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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Summary

Position Associate Class '61 Professor (with Tenure), Department of Economics, Lehigh University  
Education Ph.D. in Economics, University of Houston, 2008  
Interests Macroeconomics/Monetary Policy Analysis, Finance Microstructure, Applied Econometrics

### Education

2003–2008 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *University of Houston*, Houston, TX.  
Dissertation: "Essays on Monetary Policy Evaluation with Taylor Rules and Real-Time Data"  
2001–2003 **M.A. in Economics (with Honors)**, *EERC/KSE*, Kyiv, Ukraine.  
Thesis: "Bank Bankruptcy in Ukraine: What are the Determinants and Can Bank Failures be Forecasted?"  
1996–2001 **M.Sc. in Physics**, *Odesa National University*, Odesa, Ukraine.

### Professional positions

2015–Present **Associate Class '61 Professor (with Tenure)**, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA.  
2015–Present **Editor and Board Member**, *Economics of Systems Development*.  
2015–Present **Board Member**, *VoxUkraine*.  
2015–2017 **Editor**, *VoxUkraine*.  
Summer 2016 **Visiting Professor**, *Kyiv School of Economics*, Kyiv, Ukraine.  
2012–2015 **Assistant Professor**, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA.  
2008–2012 **Assistant Professor**, *University of Memphis*, Memphis, TN.  
2005–2008 **Teaching Fellow**, *University of Houston*, Houston, TX.  
Principles of macroeconomics

### Teaching experience

PhD-level Advanced macroeconomics I, advanced macroeconomics II, applied microeconometrics, applied monetary policy analysis, advanced quantitative economics  
Master-level Advanced quantitative economics, applied microeconometrics, advanced macroeconomics I  
Undergraduate Quantitative economics, principles of macroeconomics, money and banking, college Fed challenge

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## Refereed journal articles & book chapters

- [1] "Can policy shifts explain the forward discount puzzle?" with Michael Jetter and Olena Ogrokhina, 2018. *Empirical Economics*, August, Pages 1-19.
- [2] "Social and Economic Impacts of International Marriages in Europe," with Shin-Yi Chou and Katia Ponomareva, 2018. *Journal of Labor Research*, September, Vol 39, Issue 3, Pages 259-276.
- [3] "Behavior of Retail Prices in Common Currency Areas: the Case of the Eurozone," with Olena Ogrokhina, 2018. *Economic Modelling*, Vol 69, January, Pages 49-57.
- [4] "The Yellen Rules," with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan, 2017. *Journal of Macroeconomics*, Vol 54, Part A, December, Pages 59-71.
- [5] "Violent Conflict and Online Segregation: An analysis of network communication across Ukraine's regions," with Dinissa Duvanova, Alexander Nikolaev, and Alexander Semenov, 2016. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol 44, Issue 1, February, Pages 163-181.
- [6] "To Be or Not to Be: An Optimum Currency Area for South Asia," with Krishna Regmi and Robert Thornton, 2015. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Vol 37, Pages 930-944.
- [7] "Markov Switching and the Taylor Principle," with Christian Murray and David Papell, 2015. *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, Vol. 19, Special Issue 4, June, Pages 913-930
- [8] "Deviations from Rules-Based Policy and Their Effects," with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan, 2014. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Vol 49, December, Pages 4-17
- [9] "Multinational Enterprises and Export Performance in Emerging Economies: Evidences from Indian IT firms," with David Kemme and Deepraj Mukherjee, 2014. *Review of Development Economics*, Vol 18, Issue 4, Pages 681-692
- [10] "AIDing Contraception: HIV and Recent Trends in Abortion," with Andrew Hussey and Jay Walker, 2014. *Applied Economics*, Vol 46, Issue 15, Pages 1788-1803
- [11] "The Effects of Wage Volatility on Growth," with Michael Jetter and William Smith, 2013. *Journal of Macroeconomics*, Volume 37, September, Pages 93-109
- [12] "Taylor's Rule versus Taylor Rules," with David Papell, 2013. *International Finance*, Vol 16, Issue 1, Pages 71-93
- [13] "Taylor Rules and the Great Inflation: Lessons from the 1970s for the Road Ahead for the Fed," with David Papell, 2012. *Journal of Macroeconomics*, Volume 34, Issue 4, December, Pages 903-918 (Leading Article)
- [14] "Markov Switching and Exchange Rate Predictability," with Ruxandra Prodan, 2012. *International Journal of Forecasting*, Volume 28, Issue 2, April-June, Pages 353-365
- [15] "Real-Time Historical Dataset Enhances Accuracy of Economic Analyses," with Adriana Z. Fernandez and Evan F. Koenig, 2012. *Dallas Fed Economic Letter*, Vol. 7, No. 6, July
- [16] "Monetary Policy Estimation in Real Time: Forward-Looking Taylor Rules without Forward-Looking Data," (single-authored) 2011. *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, Vol. 43, No. 5 (August)
- [17] "Taylor Rules and the Euro," with Tanya Molodtsova and David Papell, 2011. *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, Vol. 43 (March/April)
- [18] "Forecasting the End of the Global Recession: Did We Miss the Early Signs?," with Adriana Fernandez, 2011. *Dallas Fed Staff Papers*, No. 12, April.

- [19] “Can Alternative Taylor-rule Specifications Describe the Federal Reserve Decisions?,” with Adriana Fernandez and Evan F. Koenig, 2010. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Volume 32, Issue 6, November-December, Pages 733-757
- [20] “The Changing Nature of the U.S. Economic Influence in the World,” with Adriana Fernandez, 2010. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Volume 32, Issue 2, March-April, Pages 196-209
- [21] “Taylor Rules and Real-Time Data: A Tale of Two Countries and One Exchange Rate,” with Tanya Molodtsova and David Papell, 2008. *Journal of Monetary Economics* 55 S63-S79
- [22] “The Relative Performance of Alternative Taylor Rule Specifications,” with Adriana Fernandez and Evan F. Koenig, 2008. *Dallas Fed Staff Papers*, No. 6, June.
- [23] “Globalization and the Changing Nature of the U.S. Economy’s Influence in the World,” with Adriana Fernandez, 2008. *Dallas Fed Economic Letter*, Vol. 3, No. 11, November.
- [24] “Measuring the Taylor Rule’s Performance,” with Adriana Fernandez, 2007. *Dallas Fed Economic Letter*, Vol. 2, No. 6, June.

### Books and book chapters

- [1] “Policy Rule Legislation in Practice,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan, 2016. Published in *Central Bank Governance and Oversight Reform*, edited by John Taylor and John Cochrane, Hoover Institution Press, Chapter 2, Pages 55-107.

### Other articles and op-eds in various outlets

- [1] “What should the next Ukrainian President do?,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2019. *VoxUkraine (in English, Russian, Ukrainian)*, January 9
- [2] “Op-Ed: Macroeconomic headwinds for Ukraine: Is the crew ready?,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2018. *VoxUkraine (in English, Russian, Ukrainian)*, May 21
- [3] “Op-Ed: Three years of reforms: Has Ukraine reformed enough for surviving,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2017. *VoxUkraine (in English, Russian, Ukrainian)*, September 12
- [4] “Op-Ed: The Big Discussion at VoxUkraine, or A Dozen Knives in The Back of the IMF,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2017. *VoxUkraine (in English, Russian, Ukrainian)*, February 23
- [5] “Op-Ed: The Yellen Rules,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Econbrowser*, December 5, 2016
- [6] “Op-Ed: An Open Letter to Experts, Business Community, and Policy Makers in Ukraine,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2016. *Novoe Vremya (in Ukrainian)*, December 6
- [7] “Op-Ed: Taylor Rules versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy. A Lesson for Ukraine,” 2016. *VoxUkraine*, July 26.
- [8] “Op-Ed: Health Care Reforms that Have Been Started Must Not End with the Replacement of the Minister,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2016. *UkrPravda*, May 11.
- [9] “Why Ukraine Needs the IMF More Than the IMF Needs Ukraine,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2016. *KyivPost*, April 21. Picked up by *eurointegration.com.ua* and others
- [10] “The IMF Statement About a Possible Cut of Aid to Ukraine is a Disgrace For the Ukrainian Authorities,” with VoxUkraine Editorial Board, 2016. *UkrPravda (in Russian)*, February 11. Picked up by *EconomyWatch.com* and others

- [11] “Experts weigh in on Fed hike: it was the right call, but will it work?,” with David Singer and Sheila Tschinkel, 2015. *The Conversation (US)*, December 16. Picked up by *EconomyWatch.com* and others
- [12] “Should Congress ReFORM Fed Transparency?” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Econbrowser*, December 4, 2015
- [13] “The Federal Reserve is losing credibility by not raising rates now,” (single-authored), 2015. *The Conversation (US)*, September 17. Picked up by *Fortune.com*, *Business Insider*, *World News*, *BusinessSpectator*, *Washington’s blog*, and others
- [14] “Fact check: Which members of the Parliament lie the most,” with multiple co-authors, December, 2015. *VoxUkraine*
- [15] “Divide the Minds, Conquer the Land: How the War in Donbas Segregates the Nation,” with Dinissa Duvanova, 2015. *VoxUkraine*, August 11. Picked up by *Petr i Mazepa (in Russian)*, *Disqus.ua*, *News.ua*, and others
- [16] “Why the economy – and the Fed – isn’t ready for a rise in rates,” (single-authored), 2015. *The Conversation (US)*, March 10. Picked up by the *Australian Institute of International Affairs*
- [17] “Deviations from Rules-Based Policy and Their Effects,” in “Taylor Rule Legislation,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Econbrowser*, July 16, 2014
- [18] “Policy rules for Chairwoman Gontareva,” (single-authored, in Ukrainian), 2014. *Forbes (Ukraine)*, August 28. Picked up by *UkrCapital*, *SravniBank*, and others
- [19] “NBU and Inflation Targeting: Monetary Policy Rules for the Road Ahead,” (single-authored), 2014. *VoxUkraine*, August 22
- [20] “(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy” in “(Taylor) Rules versus Discretion,” by Alex Nikolsko-Rzhevskyy, David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Econbrowser*, August 6, 2013

### Papers under revision

- [1] “Appearance of Disappearing Liquidity: A Duration Analysis,” with Olena Nikolsko-Rzhevskya, Thomas McInish, and Irina Panovska, R&R at *Financial Management*.
- [2] “The Life Of U’s: Order Revisions on NASDAQ,” with Olena Nikolsko-Rzhevskya. R&R at *Journal of Banking and Finance*.

### Working papers

- [1] “The Effect of Recessions on Fiscal and Monetary Policy,” with Dean Croushore. *Submitted to the “International Journal of Forecasting*.
- [2] “Policy Rules and Economic Performance,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Being prepared for submission*.
- [3] “The Taylor Principles,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Submitted to the Journal of Monetary Economics*.
- [4] “(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy,” with David Papell and Ruxandra Prodan. *Submitted to Economic Inquiry*.
- [5] “Real-Time Historical Analysis of Monetary Policy Rules,” with David Papell. *Submitted to the Journal of Policy Modelling*.
- [6] “Risk and Return in the Sin City: The Economics of Prostitution,” with Olena Nikolsko-Rzhevskya. *Being prepared for submission*.

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- [7] “Beauty Premiums and Academics: Lifting the Online Veil,” with Jobu Babin, Andrew Hussey, and David Taylor. *Being prepared for submission.*
- [8] “A Look at Jobless Recoveries in G7 Countries,” with Ahmed Elroukh and Irina Panovska. *Being prepared for submission.*

## Grants and awards

- 2017 Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University, \$5,245 (PI)
- 2016 University Design in Learning Award for expanding access in learning
- 2015 Provost Travel Grant (Kyiv, Ukraine), \$625  
Best Paper Award, 2nd place (Eurasia Business and Economics Society)  
Peller RA Research Grant (Co-PI: Irina Panovska), \$1,000
- 2014 Provost Travel Grant (Manchester, UK), \$1,079  
Best Paper Award, 1st place (Eurasia Business and Economics Society), €500  
Special funding to record video lectures for Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, \$7,500
- 2012 Best Paper Award, 2nd place (University of Memphis), \$500
- 2011 CIBER Travel Grant (Washington, DC), \$300  
CIBER Travel Grant (Cambridge, MA), \$500  
Fogelman College Summer Research Grant, \$5,000
- 2010 Fogelman College Summer Research Grant, \$10,000  
CIBER Travel Grant (Cambridge, MA), \$500
- 2009 Fogelman College Summer Research Grant, \$10,000  
CIBER Travel Grant (Montreal, Canada), \$500  
CIBER Travel Grant (San Antonio, TX), \$500

## Conference and seminar presentations

- 2019 Eastern Economics Association, New York (scheduled)  
Financial Markets and Nonlinear Dynamics Workshop, Paris, France (scheduled)  
7th Indonesian FMA Conference, Bali, Indonesia (scheduled)
- 2018 University of Memphis  
Lehigh University
- 2017 The Role of the Central Bank in Economic Development, NBU, Ukraine (chair)  
Eurasia Business and Economic Society, Italy
- 2016 Southern Economics Association, Washington, DC  
Election Economics 5X10, Lehigh University  
Villanova University  
National Bank of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine  
Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine  
WIEM Economics Meetings, Warsaw, Poland  
University of Sheffield, UK
- 2015 Eurasia Business and Economics Society, Italy  
University of Memphis  
Journal of Comparative Economics Special Session, Ukraine  
KSE Third Annual Congress, Ukraine

- 2014 Lehigh University, World Affairs Club Ukraine Event  
Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Conference, Lawrence, Kansas  
Foreign Policy Research Institute, Main Line Breakfast Briefing  
Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association, France  
International Competition in Banking Conference, Ukraine  
Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Turkey  
KSE Second Annual Congress, Ukraine  
Royal Economic Society Conference, UK  
Lafayette College
- 2013 Penn State University Harrisburg  
University of Memphis  
NBER EFWW Summer Institute (participant)
- 2012 MVEA Annual Meetings in Memphis  
Midwest Annual Meetings in Chicago  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Lehigh University  
KSE First Annual Congress, Ukraine  
Conference on Real-Time Data Analysis, Methods and Applications  
Missouri Valley Economic Association Meetings
- 2011 University of South Florida  
NBER EFWW Summer Institute (participant)  
Southern Economics Association Meetings
- 2010 SSSA International Annual Meetings  
NBER IFM Summer Institute (participant)  
Conference on Real-Time Data Analysis, Methods, and Applications (participant)
- 2009 5th Annual CIRANO Workshop on Data Revision, Canada  
NBER IFM Summer Institute  
Midwest Annual Meetings in Cleveland  
9th Annual Missouri Economics Conference  
79th Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association
- 2008 Emory University  
St. Louis Fed Workshop on Macro Policy Analysis  
University of Memphis  
Fordham University
- 2007 Midwest Econometrics Group Meetings  
European Economic Association, Hungary & Econometric Society Meetings  
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society  
7th Annual Missouri Economics Conference  
Texas Econometrics Camp
- 2006 Symposium of the Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometric

## Service

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- This year
- Hiring Committee Chair, Assistant Professor (Department)
  - 1MBA Committee member (College)
  - CBE undergraduate curriculum committee member (College)
  - Schwartz prize committee member (Department)
  - Eco-029 Coordinator (Department)
  - COE/EHS Committee CBE representative (College)
  - PhD dissertation co-adviser for 1 student (Department)
  - Undergraduate adviser & mentor for 7 CAS students (Department)
  - Recommendation letter writer for 5+ graduate students
  - Recommendation letter writer for 5+ undergraduate students
- Past 3 years
- Hiring Committee Member, Assistant Dean & Director of Disability Support Services (University)
  - College Fed Challenge Conference organizer (Department/Profession)
  - PhD students workshop organizer, Fall and Spring (Department)
  - AACSB Visiting Committee, Department representative (Department)
  - External Tenure Review letter writer, Northeastern University (Profession)
  - Economics Major Event, Department representative (Department)
  - Managing Editor, VoxUkraine, reviewed 200+ articles (Profession)
  - PhD dissertation committee member for 2 students (Department)
  - Graduate adviser & mentor for 4 Kyiv School of Economics students (Profession)
  - Fed Challenge Team coach (Department)
  - IMF V-Conference, participant (University)

### PhD dissertation committee member

- 2018 Ahmed Elroukh (in progress)
- 2017 Bocong Du "Spurious Inference in the GARCH(1,1) Model when ZILC Holds: Theory and Application" (external PhD committee member)
- Katia Ponomareva "Three Essays in Family Economics"
- 2015 Krishna Regmi "Three Essays in Applied Economics and Policy Analysis," Adjunct Professor, Georgia College & State University
- 2013 Riham Ishak "The Effect of Prenatal Care in Preventing Potentially Avoidable Maternal Complications (PAMCs)," Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Methodist Healthcare
- 2012 Ying Huang "Three Essays in Finance," Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), University of Manitoba
- 2012 Jay Walker "Essays in Applied Microeconomics," Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Niagara University
- 2011 Michael Jetter "Three Essays in Economics," Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), the Universidad EAFIT in Medellin, Colombia
- 2010 Deepraj Mukherjee "Three Essays in International Economics," Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Waldorf College, Iowa
- 2009 Dennis Arvik "Essays in Exchange Rate Economics," Senior Pricing Analyst, AEGON Group USA

### Senior honors theses adviser

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2014 Nathaniel Hutchinson “Reconstructing a Career: Tommy John Surgery and Pitcher Career Duration in Major League Baseball”

## Professional activities

- Referee (this year) VoxUkraine, Journal of Macroeconomics, International Review of Economics and Finance
- Referee (past) Applied Economics, Canadian Economic Journal, Economics Bulletin, Economic Inquiry, Economic Letters, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Macroeconomics, International Journal of Forecasting, International Review of Economics and Finance, Mercatus Center, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics, The International Journal of Central Banking, The Manchester School, The NBU Herald, VoxUkraine
- Conference organizer College Fed Challenge, Philadelphia Fed district, 2017  
Ukraine: An Insiders’ View on Macroeconomics, Central Banking, and Monetary Policy (co-organizer), 2015  
College Fed Challenge, Philadelphia Fed district, 2015  
College Fed Challenge, Philadelphia Fed district, 2013
- Reviewer External MA theses reviewer, Kyiv School of Economics (2)

## Media coverage

- [1] “Deviations from Rules- Based Policy and Their Effects,” in “Monetary Policy: What Works and What Doesn’t, Hoover Institute Policy Summer Boot Camp” by John Taylor. *EconomicsOne*, August, 2018
- [2] “Deviations from Rules- Based Policy and Their Effects,” in “A New Hearing and, Possibly, a New Phase in Monetary Policy,” by John Taylor. *EconomicsOne*, March 17, 2017
- [3] “Deviations from Rules- Based Policy and Their Effects,” in “Sound Monetary Policy,” by John Taylor. *Testimony before the Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade Committee on Financial Services U.S. House of Representatives*, March 16, 2017
- [4] “(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy,” in “Naked Money,” by Charles Wheelan *W. W. Norton & Company*, April 4, 2016
- [5] “Policy Rule Legislation in Practice,” in “The Case for a Rules-Based Fed,” by John Taylor. *Wall Street Journal*, December 20, 2016
- [6] “Policy Rule Legislation in Practice,” in “Unconventional Monetary Policy, Normalization, and Reform,” by John Taylor. *Econbrowser*, December 9, 2016
- [7] “Policy Rule Legislation in Practice,” in “Congressional Testimony” by John Taylor. *U.S. House of Representatives*, December 7, 2016
- [8] Commentaries in “What the Fed’s Inaction on Rates Means for You,” by Jeremy Quittner, *INC.*, September 17, 2015
- [9] Commentaries in “American exporters feel sting of stronger U.S. dollar,” by Brian Pedersen, *Lehigh Valley Business*, May 25, 2015
- [10] “Deviations from Rules-Based Policy and Their Effects,” in “On Why The Economist Should Rule Rules In, Not Out,” by John Taylor. *Econbrowser*, August 9, 2015

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- [11] "Policy Rule Legislation in Practice," in "Federal Reserve Reform Proposals" by John Taylor. *Testimony before the Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade Committee on Financial Services U.S. House of Representatives, July 22, 2015*
- [12] "(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy" in "Fed Ignores Policy Rules at Own Peril, Paper Finds," by Pedro Nicolaci da Costa. *The Wall Street Journal - Business, May 29, 2014*
- [13] "(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy" in "Republicans Opposed to Yellen Flee Paul in Search of Rules," by Rich Miller. *Bloomberg - U.S. Politics, February 27, 2014*
- [14] "(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy" in "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy," by John B. Taylor. *Testimony before the Committee on Financial Services, United States House of Representatives, February 11, 2014*
- [15] "(Taylor) Rules Versus Discretion in U.S. Monetary Policy" in "A Monetary Policy Rule That Works: Powerful New Evidence," by John B. Taylor. *EconomicsOne, September 9, 2013*
- [16] "Taylor's Rule versus Taylor Rules" in "New Study Questions Justification For Quantitative Easing" by John Taylor. *EconomicsOne, May 7, 2011*
- [17] "Taylor Rules and the Great Inflation" in "The Taylor Rule and QE2" by David Papell. *Econbrowser, May 5, 2011*
- [18] "Taylor's Rule versus Taylor Rules" in "Lessons from the 1970s for Fed Policy Today" by David Papell. *Econbrowser, September 28, 2009*
- [19] "Taylor Rules and Real-Time Data: A Tale of Two Countries and One Exchange Rate" in "Exchange Rates: New Papers" by Menzie Chinn. *Econbrowser, August 10, 2009*
- [20] "Measuring the Taylor Rule's Performance" in "Days of Swine and Poses: The Fed Goes Negative" by Ira Artman *Seekingalpha, May 5 2009*
- [21] "Measuring the Taylor Rule's Performance" in "Taylor Rule's Effectiveness Focus of Dallas Fed Publication." *Prnewswire, July 24, 2007*

## Personal

Citizenship Ukraine (U.S. permanent resident/greencard holder)  
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 Hobbies MMA, checkers, painting, target-shooting, scuba-diving, skiing, horseback riding  
 Born March 21, 1979 in Odessa, Ukraine

## References

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