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Education

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley; 1997
Department of Political Science
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley; 1992
Department of Political Science
- M.A. Georgetown University, Washington, DC; 1991
Russian Area Studies Program
- B.A. Yale University, New Haven, CT; 1987
Department of Political Science

Honors and Awards

SSHRC Insight Grant, 2013-2016, Collaborator (with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom, UBC)
Clark University Research Incentive Award, April 2013
IREX Short Term Research Grant, Moscow / St. Petersburg, Russia, June 2012
Co-Recipient of the International Studies Association's Chadwick Alger Book Prize, 2010
Clark University Advisor of the Year Award, 2005
Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award in Political Science, Clark University, 2003
Edward Hodgkins Junior Faculty Award, Clark University, 2001
Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Faculty Associate, 2000-2015.
Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1997-1998
SSRC Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-1996
IREX Fellowship, 1994-1995
Berkeley-Stanford Program Graduate Training Fellowship, Fall 1993
FLAS Fellowship, Summer 1993
University of California, Berkeley Graduate Mentorship Award, 1991-1993
Georgetown University Fellowship, 1990-1991
Georgetown University Full-tuition Scholarship, 1989-1991
Yale University: Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Distinction in the Major

Current Employment

Professor, September 2011 - present
Department of Political Science
Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts
Courses taught:
Revolutions and Political Violence, Russian Politics, Russian Foreign Policy,
Mass Murder and Genocide under Communism, Transitions to Democracy, Introduction
to Women's and Gender Studies, Upheaval in Eastern Europe, Globalization and
Democracy, Feminist Theory, Political Science Fiction

Teaching Fields

Comparative Politics
Soviet, Post-Soviet and East European Politics
Women's and Gender Studies

Publications

BOOKS

- Valerie Sperling, Sex, Politics, and Putin: Gender, Activism, and Political Legitimacy in Russia (Oxford University Press, 2015).
- Valerie Sperling, Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability (Cambridge University Press, June 2009). *Co-recipient of the International Studies Association's Chadwick Alger Book Prize, 2010.*
- Valerie Sperling, Organizing Women in Contemporary Russia: Engendering Transition (Cambridge University Press, November 1999).
- Valerie Sperling, ed., Building the Russian State: Institutional Crisis and the Quest for Democratic Governance (Westview Press, May 2000).

REFEREED ARTICLES

- Valerie Sperling, "Russian Feminist Perspectives on Pussy Riot," *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 42, No. 4 (2014): 591-603.
- Valerie Sperling, "Gender, Patriotism, and Youth Activism in Putin's and Medvedev's Russia," submitted to *Europe-Asia Studies* (September 2012). Accepted for publication pending revisions.
- Valerie Sperling, "The Last Refuge of a Scoundrel: Patriotism, Militarism, and the Russian National Idea," *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (2003), pp. 235-253.
- Valerie Sperling, Myra Marx Ferree, Barbara Risman, "Constructing Global Feminism: Transnational Advocacy Networks and Russian Women's Activism," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Vol. 26, No. 4, (2001), pp. 1156-1186.
- Myra Marx Ferree, Barbara Risman, Valerie Sperling, Tatiana Gurikova, Katherine Hyde, "The Russian Women's Movement: Activists' Strategies and Identities," *Women & Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (1999), pp. 83-109.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Valerie Sperling, "Gender, Private Security, Public Peacekeeping and Accountability," in Maya Eichler, ed., Gender and Private Security in Global Politics (Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 169-186.
- Valerie Sperling, "Making the Public Patriotic: Militarism and Anti-Militarism in Russia," in Marlène Laruelle, ed., Russian Nationalism and the National Reassertion of Russia (Routledge, 2009), pp. 218-271.
- Valerie Sperling, "Women's Organizations: Institutionalized Interest Groups or Vulnerable Dissidents?" in Alfred Evans, Lisa McIntosh-Sundstrom, and Laura Henry, eds., Russian Civil Society: A Critical Assessment (M.E. Sharpe, 2006), pp. 161-177. This book received a *Choice* award in 2006.
- Myra Marx Ferree, Valerie Sperling, and Barbara Risman, "Feminist Research and Activism: Challenges of Hierarchy in a Cross-national Context," in David Croteau, William Hoynes, and Charlotte Ryan, eds., Rhyming Hope and History: Activists, Academics and Social Movement Scholarship (University of Minnesota Press, 2005), pp. 137-156.
- Valerie Sperling, "Engendering Democracy in Russia," in Carlos Canales, Lilly LoManto, and Sergei Plekhanov, eds., Russia: The Challenge of Change (University of Toronto Press, 2004), pp. 109-119.

Valerie Sperling, various entries in Norma C. Noonan and Carol Nechemias, eds., Encyclopedia of Russian Women's Movements (Greenwood Press, 2001): FALTA/SAFO (Feministskaia Al'ternativa/Svobodnaia Assotsiatsiia Feministskikh Organizatsii), pp. 245-246 (with Tatiana Lipovskaia); Ivanovo Women's Movement, pp. 270-273 (with James Richter); Cheboksary Women's Movement, pp. 213-215; LOTOS (Liga osvobozhdeniia ot stereotipov, or League for Emancipation from Stereotypes), pp. 289-290.

Valerie Sperling, "The Domestic and International Obstacles to State-Building in Russia," in Valerie Sperling, ed., Building the Russian State: Institutional Crisis and the Quest for Democratic Governance (Westview Press, May 2000), pp. 1-23.

Valerie Sperling, "The 'New' Sexism: Images of Russian Women During the Transition," in Judyth Twigg and Mark Field, eds., Russia's Torn Safety Nets: Health and Social Welfare During the Transition (St. Martin's Press, June 2000), pp. 173-189.

Valerie Sperling, "Gender Politics and the State During Russia's Transition Period," in Vicky Randall and Georgina Waylen, eds., Gender, Politics and the State (Routledge, 1998), pp. 143-165.

Valerie Sperling, "'Democracy Without Women is Not Democracy': The Struggle over Women's Status and Identity During Russia's Transition," in Victoria E. Bonnell, ed., Identities in Transition: Eastern Europe and Russia after the Collapse of Communism (International and Area Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley, 1996), pp. 45-67.

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

Valerie Sperling, "Nashi Devushki: Gender and Political Youth Activism in Putin's and Medvedev's Russia," *Post-Soviet Affairs* Vol. 28, No. 2 (April-June 2012), pp. 232-261.

Valerie Sperling, "Within the Whirlwind," essay for the Boston Jewish Film Festival's Program Book, September 2009.

Valerie Sperling, "Gender and Fieldwork," *Women/Politics, the Newsletter of the Women and Politics Research Section of APSA*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Summer 2007), p. 23.

Valerie Sperling, "Crime, Corruption, and Chaos in the Contemporary...Classroom: Teaching an Undergraduate Russian Politics Course," *AAASS NewsNet*, March 2002, pp. 23-26.

"Engendering Transition in Russia: An Interview with Valerie Sperling," conducted by Nanette Funk, in *New Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2000), pp. 122-132.

Valerie Sperling, "On the Russian Women's Movement," *Preobrazhenie* (Transfiguration), Vol. 3, 1996. In Russian.

Valerie Sperling, "Peeking Behind the Celluloid Curtain: Glasnost and Explicit Sex in the Soviet Union," *Journal of Popular Film and Television*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (Winter 1991), pp. 154-163.

Valerie Sperling, "Rape and Domestic Violence in the USSR," *Response to the Victimization of Women and Children*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (1990), pp. 16-22.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS AND BLOG ENTRIES

Valerie Sperling, "Why Putin -- and Some of His Female Fans -- Go Shirtless," *Huffington Post*, February 17, 2015: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/valerie-sperling/putin-female-fans-shirtless_b_6664240.html?utm_hp_ref=tw

Valerie Sperling, "Pussy Riot's Real Crime Was Feminism," Oxford University Press Blog, February 5, 2015: <http://blog.oup.com/2015/02/pussy-riot-politics-crime-feminism/>

- Valerie Sperling, "Femen's Tactics Send Mixed Feminist Messages," *Women's eNews*, January 18, 2015: <http://womensenews.org/story/books/150117/femens-tactics-send-mixed-feminist-messages>
- Valerie Sperling, "Valerie Sperling's *Sex, Politics, and Putin*," *The Page 99 Test*, January 11, 2015: <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2015/01/valerie-sperlings-sex-politics-and-putin.html>
- Valerie Sperling, "'Happy Birthday, Mr. Putin!': Celebrating Political Masculinity in Russia," *Oxford University Press Blog*, December 5, 2014: <http://blog.oup.com/2014/12/putin-political-masculinity-russia/>. Reposted by NYU's Jordan Center Blog, "All the Russias," January 13, 2015: <http://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/happy-birthday-mr-putin-celebrating-political-masculinity-russia/#.VNVL48aqyKs>
- Valerie Sperling, "War is Patriarchy in Pure Form," translation of a Russian feminist antiwar leaflet, posted on Kvinna Till Kvinna (the blog of a Swedish feminist peace group), March 20, 2014. Access at: <http://lenaagbloggar.wordpress.com/2014/03/20/war-is-patriarchy-in-pure-form/>
- Valerie Sperling, "Russia's Antigay Law: Where Did It Come From?" *Women's Review of Books* blog, February 4, 2014. Access at: <http://www.wcwoonline.org/Women-=-Books-Blog/antigaylaw>
- Comments on the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies website: "Understanding the Snowden Case," July 2013. Access at: <http://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu/news/understanding-snowden-case>
- Valerie Sperling, "The Use of Gender Norms in Russian Politics," IREX Scholar Research Brief, August 2012. Access at: <http://www.irex.org/resource/use-gender-norms-russian-politics-research-brief>
- Valerie Sperling, "The Fair Sex in an Unfair System: The Gendered Effects of Putin's Political Reforms," *RussiaProfile.org*, March 29, 2007.
- Valerie Sperling, "The Fair Sex in an Unfair System: The Gendered Effects of Putin's Political Reforms," Policy Memo Series, No. 398, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, Center for Strategic and International Studies, December 2005.
- Valerie Sperling, "The Gender Gap in Russian Politics and Elections," Policy Memo Series, No. 259, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2002.
- Valerie Sperling, "Opposition to the War in Chechnya: Anti-Militarist Organizing in Russia," Policy Memo Series, No. 224, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2002.
- Valerie Sperling, "Foreign Funding of Social Movements in Russia," Policy Memo Series, No. 28, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, Harvard University, 1998.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Joanna Regulska and Bonnie G. Smith, eds., *Women and Gender in Postwar Europe*, in *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Winter 2014), pp. 233-235.
- Olena Nikolaenko, *Citizens in the Making in Post-Soviet States*, in *Slavic Review* (Spring 2013), pp. 205-206.
- Marilyn Reuschemeyer and Sharon L. Wolchik, eds., *Women in Power in Post-Communist Parliaments*, in *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, Vol. 47 (2013), Book Reviews, pp. 1-2.
- Suvi Salmenniemi, *Democratization and Gender in Contemporary Russia*, in *Slavic Review*, Vol. 68, No. 4 (Winter 2009), pp. 1000-1001.

- Julie Hemment, Empowering Women in Russia: Activism, Aid, and NGOs, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 123, No. 3 (Fall 2008), pp. 538-539.
- Rebecca Kay, ed., Gender, Equality and Difference During and After State Socialism, in *Slavonica*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (November 2008), pp. 147-148.
- Françoise Daucé and Elisabeth Sieca-Kozłowski, eds., Dedovshchina in the Post-Soviet Military: Hazing of Russian Army Conscripts in Comparative Perspective, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, Vol. 49, No. 3-4 (September-December 2007), pp. 401-402.
- Sarah Ashwin, ed., Adapting to Russia's New Labour Market: Gender and Employment Behaviour, in *Slavic Review*, Vol. 65, No. 4 (Winter 2006), pp. 844-846.
- Richard E. Matland and Kathleen A. Montgomery, eds., Women's Access to Political Power in Post-Communist Europe, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (December 2004), pp. 878-879.
- Robin Humphrey, Robert Miller and Elena Zdravomyslova, eds., Biographical Research in Eastern Europe: Altered Lives and Broken Biographies, in *Slavic Review*, Vol. 63, No. 2 (Summer 2004), pp. 378-379.
- Sarah Mendelson and John Glenn, eds., The Power and Limits of NGOs, in *Governance: An International Journal of Policy and Administration*, Vol. 16, No. 4 (October 2003).
- Zoltan Barany and Robert G. Moser, eds., Russian Politics: Challenges of Democratization, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 117, No. 2 (Summer 2002), pp. 331-332.
- Robin L. Teske and Mary Ann Tetreault, eds., Feminist Approaches to Social Movements, Community and Power Volume One: Conscious Acts and the Politics of Social Change, in *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 96, No. 2 (June 2002), pp. 413-414.
- Matthew Evangelista, Unarmed Forces: the Transnational Movement to End the Cold War, in *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (Fall 2001), pp. 100-102.
- Susan Gal and Gail Kligman, eds., Reproducing Gender: Politics, Publics, and Everyday Life under Socialism, in *Slavic Review*, Vol. 60, No. 2 (Summer 2001), pp. 393-394.
- Dana Vannoy, Natalia Rimashevskaya, et. al., Marriages in Russia: Couples During the Economic Transition, in *Gender and Society*, Vol. 14, No. 5 (October 2000), pp. 700-701.
- Hilary Pilkington, Migration, Displacement and Identity in Post-Soviet Russia, in *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (July 1999), pp. 450-451.
- Sylvia Bashevkin, Women on the Defensive, in *Governance: An International Journal of Policy and Administration*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (January 1999), pp. 118-119.

COPY-EDITING

- Anton Burkov, The Impact of the ECHR on Russian Law: Legislation and Application, 1996-2006 (Stuttgart: *ibidem*-Verlag, 2007).

Teaching Experience

Director of Senior Honors Thesis Program and Colloquium
 Department of Political Science, Clark University
 Fall 1999-Spring 2005; Fall 2006-Spring 2012

Associate Professor, September 2004-2011 (Assistant Professor, 2000-2004; Visiting Assistant Professor, 1998-2000)

Political Science Department (formerly Department of Government and International Relations)
Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts

Lecturer, Summer School on Gender Studies, July 1998
Moscow Center for Gender Studies/Rostov State University
Taganrog, Russia

Instructor, Contemporary Global Issues for Women
University of California, Berkeley
Spring 1997

Invited Lectures

“When Pussy Riots: Feminist Activism in Russia.”

Invited Lecture for Women’s History Month, Clark University, March 31, 2015.

“Russian Gender-based Discrimination Cases and the European Court of Human Rights: Barriers and Opportunities.”

Invited Lecture (co-presented with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom), Harvard University, March 12, 2015.

“Putin’s Gender Politics.”

Invited Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 5, 2015.

“Sex, Politics, and Putin: Masculinity and Russia’s Foreign Policy.”

Invited Lecture, Columbia University, New York City, February 26, 2015.

“Putin, Masculinity, and Foreign Policy.”

Invited Lecture on a panel, “Was there ever a post-Cold War Order?” Bard College (Manhattan Campus), February 5, 2014.

“Russian Gender-based Discrimination Cases and the European Court of Human Rights: Barriers and Opportunities.”

Invited Lecture (co-presented with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom), European University at St. Petersburg, June 25, 2014.

“Sex, Politics, and Putin.”

Invited Lecture, University of Florida, Gainesville, April 7, 2014.

“Sex, Politics, and Putin.”

Invited Lecture, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland, December 17, 2013.

“LGBT Rights and Homophobia in Russia.”

Paper presented on a panel at the Sakharov Seminar on Human Rights, “Homophobia, and the Anti-Gay Campaign in Russia: Political and Social Dimensions,” Harvard University, November 18, 2013.

“Sex and Politics in Putin’s Russia.”

Paper presented on a panel at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City, October 15, 2013.

“Russia Now: The Current State of the Former Soviet Union.”

Invited paper on faculty panel at Wellesley College, September 10, 2013.

“Women’s Rights in Russia.”

Paper presented at the Elena Bonner Memorial Symposium, “Human Rights in the USSR and Putin’s Russia,” Harvard University, April 6, 2013.

“Interpreting Pussy Riot.”

Guest Lecture, Professor Christopher Lemelin’s Russia and the West course, Tufts University, April 9, 2013.

- "Gender and Political Youth Activism in Putin's Russia."
Invited Lecture, Tufts University, April 9, 2013.
- "Nashi Devushki [Our Girls]: Gender and Youth Activism in Putin's Russia."
Invited Lecture, Gender, Socialism, and Post Socialism Workshop, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, September 21, 2012.
- "Comparing the Russian Women's Movement of the 1990s with the Russian Feminist Movement Today."
Lecture and discussion at Falanster Bookstore, Moscow, Russia, June 23, 2012.
- "Sex and Politics in Putin's Russia."
Paper presented at "First Friday" event, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 16, 2012.
Also presented at English Department Colloquium, Clark University, April 25, 2012.
- "Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability."
Guest Lecturer in two sections of Professor Paul Christensen's Globalization course, Boston College, November 13, 2011.
- "International Institutions and Accountability."
Paper presented at panel, "Legitimacy and Civil Society," United Nations University, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, May 26, 2011.
- "Trials and Tribulations: Russia and the European Court of Human Rights."
Invited Lecture, Brown University, Providence, RI, April 14, 2010.
- "Transnational Judicial Institutions and Russia."
Guest Lecturer in Professor Linda Cook's seminar on the International Relations of Russia, Europe, and Eurasia, Brown University, April 14, 2010.
- "Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability."
Invited Lecture, Notre Dame University, April 1, 2010. Sponsored by the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Center for the Study of Social Movements, the Department of Sociology, and the International Security Program.
- "Private Military Contractors, Peacekeepers, and the Sexual Exploitation of Women in Conflict Zones."
Invited lecture at the New Perspectives on Gender and Human Securities Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 18, 2010.
- "Gender and Post Conflict Violence."
Discussant on panel for four graduate student papers at the New Perspectives on Gender and Human Securities Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 18, 2010.
- "Altered States: Is Globalization Good for Democracy?"
Invited Lecture, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), February 26, 2010.
- "Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability."
Invited Lecture, Cornell University, February 4, 2010. Sponsored by the Peace Studies Program at the Einaudi Center for International Studies.
- "Making the Public Patriotic: Militarism and Anti-Militarism in Russia."
Invited lecturer on a panel, "Building a Civil Society? Russia Since 2005," at Colby College, October 14, 2009.
- "Women's Organizations in Russia: Institutionalized Interest Groups or Vulnerable Dissidents?"
Invited lecture at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 11, 2005.
- "Denial, Dissimulation, and Death: Famines in Communist Party-Run Regimes."
Invited lecture at the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University for a workshop for Worcester Public School Teachers on "Famine as a Political Tool," October 8, 2004.

- "Engendering Democracy in Putin's Russia."
Invited lecture at the National Resource Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies at Harvard University for a workshop on "Putin's Russia: Current Issues and Concerns," June 28, 2004.
- "Engendering Democracy in Russia."
Invited lecture at York University at academic conference "Russia: the Challenge of Change," Toronto, Canada, March 1, 2003.
- "The Rise of the Women's Movement in Contemporary Russia," and "Sexism in Russia."
Two invited lectures presented at Dickinson College, April 18 and 19, 2002.
- "Feminist Research Methodology and Organizing Women in Contemporary Russia."
Invited lecture in Cameron Macdonald and Kathleen Coll's courses, Harvard University, November 8, 2001.
- "The Shape of Women's Emancipation in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia."
Invited lecture in Political Science at Washington University, April 9, 2001.
- "The Rise of the Women's Movement in Contemporary Russia."
Invited lecture in International Studies at Fairfield University, March 28, 2001.
- "The Rise of the Women's Movement in Contemporary Russia," and "Sexism in Russia."
Two invited lectures presented at Bucknell University, October 16, 2000.
- "Non-Governmental Organizations and Their International Funders in Russia."
Invited lecture at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Faculty Seminar on Communist and Post-Communist Countries, Harvard University, November 17, 1999.
- "The Women's Movement in Contemporary Russia: Crisis and Opportunity."
Invited lecture, International Studies Stream Forum, Clark University, February 26, 1999.
- "Ethical Dilemmas of Feminist Fieldwork."
Invited lecture, Women's Studies Forum, Clark University, February 18, 1999.
- "Resisting 'Feminism' in Contemporary Russia."
Invited lecture, New York University, Center for European Studies, December 10, 1999.
Invited lecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16, 1998.
Invited lecture, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, April 21, 1998.
- "Social Movements and Civil Society."
Invited lecture in Professor Timothy Colton's graduate seminar, "Comparative Politics of Post-Socialism," Harvard University, April 9, 1998.
- "A Century of Russian Feminism."
Invited participant at roundtable, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard, March 13, 1998.
- "The Limits of Social Movement Theory: Explaining Organization in the Russian Women's Movement."
Invited lecture, Department of Government, Harvard University, December 10, 1997.

Scholarly Presentations

- "Sex, Politics, and Putin: Political Legitimacy in Russia *and* Moscow in Movement: Power and Opposition in Putin's Russia."
Responses and Comments presented at an Authors-Meet-Critics panel at the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, April 25, 2015.

- "Roundtable on the Oscar-Nominated Russian Film *Leviathan* by Andrei Zviagintsev."
Participant on roundtable at the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, April 25, 2015.
- "Sex, Politics, and Putin: Political Legitimacy in Russia."
Responses and Comments presented at an Author-Meets-Critics panel at the Eastern Sociological Society, New York City, February 27, 2015.
- "Are Women's Rights Human Rights? Gender Discrimination Cases and the European Court of Human Rights in Russia."
Paper co-presented with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom on a panel I organized, "The Use of Law in Russia," at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 21, 2014.
- "Identity Politics and the Post-Soviet Transition to Democracy."
Discussant on panel at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2014.
- "Russian Gender Discrimination Cases at the European Court of Human Rights: Why so Few?"
Paper co-presented with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom on a panel, "Gender in Communist and Postcommunist Politics," at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Washington DC, August 29, 2014.
- "Trying Sex in Russia: Gender-based Discrimination Cases at the European Court of Human Rights."
Paper co-presented with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom on a panel, "Control and Contention: Society and the State in Contemporary Russia," at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, Boston, MA, November 22, 2013.
- "LGBT Rights and Homophobia in Russia."
Paper presented on a panel, "Human Rights in Russia," at the Amnesty International New England Regional Conference, Boston University, November 9, 2013.
- "Russian Feminists' Views on Pussy Riot."
Paper presented on a roundtable, "Implications of the Pussy Riot Affair," at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, New York, April 18, 2013.
- "Nashi Devushki: Gender, Patriotism and Youth Activism in Putin's and Medvedev's Russia."
Paper presented on a panel I organized, "Question Authority? Russian Activists For and Against the Putin/Medvedev Regime," at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, Washington, DC, November 17, 2011.
- "Does the Soviet Union Still Exist Today?"
Discussant remarks presented at a conference: "What Was the Soviet Union? Looking Back at the Brezhnev Years," Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, October 20-21, 2011.
- "The Contribution of *The Politics of State Feminism: Innovation in Comparative Research*" to a Comparative Theory of Rights."
Discussant on Roundtable at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Seattle, September 2, 2011.
- "Security Council Resolution 1325 at 10."
Discussant on panel at the International Studies Association (ISA) Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 19, 2011.
- "Private Military Contractors, Peacekeepers, and the Sexual Exploitation of Women in Conflict Zones."
Presented paper on panel, "Private Military Companies and Feminist Security Studies," at the International Studies Association (ISA) Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 19, 2011.
- "Global Economic Institutions and Democratic Governance."

Organized, Chaired, and Served as Discussant on panel at the International Studies Association (ISA) Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 17, 2011.

“Gendered Institutions: Marriage, Prostitution, War, and Sports.”

Chaired Panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Washington, DC, September 4, 2010.

“Policies Targeting Minorities: Lessons from the Post-Communist Region and Beyond.”

Discussant on panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Washington, DC, September 4, 2010.

“Activisms and Colored Revolutions.”

Discussant on panel at the Association for the Study of Nationalities conference, Columbia University, New York City, April 24, 2010.

“Gendering Good Women and Mothers.”

Discussant on panel at the International Studies Association conference, New Orleans, LA, February 18, 2010.

“Trials and Tribulations: Russia and the ECHR.”

Presented paper on panel, “Citizens and the State: The Search for Justice in Putin’s Russia,” at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Convention, Boston, MA, November 14, 2009.

“Women and Small Business in Russia.”

Discussant on panel at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Convention, Boston, MA, November 13, 2009.

“Globalization and Accountability.”

Presented paper at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Toronto, Canada, September 3, 2009.

“Progress and Change in the International System.”

Discussant on panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Toronto, Canada, September 3, 2009.

“Identity Politics in the Post-Communist Region.”

Chaired Panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Toronto, Canada, September 3, 2009.

“Trials and Tribulations: Russia and the European Court of Human Rights.”

Paper presented on a panel, “Popular Ideas of the Common Good in Putin’s Russia,” at a conference on Redefining the Common Good after Communism, Bowdoin College, May 1, 2009.

“Youth Patriotic Education in Russia: the Nation, the Army, and Civic Identity.”

Discussant on panel at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, Columbia University, New York City, April 25, 2009.

“Trials and Tribulations: Russia and the European Court of Human Rights.”

Presented paper at Harvard University’s Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Cambridge, MA, March 5, 2009.

“The Social Effects of International Financial Institutions.”

Organized and Chaired panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008.

“Russia and the European Court of Human Rights.”

Paper presented on a panel I organized, “The Impact of International Institutions and International Law in Putin’s Russia,” at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008.

- "Sex, Bodies, and Borders in the New Russia."
Panel Chair and Discussant, AAASS National Convention, Washington DC, November 17, 2006.
- "The Fair Sex in an Unfair System: The Gendered Implications of Putin's Political Reforms."
Presented paper at AAASS National Convention, Washington DC, November 16, 2006.
- "The Fate of Russian Democracy."
Panel chair, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS) Policy Conference, Washington, DC, December 2005.
- "Women's Organizations in Russia: Institutionalized Interest Groups or Vulnerable Dissidents?"
Paper presented at Clark University's Women and Gender Studies conference, "Rethinking Women and Gender," Worcester, MA, September 17, 2005.
- "Transnational Activism: Sacred and Secular."
Panel discussant, Women's Political Science Caucus (APSA) conference, "Emerging Paradigms, Residual Issues," Howard University, Washington DC, August 31, 2005.
- "Teaching Mass Murder and Genocide under Communism."
Roundtable presentation on teaching genocide and human rights, American Sociological Association Convention, Philadelphia, August 15, 2005.
- "Women's Organizations: Institutionalized Interest Groups or Vulnerable Dissidents?"
Paper presented at AAASS National Convention, Boston, MA, December 7, 2004.
- "Teaching Post-Communist Politics."
Roundtable presentation at AAASS National Convention, Boston, MA, December 5, 2004.
- "New Strategies for Studying Women's Groups."
Roundtable presentation at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 27, 2002.
- "Opposition to the War in Chechnya: Anti-Militarist Organizing in Russia."
Presented at PONARS policy conference, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, January 25, 2002.
- "The Russian Committee of Soldiers' Mothers and the State."
Paper presented at American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Washington, DC, November 15-18, 2001.
- "The Stalin Era as an Example of State Terrorism."
Remarks presented as Chair of panel, "The Lessons of Russian Terrorism: From the Okhranka to Chechnya," at American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Washington, DC, November 15-18, 2001. Also Chair of panel, "Globalization and Post-Communist Society and Social Policy."
- "The Last Refuge of a Scoundrel: Patriotism, Militarism, and the Russian National Idea."
Paper presented at PONARS academic conference, Nizhnyi Novgorod, Russia, May-June 2001.
- "The Last Refuge of a Scoundrel: Patriotism, Militarism, and the Russian National Idea."
Paper presented at conference titled, "State-Building in Post-Communist States: Toward Comparative Analysis," Yale University, April 27, 2001.
- "Sexism in Russia after 1997."
Paper presented at American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Denver, November, 2000.

- "The Politics of Gender after 1989."
Participant in a panel discussion at the Post-Socialist Politics and Gender Conference, held at Harvard University, Center for European Studies, October 6, 2000.
- "The Domestic and International Obstacles to State-Building in Russia."
Paper presented at American Political Science Association (APSA) Convention, Washington, DC, September, 2000.
- "(Re)organizing Women and Gender Relations in Contemporary Russia."
Paper presented at American Sociological Association (ASA) Convention, Washington, DC, August, 2000.
- "Women's Studies in Eastern and Central Europe: A Cross-cultural Dialogue."
Participated in roundtable at National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) convention, Boston, June, 2000.
- "Undermining Patriotism: the Russian Committee of Soldiers' Mothers."
Paper presented at Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York City, April 15, 2000.
- "Remembrance of Things Past: The Impact of Political History on Women's Movement Organizing."
Paper presented at American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, St. Louis, November 19, 1999.
- "Make Sense When You Talk!' The Challenges of Finding a Vocabulary for Feminism in Russia."
Paper presented at "Sharpening the Focus: Women's Studies Scholars and Scholarship at Clark University," November 11, 1999.
- "The Personal is Political: Contacts Between Women's Movement Activists and the Russian State."
Paper presented at APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28, 1997.
- "Starting Over: Russian Women's Groups and Economic Issues in the Transition Period."
Paper presented at AAASS National Convention, Boston, November 17, 1996.
- "International Influences on the Russian Women's Movement."
Paper presented at "Globalization and Collective Action," a Conference of the Research Committee on Social Movements and Social Classes, International Sociological Association, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 19, 1996.
- "The Russian Women's Movement as an Example of a Social Movement."
Seminar for young Russian academics conducted at a Summer University, sponsored by the Russian Foundation for Scientific Research and the Ford Foundation, Nizhnii Novgorod, Russia, June 1995.

Professional Service

Manuscript reviewer for:

East European Politics, Journal of Cold War Studies, Perspectives on Politics, Europe-Asia Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, Politics & Gender, Canadian Slavonic Papers, Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions, Governance, Politics & Gender, Nationalities Papers, Comparative Political Studies, Demokratizatsiya, Feminist Studies, NWSA Journal (National Women's Studies Association), Women & Politics, The International Feminist Journal of Politics, Russian Review, World Politics, Gender & Society, Social Politics, Signs, International Political Science Review, Geoforum, Perspectives on Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Mobilization, American Journal of Sociology (AJS), Political Science Quarterly, Girlhood Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal, Oxford University Press, Stanford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Indiana University Press, and Temple University Press.

Board Member, Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS), 2013-2016.

Founding Member of the Editorial Board of Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society (JSPPS), January 2015-present.

Member of the Gender, Socialism and Post-Socialism Working Group, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2012-present.

Presented a lecture on *Sex, Politics, and Putin*, at Porter Square Books in Cambridge, MA, March 9, 2010.

Gave interviews about *Sex, Politics, and Putin* to:

- Joanna Lillis (December 2014): "We want a voice: women fight for their rights in the former USSR," *The Guardian*, March 8, 2015: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/08/fight-womens-rights-former-ussr-post-soviet-states>
- Julia Ioffe (December 2014): "The Punks Are Back: The Public Duo Behind Pussy Riot," *Glamour Magazine*, February 19, 2015: <http://www.glamour.com/inspired/blogs/the-conversation/2015/02/pussy-riot-interview>
- Virginia Prescott (January 7, 2015): "Putin's Macho Power Play," *Word of Mouth*, New Hampshire Public Radio, <http://nhpr.org/post/1715-putins-macho-power-play-how-think-about-exercise>
- Greg Katsenelinboigen (January 6, 2015): "Ja khochu byt' tvoi Koni': Professor Valeri Sperl'ing issleduet machizm i seksizm v rossiiskok politike," Radio Liberty Russian-language Service, February 7, 2015: <http://www.svoboda.org/content/article/26833604.html>
- Sean Guillory (February 19, 2015): "Podcast: The Fate of Minsk II and Gender, Sex, and Putin," *Sean's Russia Blog*, <http://seansrussiablog.org/2015/02/19/podcast-fate-minsk-ii-gender-sex-putin/>
- Sarah Gilbert (January 8, 2015): Weekend Edition (National Public Radio) - for background.

Member of the ASEEEES Advisory Committee on Carnegie Project evaluating Russian Studies in the United States, January-May 2015.

Presented a lecture to the "Democrats Abroad" organization on "Russian Gender-Based Discrimination Cases and the European Court of Human Rights: Barriers and Opportunities" with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom, Moscow, Russia, June 19, 2014.

Served as the "Public Opponent" at Meri Kulmala's Dissertation Defense, Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland, December 18, 2013.

Chair of Program Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEEES), December 2012-November 2013.

Interviewed for and quoted in an article in *Haaretz* (an Israeli newspaper) by Taly Krupkin, "Between Politics and Machismo: Why does Russia Persecute Gays and Lesbians?," September 2013.

Interviewed for and quoted in an article in *To Vima* (a Greek newspaper) by Elisabeth Pastrokou, about the Ukrainian women's group "Femen" and their political activism, July 14, 2013.

Member of Program Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Spring 2012.

Chadwick Alger Book Prize Committee Member, International Studies Association (ISA), 2011, 2012.

Member of the American Political Science Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, 2009-2012. Chair of Committee, 2010-2012.

Vucinich Book Prize Committee Member, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), 2009-2011. Chair of Committee, 2009-2010.

Stood for election to the position of President-Elect, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), 2009.

Interviewed for and quoted in Sandra Miller, "Love's New Frontier," Boston Globe Magazine cover story, January 3, 2010, http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/magazine/articles/2010/01/03/loves_new_frontier/.

Interviewed live on New Hampshire Public Radio show "Word of Mouth," on the subject "Is Globalization Good for Democracy?" August 12, 2009.

Interviewed live on KOPN (Columbia, Missouri) Radio show, "A Chatauqua," on "Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability," August 20, 2009.

National Convention Program Committee member, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Spring 2009.

Interviewed for Beth Holmgren's documentary film, "Twenty Years Forward? The Contents and Discontents of Modern Russian Feminism," May 2008.

Founding Member of the Editorial Board of Politics & Gender (a new journal in Political Science and Gender Studies, published by Cambridge University Press), February 2004-present.

Member of Executive Committee, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS), January 2006 - January 2008.

Consultant on Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Project on Gender, Sexuality and Health in Russia (March 2008 - January 2009).

Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) Conference Selection Committee, 2004.

Coordinator of Olin Seminar Series, "Building the Russian State: Institutions and Capacity." Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, 1998-99.

Panelist on Call-in Radio Program on women's issues in Russia. Voice of America, May 14, 2002.

Proposal reviewer: MacArthur Foundation, Program on Global Security & Sustainability (2000, 2003).

Membership in Professional Associations

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), formerly the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)
Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Women and Politics Research Section of APSA
International Studies Association (ISA)
Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS)

Clark University – Major Service

Member of University-wide Faculty Compensation Committee (FCC), Fall 2013-Spring 2016.

Member of University-wide Committee on Personnel (COP), Fall 2009-Spring 2012; Chair, 2011-2012.

Member of Faculty Steering Committee, Fall 2011-Spring 2012.

Interim Director of the Undergraduate Concentration in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Fall 2009-Spring 2010.

Vice Chair/Parliamentarian of the Faculty, Member of Faculty Steering Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2009.

At-Large Member of Faculty Steering Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2005.

Secretary/Treasurer, Clark's Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Fall 2007-Spring 2010.

Theses

Ph.D. Engendering Transition: The Women's Movement in Contemporary Russia
Gail Lapidus, Chair; George Breslauer; Henry Brady; and Kim Voss

M.A. Theories of Change in Soviet State-Society Relations: A Critical Overview

Languages

Russian – fluent