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EMPLOYMENT:

2011 – present
Associate Professor (promoted with tenure 2019),
Department of Religion
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

2009-2011
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Religious Diversity
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen, Germany

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 2009
Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Title: *Opening the Roads: History and Religion in Post-Soviet Buryatia*

M.A. 2000
Dept. of Anthropology, Columbia University, New York, NY
Thesis: *Reconstruction, Ortsbild and Local Identity in a Black Forest Town*

B.A. 1994
Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Thesis: *Dream Drums to Menominee DRUMS: Power Beliefs of the Menominee*

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

2019, *Buddhists, Shamans and Soviets: Rituals of History in Post-Soviet Buryatia*. Oxford University Press.

Winner of 2020 Best First Book in the History of Religions, American Academy of Religion, 2020 Honorable Mention for the Davis Center Book Prize, Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies, 2019 First Honorable Mention, Geertz Prize from the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, American Anthropological Association

2015 *Atheist Secularism and Its Discontents: A Comparative Study of Religion and Communism in Eurasia*, co-edited with Tam T.T. Ngo, Global Diversities Series, London: Palgrave Macmillan

Articles in Refereed Journals:

2020 “From Culture to Experience: Shamanism in the Pages of the Soviet Anti-Religious Press” *Contemporary European History*, Vol 29, Special Issue 2 (Religion and Socialism in the Long 1960s: From Antithesis to Dialogue in Eastern and Western Europe, Todd Weir and Helena Toth eds.), pp. 187-201.

2015 “Finding ‘Their Own’: Revitalizing Buryat Culture through Shamanic Practices in Ulan-Ude” co-authored with Kathryn Graber and Eric Stephen, *Problems of Post-Communism* 62:258-272

2015 “Performing ‘Culture’: Diverse Audiences at the International Shaman’s Conference and Tailgan on Olkhon Island” co-authored with Eric Stephen, for a special issue edited by Nikolay Tsyrempilov, *Etudes Mongoles et siberiennes, centrasiatiques et tibetaines* Issue 46

2012 “Soviet Science and Post-Soviet Faith: Etigelov’s Imperishable Body” *American Ethnologist* 39:1:138-154

2008 “What If We Don’t Know Our Clan? The City *Tailgan* as New Ritual Form in Buriatia” *Siberica*, Vol. 7:1 Spring 2008

Book Chapters:

2015 “Introduction” with Tam T. T. Ngo, In *Atheist Secularism and Its Discontents: A Comparative Study of Religion and Communism in Eurasia*, co-edited with Tam T.T. Ngo, Global Diversities Series, London: Palgrave Macmillan pp. 1-26

2011 “Symptoms as Signs in Buriat Shamanic Callings” in *The Healing Landscapes of Central and Southeastern Siberia*. David Anderson, ed. Occasional Publication No. 71; Patterns of Northern Traditional Healing Series No. 1, Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) Press in cooperation with the Centre for the Cross-Cultural Study of Health and Healing, University of Alberta pp.13 – 27

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP:

2019 Bukhe Baatar, short film produced with Tinatin Omoeva, funded by a Wesleyan University student/faculty internship. Available on the web at <http://jquijada.faculty.wesleyan.edu/video-test/>

2016 Invited Contribution to *Forum: The Anthropologist and the Community* in Антропологический форум. №30 [in Russian] (http://anthropologie.kunstkamera.ru/06/2016_30/)

2016 Podcast interview with Todd Weir and Tam Ngo on New Books Network (2/3/2016): (<http://newbooksnetwork.com/tam-ngo-and-justine-b-quijada-eds-atheist-secularism-and-its-discontents-a-study-of-religion-and-communism-in-eurasia-palgrave-2015/>)

2013 Finding “Their Own”: Revitalizing Buryat Culture through Shamanic Practices in Ulan-Ude, co-authored with Kathryn Graber and Eric Stephen, Institutional Report for the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) *Submitted July 2013 for publication on the agency’s website: www.nceeer.org/papers.html, but has not been posted due to funding cuts*

2010 Ties that Bind: the emotional entanglements of ethnography, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity Blog (August 2010)
(<https://www.mmg.mpg.de/44039/blog-quijada-ties>)

Book Reviews:

Piers Vitebsky, *Living without the Dead: Loss and Redemption in a Jungle Cosmos* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017), for *The Journal of Religion* (Oct. 2019), 99:4:582-584

Robin P. Harris, *Storytelling in Siberia: The Olonkho Epic in a Changing World* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2017), for *The Russian Review* (Oct. 2018) 77: 4:681-2

Donatas Brandisauskas, *Leaving Footprints in the Taiga: Luck, Spirits and Ambivalence among the Siberian Orochen Reindeer Herders and Hunters* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2016), *The Russian Review* (July, 2017) 76:3:587-88.

Sonja Luehrmann, *Secularism Soviet Style: Teaching Atheism and Religion in a Volga Republic* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011) In *Anthropos*, (Sept. 2014) 109.2014/2

Alexander King, *Living with Koryak Traditions: Playing with Culture in Siberia* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2011) In *The Russian Review*, (April 2013) 72:2:359-360

Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer, *Shamans, Spirituality, and Cultural Revitalization: Explorations in Siberia and Beyond* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) In *Anthropology News* (Dec. 2011):38

SCHOLARSHIP UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION:

Book manuscript in preparation: *Under the Eternal Blue Sky: Shamanism and Secularism in a Siberian City*

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2018	College of the Environment Faculty Fellowship, Wesleyan University
2017	Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Wesleyan University
2012	NCEEER Research Grant on the Indigenous Peoples of Russia
2007	Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2004	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
2004	IREX Individual Advanced Research Grant
2003	Leiffer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago
2003	Title VI - FLAS for Summer Language Study – Buryat
2002 - 04	Title VI - FLAS Academic Year Fellowship - Russian
2001	Title VI - FLAS for Summer Language Study – Russian
2000-02	Departmental Fellowship, University of Chicago
1999, 2000	Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship, New York, NY

FIELDWORK AND RELATED EXPERIENCES

6/2012 – 8/2012

NCEEER Funded Research Project, Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russian Federation

10/2004 – 10/2005

Fulbright-Hays and IREX funded dissertation research, Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russian Federation.

6/2003 – 8/2003

Title VI FLAS funded Language Study and pre-dissertation research, Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russian Federation

6/2001 – 8/2001

Title VI FLAS funded Language Study and pre-dissertation research, Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russian Federation

6/1999-9/1999

Archival and Oral History research for Master's thesis, Birkenfeld, Germany

5/1995 – 6/1998

NAGPRA Project Coordinator

Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn N.Y.

Coordinated compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), conducted consultations with Native American tribal representatives, designed, wrote and conducted 1996 National Park Service NAGPRA Grant "Identification of Funerary Objects at The Brooklyn Museum" (\$75,000 awarded to the Brooklyn Museum of Art)

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:

Invited Talks/Presentations:

"Buddhists, Shamans and Soviets: Making History through Rituals in Siberia" Havighurst Center, Miami University, October 22, 2019

"Shamanism through the Eyes of the Post-WWII Soviet Anti-Religious Press," at *Encounters of religion and socialism in Eastern and Western Europe during the long 1960s*, part of the Religion and Socialism Research Network, (Todd Weir and Helena Toth organizers), University of Groningen, Netherlands, June 15-17, 2017.

"Buryat Shamanism" Invited Talk, Mongolei Colloquium, Zentralasian-Seminar, Institut fuer Asien und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt Universitaet Berlin, June 8, 2011

"Symptoms as Signs in Buryat Shamanic Healing" in *Idioms of Indigenous Health and Healing*, University of Tromso, Norway June 4, 2010

Conferences and Symposia Organized:

Co-organizer with Victoria Smolkin, *Religion and the Cold War Workshop*, Wesleyan University, May 18, 2018 (assisted with organization)

Co-organizer with Ivan Sablin, *Traditional Religions, Secularisms, and Revivals: Buddhism and Shamanism in Northern Eurasia*, Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum, Germany, March 9-10, 2018 (co-wrote call for papers and selected participants)

Organized *Standing on Sacred Ground* Documentary Film Screening and Symposium, Wesleyan University, March 1 - 2, 2014

Religion and Communism Workshop, co-organized with Tam T. T. Ngo, at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen, Germany. May 5 – 7, 2011

Conference Papers:

"Bringing Siberia in from the Cold: Thoughts on Integrating Siberia into Indigenous Studies" and closing roundtable participant at SOYUZ Annual Symposium: Beyond the Soviet Slot: Race, Indigeneity and Identity, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, March 29-30, 2019

"Once and Future Buddhists: Etigelov and the Production of a Buddhist Chronotope" in "Buddhism in Russia: Revolution, Repression and Revival" Panel at the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Chicago IL, Nov. 9-12, 2017

"Shamanism and the Academic Search for 'Buryat Heritage' during Perestroika" in Religious Movements in Sociopolitical and International Context at the 17th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Princeton, NJ, Nov. 3, 2016

"Searching for Tradition: Perestroika –era Buryat Scholarship on Shamanism" in Religion, National Values and Secular Public Life, (presenter and co-organizer with Victoria Smolkin-Rothrock). Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, April 2, 2016.

"Proving Faith: Soviet Secularism and a Scientific Epistemology of Religion" in Magic, Science, Religion and Secularism: Articulating Science Studies and Critical Studies of Secularism, (organizer: Matthew Watson), American Anthropological Assoc. Annual Meeting, Nov. 18, 2015.

"Porous Shamanic Selves: The Morality of Kinship" in The Relational Morality of Religious Healing Etiologies" Kimberly Marshall panel organizer. The Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biannual Meeting, April 18, 2015.

"Rediscovered Shrines and Embodied Histories in Contemporary Buryatia" The Mongolia Society and the Mongolian Heritage Foundation of New York Conference to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the Dilowa Khutughtu, October 11, 2014

"Rediscovered Shrines and Bad Karma: Embodied Histories and Ritual Practice in Buryatia" in "Memory, Narrative and Violence among Contemporary Mongolians and Mongols on the margins of Russia and China" Association of Asian Studies (M. Buyandelgeryin organizer) March 27, 2014

"Shaman Genes: Shamanism as Genetic Heritage in Post-Soviet Buryatia" in "Raced Religion: Neoliberal Identities and the Racialization of Religion" presenter and panel co-organizer with Kimberley Arkin, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting November 21, 2010

"Whose Baikal? Shamans, UFOlogists and the Post-Socialist Politics of Difference" in "Post-

Socialist Politics of Difference” panel (D. Dzenovka organizer, Bruce Grant discussant), American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, November 23, 2008

“Etigilov between East and West: The Border Politics of Buryat Buddhism” 2007 Annual Soyuz Symposium Princeton University April 29, 2007

“God is One: The Continuity of Atheist Discourse in Buryat Religious Revival” Workshop on ‘Reassessing Religion in Siberia and Neighboring Regions’ at the Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany December 6 – 8, 2006

“What if We Don’t Know Our Clan? The City Tailgan as New Ritual Form in Buryatia” in ‘Sacred Landscapes and Shamans in North Asia’ panel (K. Metzko organizer, Laura Kendall discussant) American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting November 15, 2006

"Post-Soviet Multiculturalisms, Religion and the Politics of Recognition" presented at Baikal Meetings V – Education, Culture and Humanities Research of East Siberia and the North at the beginning of the 21st century, East Siberian State Academy of Art and Culture, Ulan-Ude, Russia. September 28, 2005 Published in conference proceedings, volume II, Ulan-Ude, 2005 pp.149 – 157

"Can Buryatia fit in the Sacred Slot?: A few remarks on Buryatia in the context of International Indigenous Activism" presented at the Philosophical school / UNESCO seminar – International Baikal Information and Cultural Forum, June 24, 2005 – July 1, 2005, Ulan-Ude, Russia.

“Implementing NAGPRA at the Brooklyn Museum of Art” presented at ‘Repatriation of Native American Collections, Related Legislation and Response’ Colloquium, New York University, Institute of Fine Arts, Conservation Center, NYC, December 8, 1997

Presentations/Lectures at Wesleyan:

Division II Lunch Talk: *Representing Shamanism: Thinking about the Soviet Union as a Secular State*, Oct. 5, 2018

Is Animism Good to Think With? Annual Where On Earth are we Going? Robert F. Schumann Environmental Studies Symposium, Sept. 29, 2018. Available online at: <https://www.wesleyan.edu/coe/symposiaandevents/whereonearth.html>

Many Paths to the Great Spirit: Recontextualizing the New Age Appropriation of Indigenous Shamanism, Center for the Humanities Lecture, May 1, 2017

Genres of History (Buddhist, shamanic, and Soviet) in a Buddhist Ceremony in Inner Asia Lecture at the Wasch Center for Retired Faculty, April 12, 2017

College of Social Studies Lunch Talk, *One Ritual Three Histories: Commemorating Dashi-Dorzho Etigilov in Post-Soviet Buryatia*, February 1, 2016

Division II Lunch Talk: *An Inauguration for Etigilov: Multiple Genres of History in Buryatia*, November 13, 2014

Moderator for *To Not Forget Crimea: Uncertain Quiet of Indigenous Crimean Tartars Panel*

Discussion, organized by Katja Kolcio, October 24, 2014

First Year Matters Talk: *Being Human in an Animate World, or Ways of Talking to Trees*, August 29, 2014

Faculty Commenter/Response *Archeology and Politics Symposium*, November 8, 2013

TEACHING:

Pedagogical Training:

“Religious Studies at a Crossroads” Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) conference, Carleton College, June 2017

Sustainability across the Curriculum Seminar, Wesleyan University, Fall 2016

Teagle Writing Seminar, Wesleyan University, Fall 2013

Little Red Schoolhouse Writing Instructor Training, University of Chicago, Summer 2002

Current Courses:

RELI 151 *Introduction to the Study of Religion* (Spr. 2014, Spr. 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spr. 2019, Fall 2020)

RELI 216 *Secularism* (Spr. 2013, Fall 2014, Spr. 2020)

RELI 239 *Modern Shamanism: Ancestors and Ecstasy in the New Age* (Spr. 2012, Fall 2013, Spr. 2016, Fall 2020)

RELI 270 *First Year Seminar - Magical Money and Enchanted Capitalisms* (Fall 2013, Fall 2017)

RELI 289 *Religion and Indigenous Identity Politics* (Fall 2012) *Indigenous Religions* (Spring 2018)

RELI 299 *National Religions and Political Rituals* (Fall 2011, Spr. 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2017)

RELI 307 *Ritual* (Fall 2012, Spr. 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

RELI 395 *Anthropology of Religion* (Spr. 2012, Spr. 2014, Spr. 2016, Spr. 2018, Spr. 2021)

RELI 312 *Indigenous Religion and the New Age: Inspiration or Appropriation?* (Spr. 2017)

RELI 398 *Major's Colloquium in Religious Studies* (Spr. 2020)

Theses advised:

Clare McGranahan, *Impossible Enchantment: The Paranormal, the Sacred and the Secular* (Honors 2012-13); Alexandra Sokolow, *Cyberspirituality: Constructing Religion through the Internet* (Honors 2013-14); Eric Stephen, *Shamanic Rituals as Sites of Religio-Cultural Revival: A Statistical Analysis of the Demographic and Cultural Differences of Attendees at Shamanic Ceremonies in Buryatia Russia* (MA in Psychology, second reader/advisor 2013-14); Jill Tan, “*Life is Suffering*”: *Exile, Suffering, and Cure in Tibetan Narratives from Dharamsala* (High Honors 2014-15); Shoko Yamada, “*Religion*” in *Practice: Making the Mood of the Nation through Tourism in Japan* (High Honors 2016-17); John Henry Vansant, *This Land is Not made for you and me: the Black Hills Dispute and Struggles for Authority in Sacred Land Disputes* (High Honors 2017-18), Margaret O’Donnell, “*Listen to What They’re Not Saying:*” *Language and the Construction of Meaning in the Work of Hospice Chaplains* (High Honors 2018-19)

Courses Taught at Other Institutions:

Anthropology of Nationalism and Religion (Fall 2006), Dept. of Social Sciences, The New School for General Studies, New York, NY

After the USSR: The Social Forms of Communism and their Legacy in the former Soviet Union,

(Spring 2007) Dept. of Social Sciences, The New School for General Studies, New York, NY

Teaching Intern for *Power, Identity and Resistance* Social Science Common Core (Winter / Spring 2003) University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Writing Instructor for *Reading Cultures* Humanities Common Core (Fall 2002 and 2003 – 04) University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant for *Symbolic Anthropology*, Prof. E. Valentine Daniel (Fall 1999) Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Service to Wesleyan:

Search Committee for Buddhism position, Department of Religion, 2017-18

Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities (FCRR), served in academic year 2014-15. Included reviewing appeals to Student Judicial Board (SJB) - Title IX cases.

Davenport Summer Travel Grant Awards Committee 2016

Department of Religion United Way Coordinator 2012-14

Participated in the search committee for the University's Repatriation Coordinator, Summer/Fall 2013 and participated in the unofficial Repatriation Committee 2013-14

Department of Religion representative to the Faculty Computing Committee 2011-2012

Other Service:

Peer Reviewer for various journals including: *American Ethnologist*; *Current Anthropology*; *Europe-Asia Studies*; *Gender, Place and Culture*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Diversities journal*; *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity working paper series*; *Sibirica*.

Manuscript review for Brill Publishers

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Near Native German, excellent Russian and Spanish, some French, some Buryat