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EDUCATION

1997 Ph.D. Anthropology Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana)
1993 M.A. Anthropology Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana)
1989 B.A. Political Science Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, Texas)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

9/2016-Present Head and Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
6/2012 - Present Head and Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas A&M
5/2011 - 5/2012 Interim Head and Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas A&M
9/2006 - Present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M
9/2002 - Present Affiliated Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Texas A&M
9/2008 - 5/2011 Affiliated Faculty, International Studies Program, Texas A&M
1/2001 - 8/2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M
9/1998 - 5/2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology Field Group, Pitzer College
9/1997 - 5/1998 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Iowa

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Cultural anthropology; Economic anthropology (household economies, gift exchange, migration); Anthropology of gender (gender and work; bride abduction); Anthropology of the state (politics of aid, citizenship); Anthropology of risk (radiation risk, nuclear testing)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2005 Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. *Markets and Market Liberalization: Ethnographic Reflections*. Research in Economic Anthropology Book Series, Vol. 24. Elsevier Science.
- 2004 Cynthia Werner and Duran Bell, eds. *Values and Valuables: From the Sacred to the Symbolic*. Altamira Press.
- 2003 Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. *Anthropological Perspectives on Economic Development and Integration*. Research in Economic Anthropology Book Series, Vol. 22. Elsevier Science.
2002. Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. *Social Dimensions in the Economic Process*. Research in Economic Anthropology, Vol. 21. Elsevier Science.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- In Press Cynthia Werner, Celia Emmelhainz*, and Holly Barcus. "The Citizenship Logics of Ethnic Return Migration in Kazakhstan: Privileged Exclusion in a Post-Soviet Context." *Europe-Asia Studies*. (Accepted for publication on October 21, 2016).
- 2017 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Choosing to Stay: (Im)Mobility Decisions Among Mongolia's Ethnic Kazakhs." *Globalizations* 14(1):32-50.
- 2015 Cynthia Werner and Holly Barcus. "The Unequal Burdens of Repatriation: A Gendered Analysis of the Transnational Migration of Mongolia's Kazakh Population" *American Anthropologist* 117(2): 257-271.
- 2015 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Immobility and the Re-imaginings of Ethnic Identity among Mongolian Kazakhs in the 21st Century." *Geoforum* 59: 119-128.
- 2013 Cynthia Werner, Holly Barcus, and Namara Brede. "Discovering a Sense of Well-Being Through the Revival of Islam: Profiles of Kazakh Imams in Western Mongolia" *Central Asian Survey* 32(4): 527-541.
- 2010 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "The Kazakhs of Western Mongolia: Transnational Migration from 1990-2008" *Asian Ethnicity* 11(2): 209-228.
- 2009 Cynthia Werner. "Bride Abduction in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Marking a Shift Towards Patriarchy through Local Discourses of Shame and Tradition" *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 15: 314-331.
- 2009 Cynthia Werner and Holly Barcus. "Mobility, Immobility and Return Migration: The Impact of Transnational Migration on the Kazakh Diaspora in Mongolia" *Migration Letters* 6(1): 49-62.
- 2007 Kathleen Purvis-Roberts, Cynthia Werner, and Irene Frank. "Perceived Risks from Radiation and Nuclear Testing Near Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan: A Comparison Between Physicians, Scientists and the Public" *Risk Analysis* 27(2): 291-302.
- 2006 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "After the Cold War: International Politics, Domestic Policy, and the Nuclear Legacy in Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 25(4): 461-480.
- 2003 Cynthia Werner. "The New Silk Road: Mediators and Tourism Development in Post-Soviet Central Asia." *Ethnology: An International Journal of Cultural and Social Anthropology* 42(2): 141-59.
- 2001 Tina Carlsen, Leif Petersen, Brant Ulsh, Cynthia Werner, Kathleen Purvis and Anna Sharber. "Radionuclide Contamination at Kazakhstan's Semipalatinsk Test Site: Implications on Human and Ecological Health" *Human and Ecological Risk Assessment: An International Journal* 7(4):943-955.

- 2000 Cynthia Werner. "Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan" *Human Organization: Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology* 59(1): 11-22.
- 1998 Cynthia Werner. "Household Networks and the Security of Mutual Indebtedness in Rural Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 17(4): 597-612.
- 1997 Cynthia Werner. "Marriage, Markets and Merchants: Changes in Wedding Feasts and Household Consumption Patterns in Rural Kazakhstan" *Culture and Agriculture* 19(1/2): 6-13.
- 1994 Cynthia Werner. "A Preliminary Assessment of the Attitudes Toward the Privatization of Agriculture in Contemporary Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 13(2): 295-304.

Book Chapters

- 2015 Namara Brede, Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Negotiating Everyday Islam after Socialism: A Study of the Kazakhs of Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia." In *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics*. Volume III. Edited by Stanley Brunn. Springer Publishers. Pp. 1863-1890. (Refereed by editor.)
- 2014 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "Cold War Memories and Post-Cold War Realities: The Politics of Memory and Identity in the Everyday life of Kazakhstan's Radiation Victims" In *The Anthropology of the State in Central Asia*. Edited by Madeleine Reeves, Johan Rasanayagam, & Judith Beyer. Indiana University Press. Pp. 285-309. (Peer-Reviewed by all contributors and external reviewers.)
- 2014 Barcus, Holly R. and Werner, Cynthia. "Transnational Migration, Local Economic Change, and the Persistence and Adaptation of Rural Livelihoods: A Case Study of the Kazakh Diaspora in Western Mongolia." In *The Sustainability of Rural Systems: Local and Global Challenges and Opportunities*. Edited by M. Cawley, A.M.S.M. Bicalho, and L. Laurens. Galway National University Press. Pp. 143-151. (Refereed by editors.)
- 2008 Cynthia Werner. "Patriotism, Profits and Waste: The Moral Dimensions of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal in Texas" In *Economics and Morality*. Edited by Lynne Milgram and Katherine Browne. Altamira Press. Pp. 143-166. (Peer-reviewed by editors and external reviewers.)
- 2007 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "Unraveling the Secrets of the Past: Contested Versions of Nuclear Testing in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan" In *Half-Lives and Half-Truths: Confronting the Radioactive Legacy of the Cold War*. Edited by Barbara Johnston. Santa Fe, New Mexico: School for Advanced Research Press. Pp. 277-298. (Peer-reviewed by editor and external reviewers.)
- 2004 Cynthia Werner. "Women, Marriage, and the Nation-State: The Rise of Non-consensual Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan." In *Transformations of Central Asian States: From Soviet Rule to Independence*. Edited by Pauline Jones Luong. Cornell University Press. Pp. 59-89. (Peer-reviewed by all contributors and external reviewers.)

- 2004 Duran Bell and Cynthia Werner. "Introduction – Values and Valuables: From the Sacred to the Symbolic." In *Values and Valuables: From the Sacred to the Symbolic*. Edited by Cynthia Werner and Duran Bell. Altamira Press. Pp. xi-xxv. (Peer-reviewed.)
- 2003 Cynthia Werner. "Between Market and Family: Women on the New Silk Road" *Gender at Work in Economic Life*. Edited by Gracia Clark. Altamira Press. Pp. 115-124. (Peer-reviewed by editors and external reviewers.)
- 2002 Cynthia Werner. "Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan" *Economic Development: An Anthropological Approach*. Edited by Jeffrey Cohen and Norbert Dannhaeuser. Altamira Press. Pp. 183-208. (Reprint: *Human Organization*).
- 1999 Cynthia Werner. "The Dynamics of Feasting and Gift Exchange in Rural Kazakhstan" In *Contemporary Kazaks: Social and Cultural Perspectives*. Edited by Ingvar Svanberg. London: Curzon Press. Pp. 47-72. (Refereed by editor.)

Works in Progress

- Under Review Cynthia Werner. "Reflections on Rape Culture and Kidnap Culture: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of the Psychological and Social Forces that Reinforce Patriarchy." Paper presented at the School for Advanced Research Workshop on the "Psychology of Patriarchy," April 24-28, 2015. Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Status: Revised manuscript submitted in November 2015; scheduled for publication in an edited volume with University of New Mexico Press).
- In Progress Cynthia Werner and Katie Purvis-Roberts. *Fallout in Kazakhstan: The Politics of Risk after Four Decades of Nuclear Testing*. (Status: Book manuscript in status. Working on complete draft to submit for publication.)

Book Reviews

- 2008 *Modern Mongolia: Reclaiming Genghis Khan*. Edited by Paula Sabloff, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 2001. *American Anthropologist* 110(1): 139-140.
- 2008 *Everyday Life in Central Asia: Past and Present*. Edited by Jeff Sahadeo and Russell Zanca, Indiana University Press, 2007. *The Russian Review* 67(3): 547-48.
- 2004 *Markets and Moralities: Ethnographies of Post-socialism*. Edited by Ruth Mandel and Caroline Humphrey, Berg, 2002. *American Ethnologist* 31(3). Online: www.music.columbia.edu/%7Eecenter/AES/amereth.html.
- 2000 *Nation-Building in the Post-Soviet Borderlands: The Politics of National Identities*. By Graham Smith, Vivien Law, Andrew Wilson, Annette Bohr and Edward Allworth, Cambridge, 1998. *Nationalities Papers* 28(2): 375-377.

1999 *Getting Married in Korea: Of Gender, Morality and Modernity*. By Laurel Kendall, California, 1996. *American Ethnologist* 26(3): 769-770.

1999 *The End of Nomadism? Society, State and Environment in Inner Asia*. By Caroline Humphrey and David Sneath, Duke, 1999. *Nationalities Papers* 27(4):710-712.

Other Publications

2009 Cynthia Werner. "Ethics Training at Texas A&M" *Anthropology News* 50(6): 29.

2007 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Transnational Identities: Mongolian Kazakhs in the Twenty-first Century" *Geographische Rundschau International Edition* 3(3): 4-10.

2005 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "Unraveling the Secrets of the Past: Contested Versions of Nuclear Testing in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan." National Council for Eurasian and East European Research. Research Report.

2004 Cynthia Werner. "Ethical Dilemmas of Bride Kidnapping in Central Asia." *Anthropology News* 45(6): 5, 7.

2004 Cynthia Werner. "Kazakhs." In *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Men and Women in the World's Cultures*. Edited by Carol R. Ember and Melvin Ember. Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers. Pp. 572-580.

2003 Cynthia Werner, Kathleen Purvis and Nurlan Ibraev. "Comparative Perceptions of Risk from Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan: Preliminary Results and Proposed Research" *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 2(2): 11-14.

2002 Cynthia Werner. "Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping: An Issue for Women in Development Experts." Kennan Institute Brief. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

2002 Cynthia Werner. "Cold War Legacies and Post-Cold War Politics: International Aid and the Victims of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan." IREX Caspian Sea Regional Symposium Executive Summary. www.irex.org/programs/caspian-sea/werner.htm.

2001 Cynthia Werner. "A Profile of Rural Life in Kazakhstan, 1994-1998: Comments and Suggestions for Further Research" National Council for Eurasian and East European Research. Research Report.

2000 Cynthia Werner. "Consuming Modernity, Imagining Tradition: Transnational Processes, National Identity Formation and Wedding Feasts in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan" *Anthropology of East Europe Review: Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Eurasia* 18(2): 125-134.

1998 Cynthia Werner. "Women and the Art of Household Networking in Rural Kazakhstan" *Islamic Quarterly* 41(1): 52-68.

1997 Cynthia Werner. "The Eighth Annual Nava'i Lecture. Marketing Gifts: The Dynamics of Change in a Kazakh Village," *Central Asia Monitor* 6: 1-7.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2008-10	National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant. Co-funded by Cultural Anthropology & Geography/Spatial Sciences Programs. Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Holly Barcus. (\$98,520 through TAMU.)	\$173,000
2009	National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Graduate Students (REG) Supplemental Grant, Cultural Anthropology Program. Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Celia Emmelhainz.	\$5,000
2008	National Geographic Society Grant. Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Holly Barcus. (\$20,000; Declined due to NSF funding.)	N/A
2004	Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Grant on Contemporary Mongolia	\$6,000
2002-04	National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant. Co-funded by Cultural Anthropology and Decision Science Programs. Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.	\$145,000
2002-04	National Council for Eurasian and East European (NCEEER) Research Grant Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.	\$30,000
2001	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Grant. Women in International Science Competition Program. Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.	\$8,000
2001	National Research Council (NRC) Supplemental Travel Grant. Young Investigator Program.	\$7,500
2000	National Research Council (NRC) Travel Grant. Young Investigator Program.	\$7,100
1999-01	National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Grant (NCEEER)	\$40,000
1999	Fulbright Scholar Award for Kazakhstan. Cynthia Werner. (Declined)	N/A
1998	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant.	\$3,700
1998	International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Travel Grant	\$3,500
1995	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant	\$9,000
1994-95	International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Research Grant	\$13,000

External Research Fellowships

1999-01	Social Science Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship	\$30,000
1995-96	Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship	\$15,000
1992-94	Social Science Research Council Graduate Training Fellowship	\$30,000

Internal Research Grants and Fellowships

2014	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$1,500
2012	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$1,500
2012	Innovations in Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accountability (IIDEA) Grant (Co-author). College of Liberal Arts.	\$4,000
2011	Internal Faculty Fellowship Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. (Semester course release and research bursary).	\$1,000
2011	Mini-Grant (lead author). ADVANCE Center for Women Faculty.	\$8,000
2009-10	Stipendiary Fellow (International Studies). Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. Research bursary)	\$1,500
2008-09	Stipendiary Fellow (International Studies). Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. (Research bursary)	\$1,500
2008	International Research and Travel Grant (IRTAG). International Programs.	\$2,290
2008	Buttrill Curriculum Enhancement Grant. Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research.	\$800
2007	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$1,500
2006	Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA). VPR.	\$10,000
2006	Women's Interdisciplinary Seed Grant Research Award. Women's Studies.	\$15,000
2006	International Curriculum Development Grant. International Studies	\$1,000
2005	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$1,500
2005	Faculty Research Enhancement Award. College of Liberal Arts.	\$5,000
2003	Internal Faculty Fellowship Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. (Semester course release and research bursary).	\$1,000

2003	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$750
2002	Faculty Research Enhancement Award. College of Liberal Arts.	\$5,000
2002	International Conference Travel Grant. College of Liberal Arts.	\$750
2001	Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA). VPR.	\$8,000
2001	Faculty Research Fellowship Award, Lowry Mays College of Business and the Women's Studies Program.	\$2,000
2001	International Research and Travel Grant (IRTAG). International Programs.	\$1,000

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

School for Advanced Research Workshop on the "*The Psychology of Patriarchy*." Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 18-24, 2015.

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Seminar on "*Sustenance*." Texas A&M. January-May 2011.

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropology Research, Workshop on "*The Anthropology of the State in Central Asia*." University of Manchester/Buxton, England. Sept. 14-17, 2009.

Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Workshop on "*Governance and Mobility in Eurasia*." University of Michigan. Faculty Participant. March 2006.

Fulbright Hays "*Contemporary Mongolia Project*." Mongolia. June 3 – July 5, 2004

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Seminar on "*Definitions of Culture*." Texas A&M. January - May 2003.

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) "*Caspian Sea Regional Policy Symposium*." Washington, DC. 2002

Kennan Institute Workshop Series on "*The Role of Women in Post-Communist Transitions*," Washington, DC, 2000-02.

Harvard University's Olin Seminar Workshop Series on "*Reconceptualizing the State: Central Asian States in Formation*." Cambridge, Massachusetts. 2000-2001.

National Research Council's Young Investigator Program on "*Social and Health Impacts of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan*." Washington and Kazakhstan. 2000.

University of Iowa-Grinnell College Bridging Project in International Studies on "*Dilemmas of Democracies and Democratization*," Iowa City & Grinnell. 1998.

Social Science Research Council Advanced Workshop on “*Soviet Sociology and Anthropology*.” Kennan Institute. Washington. February 6-10, 1993.

Second Annual Social Science Research Council Workshop on “*Soviet Sociology and Anthropology*.” Stanford University. June 21-28, 1992.

Social Science Research Council International Predissertation Fellowship Program Workshop on “*Conducting Social Science Research in the Developing World*.” Spruce Point Inn. Boothbay Harbor, Maine. June 5-8, 1992.

First Annual Social Science Research Council Workshop on “*Soviet Sociology and Anthropology*.” Stanford University. July 6-14, 1991.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Co-Curator, “Enduring Transformation: The Kazakh People in a Changing World,” Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Bryan, Texas. February 18 – June 2, 2010.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Student Advising

Supervised 3 Senior Honors Theses (Undergraduate Research Fellow Program):

2014-15 Susannah Barr; Outstanding Thesis (Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities)

2011-12 Aiden Powell

2004-05 Nathan Blalock

Graduate Student Advising

Currently Chair 3 PhD Committees: Hulya Dogan, Savannah Francois, and Shuru Zhong

Currently serve as a Member on 2 PhD Committees: Hao-Yu Choi (ANTH) and Lauren Redmore (RPTS)

Served as the Chair for 3 PhD Students: Margie Serrato (2013), In Huck Choi (2012), and Richa Dhanju (2011)

Served as the Chair for 5 MA Students: Jessica Dangott (2014), Evan Stewart (2014), Jianping Yang (2011), Celia Emmelhainz (2011), and In Huck Choi (2006)

Served as a Member on 8 PhD committees: Katherine Dennis (2016); Jill Zarestky (Adult Education, 2014), Chris Sparks (Anthropology, 2011), Zeba Imam (Communication, 2009), Naho Maruyama (Recreation, Park and Tourism, 2009), Carter Hunt (Recreation, Park and Tourism, 2009), Jayant Anand (Anthropology, 2007) and Ravi Mallipeddi (Communication, 2007)

Served as a Member on 8 MA committees: In Sung Lee (Anthropology, 2015), James Johnson (Anthropology, 2013), Hyun Ae Lim (Anthropology, 2012), Jeremy James (History, 2007), Madina Kenzhegaranova (Education and Human Resources, 2007), Yertore Orazay (Bush School of Public Service, 2005), Haiying Zhu (Anthropology, 2004), Xiaolei Wu (Anthropology, 2002)

Graduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M

Bridging Themes in Anthropology (ANTH 670) - 2016
Cultural Method and Theory (ANTH 604) – 2003, 2005
Anthropological Ethics and Professionalism (ANTH 640) –2002, 2008, 2010, 2013
Applied Anthropology (ANTH 641) – 2003, 2005
Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 650) – 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012

Undergraduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M

Peoples & Cultures of the World (ANTH 205) – 2001 (2 sections)
Social & Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 210) – 2002, 2004, 2009 (2 sections)
Cultures of Central Asia (ANTH 335) – 2002, 2005, 2010, 2014
Women and Culture (ANTH 404/WMST 404) – 2004, 2005, 2007
Applied Anthropology (ANTH 430) – 2003, 2005
Anthropology of Tourism (ANTH 489) – 2002, 2005

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips (2015)
Trip leader for the Silk Road Tour: Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan (Sept/Oct 2015)
Attorney Brett Starke (2014-2016)
Pro-bono consultant for an asylum case involving a family with Kazakhstani citizenship
Attorneys Warren Wolf and Gerald Byington (2013-2014)
Expert witness for a capital murder re-trial involving a Kazakh defendant
Central Asia Research and Training Initiative (CARTI) (2011-2013)
International Advisor for a CARTI-sponsored PhD Student from Kyrgyzstan
(Altyn Kapalova)
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (2010-2012)
International Advisor for a PhD student in the Department of Cultural Anthropology (Yerkin Massanov)
TCS & Starquest Expeditions (2010-2011)
Lecturer for “World Highlights: Epic Journey by Private Jet” tour (November 2010),
Lecturer for the “Ancient Crossroads of Eurasia by Private Jet” tour (April 2011)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (2004-2011)
Socio-economist/Applied Anthropologist responsible for evaluating the socioeconomic aspects of license applications for one low-level radioactive waste disposal facility and multiple uranium mining facilities. (\$70,987 in contract funds between 2007-2011).
Attorneys Carolyn Wentland and Bill Reece (2004-05)
Expert witness for a capital murder trial involving a Kazakh defendant
InterMedia Survey (2002-2003)
Consultant evaluating Radio Free Europe’s Kazakh Language Program

AWARDS AND HONORARY AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology, 2009-Present

Student Led Award for Teaching Excellence (SLATE), Texas A&M University, Fall 2008

Eighth Annual Nava'i Lecturer in Central Asian Studies, Georgetown University, 1997
"Marketing Gifts: The Dynamics of Change in a Kazakh Village"

Harold K. Schneider Graduate Student Paper Prize, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, "The Study of Nomadic Pastoralism in Soviet Ethnography," 1991

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

Title TBA, Keynote Lecture. UCLA Central Asia Workshop Annual Conference. April 20, 2017.

Cold War Memories and Post-Cold War Realities: The Politics of Memory and Identity in the Everyday Life of Kazakhstan's Radiation Victims. Department of Anthropology. Rice University. October 26, 2012.

Gender, Migration and the Kazakh Diaspora in Mongolia. University of Central Asia. Naryn, Kyrgyzstan. August 1, 2011.

Gender, Migration and the Kazakh Diaspora in Mongolia. Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Almaty, Kazakhstan. May 6, 2010.

Ethnographic Research Methods. Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Almaty, Kazakhstan. May 4, 2010.

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Almaty, Kazakhstan. May 3, 2010.

Modern Nomads: The Kazakhs of Mongolia in the Contemporary World. Co-presented with Holly Barcus. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Bryan, Texas. February 18, 2010.

Bride Abduction in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Marking a Shift Towards Patriarchy Through Local Discourses of Shame and Tradition. University of Wisconsin-Madison. March 25, 2010.

Gender, Migration and the Kazakh Diaspora in Mongolia. University of Texas-Austin. October 16, 2009.

When Science Fails the Public: Conflicting Perceptions of Risk After Decades of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan. University of Michigan. March 9, 2006.

Living with Radiation: Memories and Experiences of Kazakh and Russian Villagers Living Near the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site. Stanford University. Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies Lecture Series. Nov. 15, 2004.

When Science Fails the Public: Conflicting Perceptions of Risk After Decades of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan (Co-presented with Kathleen Purvis-Roberts). Pitzer College. November 12, 2004.

Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. The World Bank. Washington, DC. May 20, 2000.

Consuming Modernity, Imagining Tradition: Transnational Processes and the Nation-State in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. University of California-Irvine. January 12, 2000.

Marketing Gifts: Economic Change in Rural Kazakhstan. Keynote Lecture. Eighth Annual Nava'i Lecture in Central Asian Studies. Georgetown University. December 1, 1997.

Invited Symposium and Workshop Presentations (with expenses paid unless otherwise noted)

Reflections on Rape Culture and Kidnap Culture: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of the Psychological and Social Forces that Reinforce Patriarchy. School for Advanced Research Workshop on the “Psychology of Patriarchy.” April 24-28, 2015. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Cold War Memories and Post-Cold War Realities: Representations of the State in the Everyday Life of Kazakhstan’s Radiation Victims. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Workshop on “Rethinking the Political in Central Asia: Perspectives from the Anthropology of the State” Buxton, England. September 14-17, 2009.

The Kazakhs of Western Mongolia: Transnational Migration from 1990-2008. Symposium on Contemporary Mongolia – Transitions, Development and Social Transformations. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada. Nov. 14-17, 2008.

Fallout in Kazakhstan: The Politics of Risk After Decades of Nuclear Testing. Symposium on Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia: New Developments in the Field. University of Zurich. Switzerland. May 16-18, 2008.

The Impact of Post-Socialism on Women’s Lives in Rural Kazakhstan. Symposium on “Gender Issues in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Emerging Challenges, Emerging Opportunities.” Georgetown University. April 29, 2005.

Encountering Transition: The Case of Women in Rural Kazakhstan. Current Affairs Forum on “Communities and Conflicts in Central Asia and the Caucasus.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. September 30, 2004.

Markets, Networks and Gifts: Reflecting on a Decade of Transition in Rural Kazakhstan. Symposium on “Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia. A Decade of Field Research in the Post-Soviet Republics.” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle, Germany. December 19-21, 2003.

A Gendered Transition: Bride Kidnapping and the Post-Soviet Experience for Kazakh Women. Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies Workshop. International Conference on “Gendered Bodies, Transnational Politics: Modernities Reconsidered.” American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. December 12-14, 2003. (Expenses partially covered by TAMU.)

Cold War Legacies and Post-Cold War Politics: International Aid and the Victims of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan. IREX Caspian Sea Regional Policy Symposium. March 14-17, 2002.

Women, Marriage and the Nation-State: The Rise of Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping in Kazakhstan. Olin Critical Issues Lecture Series Seminar on “States and Societies in Central Asia.” Harvard University. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. May 10, 2001.

Between Market and Family: Women on the New Silk Road. Symposium on “Positioning Central Asian Women: Are They Destined to Be Second Class Citizens?” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, DC. April 18, 2001.

Between Family and Market: Women Traders on the New Silk Road. Kennan Institute. Conference on Central Asia and the Caucasus. Washington, DC. February 18, 2001.

Impressions From the Field: Kazakhstan. Conference on Central Asia and the Caucasus: Re-Orientations, Internal Transitions and Strategic Dynamics. Sponsored by the National Intelligence Council. Warrenton, Virginia. April 5-7, 2000.

Gender, Household Dynamics and Reproductive Behavior in Kazakhstan. Social Science Research Council Conference on Population, Family, and Gender in Muslim Central Asia and the Middle East. Bogaziçi University; Istanbul, Turkey. May 31 - June 5, 1995.

International Conference Presentations

- The Citizenship Logics of Ethnic Return Migration in Kazakhstan: Privileged Exclusion in a Post-Soviet Context.* Texas A&M University-Qatar Liberal Arts International Conference. Doha, Qatar. February 1-3, 2015.
- The Shifting Status of Kazakh Repatriates (Oralman) in Kazakhstan: From Privileged Migrants to Portrayals of Wrongdoing.* Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference. Nazarbayev University. Astana, Kazakhstan. May 22-24, 2014.
- 'Kazakhstan is my homeland; Mongolia is my fatherland': Considering the role of place identity and other cultural factors in shaping mobility and immobility decisions in a transnational community.* Paper presentation with Holly Barcus. Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference. Tbilisi, Georgia. July 18-20, 2012.
- Bride Abduction in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Marking a Shift Towards Patriarchy Through Local Discourses of Shame and Tradition.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Montreal, Canada. November 15-20, 2011.
- Unraveling the Secrets of the Past: Contested Versions of Nuclear Testing in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.* European Society for Central Asian Studies Tenth International Conference. Ankara, Turkey. September 12-15, 2007.
- When Science Fails the Public: Conflicting Perceptions of Risk After Decades of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan.* European Society for Central Asian Studies Ninth International Conference. Krakow, Poland. September 12-14, 2005.
- Living with Radiation: Memories and Experiences of Kazakh Villagers Living Near the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site.* International Council for Central and East European Studies' Seventh World Congress. Berlin, Germany. July 25-30, 2005.
- Perceptions of Risk and Economic Decision-Making: Daily Survival at a Former Nuclear Test Site in Kazakhstan.* Society for Economic Anthropology 23rd Annual Meeting. Poster Session. Monterrey, Mexico. April 4-6, 2003.
- Women, Marriage and the Nation-State: The Rise of Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan.* European Society for Central Asian Studies Eighth International Conference. Bordeaux, France. September 25-28, 2002.

National, Regional, and Local Conference Presentations

- Suicide in the Shadow of Kazakhstan's Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site.* Princeton University. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. November 3-6.
- The Perception and Politics of Risk in a Radioactive Setting.* Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. University of Georgia. Athens, Georgia. March 15-18, 2016.
- How Can Studies of Bride Abduction in Central Asia Inform Conversations about Sexual Assault in the United States.* Campus Climate Conference. Texas A&M University. College Station, Texas. March 9-10, 2016.
- Preparing for Academic and Non-Academic Job Searches.* Organizer and Panelist. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Columbia University. New York City. October 23-26, 2014.
- Past, Present and Future of Gender Studies in Central Asia.* Roundtable Panelist. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Madison, Wisconsin. October 3-6, 2013.
- Central Eurasian Studies: The State of the Field.* Roundtable Panelist. Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. New Orleans, LA. November 15-18, 2012.
- The Unequal Burdens of Repatriation: A Gendered Analysis of the Transnational Migration of Mongolia's Kazakh Population.* Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Bloomington, Indiana. October 18-21, 2012.

Modern Technologies, Global Food Systems, and Narratives of Food Safety in Central Asia and Beyond. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Symposium on “Perspectives on Subsistence: Food, Trade, Animals, and Ecosystems,” October 21, 2011.

Constructing Victimhood, Creating National Identity: Politics, Memory, and the Legacy of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Columbus, Ohio. September 15-18, 2011.

Moving Towards the State: The Benefits of Economic Citizenship for the Kazakhs of Mongolia. Poster presentation with Celia Emmelhainz. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meetings. Tampa, Florida. April 8-10, 2010.

Our First Experience with Clickers: A Professor’s Perspective. Paper presentation with Catharina Laporte. 2010 Teaching with Technology Conference. Texas A&M University. February 10, 2010.

Mobility, Immobility and Return Migration: The Impact of Transnational Migration on the Kazakh Diaspora in Mongolia. American Anthropological Association 107th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California. November 19-23, 2008.

Changing Gender Roles and Relations in Central Asia. Panel Discussant. Central Eurasian Studies Society Ninth Annual Conference. Georgetown University. Washington, DC. September 18-21, 2008.

After the Cold War: International Politics, Domestic Policy and the Nuclear Legacy in Kazakhstan. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Tampa, Florida. March 27-31, 2007.

Negotiating Gender and Bureaucracy: The Migration and Return-Migration of Mongolian Kazakhs. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Jose, California. November 15-20, 2006.

Reflections on Field Research in Kazakhstan: Survey Research for a Project on Risk Perceptions Related to Nuclear Testing. Central Eurasian Studies Society 2006 Annual Conference. University of Michigan. September 29- October 1, 2006.

Patriotism, Profits and Waste: The Moral Dimensions of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal in Texas. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meetings. Ventura, California. April 20-22, 2006.

Reacting to Radiation: Competing Perceptions of Health Risks Associated with the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site. American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 36th National Convention. Boston. December 4-7, 2004.

Good Food, Bad Food: Public Perception of Food Safety and Radiation in North America and Kazakhstan. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. Poster Presentation. Atlanta. April 22-24, 2004.

Cold War Legacies and Post-Cold War Policies: International Aid and the Victims of Nuclear Testing in Kazakhstan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Chicago. November 20-25, 2003.

A Return to Bride Kidnapping: Gender, Marriage and Nationalism in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Symposium. “Manifestations of Culture.” Texas A&M University. College Station. September 12-13, 2003.

Women, Marriage and the Nation-State: The Rise of Non-Consensual Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin. October 17-20, 2002.

Understanding the Practice of Bride Kidnapping in Kazakhstan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Washington, D.C. Nov. 28-Dec. 2, 2001.

The Morality of Exchange Revisited: Bribery, Corruption and the Development Industry in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco. November 15-19, 2000.

Between Family and Market: Women and the New Silk Road in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. Indiana University. April 21-22, 2000.

Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Chicago. November 16-21, 1999.

Economy and Society of Kazakhstan. Inner Asian Studies Workshop. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. May 15, 1999.

Corruption and the Struggle for Democracy in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago. April 15-18, 1999.

Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. Texas A&M University. April 9-10, 1999.

Imagining Tradition, Consuming Modernity: Transnational Processes and the Nation-State in Kazakhstan. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Philadelphia. December 2-6, 1998.

The Significance of Tribal Identities in the Daily Life of Rural Kazakhs in Southern Kazakhstan. Association for the Study of Nationalities 2nd Annual Conference. Columbia University. New York. April 24-26, 1997.

Inter-Household Cooperation in Rural Kazakhstan: The Security of Mutual Indebtedness. Central Eurasian Studies Fourth Annual Conference. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. February 8, 1997.

Marriage, Markets and Merchants: Changes in Wedding Feasts and Household Consumption Patterns in Rural Kazakhstan. American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting; San Juan, Puerto Rico. April 18-21, 1996.

Conceiving the New Soviet Family: The Study of Kazakh Family and Marriage in Soviet Ethnography. Central Eurasian Studies Third Annual Conference. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. March 30, 1996.

Confrontations with Capitalism?: Ritual Exchange and Household Networking in Contemporary Rural Kazakhstan. Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meetings. December 6-9, 1995.

Preliminary Attitudes Toward the Privatization of Agriculture in Kazakhstan. 5th International Conference on Central Asia. University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin. April 15-18, 1993.

SERVICE

Department of Anthropology

Department Head, June 2012-Present (*on Research Leave 2015-2016*)
 Interim Department Head; May 2011-May 2012
 Medical Anthropology Search Committee; Member, 2014-15
 Director of Graduate Studies; August 2007-December 2010 (Organized 17 professional development workshops, and 3 graduate student conferences)
 Curriculum Committee; Member, 2006-2007; Chair, 2007-2011
 Tenure and Promotions Committee; 2006-Present
 Anthropological Society; Faculty Advisor, 2008-2011
 Anthropology/Women's Studies Position Search Committee; Chair, 2007-2008
 Anthropology Department Head Search; Committee Member, 2007
 Anthropology/Africana Studies Position Search; Committee Chair, 2006-2007

Cultural Anthropology Program; Coordinator, 2004-2006
Executive Committee; Member, 2004-2006
Nautical Archaeology Position Search Committee; Member, 2002-2003
Guest Lectures in Department of Anthropology Classes, 2007-2009 (3 classes)

College of Liberal Arts

College Executive Council; Member, May 2011-Present
College of Liberal Arts Merit Review Task Force; Coordinator, Fall 2013
College of Liberal Arts; Search Committee Member, Department of Communication
Department Head Search, 2011
Graduate Instruction Committee (GIC); Chair, 2008-2010, Member, 2007-Present
Women's and Gender Studies Program; Tenure & Promotion Committee (Research
Report 2014); Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2007-09 (Research Report for 3rd Year
Glasscock Center for Humanities Research; Roundtable Participant, Roundtable on
"Teaching Ethics in Disciplinary Contexts"; April 1, 2009; Roundtable Participant,
Roundtable on the "Humanities and the Social Sciences"; 2007; Book Prize
Committee Chair, 2007; Advisory Committee Member, 2002-2008
Review, 2011; Research Report for 3rd Year Review,
2010); Roundtable Participant, 20th Anniversary Symposium on "The Subjects of
Women's Studies," March 27, 2009; Search Committee Chair, 2007-08; Affiliated
Faculty Member, 2006-Present; Program Review Committee Member, 2002-2005
International Studies Program; Advisory Committee Member, 2008-2011; Affiliated
Faculty Member, 2008-2011; Guest Lecturer, Introduction to International
Studies (2008-2012, 4 lectures)

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M Visioning for 2013 Committee, Department Head Representative, 2016-2017
Texas A&M Riverside Complex Working Group Planning Committee; Liberal Arts
Representative, 2014-2015
NSF Advance Program; Member, Internal Advisory Board, 2011-Present; Member,
Awards Committee, 2011-Present
Graduate Council, College of Liberal Arts Representative, 2008-2010
Office of Graduate Studies (Reviewer; Diversity Fellowship Program, Spring 2010;
Reviewer; Merit Fellowship Program, Spring 2009)
Vice President for Research (Reviewer, Proposal Planning Grant Program, 2005)
Alternative Spring Break Program (Faculty Site Advisor for trip to Lawrence,
Kansas, 2003; Faculty Site Advisor for trip to Cherokee Nation, 2001)
ALLIES Organization; Member, 2001-Present
Primary Author on one "white paper" and co-signatory on two "white papers," 2009
Culture & Global Ethical Practice course (Architecture); Guest Lecture, Jan. 29, 2009
Women in Power, Power in Women (campus group); Poverty Panel Panelist, 2007

External Service – Academic Organizations

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)
President, 2012-2015 (President-Elect, 2012-13; Acting President 2013-14,
Past-President 2014-15)
Elected Board Member, 2008-2011
Awards Committee Co-Chair, 2009-11

Membership and Institutional Linkages Committee Co-Chair, 2009-11
Nominations Committee Co-Chair, 2008-09
Conference Program Committee Member, 2008-09
Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA)
Secretary, 2009-12
Elected Board Member, 2009-12; 2001-2006
Web Site Manager, 2001-2006
Annual Meeting Program Co-Organizer, 2002

External Service – Editorial Boards

Central Asian Survey journal; International Advisory Board Member, 2015-2018
Research in Economic Anthropology Book Series; Advisory Board Member, 2014-2017

External Service – Manuscript Reviews

Article Manuscripts (in chronological order): *Nationalities Papers*, 2016 (1 manuscript); *Journal of Comparative Asian Politics*, 2016 (1 manuscript); *American Ethnologist*, 2015 (1 manuscript), *Central Asian Survey*, 2015 (1 manuscript); *Central Asian Survey*, 2014 (2 manuscripts); *American Ethnologist*, 2014 (1 manuscript); *Human Organization*, 2013 (1 manuscript); *Focaal: European Journal of Anthropology*, 2013 (1 manuscript); *American Ethnologist*, 2012 (1 manuscript); *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, 2010, 2011 (1 manuscript, 2 reviews); *Reviews in Anthropology*, 2010 (1 manuscript); *Europe-Asia Studies journal*, 2009 (1 manuscript); *Problems of Post-Communism* journal, 2008 and 2009 (2 manuscripts); *Research in Economic Anthropology* book series, 2008 (1 manuscript); *American Ethnologist* journal, 2000, 2002, 2004 (3 manuscripts); *Nationalities Papers* journal, 2002 (1 manuscript); *Culture and Agriculture* journal, 2001 (1 manuscript); *Violence Against Women* journal, 2001 (1 manuscript); *Agora* journal, 2001 (1 manuscript); *Sociological Perspectives* journal, 2000 (1 manuscript); *Cultural Anthropology* journal, 2000 (1 manuscript); Microsoft's *Encarta Encyclopedia/Encarta Virtual Globe*, 1998 (1 entry).

Book Manuscripts (in chronological order): University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009 (one book series proposal); McGraw Hill Press, 2007 (1 textbook); Stanford University/Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2006 (1 book manuscript); Allyn and Bacon Press, 2003 (1 textbook); Broadview Press, 2002 (1 book manuscript).

External Service – Grant Reviews

Kazakhstan Ministry of Education and Science
National Center of Science and Technology Grant Program, 2014 (10 proposals);
2012 (6 proposals)
Swiss National Science Foundation, 2013 (1 proposal)
Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2007 (23 proposals)
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)
Embassy Policy Specialist Program, 2010-11 (40 proposals)
Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Grant Program, 2008-09 (31 grants)
Short-Term Travel Grant Program, 2008 (30 proposals)
Individual Advanced Research Opportunity (IARO) Grant Program, 2005-06
(61 proposals)

Contemporary issues Fellowship Program, 2004 (33 proposals)
National Science Foundation (NSF)
Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT), 2010
(11 proposals)
Cultural Anthropology Program, 2008 (1 proposal)
Cultural Anthropology Program, 2006 (1 proposal)
American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)
Title VIII Final Selection Committee, 2017 (34 proposals)
Title VIII Grant Program, 2016 (1 proposal)
International Education Eurasia Language Study Grant, 2014 (2 proposals)
International Education Eurasia Language Study Grant, 2013 (1 proposal)
NEH Collaborative Research Program, 2008 (1 proposal)
Title VIII Grant Program, 2008 (2 proposals)
International Education Eurasia Language Study Grant, 2006 (5 proposals)
United States Department of State
Review Panel Member; Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Educational
Partnership Program, February 2004
National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER)
Review Committee Member; Short-Term Travel Grant Program, 2002-2005
(6-13 proposals twice a year)
Nuffield Foundation
Peer Reviewer; Social Science Small Grants Program, 2009 (1 proposal)
Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada)
Peer Reviewer; Standard Research Grants Program, 2003 (1 proposal)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Central Eurasian Studies Society
Society for Economic Anthropology
Society for Applied Anthropology
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Association of Feminist Anthropology