# Gor Mkrtchian

Email: gormkrtchian11@gmail.com

# **Publications**

- "Court-Packing and Judicial Manipulation." *European Journal of Political Economy* 84 2024: 1-40 (with Justin Callais).
- "Campaign Contributions and Roll Call Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives: The Case of the Sugar Industry." *American Political Science Review* 117(1) 2023: 340-346 (with Kevin Grier and Robin Grier).
- "The Taming of the Condottieri." Journal of Private Enterprise 37(Summer 20) 2022: 39-46.
- "The Effect of Sanctions on Economic Freedom." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(6) 2021: 2776-2794 (with David Lektzian).

# **Working Papers**

- "EU Accession: Backslide or Lock-In?"
- "The Rise and Decline of the EU as an Engine of Economic Growth." (with Kevin Grier & Vince Miozzi).
- "Executive Constraints and International Trade."
- "Autarkic Capacity and Trade Openness."

# **Current Employment**

### Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

• Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations (2024-)

# Education

### Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

• Ph.D., Political Science (2024)

Dissertation: The Determinants of Trade: International Union, Domestic Institutions, and Autarkic Capacity Committee: Dr. Kevin Grier (Chair), Dr. Frank Thames, Dr. David Lektzian

- M.A., Political Science (2022)
- Research Assistant (2019-2024)

### Yale University, New Haven, CT

- B.A., Double Major Political Science and Theater Studies with Distinction in Both Majors (2018)
- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Ann Arbor, MI (Summer 2023; Online)
- Machine learning: Applications in Social Science Research, EITM Certified
- Yale Summer Session Third Year Russian I and II + Culture, St. Petersburg, Russia (2017)
- Third Year Russian I and II, and Russian Culture
- London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK (Summer 2016)
- 2 fulltime LSE courses (International Political Economy and International Organization)
- Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies, León, Spain (Summer 2015)
- 2 advanced, fulltime Spanish language and culture courses

# **Teaching Experience**

# Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Instructor of Record

• Research Methods: POLS 210 (Fall 2024; 2 Sections)

- International Relations: POLS 150 (Fall 2024)
- Politics of Developing States: POLS 231 (Fall 2024)
- The Government of the U.S.: POLS 120 (Spring 2025)
- Comparative Politics: POLS 130 (Spring 2025; 2 Sections)
- Eastern European Politics: POLS 391 (Spring 2025)

### Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Instructor of Record

- International Politics: POLS 2361 (Spring 2024)
- Comparative Politics: POLS 2371 (Fall 2023)

Teaching Assistant

- Agricultural Price Theory: AAEC 3315 (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023)
- Applied Business Economics: BECO 3310 (Fall 2021; 2 Sections)
- Global Business Economics and Policy: BECO 4366 (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)
- Public Choice: POLS 3316 (Spring 2020)

Training

• Groundwork: Intensive teaching workshop for graduate students and post-docs (May 17-19, 2023)

### **Volunteer Teaching Experience**

Aravot ChNGO, ESL Teacher, Intern (July 2018-August 2018)

- ESL lessons for staff and local youth, research, translation, aid distribution
- Our Lady of Armenia Summer Camp, Social Sciences Lecturer, ESL Teacher (July 2018)
- Delivered political science and economics lectures, taught English six days a week
- Logos Human Rights Defense NGO, ESL Teacher, Intern (June 2018)
- ESL Teacher, audited court session, researched U.S. disability law, translation,
- Gyumri Youth Palace CNCO, Social Sciences Lecturer, ESL Teacher (May 2018-June 2018)
- Delivered political science and economics lectures, taught ESL

Meghvik NGO, ESL Teacher (June 2018)

### Leadership and Volunteering

Yale Armenian Network, President (September 2016-May 2018)

• Nagorno-Karabakh conflict panel, Armenian Genocide vigil, Campus Armenian barbeque, "The Promise" film viewing, Georgian Khachapuri baking

Helsinki Association for Human Rights, Intern (August 2018-November 2018)

• Monitored Yerevan municipal election, audited court sessions, researched and created presentation on accessibility in New York State and Washington DC court systems

Armenian Energy Agency, Intern (August 2018-November 2018)

• Created solar water heater project presentation, translation and secretarial work

### Skills

Spanish, Near Fluent Russian, Highly Proficient Armenian, Fluent Heritage Speaker Stata, R, and Excel

# References

Kevin Grier

Professor Department of Political Science Texas Tech University <u>kevin.grier@ttu.edu</u> +1 (806) 834-8968

### David Lektzian

Professor and Director of Global Studies Department of Political Science Texas Tech University <u>david.lektzian@ttu.edu</u> +1 (806) 834-6470

#### **Frank Thames**

Professor Department of Political Science Texas Tech University <u>frank.thames@ttu.edu</u> +1 (806) 742-4049