

ANYA BERNSTEIN

Department of Anthropology and
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
Harvard University
21 Divinity Avenue #218
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 496-4987
abernstein@fas.harvard.edu

August 2019

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion and secularism, death and immortality, science and technology, futurism, the body, materiality, time and temporality, visual ethnography; Russia, Eurasia, Inner Asia, Siberia.

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D., Anthropology, New York University
- 2001 M.A., Visual Anthropology, University of Manchester
- 1999 B.S., Linguistics, Georgetown University, *summa cum laude*
- 1995-1997 Moscow State University, Faculty of Philology, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, two years of coursework

APPOINTMENTS

- 2017- John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Department of Anthropology and Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University
- Faculty Associate:
 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
 Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
 Science, Religion, and Culture Program, Harvard Divinity School
- 2012-2017 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Social Studies, Harvard University
- 2010-2012 Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, and Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2017-2018 Luce/ACLS Fellowship in Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs held at the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life, Columbia University
- 2017-2018 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford (declined)
- 2017-2018 School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico (declined)
- 2017-2018 The Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin (declined)
- 2017-2018 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University (declined)
- 2014-2017 NSF Senior Research Award
- 2012-2013 SSRC Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research
- 2010-2012 Michigan Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2010-2011 Mellon/ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipients Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2010-2013 Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2009-2010 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2009-2010 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2007-2008 Fulbright IIE Fellowship for Field Research
- 2007-2008 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2006 SSRC Eurasia Dissertation Development Workshop Fellowship
- 2006 Summer FLAS Title VI Fellowship for Tibetan Language Study
- 2004 SSRC Eurasia Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 1999 Phi Beta Kappa

Internal

- 2019-2020 Climate Change Solutions Fund
- 2017- John L. Loeb Associate Professor Annual Research Grant
- 2017-2018 Weatherhead Center Distinguished Research Faculty Associate Research Semester Leave, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2017 Tenure-track Manuscript Workshop Grants, FAS and Weatherhead Center
- 2016 Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship
- 2016 The Harvard Academy Junior Faculty Development Grant
- 2015 John F. Cogan Junior Faculty Leave Program, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
- 2014-2015 Medium Faculty Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2013 The Harvard Academy Junior Faculty Development Grant
- 2009 Humanities Initiative Research Fellowship, New York University (declined)
- 1999 Francis P. Dinneen Award for Distinction in Linguistics, Georgetown University

BOOKS

- 2019 *The Future of Immortality: Remaking Life and Death in Contemporary Russia*. Princeton University Press.
- 2013 *Religious Bodies Politic: Rituals of Sovereignty in Buryat Buddhism*. University of Chicago Press.
- ❖ Winner of the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion: Analytical-Descriptive Category, American Academy of Religion.
 - ❖ Honorable Mention for the Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies.
 - ❖ Reviewed in *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*. Interview: Religious Studies News, American Academy of Religion.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 Forthcoming: “Life, Unlimited: Russian Archives of the Digital and the Human.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 25 (4).
- 2016 “Love and Resurrection: Remaking Life and Death in Contemporary Russia.” *American Anthropologist* 118 (1): 12-23.
- 2015 “Freeze, Die, Come to Life: The Many Paths to Immortality in Post-Soviet Russia.” *American Ethnologist* 42 (4): 766-781.
- 2014a “The Post-Soviet Art Wars: Iconoclasm, Secularism, and Ways of Seeing in Contemporary Russia.” *Public Culture* 26 (3): 419-448.
- 2014b “The Impossible Object: Relics, Property, and the Secular in Post-Soviet Russia.” *Anthropology Today* 30 (2): 7-11.
- 2013a “An Inadvertent Sacrifice: Body Politics and Sovereign Power in the Pussy Riot Affair.” *Critical Inquiry* 40: 220-241.
- ❖ Reprinted in: Alireza Korangy and Leyla Rouhi (eds). 2019. *The ‘Other’ Martyrs: Women and the Poetics of Sexuality, Sacrifice, and Death in World Literatures*. Pp. 5-23. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.
 - ❖ Abridged version reprinted in: Christian C. Hammons (ed). 2016. *Exploring Gender and Culture Through Film*. Pp. 233-239. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

- 2013b “L'Asie du nord au sud: genre, pouvoir et position sociale dans la topographie bouddhique post-soviétique.” *Slavica occitania* 36: 257-285.
- 2012a “On Body-Crossing: Interbody Movement in Eurasian Buddhism.” *Ab Imperio* 2/2012: 168-195.
- ❖ Reprinted as: “Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation in Transnational Eurasia,” *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, 38: 157-182 (2017).
 - ❖ Translated into Russian as “Mezhtelesnoe’ dvizhenie v buddizme vnutrennei Azii,” [Inter-body Movement in Inner Asian Buddhism], in I. P. Garri (ed) *Buddizm v istorii i kul'ture buriat* [Buddhism in Buryat Culture and History], 272-300. Ulan-Ude: Buriad-Mongol Nom and Institute of Mongolian, Buddhist, and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2014).
- 2012b “More Alive Than All the Living: Sovereign Bodies and Cosmic Politics in Buddhist Siberia.” *Cultural Anthropology* 27 (2): 261-285.
- ❖ Reprinted in Cultural Anthropology’s Curated Collections: Sovereignty (2018)
 - ❖ Interview and Questions for Classroom Discussion by Cultural Anthropology (2012)
<https://web.archive.org/web/20181213213949/https://culanth.org/articles/25-more-alive-than-all-the-living-sovereign-bodies>
- 2011 “The Post-Soviet Treasure Hunt: Time, Space, and Necropolitics in Siberian Buddhism.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 53 (3): 623-653.
- 2009 “Pilgrims, Fieldworkers, and Secret Agents: Buryat Buddhologists and the History of a Eurasian Imaginary.” *Inner Asia* 11 (1): 23-45.
- 2008 “Remapping Sacred Landscapes: Shamanic Tourism and Cultural Production on Olkhon Island.” *Sibirica: Journal of Siberian Studies* 7 (2): 23-46.
- 2002 “Buddhist Revival in Buryatia: Recent Perspectives.” *Mongolian Studies* 25: 1-11.

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- In progress Afterword for edited volume-in-progress based on the School for Advanced Research advanced seminar “Death Culture in the 21st Century,” Santa Fe, 2018.
- 2017a “Sacred Necropolitics. A Dialogue on Alexei Yurchak’s Essay ‘The Canon and the Mushroom: Lenin, Sacredness, and the Soviet Collapse.’” *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 7 (2): 199-216. (with Alexei Yurchak).

- 2017b “Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation in Transnational Eurasia.” *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines* 38: 157-182.
- 2016a “Galsan Legden: A Sovereign Body Beyond the Nation State.” In Jeffrey Samuels, Justin McDaniel, and Mark Rowe (eds), *Figures of Buddhist Modernity in Asia*, 181-183. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- 2016b Review of Caroline Humphrey’s and Hurelbaatar Ujeed’s *The Monastery in Time: The Making of Mongolian Buddhism, Comparative Studies in Society and History* 58 (1): 273-75.
- 2014a “Cyborgs, Weak Cosmists, and a Russian Planet.” *All the Russias’ Blog*, NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, December 16, 2014. <http://jordanrussiacycenter.org/news/cyborgs-weak-cosmists-russian-planet/#.VJM1OieN3W5>
- 2014b “‘Mezhtelesnoe’ dvizhenie v buddizme vnutrennei Azii,” [Inter-body Movement in Inner Asian Buddhism], in I. P. Garri (ed) *Buddizm v istorii i kul’ture buriat* [Buddhism in Buryat Culture and History], 272-300. Ulan-Ude: Buriad-Mongol Nom and Institute of Mongolian, Buddhist, and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences [Russian translation of 2012b].
- 2014c “Forgiveness as a Sovereign Exception: Pussy Riot, Winter Olympics, and the New Russian Biopolitics.” *Critical Inquiry* blog, January 6, 2014. <http://critinq.wordpress.com/2014/01/06/forgiveness-as-a-sovereign-exception-pussy-riot-winter-olympics-and-the-new-russian-biopolitics/>.
- 2013a “Post-Soviet Body Politics: Crime and Punishment in the Pussy Riot Affair.” *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, September 16, 2013. <http://somatosphere.net/2013/09/post-soviet-body-politics-crime-and-punishment-in-the-pussy-riot-affair.html>.
- 2013b Review of Douglas Rogers’ *The Old Faith and the Russian Land: A Historical Ethnography of Ethics in the Urals*. *Canadian American Slavic Studies* 47: 82-83.
- 2012 Review of Morten Axel Pedersen’s *Not Quite Shamans: Spirit Worlds and Political Lives in Northern Mongolia*. *Religious Studies Review* 38 (3): 196. September 2012.
- 2009 “Antropologiiia media: osnovnye napravleniia” [“Anthropology of Media: Main Directions”], *Vestnik laboratorii mediakul’tury i kommunikatsii* [Journal of the New Media and Communication Lab], Department of Journalism, Moscow State University, <http://medialab.journ.msu.ru/antropology/380.html> (in Russian).
- 2008 “Po tu storonu realizma: k probleme raskrytiia religioznogo opyta v etnograficheskom kino” [“Beyond Realism: Representation of Religious

Experience in Ethnographic Film”] in E. D. Andreeva, Iu. B. Vinichenko, and I. V. Kondakov (eds.) *Audiovizual’naia antropologiia: istoriia s prodolzheniem* [*Audiovisual Anthropology: The Story Continues*], 153-161. Moscow: Institut naslediia (in Russian).

VISUAL ETHNOGRAPHIES / DOCUMENTARY FILMS

- 2006 *In Pursuit of the Siberian Shaman* (75 min). A feature-length ethnographic documentary on contemporary Buryat shamanism based on field research on Russia’s Olkhon Island. [Distributed by Documentary Educational Resources, www.der.org].
The Shaman Show (2008, 40 min) - short classroom version.
- ❖ Second Prize of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Eyes and Lenses IV, Poland, 2007
 - ❖ Audience Award, Eyes and Lenses IV, Poland, 2007
 - ❖ Reviewed in *Visual Anthropology*, *Educational Media Reviews Online*, *Sacred Hoop Magazine*
- 2002 *Join Me in Shambhala* (30 min). A film on Tibetan diaspora’s role in the Buddhist revival in Buryatia [Distributed by Documentary Educational Resources, www.der.org].
- ❖ Award for Outstanding Ethnographic Documentation, XVI Pärnu International Documentary and Anthropology Film Festival, 2002
 - ❖ Review essay by Hubert Decler: “Soundings into the History of the Buddha's Teaching in the Deep North.”
- 2001 *Dharma Kid* (20 min). An ethnographic study of Tibetan identity in India.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 Forthcoming, Anthropology and Slavic Languages and Literatures, Yale University.
2020 Forthcoming. “A CEERES of Voices” Event Series, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, University of Chicago and the Seminary Co-op Bookstore.
2019 Forthcoming. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway.
2019 Forthcoming. “Death and After” Series, Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life, Columbia University.
2019 Forthcoming. Public Lecture, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University.
2019 Annual Hindus Lecture, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.
2018 Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Smith College, Northampton, MA.

- 2018 Center for Russian Culture, Amherst College, Amherst, MA.
- 2018 Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University.
- 2018 The Embassy Network, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Boas Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University.
- 2017 Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2016 Science, Religion, and Culture Program, Harvard Divinity School.
- 2016 Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2016 Department of Anthropology, University of Aarhus, Denmark.
- 2015 Bioethics Group, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
- 2015 Laboratory of Anthropology of Contemporary Worlds, Institute of Sociology, Free University of Brussels, Belgium.
- 2015 Medical Anthropology Group, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
- 2015 Center for the Anthropology of Religion, Department of Anthropology, European University, St. Petersburg.
- 2015 Russian and Eurasian Studies Center, St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford.
- 2015 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 2015 Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.
- 2014 Theology Department, Georgetown University.
- 2014 Numata Lecture, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- 2014 Numata Reading Group, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University.
- 2012 Annual New Directions in Buddhist Studies Lecture, Smith College.
- 2012 Anthropology and History Workshop, University of Michigan.
- 2012 Department of Anthropology, Scripps College.
- 2011 Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University.
- 2010 Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan.
- 2010 Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, University of Michigan.
- 2009 The Rubin Foundation Scholars Seminar, New York.
- 2008 Department of Oriental Studies, St. Petersburg State University, Russia.
- 2008 Department of Sociology, St. Petersburg State University, Russia.
- 2008 Center for Social Anthropology, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Forthcoming. "Energy Aesthetics Symposium," New York University.
- 2019 NY Posthuman Research Group Spring 2019 Summit, New York University.
- 2018 "Managing the Undead: Technologies of Immortality in Contemporary Russia," for the panel "Imagining the Dead and Managing Death Across the Soviet and Post-Soviet Periods," Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2018 Discussant, "21st-Century Death Culture," School for Advanced Research Seminar, Santa Fe.
- 2018 Invited workshop. "Imagining the Immortal Body: Transhumanism and Cosmism Between Science and Religion in Contemporary Russia." "Beyond

- Disenchantment: Science, Technology, and New Religious Movements,” Oakley Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Williams College.
- 2018 Invited workshop. “Thinking about Science, Religion, and Secularism,” Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2017 “The Future of Immortality: Remaking of Life and Death in Contemporary Russia,” Manuscript workshop, Princeton University.
- 2016 “Freeze, Die, Come to Life: The Future of Immortality in Contemporary Russia.” “Signs of Life” panel, American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis.
- 2016 Invited workshop. “Matters of Life and Death: Politics of the Future in Contemporary Russia.” “Russian Politics Beyond the Kremlin” conference, Yale University.
- 2016 “The Gates of Immortality: Life Extension and Space Exploration in the Soviet Science and Fiction (1950s-1960s).” Conference “Scientific Utopias in the Soviet Union: Fiction, Science, and Power (1917-1991),” CNRS, Paris.
- 2015 “Freeze, Die, Come to Life: The Many Paths to Immortality in Post-Soviet Russia,” Beyond Humanism Conference Series: From Humanism to Post- and Transhumanism, Ehwa Women’s University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2014 “The Invisible Object: Relics, Property, and the Secular in Post-Soviet Russia” for the panel “Theorizing the Invisible,” American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2014 “Post-Soviet Body Politics: Crime and Punishment in the Pussy Riot Affair,” at “Sexing Sound: A Symposium on Music Cultures, Audio Practices, and Contemporary Art” symposium, The Graduate Center, CUNY.
- 2013 “Spirituality, Secularism, and Sovereignty: Forging New Religious Publics in Asia.” Roundtable Presenter and Discussant. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2013 “Caution, Religion!: Iconoclasm, Secularism, and Ways of Seeing in Post-Soviet Art Wars,” Global Secularisms Conference, New York University.
- 2013 “Trials and Triangulations: Blasphemy and Moral Injury in the Russian Art Wars.” Conference: “Complaints: Cultures of Grievance in Eastern Europe and Eurasia,” Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University.
- 2013 “Mobility, Authority, and Buddhist Learning in Postsocialist Eurasia,” SSRC Inter-Asia Fellows Workshop, San Diego.
- 2013 “Cosmopolitanism Re-incarnate: Crossing Bodies in Inter-Asia.” Panel: Buddhism and Inter-Asian History, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego.
- 2013 “Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation in Transnational Eurasia,” Invited paper for the symposium, “The Tulku Institution in Tibetan Buddhism: Past, Present, and Future Prospects of the Reincarnation System,” University of San Francisco.
- 2012 “Isolation as the Politics of Time: Cultural Sovereignty In Buddhist Siberia,” AAA Executive Panel “The Refusal of Relation,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

- 2012 “Gendered Cosmopolitanisms: Networks of Buddhist Learning in Postsocialist Eurasia,” SSRC Inter-Asian Connections II. Panel: Networks of Religious Learning and the Dissemination of Religious Knowledge across Asia. Hong Kong.
- 2011 “Tibetan Bodies, Buryat “Roots”: Negotiating Relatedness in the Transnational Terrain,” Panel “Intimate Cosmologies of Kinship: Tracking Spiritual and Affective Relatedness in Inner Asian Societies.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2010 Panel Organizer (with Robert Y. Chang), “Buddhisms in Motion,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
Presenter, “Buddhism After Socialism: Money and Morality in the World of Samsara.”
- 2010 Discussant, “The Modern Shaman,” Roundtable, American Museum of Natural History.
- 2010 “Mobile Bodies: Death, Reincarnation, and Border Crossing in Buddhist Eurasia.” Panel: “Migration and Transnationalism,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Michigan State University.
- 2010 “The Body as Gift: Gender, the Dead, and Exchange in the Chöd Ritual Economy,” Panel: “The State of Tibetan Anthropology,” 12th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, BC.
- 2010 “Sovereign Bodies: Religion and Cultural Politics in Buryatia,” for the panel: “Rossiiskii but not russkii: Russian Indigenous Minorities,” Russian Futures: Contexts, Challenges, Trends, Duke University.
- 2009 “Bodies in Flux: Reincarnation and Apprenticeship as Transnational Ties in Buryat Buddhism,” at the "Global Socialisms and Postsocialisms" Annual Soyuz Symposium, Yale University.
- 2008 “The Revival of Chöd (*gcod*) in the Gelug school as a Cultural Link Between Mongolian and Tibetan Worlds.” Buddhism and the Third Millennium Conference, Ulan-Ude, Russia.
- 2008 “North Asia Meets South Asia: Buryat Buddhists in India” at the Annual Fulbright Conference, Jaipur, India.
- 2007 “Pilgrims, Fieldworkers, and Secret Agents: Buryat Buddhologists and Eurasian Imaginary.” Annual Soyuz Symposium: "Locating "Eurasia" in Post-Socialist Studies: The Geopolitics of Naming,” Princeton University.
- 2006 “From Wild Men to Businessmen: Shamanic Transformations in Buryatia.” Workshop “Reassessing Religion in Siberia and Neighboring Regions,” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 2006 “Remapping Sacred Landscapes: Tourism and National Identity in Olkhon Island,” Panel: “Sacred Landscapes and Shamans in North Asia,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose.
- 2006 “Food for the Gods: The Matter of Sacrifice among the Shamans and Buddhists of Buryatia,” Panel: “Powerful Objects: Materiality and Metonymy in Four Asian Religious Communities,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2006 “Is Siberian Buddhism Really Tibetan?” Presented at the SSRC Eurasia Program/Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies

- Dissertation Development Workshop, "Russia and Eurasia in World Context: A Dialogue with East Asian Studies."
- 2004 "Navajo Religion," Conference "Cultural Links Between Ancient America and Siberia," Buryatia, Russia.
- 2002 "Beyond Realism: Representation of Religious Experience in Ethnographic Film," at the "Audiovisual Recordings of Traditional Culture" panel, International Methodological Seminar, Salekhard, Russia.
- 2002 "Buddhist Revival in Buryatia" at the "Contemporary Mongol Groups" panel, Mongolia Society/Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

TEACHING

Harvard University:

- 2019 Research Design/Proposal Writing (Anthropology, graduate). Fall.
- 2019 Humans, Technology, and Biopolitics (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Fall.
- 2019 Remaking Life and Death (Anthropology, graduate). Spring.
- 2019 Contribution to co-taught Methods course (Multi-sited and Transnational Ethnography) (Anthropology, graduate). Spring.
- 2018 Research Design/Proposal Writing (Anthropology, graduate). Fall.
- 2018 Humans, Technology, and Biopolitics (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Fall.
- 2017 Anthropology of Socialism and Postsocialism (Reading course). Fall.
- 2017 Grounding the Global: Introduction to Social Anthropology (Anthropology, undergraduate). Spring.
- 2016 Anthropology of Death and Immortality (Anthropology, graduate and undergraduate). Fall.
- 2016 Humans, Technology, and Biopolitics (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Fall.
- 2016 Anthropology of Religion (Anthropology, graduate and undergraduate). Spring.
- 2016 Religion and Secularism in a Global World (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Spring.
- 2014 Religion and Secularism in a Global World (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Fall.
- 2014 Dissertation Writing Workshop (for PhD Candidates in Anthropology), co-taught with Mary Steedly. Fall
- 2014 Religion and Secularism in a Global World (Social Studies, junior tutorial). Spring.
- 2014 Anthropology of Death and the Afterlife (Anthropology, graduate and undergraduate). Spring.
- 2013 Anthropology of Religion (Anthropology, graduate and undergraduate). Fall.

University of Michigan:

- 2011 Shamans, Nomads, and Commissars: Introduction to North Asia (Asian Languages and Cultures, freshman seminar).
- 2011 Anthropology of Death and the Afterlife (Anthropology, senior seminar).

FIELDWORK

2018	Cherskii and Yakutsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia (August).
2016	Moscow. Three months of follow-up fieldwork (June, July, December).
2015	Moscow. One year of fieldwork for the “Post-Soviet Culture Wars” project.
Summer 2013	Moscow, research for the “Post-Soviet Culture Wars” project.
2007-2008	Dissertation fieldwork, India (Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh), Russia (Buryatia and Chita region), Moscow, St. Petersburg, archival research.
Summer 2004	Pre-dissertation field and archival research, Moscow, Buryatia.
Summer 2001	MA fieldwork. Tibetan Diaspora and Buddhist Revival in Buryatia.
March 2001	Pilot research for MA. Tibetan Monastic Education, Dharamsala, India.

LANGUAGES

Russian: native

English: near native

French: fluent reading, writing, speaking

Italian: advanced reading and speaking, intermediate writing

Spanish: intermediate reading and speaking

Tibetan: modern colloquial, intermediate reading and speaking

Latin: basic reading

Old Church Slavonic and Old Russian: basic reading

SELECTED FILM SCREENINGS

2016	Division of Russian and Slavic Studies, Hunter College, CUNY, New York
2012	Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference, Univ. of Queensland
2009	Centre d'études mongoles et sibériennes, EPHE, Sorbonne, Paris
2009	State Ethnographic Museum, Warsaw, Poland
2009	Linden State Museum of Ethnology, Stuttgart, Germany
2009	International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, China
2009	11 th RAI Ethnographic Film Festival, Leeds, UK
2008	Delhi International Ethnographic Festival, India
2008	Nordic Anthropological Film Festival, Iceland
2008	Dialektus Film Festival, Hungary
2008	Center for Visual Anthropology, Russian State University of the Humanities
2007	Viscult, Festival of Visual Culture, Finland
2007	Globians Film Festival, Potsdam, Germany
2007	The International Society for Shamanistic Research, Budapest, Hungary
2007	Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention, Columbia University
2007	Eyes and Lenses IV, Ethnographic Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland
2007	Ethnographic Film Festival of Montréal, Canada
2006	Festival de Filme Documentario e Etnografico, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
2006	XV International Festival of Ethnological Film, Belgrade, Serbia

2006 SVA Film and Video Festival, AAA Meeting, San Jose, CA
 2006 Moscow Festival of Visual Anthropology, Russia
 2006 Sardinia Ethnographic Film Festival, Italy
 2006 Göttingen International Film Festival, Germany
 2006 XV Bilan du Film Ethnographique, Paris
 2006 Tibet House, New York
 2005 Regards Comparés: Mongolie, Musée de l'Homme, Paris
 2005 Buddhist Film Festival, San Francisco
 2004 Asia Film Festival, Finland
 2004 Heard Museum Indigenous Film Festival, Phoenix, Arizona
 2004 North American Interfaith Network Film Festival, New York
 2003 Religion Today, 6th International Festival of Cinema and Religion. Trento, Italy
 2003 8th Royal Anthropological Institute Festival of Ethnographic Film, UK
 2003 Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, New York
 2003 DC Independent Film Festival, Washington DC
 2002 XVI Pärnu International Documentary and Anthropology Film Festival, Estonia
 2002 XXI Bilan du Film Ethnographique, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, France
 2002 American Anthropological Association Film and Video Festival, New Orleans
 2002 III Russian Festival of Anthropological Films, Salekhard, Russia

ACADEMIC TRANSLATION

2002-2006 *Anthropology and Archeology of Eurasia, Journal of Translations*
 Translated anthropological manuscripts, articles, and parts of books, which best reflect developments in anthropology and archeology in Russia and the former Soviet Union, from Russian to English.

SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Peer-reviewer (journal articles):

Cultural Anthropology
American Ethnologist
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI)
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Social Anthropology
Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology
HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory
Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History
Inner Asia
Sibirica: Journal of Siberian Studies
Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research
Critical Asian Studies (formerly Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars)
Feminist Theory
Meditsinskaia antropologiia i bioetika (Medical Anthropology and Bioethics, Russia)

Peer-reviewer (fellowships and grants):

2019-2020	Forthcoming. European Research Council Proposal Reviewer
2018	Panel submissions review for the 2018 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention
2014-2016	The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (pre- and mid-dissertation grant applications and undergraduate Kenneth I. Juster Grants)
2016	Institute for Advanced Studies, Paris, France
2013	Social Anthropology Funding Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University (dissertation research fellowships)
2013	National Collegiate Research Conference, Harvard College Undergraduate Research Association (abstracts)
2013	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants, National Science Foundation
2012	Annual Postsocialist Cultural Studies (SOYUZ) Symposium (abstracts)
2011	Center for Global Change and Arctic Systems Research, University of Alaska (research grants)
2010-2011	Michigan Society of Fellows (applications for postdoctoral fellowships)

Departmental Service:

2019	Moderator, “Religion” panel, Anthropology Day
2019-2020	Assistant DGS (Director of Graduate Studies)
2019	Job Search Committee, “Race and Inequality in the United States”
2018-2019	Speaker Series coordinator, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2018-	G1 Advisory Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2018	Panelist, “Technology” panel, Anthropology Day
2016-2017	Speaker Series Co-organizer, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2015-2016	PhD Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2014	College Fellow Selection Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2013-2014	Funding Committee, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
2013	Presenter, Anthropology Day

University Service:

2018-2020	Faculty Council (Divisional Seat: Social Science), Harvard University
2016-	Faculty Associate, Science, Religion, and Culture Program, Harvard Divinity School
2016	Kenneth I. Juster Grants Selection Subcommittee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
2014	The Weatherhead Center Student Programs Committee, Harvard University
2013-	Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
2013-	Faculty Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
2013-	Social Studies Standing Committee, Harvard University

Conference/Panel Organizing:

- 2018 Organizing committee member (representative for Anthropology): American Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention
- 2016 Co-organizer (with Alaina Lemon): Signs of Life panel, American Anthropological Association
- 2012 Organizing committee member: Annual SOYUZ Symposium, University of Michigan
- 2010 Co-organizer (with Robert Y. Chang): Buddhisms in Motion panel, American Anthropological Association

Graduate and Postdoctoral Advising:

- 2019 Junior faculty/College Fellow mentor: Anna Jabloner
- 2018-2018 PhD committee member: Randa Wahbe
- 2017-2017 PhD committee member: Alex Warburton
- 2017 PhD advisor: Daria Savchenko
- 2017 PhD general exams committee: Anna Ivanova (History)
- 2017 Graduate student professionalization workshop: Publications and Conferences
- 2015-2015 PhD advisor: Yevgeniy Zhuravel
- 2015 Consultations for PhD students, Anthropology of Buddhism group, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- 2013-2013-2014 PhD committee member: Annikki Herranen
- 2013-2014 MA supervisor (with Timothy Colton): Laura Tourtellotte, "The 'Eastern Women' of Grandfather Apple: Visions of Motherhood and Work among Women in Almaty, Kazakhstan."
- 2013 Postdoctoral fellow supervision: Ruslan Rakhimov
- 2013 Invited speaker: "From Dissertation to Book," Workshop for graduate students, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

Undergraduate Advising:

- 2019-2019 Senior thesis advisor: Kamila Czachorowski, "Polishness through Media in the Polish Diaspora of Chicago."
- 2019 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Victoria Bolanos Cohen, "God Save Their Souls: An Analysis of Core Constituencies, Churches, and Gang Violence in El Salvador."
- 2019 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Belen Mella, "Selling the Self: Genetic Ancestry Tests and the Commodification of Identity."
- 2019 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Grayson Judge, "Designing for Digital Health: Imaginaries of Corporeal Management at Apple Inc."
- 2017 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Ari Korotkin, "Hear What I Mean: An Ethnographic Study of Digital Electronics, the Voice and Musical Composition."

- 2017 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Jacob Meisel, “Cloudy with a Chance of Change: American Meteorologists and the Roots of Climate Change.”
- 2017 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Juliette Cremel, “The Impact of Maidan, the Annexation of Crimea and the War on National Identity and Language Use in Ukraine.”
- 2016 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Alexia Zagouras, “Chimeric Knowledge and the Constructed Brain: An Ethnographic Account of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and an Examination of The Role of Klf9 in the Regulation of Activation and Quiescence of Neural Stem Cells in the Adult Hippocampus.”
- 2016 Senior thesis reader and examiner, David Paiva, “Militant Christianity and Universal Politics: Alain Badiou as Political Theologian.”
- 2016 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Hanna Evensen, “The European Brain: Imagined Futures and Science Policy in the EU.”
- 2014 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Nicole Delany, “Sneakerheads: A Commodity’s Role in Identity Formation and Sociality in New York City.”
- 2014 Senior thesis reader and examiner, John Heilbron, “The Spirit in the Pasadena Ward: Expressions of Agency in a Strict Religious Tradition.”
- 2014 Senior thesis reader and examiner, Judy Park, “Whose House? Asian American Youth in the Rave Scene.”

External Service (miscellaneous):

- 2018 Guest speaker, “Arctic Transformations” seminar, Colgate University
- 2017 Guest speaker, “Personhood” seminar, Columbia University

Editorial Boards:

- 2015- Anthropology and Archeology of Eurasia
- 2012- Medical Anthropology and Bioethics (Russia)

Member:

American Anthropological Association
 AAA Interest Groups: Society for Cultural Anthropology, Society for Visual Anthropology
 The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
 American Academy of Religion
 The Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
 Central Eurasian Studies Society
 SOYUZ – Network of Postsocialist Anthropologists