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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

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

Honors and Awards

Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Social Sciences, Princeton NJ	2014
The School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM (declined)	2014
NEH Summer Stipend	2014
Leviton Prize for the Humanities (MIT)	2013
MISTI Global Seed Funds Grant (MIT)	2013
MIT SHASS Research Fund	2012
MIT HASS Dean's Faculty Development Fund	2010
NSF (Gender and Technologies of Election 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

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

One Thousand Steps to Parliament: Elections, Women's Participation, and Gendered Transformation in Postsocialist Mongolia. (In preparation).

Articles in Refereed Journals

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

Millennial Haunting: "Poisonous Knowledge," Shamanism, and Counter-Memories in Postsocialist Mongolia. *Cultural Anthropology*

Intellect-*full* Women: Strategies in Running for Parliamentary Elections in Postsocialist Mongolia. *American Ethnologist*.

Articles in edited volumes/encyclopedia/public journals

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.

Reviews

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

Select Talks and Presentations

December 6 2014, Washington DC

Chair and Organizer of a panel titled *The Art of Electioneering: Interests, Discussions and Agreements in Electoral Competition at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*

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

Organized 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 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

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

November 24, 2013. Chicago, IL

Spirituality, Secularism and Sovereignty: Forging New Religious Publics in Asia
A panel organized together with Sara Shneiderman (Yale University).
American Anthropological Association.

October 17, 2013, Tufts University, 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

October 3-5 2013, McMaster University, Hamilton Canada.

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

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

The 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. (My trip had to be cancelled due to terrorist attack in Boston during the Marathon).

April 17, 2013. Boston MA

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

March 8, 2013, Columbia University Harriman Institute 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

March 6, 2013. MIT 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.

“Impossibility of Knowing the Past: the politics of silencing after socialism in Mongolia” American Association for Asian Studies Meeting March 2012, Toronto Canada.

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

“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

“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

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

“The Impossibility of knowing the past in post-socialist Mongolia.” University of British Columbia, Simon Frazer University Canada, November 2007

Professional Services/Manuscript Referee

American Ethnologist
Cultural Anthropology
Journal of Royal Anthropological Association
Journal of Asian Studies
Inner Asia
Ethos
Berg Publishers
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2012 Committee on the Student Prize

Other Experience

Consultant Oral History of 20th c. Mongolia, University of Cambridge, UK 2007-2012

Classes Taught

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