward-Bound Instructors and Participants," Scripps College, Organizational Studies, 2018 (1st reader)
- Rachel J. Geller, "Schools Uniting Neighborhoods: Sustainable and Racial Equity in a Community Schools Initiative," Scripps College, Organizational Studies, 2018 (2nd reader)
- Harry J. Polstein, "Becoming You: The Path to Living a Mindful Life," Pitzer College, Special Major, 2017 (3rd reader)
- Clare Schuett-Hall, "Addressing Sexuality: Organizations in Undefined Space," Scripps College, Organizational Studies, 2017 (2nd reader)
- Megan Hester, "Power and Gender Dynamics in a Market Culture: A Case Study," Scripps College, Organizational Studies, 2016 (2nd reader)

PhD dissertation adviser

- Akbota Shakeeva, "National and Civic Identities in Kazakhstan," Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Department of Philosophy and Political Science, 2018-present (outside reader)
- Rena Salayeva, "Finding Democracy in Authoritarian Elections: Strategies for Mobilizing and Rewarding Russian Voters," Claremont Graduate University, Politics and Government Department, 2017 (3rd reader)
- Nurken Aitymbekov, "Nation-Building in Kazakhstan: The Kazakh versus Kazakhstani Controversy," Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Department of Philosophy and Political Science, 2015 (outside reader)

MA thesis adviser

Nazarbayev University, Political Science and International Relations Department, 2015-16

- Raikhan Satymbekova, "Women in Parliament: A Comparative Study of Kazakhstan and Belarus" (1st reader)
accepted to Erasmus Mundus Master's Program in Feminist 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" (2nd reader)
accepted to PhD in Cultural and Global Criminology at University of Leeds (fully funded), fall 2016
- Makhabbat Issabekova, "Attract or Restrict? Kazakhstan's Migration Policy toward High-Skilled Labor" (2nd reader)
- Aisulu Kazhikenova, "Choosing Aid: When Do States Become Donors?" (2nd reader)

SERVICE

manuscript reviewer

Central Asian Survey, Europe-Asia Studies, International Journal of Communication, Journal of Political Science Education, Journal of Politics, and Perspectives on Politics

governance committees and learning communities (selected)

External member, MA thesis committee, Nazarbayev University, 2018-19

Member, Train-the-Trainer pilot, Bias Education Support Team, Pitzer College, 2018-19

Member, Justice Education Faculty Learning Community, The Claremont Colleges, 2018-19

Member, Sexual Harassment Panel/Judicial Council Panel, Pitzer College, 2018-19

Member, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Steering Committee, Pitzer College, 2018-19

Member, Curriculum Committee, Pitzer College, 2017-18
Member, Writing Assessment Team (on writing in the senior year), Pitzer College, 2017-18
External member, MA admissions committee, Nazarbayev University, 2017-2018
Member, Strategic Master Planning Team, The Claremont Colleges Library, 2016-17
Curricular liaison, Organizational Studies field group, Pitzer College, 2016-present
Member, Teaching and Learning 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
Co-chair, Teaching and Learning Committee, Pitzer College, 2011-14
Chair, First-Year Seminar Task Force, Pitzer College, 2012

search and selection committees (selected)

Program committee member, Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2018-2019
Search committee member, Dean of Faculty hire, Pitzer College, 2018-19
Selection committee member, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Book Award, 2018
Selection committee member, Central Eurasian Studies (CESS) pre-conference workshops, 2018
Search committee co-chair, Director of Academic Assessment hire, fall 2011
Fulbright interview committee member, Pitzer College, 2010-12, 2016, 2018

conferences and events (selected)

Organizer, panel on "The Regime as Performer: Political Norms, Discourse, and Legitimacy in Russia and Central Asia," Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston, MA, November 2018.
Discussant, panel on "Education and Performance in Eurasia," Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), to be held in Boston, MA, November 2018.
Discussant, panel on "Post-Soviet Authoritarianism: Resilience or Deterioration?" Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Chicago, IL, November 2017.
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.

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, <http://www.apsanet.org/>
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, <http://www.aseees.org/>
Central Eurasian Studies Society, <http://www.centraleurasia.org/>
Organization Development Network, <http://www.odnetwork.org/>
Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia, <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Teaching Certification, Temple University, summer 2018
Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, University of California Los Angeles, summer 2018
Management Development Program, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, summer 2012

REFERENCES

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