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Curriculum Vitae

MIT Anthropology E53-335, 77 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139
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Academic Positions

Associate Professor with TENURE, MIT Anthropology	2016 – Present
Associate Professor, Anthropology MIT (AWOT)	2012 (July)
Assistant Professor, Anthropology MIT	2008-
Lecturer, Harvard Anthropology Department	2006
Harvard Society of Fellows (Post-Doctoral Fellow)	2004-2007
Instructor, Harvard University	2002
Lecturer, National University of Mongolia	1993-1995
Lecturer, College for Asian Studies in Mongolia	1993

Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Social Anthropology	2004
National University of Mongolia, MA in Philology	1995
National University of Mongolia, BA in Literature and Linguistics	1993

Selected Academic Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

STL Faculty Research Seed Grant <i>Disjuncture and Resilience: A Holistic Approach to Real Estate Development in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia</i> , MIT	2016
MIT Class of 1956 Career Development Chair (3 year position)	2015
Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Social Sciences, Princeton NJ	2014
The School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM (declined)	2014
National Endowment for the Humanities NEH Summer Stipend	2014
Levitan Prize for the Humanities (MIT)	2013
MISTI Global Seed Funds Grant (MIT) (declined)	2013
MIT SHASS Research Fund	2012
MIT HASS Dean's Faculty Development Fund	2010
NSF (Gender and Technologies of Elections in Mongolia)	2008
Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-doctoral Grant	2008
William Milton Fund of Harvard University	2006-2007
Soros Foundation Grant, Global Supplementary Fund	2002-2003
Weatherhead Center Graduate Student Affiliate Grant (Harvard U)	2002-2003
Anthropology Department Conference Grant, Harvard University	2002
Eliot Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, Harvard University	2001-2002
Asia Center Travel Grant (dissertation follow-up research), Harvard U	2001-2002
Davis Center for Russian Studies Grant, Harvard University	2001-2002
Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Harvard University	2001
Resident Fellowship, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard U.	2001-2002

Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard U.	2000- 2001
Social Science International Dissertation Research Fellowship	1999-2000
Wenner-Gren Dissertation Research Grant	1999-2000
Matsushita International Foundation, Japan Dissertation Research Grant	1999-2000
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard University	1999
Religion in Contemporary Asia Travel Grant, Asia Center, Harvard University	1999
Population Center, Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard University (declined)	1999
Mellon Foundation Pre-dissertation Research Grant	1998
Fellowship in Social Anthropology, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard U	1997-1999
Harvard University Inner Asian and Altaic Studies Fellowship,	1995-1997
Harvard University Inner Asian and Altaic Studies Summer Travel Grant	1996
Fulbright Fellowship for Graduate Studies Awarded by the United States Information Service	1995-1999

Publications

Books

A Thousand Steps to Parliament: Women Running for Elections in Post-Socialist Mongolia.
(Under a preliminary agreement with the University of Chicago Press)

Tragic Spirits: Shamanism, Gender and Memory in Contemporary Mongolia, University of Chicago Press, 2013.

- ◆ 2014 Francis L.K. Hsu Book Prize from the Society of East Asian Anthropology
- ◆ 2015 shortlisted by The Biennial International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) with other four books out of 175 as one of the best books on Asian Studies
- ◆ Reviewed in *American Ethnologist*, *American Anthropologist*, (*LSE*) *London School of Economics Review of Books*, *Inner Asia*, *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford*, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, *Anthropologie et Societes*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

Articles in Refereed Journals

[Asocial memories, 'poisonous knowledge', and haunting in Mongolia.](#) In *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. Vol. 25, Issue 1. March 2019. Pp. 66-82.

[Engineers and Shamans as Heralds of the New Mongolia.](#) Vital Topics Forum Anthropology in and of MOOCs, guest editor Graham Jones. In *American Anthropologist*. Vol. 116, No. 4. December 2014

[Post-Post-Transition Theories: Walking on Multiple Paths.](#) In *Annual Review of Anthropology*. 37:235-50. 2008

[Dealing with uncertainty: Shamans, marginal capitalism, and the remaking of history in postsocialist Mongolia.](#) *American Ethnologist*, February 2007, vol. 34, # 1, pp. 127-147

[Who 'Makes' the Shaman? The Politics of Shamanic Practices among the Buriats in Mongolia.](#) In *Inner Asia* 1 (1999; 221-244). The White Horse Press, 1999
Cambridge, UK.

Articles under Review

Hyper-Democratization: Voter Registration as Valor and Fear in Parliamentary Elections in Mongolia (in Preparation for *American Anthropologist*)

Articles in edited volumes/encyclopedia/public journals

Writing Oneself Out of the Oppression: Biographies of Reconciliation and Re-Collection, In NLO (New Literary Review) Russian. Forthcoming 2019

“Women at MIT.” In MIT Faculty Newsletter. May/June 2018

[Mongolia's Self-Styled Female Parliamentary Candidates.](#) In *Anthropology News*. December 20, 2016. 57: e6–e15. doi:10.1111/AN.248

“The Queen Anu as a Feminist Film.” Film Commentary. In Sonin.MN. 02.06.2014 (in Mongolian)

“Mongolian Shamanism: The Mosaic of Performed Memory.” In *Genghis Khan and the Mongolian Empire*, Ed. by William W. Fitzhugh, Morris Rossabi, William Honeychurch. Smithsonian Press, 2009, pp. 65-72.

“Mongolia in 2009.” In *Annual Register: World Events*. Ed. by D.S. Lewis. Proquest Cambridge UK, 2009

["Tricky Representations: Buddhism in the Cinema during Socialism in Mongolia"](#). *Silk Road*. Summer 2008, Vol. 6.1; pp. 54-63.

A Follower of Shamanism. in *Calliope*, March 2008

Fire Worship Sutras in Mongolian and Tibetan, published in *Literature and Art*, 1993
Ulaanbaatar. Mongolia. (In Mongolian)

Book Reviews

Review of *Not Quite Shamans: Spirit Worlds and Political Lives in Northern Mongolia*, by Morten Axel Pedersen. *American Anthropologist* 2012

Review of *The Lama Question: Violence, Sovereignty, and Exception in Early Socialist Mongolia*. By Christopher Kaplonski. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 2017 76(3), 783-784.

Select Conference Presentations, Invited Talks, and Workshop Papers

February 12-13 2019. Heidelberg Germany

Keynote Speech: *Parliaments, Elections, and Post-socialism* in the Workshop “*Parliaments and Political Transformations in Europe and Asia: Political Representation in Russia, China, Mongolia, and Ukraine in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century*.” University of Heidelberg.

December 1 2018, Cambridge MA

An Experience of Being Someone Else. Presentation at a symposium to celebrate Mary Steedly’s scholarship and its broader influence: *Other Voices, Other Stories: Mary Margaret Steedly’s Ethnographic Legacies*, Harvard Anthropology Department, the Asia Center, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Harvard University

November 17 2018, San Jose CA

Spirits. Presentation at the Invited Panel *The Said and the Unsaid: Honoring the Legacy of Mary Margaret Steedly*. Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association.

November 10 2017, Waltham MA

Invited presentation on Democracy, Elections, and Gender in a class Anthropology of Development taught by Professor Derek Sheridan. Anthropology Department, Brandeis University.

November 10 2017, Waltham MA

Electoral Selves and Campaigned Lives: The New Economy of Democratization in Postsocialist Mongolia. Invited Talk at the BARS (Brandeis Anthropology Research Seminar). Brandeis University.

April 26 2017, Cambridge MA

“Housing, Economic Class, and Heritage: What Empirical Studies from around the World (Boston Metro Area) Can Teach us about City Life.” Presentation at the Workshop on Urbanism, MIT-Mongolia Pilot Program. MIT

March 31 2017, Stanford CA

“Electionization as Governing: (Neo) Liberalism’s Disowned Outcomes?” Paper presented at the double panel: Limits of Exposure: the “crisis” of liberalism and the return of history at the American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting. Stanford University.

March 9 2017, Cambridge MA

“From Secrecy to Flamboyance and In Between: Shamanism, Migration, and Organized Religion in Urban Mongolia.” Paper Presented at Science, Religion, and Culture Colloquium at Harvard University.

Nov 17 2016, Minneapolis MN

“A ‘Census’ Changes Everything: Women, Elections, and Neo-Technocratic State.” Paper Presented in a panel: Performance, Persona, and Gendered Beings at the American Anthropological Association annual Meeting.

Nov 3 2016, Berlin Germany

“From Secrecy to Flamboyance: Shamanism, Migration, and Urban Life in Mongolia.” Paper presented at a Humboldt Foundation Workshop titled Religion and the City: Inter-Religious Exchanges in Urban Environments. Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften.

Sept 28 2016, Berkeley CA

“Misfits of Higher Order: Inside and Outside the State.” Paper presented at The Mongolia Initiative, under the Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

Sept 27 2016, Berkeley CA

“*Electionization* and Postsocialist Subjectivity: Women Running for Parliamentary Elections in Mongolia.” Keynote at the Opening of the UC Berkeley Mongolia Initiative. UC Berkeley.

June 24 2016, Warsaw Poland

“Introverted Ethnicity: Rituals and Narratives of Origins among the Buryats in Postsocialist Mongolia.” A paper presented at the workshop *Facing the Challenge of Identification: New Approaches to Buryat Identities and Their Cross-border dynamics*. Institute of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw.

June 21 2016, Honk Kong

“Beauty as a Political Project.” Presentation at the panel Gender Construction at the Society for East Asian Anthropology Conference, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. (Digital Presentation)

March 12 2016, Bloomington Indiana

“A Thousand Steps to Parliament: Elections, Gender, and New Political Subjectivities in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Keynote at the Association for Central Eurasian Students’ Annual Conference, Indiana University.

Feb 13 2016, Cambridge MA

“A Thousand Steps to Parliament: Women Running for Election in Postsocialist Mongolia.” A paper presented at the panel, Empowered: How Can Everyone Benefit from Asia’s Development? Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations Panel, Harvard University.

November 19 2015, Denver Colorado

“Broadcasting Female Candidates in the Mongolian Parliamentary Elections”

A paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in a Panel: Migration, Materiality, and Political Subjectivity.

June 2015 Copenhagen, Denmark

“How Mongolian Elections Help to Steer Gender Theories in New Directions.” Presentation at one-day roundtable, “Mongolia as a Theory,” organized in conjunction with the 7th Asian Dynamics Initiative Conference held at the University of Copenhagen.

March 2015, Princeton NJ

“Technologies of Elections and Appearance of Democracy.” Presentation at the Seminar at the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ.

December 6 2014, Washington DC

“Intellect-full Women: Creative Electoral Strategies and Parliamentary Politics in Postsocialist Mongolia.” A paper to be presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in a Panel: The Artifice of Power: Technologies of Election and Production of Knowledge in Contemporary Democracies.

April 11 2014, Boston MA

“Millennial Haunting: The Social Life of Ghosts, Shamanism, and Memory against Culture in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of American Ethnological Society Meeting.

April 4 2014, MIT Cambridge MA

“Intellect-*full* Women: Strategies in Running for Parliamentary Elections in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Presentation at the Women and Gender Studies Intellectual Forum.

March 29 2014, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

“Millennial Haunting: The Social Life of Ghosts, Shamanism, and Memory against Culture in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Presented at Hauntology: Anthropological and Psychoanalytic Perspectives. (A special two-day meeting of the Friday Morning Seminar in Culture, Psychiatry and Global Mental Health).

March 27 2014, Philadelphia PA

“Millennial Haunting: The Social Life of Ghosts, Shamanism, and Memory against Culture in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Presentation in a Panel Memory, Narrative, and Violence among Contemporary Mongolians and Mongols on the Margins of Russia and China at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies

March 2014, Cambridge MA

“Why is there Cross-Cultural Misunderstanding?” Presentation as part of a workshop on Building Cross-Cultural Awareness, for students doing internships and research abroad. Sponsored by MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI).

February 26 2014, UC Santa Barbara

The Social Life of Ghosts: Shamanism, Buddhism, and Counter-Memory in Postsocialist Mongolia. Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, Buddhist Studies Center and Vesna Wallace Research Fund.

February 24 2014, UC Santa Cruz

“Millennial Haunting: The Social Life of Ghosts, Shamanism, and Memory against Culture in Postsocialist Mongolia.” Department of Anthropology Colloquia

February 14 2014, Harvard University Cambridge MA

“One-Thousand Steps to the Parliament: Femininity, Media, and Women’s Strategies for Gaining Visibility during Parliamentary Elections in Mongolia.” Presentation at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.

November 24 2013, Chicago, IL

“Tragic Spirits: shamanism and a production of agency and identity against postsocialist spiritual publics.” A paper presented at the American Anthropological Association at a panel organized together with Sara Shneiderman (Yale University) Spirituality, Secularism and Sovereignty: Forging New Religious Publics in Asia

October 17 2013, Medford MA

“Tragic Spirits: Production of the Past after Socialism in Mongolia.” Guest lecture at a Freshman Seminar by Professor Rosalind Shaw titled: The Presence of the Past. Anthropology Department, Tufts University.

October 3-5 2013, Hamilton Canada.

“One-Thousand Steps to the Parliament: Elections, Media, and Gender in Contemporary Mongolia.” Presentation in Workshop on Political Representation of Women in Asia. McMaster University.

April 26, 2013, MIT Cambridge MA.

Discussant at the Workshop on Sex Trafficking and Technology.

Co-Organizer with Mitali Thakor, Heidy Gonzales, Kim Surkan, and Sally Hasslanger.

April 20, 2013. Columbia University, NYC, NY

“One-Thousand Steps to the Parliament: Elections, Media, and Gender in Contemporary Mongolia.” Presentation at the 18th Annual ASN (Association for the Study of Nationalities) World Convention.

April 17 2013, Boston MA

“People and Culture of Contemporary Mongolia.” A presentation at the 20-20 Investment Association Annual Meeting.

March 8 2013, NYC NY

“One Thousand Border-Crossings: Gender, State, and Parliamentary Elections in Neoliberal Post-socialist Mongolia.” Presentation at the Rethinking the Global: An INTERACT Lecture Series, Columbia University Harriman Institute.

March 6 2013, Cambridge MA

“Exchanging History for Sheep: Remaking Memory after Suppression in Contemporary Mongolia.” A talk at the Burchard Scholars and Faculty Dinner. MIT Faculty Club.

March 2012, Toronto Canada

“Impossibility of Knowing the Past: the politics of silencing after socialism in Mongolia”
American Association for Asian Studies Meeting.

April 1 2011, Miami, FL

“Provincializing Neoliberalism through Culture(s).” Conference on Imagining Culture(s),
Rethinking Disciplines. University of Miami April 1-2, 2011

March 11 2011, Urbana-Champaign, IL

“Spiritual Economies during Neoliberal Capitalism.” New Postsocialist Ontologies and Politics.
The Annual Symposium of SOYUZ, the research network for postsocialist cultural studies.
March 11-12, 2011 –University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

May 18 2010, Cambridge UK

“Skimming the cream off the top: why women do not always rule the elections.” Mongolia and
Inner Asia Studies Unit. Cambridge University, Cambridge UK, May 18 2010

May 20 2010, Cambridge UK

“Impossibility of Knowing the Past: the politics of silencing after socialism in Mongolia.”
Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University

Oct 2009, Boston MA

“The Revival of Shamanic Practices Among the Buryats of Mongolia.” Annual Meeting for
Mongolia Society in Boston, American Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting

November 2008, Vancouver Canada

“Women and Technologies of Election: From the 2008 Parliamentary Elections in Mongolia.”
Mongolia Conference, University of British Columbia.

November 2007 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

“The Impossibility of knowing the past in post-socialist Mongolia.” Department of Asian
Studies, University of British Columbia

Nov 2007, Santa Cruz CA

“The Impossibility of Knowing the Past in Post-Socialist Mongolia.” Presented
at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of California

Nov 2007 Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

“If You Want to Get Something Done, Go to a Woman: Gender, State, and Power in Mongolia.”
Simon Frazer University.

Jan 2007, Cambridge MA

“Exchanging History for Sheep: Proliferation of Shamanic Practices in the Aftermath of the
Collapse of Socialism in Mongolia.” Presented at the Anthropology Program, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology.

Nov 2006, San Jose CA

"Raised Corpses: Transformations in the Constituency of the Shamanic Spirit World After Socialism in Mongolia," American Anthropological Association

Nov 2006, Cambridge MA

"Raised Corpses: Transformations in the Constituency of the Shamanic Spirit World After Socialism in Mongolia," Harvard University East Asian Studies.

March 2006, Paris France

"Celestial Court: Imagining the Nation-State in the Margins of Post-Socialist Mongolia." International Conference on Inner Asian Statecrafts jointly organized by Cambridge University, UK and École pratique des hautes études.

Nov 2005, Waltham MA

"Dialogues on Democracy: 'Yellow Media' and the Internet during Mongolia's 2005 Presidential Election." New England American Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Bentley College

Dec 2004, Boston MA

"Healing, Health, and Gender: Strategies and Struggles to Restore Well-Being After Socialism." American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Meeting,

Oct 2004, Boston MA

"(Un)Protected Individuals: Shamanism and Gendered Survival in a Dangerous Economy of Mongolia." Central Eurasian Annual Association Meeting.

April 2004, Portland OR

"Sacrificing for the Nation? Memory, Fear, and Desire for Sovereignty." Conference for the Society for Cultural Anthropology.

Nov 2003, Chicago IL

"Striking the Balance? Civil Society, Shamanism, and Political Imagination in Mongolia." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.

Oct 2003, Cambridge MA

"The Spirits of My Homeland is Recalling Me: Nationalism, Landscape, and Religion Among the Buryats of Mongolia." Central Eurasian Annual Association Meeting, Harvard University.

May 2003, Cambridge, MA.

"Violence, Memory and Moral Community." Conference on Law and Disorder in the Postcolony. Harvard University.

Nov 2002, New Orleans, LA.

“Hidden Exploitation of Women: Making Shamanic Paraphernalia Among the Buryats in Post-Socialist Rural Mongolia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.

Feb 2002, Cambridge, MA

“Where are the Female Shamans? Gender and Political Economy of Post-Socialist Mongolia.” Peabody Museum, Harvard University.

Oct 2001, Cambridge MA

“Divine Blacksmiths and Profane Seamstresses: Gender, Power and Merit in Making Shamanic Paraphernalia Among the Buryats of Mongolia.” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University.

November 1997, Boston MA

“Who Makes the Shaman?” Presentation at the Mongolia Society Meeting. The Hynes Convention Center.

May 1996, Washington DC.

“Fire Worship Sutras in Tibetan and Mongolian from Three different periods.” Presentation at the Molia society meeting.

Ethnographic Field Research

- 2017 Pilot Research on Real Estate and Urban Development, Ulaanbaatar Mongolia (July-August)
- 2012 Research on Technologies of Elections, Media, and Women’s Participation during Mongolia’s 7th Parliamentary elections. Participant Observation and Interviews, with politicians, candidates, media professionals, and voters in Ulaanbaatar (March-July)
- 2008 Research on Technologies of Elections, Media, and Women’s Participation during Mongolia’s 6th Parliamentary elections. Participant Observation, Interviews, and Focus Group Interviews with Politicians, Candidates, Media professionals, and Voters in Ulaanbaatar, Darkhan, Erdenet, Tov Aimag and other provinces (January -July)
- 2007 Participant Observation on Political Decision Making, Role of Women, and Women’s NGOs. (Post-Doctoral Project) Ulaanbaatar Mongolia (June-August)
- 2006 Research towards book manuscript *Tragic Spirits*: Interviews and Library research on Political Violence in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia (Center for the Study and Rehabilitation of the Victims of False Accusation) (July-August)
- 1999-2000 Dissertation Research on Shamanic Practices in Mongolia: Participant Observation and Interviews with the Buryats and Buryat Shamans, Dornod Province, Bayan-Uul and Bayan-Dun, Mongolia (August 1999-August 2000)

- 1998 (Summer) Dissertation Research on Shamanic Practices in Mongolia: Participant Observation and Interviews with the Buryats and Buryat Shamans, Dornod Province, Mongolia (June-August)
- 1997 Dissertation Research on Shamanic Practices in Mongolia: Participant Observation and Interviews with the Buryats and Buryat Shamans, Dornod Province, Mongolia (June-August)
- 1996 Preliminary Dissertation Research on Shamanic Practices in Mongolia: Participant Observation and Interviews with the Buryats and Buryat Shamans, Ulaanbaatar, Nalaikh, and Dornod Province in Mongolia (June-August)

Professional Activities, Organizations, Services

Manuscript Referee

Ethnography (July 2018)
American Anthropologist (2018 January)
American Ethnologist
Cultural Anthropology (August 2018)
Ethnography (July 2018)
Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute
Journal of Asian Studies
Inner Asia
Ethos (April 2018)
Berg Publishers
Mongolian Studies (January 2018)

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| 2016 | Manuscript Reviewer, Yale University Press |
| 2015 to present | Manuscript reviewer, Cornell University Press |
| 2013-2014 | Manuscript Reviewer, Toronto University Press |
| 2011 | Manuscript Reviewer, Berg Publishers, University of Hawaii Press |
| 2016 to present | Editorial Board Member, University College London Press book series, <i>Economic Exposures in Asia</i> |
| 2016 to present | Editorial Board Member, Amsterdam University Press book series, <i>North East Asian Anthropologies</i> |

Professional Organizations

American Anthropological Association
American Association for Asian Studies
Association for Cultural Anthropology
Society for East Asian Anthropology,
Association for Anthropology of Religion
Association for Feminist Anthropology
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology

Professional Service (Pd.D. and MA. THESES SUPERVISED and ADVISING)

2017 (Present) External Examiner, Anthropology Department, Santa Cruz
2018 (Present) MA, Harvard University Davis Center
2015 (Present) External Adviser, Max-Planck-Institute, Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
2014-18 External Ph.D. Thesis Examiner, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
2015 External Examiner, University of Copenhagen, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies. Copenhagen Denmark

THESES SUPERVISED (Undergraduate)

2004 Celeste Le Compte, "If You Get Your Soil Healthy: Narrative Practice and Community Building in Central Illinois" (Social Studies) - Advisor

Professional Service (Committees)

2019 A member on the 2019 Clifford Geertz Prize in The Anthropology of Religion committee
2016 Book Prize Committee Chair for Francis Hsu Book Prize for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association
June 25 2015 Copenhagen Denmark
University of Copenhagen, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies. An external examiner for a Ph.D. thesis by Benedikte Moller Kristensen "Returning to the Forest: Shamanism, Landscape and History among the Duha of Northern Mongolia."

- 2014 Panel Organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Panel on “The Art of Electioneering: Interests, Discussions and Agreements in Electoral Competition.” Washington DC.
- 2014 Panel Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Panel on “Memory, Narrative, and Violence among Contemporary Mongolians and Mongols on the Margins of Russia and China.”
- 2013 Panel Organizer with Sara Shneiderman (Yale University), American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Panel on “Spirituality, Secularism and Sovereignty: Forging New Religious Publics in Asia.” Chicago IL.
- 2012 Committee Member, Student Prize Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.
- 2007-2012 Consultant Oral History of 20th c. Mongolia, University of Cambridge. Located and worked closely with the team of interviewers in Mongolia on an ongoing basis. Helped to select the topics and the directions of interviews. Wrote interview summaries and helped to translate interviews and interview summaries. Participated in several workshops during the project in Mongolia as well as the completion workshop at University of Cambridge, UK.
- Nov 2002 Panel Organizer at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. “What Really Matters? On the Crossroads of Gender, Ideology and Everyday Practices.”
- 2000-2001 Curator, Buryat Shamanic paraphernalia, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University

MIT ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Departmental and School Activities and Committees

- 2018 HASTS Colloquium Series (Computational Culture and Democracy)
- 2018 SHASS Faculty Diversity Committee
- 2018 Department Representative for MIT Diversity Initiative
- 2018 Minor Adviser
- 2018 James Howe Prize Committee
- 2018 Academic Advisor for Anthropology (Attended CAP meetings)
- 2018 Faculty Newsletter Editorial Board
- 2018 HASTS Graduate Program Admissions Committee
- 2018 Undergraduate Officer

2017	SHASS Faculty Diversity Committee
2017	Presentation about Anthropology Department to the prospective graduate students during HASTS Visiting Day
2016	Undergraduate Officer (UGOFF) shared with Amy Moran-Thomas
2016	Departmental Representative; Graduate Student Colloquium
2016	Academic Advisor for Anthropology (Attended CAP meetings)
2016	James Howe Prize Committee
2015 - present	Faculty Newsletter Editorial Board
2014	Course development of “How Culture Works” for Singapore University of Design and Technology (SUTD)
2014-present	Faculty liaison for MIT-Mongolia Program
2014	James Howe Prize Committee
2013	Organizing Committee, MIT Symposium on Sex Trafficking and Technology, sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies
2012-2013	Steering Committee Member, Women’s and Gender Studies
2011	Undergraduate Officer
2010-2011	Women’s and Gender Studies Curriculum and Programming Committee

Educational Commons

2016	Anthropology Concentration Advisor
2016	Anthropology Minor Advisor
2015	Concentration Advisor, Anthropology
2013-2014	Faculty Mentor for Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Maria Vidart-Delgado
2013-2014	Student Events Coordinator
2012-2014	Concentration Advisor, Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies
2012-2014	Minor Advisor, Anthropology
2009	Undergraduate Curriculum Officer, Anthropology

Languages: Fluent in Mongolian, Russian, and English

Classes Taught

MIT

Ethnography and Fieldwork
Memory, Culture and Forgetting
How Culture Works
Slavery and Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
Dragon Ladies and Lotus Blossoms: Images of Asian Women
Cultures of East-Asia
God, Violence and Media

Harvard University

Modernity of Shamanisms

Introduction to Anthropology

Junior Seminars