

Renee L. Buhr

Education

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin at Madison (2008)

- Department of Political Science
- Fields: International Relations (Security and Organizations) and Comparative Politics (Political Change, Europe, Former Soviet Union)

M.A. The University of Chicago (2000)

- Committee on International Relations

B.A. University of Wisconsin at Madison (1996)

- Political Science and French

Université de la Méditerranée Aix-Marseilles III (1995)

- Institut d'Etudes Politiques – Certificate in Political Studies

Research

Dissertation: *Supranationalism vs. the Nation: Effects of EU Integration on Radical Right Party Fortunes*

Why do we find electoral support for radical right parties increasing at similar points in time in states with different economic, social, and demographic conditions? The European states that witnessed a rise in support for these parties in the late 1990s display variation in many of the domestic conditions – such as unemployment, immigration, and party system variables – that are typically used to explain voter support for such parties. The extant literature focuses on these state-level explanations; the international level has received far less scrutiny. This work moves the radical right literature in a new direction by examining the impact of international institutions, namely the effect of EU integration, on domestic support for the radical right in West and East European member states.

Publications and Manuscripts:

- Moroney, Jennifer, Nancy Blacker, Renee Buhr, James McFadden, Cathryn Thurston, and Anny Wong. *Building Partner Capabilities for Coalition Operations*. Arlington, VA: RAND Arroyo Center

Works in Progress

- “Seizing the Opportunity: Anti-EU Sentiment and Fringe Party Success in the Post-Maastricht Era” Preparing for submission to journals in fall 2009
- “The Elite-Mass Divide and European Integration: The Peculiar Cases of Sweden and Italy” Preparing for presentation to ISA 2010 and submission to journals in spring 2010
- *Supranationalism vs. the Nation: Effects of EU Integration on Radical Right Party Fortunes* Dissertation topic, currently editing for future submission as manuscript

Conference Presentations

- “The Purported Demise of the Permissive Consensus and Evidence of Its Survival” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the ISA's 50th Annual Convention New York Marriott Marquis, New York City, NY, Feb 15, 2009
- “A Supranational Cordon Sanitaire, or State-Level Instrumentalism? Insights from the EU Response to the 2000 Austrian Coalition” Presented at International Studies Association Conference Chicago, IL, February 28-March 1, 2007
- “Bad Neighbors on the Border, Bad Neighbors Within: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions Favoring Ethnic War in Post-Soviet States” Presented at International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, March 22-25, 2006.
- “Rules of Trade”: presented at APSA Annual Convention, September 2005, and at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 6-10, 2005.
- “The Legacy of Westphalia in A Liberal World: Sovereignty Concerns and “Soft” Legalism in Bilateral Trade Agreements”: presented at International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, March 3-6, 2005.

Professional Experience

RAND Corporation – *Summer Associate (4/06 – 8/06)*

- Conducted research on Arroyo Center project on “Building Coalition Partner Capabilities”
- Drafted theory chapter, assisted with case studies, and collected data

University of Wisconsin Department of Political Science – *Research Assistant (9/03-5/04)*

- Conducted research in order to create new data set on levels of legalism in regional trade agreements
- Work resulted in a co-authored article on topic with Jon Pevehouse

Central Intelligence Agency – *Intelligence Analyst (7/00-8/03)*

- Analysis on proliferation issues for the Center for Weapons Intelligence, Nonproliferation, and Arms Control
- Representative to the Missile Technology Export Control Committee
- Served as watch analyst on terrorism and Near East issues in the Operations Center

University of Chicago Department of Political Science – *Research Assistant (9/99 – 6/00)*

Independent Community Bankers of America – *Lobbying Assistant (6/98 – 8/99)*

International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) – *Language Assistant (8/96 – 5/98)*

Teaching Experience

University of St. Thomas Department of Political Science – Assistant Professor

- Developed syllabi for five courses for academic year 2008-2009
 - Introduction to World Politics
 - American Foreign Policy
 - American Government in Comparative Perspective
 - The Politics of the New Europe
 - International Politics Capstone Seminar
- In development for academic year 2009-2010
 - International Law and Organizations
 - International Security topics course

University of Wisconsin Department of Political Science – Lecturer

- Lectured American National Security: Policy and Process (Spring 2008)
- Lectured Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2006)

University of Wisconsin Department of Political Science – Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)
- Introduction to American Politics (Fall and Spring 2004-2005)

Grants and Awards

- University of St. Thomas Faculty Research Grant for Fall 2009
- University of Wisconsin School of Letters and Science: Early Excellence in Teaching Award – Department of Political Science nominee, November 15, 2005
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship recipient, August 2005. Area of study: Uzbek language
- CIA Exceptional Performance Award recipient, July 2004 and June 2003
- Distinction in the Major of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, 1996

Language Skills

- French: Competency at the professional level in reading, writing, and speaking
- Russian: Competency at introductory level
- Uzbek: Competency at introductory level