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Educational History

- 2013 **Ph.D.**, Folklore and Ethnomusicology (Central Eurasian Studies, Ph.D. minor)
Dissertation: *The Revival of Mobile Pastoralism in Kazakhstan*
(Chair: Dr. Jason Jackson; Committee: Profs. Henry Glassie, Nazif Shahrani,
Pravina Shukla)
- 2007 **M.A.**, Folklore, Indiana University
- 2002 **B.A. Anthropology** (Cum Laude)
Whitman College

Languages

English (Native)

Kazakh (Advanced)

Russian (Conversational)

Professional Offices Held

- 2013-Present **Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature
(School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Astana,
Kazakhstan)
- 2011-2013 **Instructor**, Faculty of World Languages and Literature
(School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana,
Kazakhstan)
- 2010-2011 **Assistant Editor**, *Kazakh-English Dictionary Project*
(Institute for Economic Strategy in Central Asia: Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Awards

- 2017 **Overall Excellence in Teaching,**
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University
- 2013 **Outstanding Instruction in the Humanities**
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University
- 2007 **Pass with Distinction**
Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, Indiana University
(Acting Chair: Dr. Richard Bauman)

Grants

- 2016 **Institute for Advanced Studies at Nazarbayev University**
(with Zach Cofran) “The Bukhtarma River Survey” (Joint ethnographic and archaeological survey of the Bukhtarma River basin, Altay district)
- 2008 **Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship**
Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant, “Pastoral Past as National Identity? Pastoralism, Exchange-Networks, and National Heritage in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan”
- 2008 **Fulbright IIE Fellowship**
U.S. Student Grant, “Identity and Nomadic Pastoral Heritage in post-Soviet Kazakhstan,” (declined).
- 2007 **U.S Department of State Fellowship**
Program for Research and Training on Eurasia and Eastern Europe (Title VIII), American Councils Summer 2007 Eurasian Regional Language Program (Kazakhstan).
- 2007 **Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship**
Summer Grant (Title VIII), American Councils Eurasian Regional Language Program (Kazakhstan). Inner Asian and Uralic National Resources Center, Indiana University.
- 2006-7 **Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship**
Academic Year Grant (Title VIII), Advanced Kazakh. Inner Asian and Uralic National Resources Center, Indiana University.
- 2006 **Summer pre-Dissertation Travel Grant (Kazakhstan)**
Office of International Programs, Indiana University.

- 2005 **Social Science Research Council Summer Language Fellowship**
Introductory Kazakh. Inner Asian and Uralic National Resources Center,
Indiana University.

Research

Journal Articles

- 2018 "Aqyn agha? Abai Zholy as socialist realism and as literary history." *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 9, no 1: 2-11.
- 2017 "Cultural histories of kumiss: tuberculosis, heritage and national health in post-Soviet Kazakhstan." *Central Asian Survey* 36:4, 493-510.
- 2017 "Informal Vows: Common Law Marriage, Domestic Labour, and Pastoral Production in Kazakhstan." *Inner Asia*, 19:1, 110-132.
- 2016 "By Coin or By Kine: Barter and Pastoral Production in Kazakhstan." *Ethnos*, 81:1, 53-74

Translations

- 2010 [Eng. trans. of] *Kazaxskie Narodnye Skazki na trekh iazykakh* [Kazakh National Folktales in three languages], M. I. Uiukbaeva, ed. Vox Populi: Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Reviews

- 2018 [Review of] *The World of the Khanty Epic Hero-Princes: An Exploration of a Siberian Oral Tradition*, Arthur Hatto. *Journal of Folklore Research*.
- 2014 [Review of] *The Stories of the Great Steppe: The Anthology of Modern Kazakh Literature*, Rafis Abazov, ed. *Transitions Online*.
- 2004 [Review of] *Of Corpse: Death and Humor in Folklore and Popular Culture*, Peter Narváez, ed. *Folklore Forum*.

Academic Presentations

Conference Papers

- 2019 “Death Scenes and Narrative Form in Kazakh Oral Epic: Tolegen and Qyz Zhibek.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting. George Washington University, USA.
- 2019 “Death Scenes and Elegy in Kazakh Literature.” European Society for Central Asian Studies Biennial Conference. University of Exeter, England
- 2018 “Translation and Academia in Central Eurasian Studies.” Round-table moderator. Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. University of Pittsburgh, USA.
- 2018 “Of Crossed-Dressed Batyrs and Transvestite Tricksters: Gender Performance in Central Asian Folktales,” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. University of Pittsburgh, USA.
- 2018 Author-Critic Forum: *Rewriting the Nation in Modern Kazakh Literature* (Diana Kudaibergenova, 2017). Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. University of Pittsburgh, USA.
- 2018 “Of Roads and Routes: Small Holder Mobile Pastoral Practices in Contemporary Kazakhstan.” Center for Anthropological Studies on Central Asia Workshop. Ideas and Practices: Exploring Economic and Social Transformation in Central Asia. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 2017 “Trickster, Comrade, Citizen: The Adventures of Aldar Kose in Folk Tales and Popular Culture,” CASI Workshop: Intersections of History and Literature in Central Asia. American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- 2016 “A Meteorology of Natural Disasters: The Baikonur cosmodrome and popular perceptions of climate change.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Princeton University, USA.
- 2015 “A Horse Born of Foam: The Sea Horse in Kazakh Culture.” European Society for Central Asian Studies Biennial Conference. Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2015 “*Abai Zholy* as Socialist Realism and as National Romance.” Orientalism, Colonial Thinking, and the Former Soviet Periphery. Vilnius University, Lithuania.

- 2015 “The Intimate Inedible and the Exiled Edible: The Horse as Companion Species and as Food in Kazakh Culture.” Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth Annual Conference. University of Exeter, UK.
- 2014 “‘Like a River Wild in Flood’: Literary Genealogy and the Politics of Poetic Speech in Kazakh Literature.” *Intersections of History and Literature in Central Asia*. American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan.
- 2013 “Informal Vows: Common Law Marriage and Pastoral Production in Kazakhstan” *Informal Practices and Structures in Eastern Europe and Central Asia*. University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2013 “Kazakh Literature in the 19th Century: the Case of the Zar Zaman Poets” *Kazakh Culture: Legacies and Innovation*. Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University
- 2013 “Piety and Pastoral Production in the Work of Shortanbai Qanaiuly” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 “‘With My Words I Poison Them’: the Zar Zaman Poets and the Critique of the Indigenous Elite” *Constructing Authority Through Tradition and Custom*, 3rd Annual Conference of the Central Asian Studies Institute. American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 2012 “The Vernacular or the Literary? Rural/Urban Divisions and the Politics of Kazakh Language Purity” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference. Indiana University

Invited Talks

- 2019 “The influence of oral-poetic forms on Jansugurov's poems and Akan-seri's figure as a center of *Kulager* text.” Invited talk at Round Table – Book Launch of English translation of Ilias Jansugurov’s *Kulager*. Kazakhstan National Academic Library, Astana,
- 2018 “Folklore and Romantic Nationalism,” Guest lecture to graduate seminar, Eurasian MA program.
- 2018 “Central Asian Folktales and Oral Epic,” Guest Lecture to students in the Summer School in Russian and Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University

- 2017 “A Moveable Feast? The Horse as Companion and as Food in Central Asian Oral Literature,” Public Lecture at American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 2017 “Central Asian Oral Literature,” Guest Lecture to students in the Summer School in Russian and Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University
- 2015 “Participant Observation,” Guest Lecture to Graduate Seminar on Qualitative Methods, Eurasian MA program, Nazarbayev University
- 2014 “Preparing for Fieldwork: The Documentation of Expressive Culture,” Guest Lecture to Graduate Seminar, Eurasian MA program, Nazarbayev University
- 2014 “‘Like a River Wild in Flood’: The Politics of Poetic Speech in Kazakh Literature” Invited lecture. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Folklore and Comparative Literature
- 2012 “The Ballad Tradition as Popular Critique in Restoration England” Guest Lecture to Graduate Seminar. Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan
- 2011 “Good to Think and Good to Drink: Cultural Histories of Qymyz in Europe and Kazakhstan” School of Humanities and Social Science Lecture Series. Nazarbayev University
- 2011 “Life in Rural Kazakhstan from the Soviet era to the Present,” Lecture at the 2011 Peace Corp. Meeting, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2010 “Demography and Language in Kazakhstan in Historical Perspective,” Lecture at the 2010 Peace Corp. Orientation, Esik, Kazakhstan
- 2010 “Kazakhstan zhāne OSCE Töraghalygy: sharyashylyqy, saiasy men tarikhi közqarastary“ [Kazakhstan and the OSCE Chairmanship: economic, political, and historical contexts] Graduate Practicum, Almaty Humanitarian-Technical University. Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2010 “Disciplinary History of Western Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Sociology,” Guest lecture to undergraduate class, Almaty-Humanitarian Technical University
- 2009 “History and Culture of Kazakhstan,” Lecture at the mid-session meeting of the American Peace Corp., Almaty, Kazakhstan

- 2009 “Methods of Ethnographic Field Research,”
Guest lecture to undergraduate class, Indiana University
- 2009 “The Horse in Kazakh Culture,”
Guest lecture to undergraduate class, Indiana University
- 2008 “Perspectives on Kazakh History and Culture,”
Round-table presentation at the mid-session meeting of the American Peace
Corp., Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2007 Report on summer pre-Dissertation research trip, Presented to the Board of
Trustees, Indiana University
- 2007 Presentation on summer pre-Dissertation research trip, to the Office of
International Programs, Indiana University

Teaching

Courses taught

- 2013-Present Assistant Professor, Faculty of World Languages and Literatures, Nazarbayev
University
Courses taught: Central Asian Oral Epic (WLL 440/ WLL 540); Utopia in
Soviet and Russian Literature (WLL441/HST 441); Language and Society
(WLL 275/ANT 275); Survey of Folktales (WLL 241); World Literature I
(WLL 201); World Literature II (WLL 210); Introduction to Critical Issues in
the Humanities (WLL 101); Introduction to Literary Studies (WLL 110)
- 2011-2013 Instructor, Faculty of World Languages and Literatures, Nazarbayev University
Courses taught: Kazakh Literature from the 19th to the early 20th Century
(WLL 242/KAZ 242); Introduction to Critical Issues in the Humanities (WLL
101); Introduction to Literary Studies (WLL 110)
- 2009-10 Lecturer, International Relations Faculty, Kazakh-German University
Course taught: Issues in International Relations
- 2004-09 Associate Instructor, Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, Indiana
University
Courses: World Arts and Cultures (F121); What is Poetry? Introduction to Oral
Poetry (E103); Myth, Ritual, Symbol (F290); Introduction to Folklore (F101)

MA Thesis Committees

- 2019 Merey Otan, MA in Eurasian Studies (chair)
- 2018 Dina Mukanova, MA in Eurasian Studies (chair)
- 2018 Karina Matkarimova, MA in Eurasian Studies (committee member)
- 2016-2017 Dmitry Melnikov, MA in Eurasian Studies (committee member)
- 2015-2016 Inzhuna Karazhanova, MA in Eurasian Studies (chair)
- 2015-2016 Laura Berdikhojayeva, MA in Eurasian Studies (chair)

BA Capstone

- 2018 Gulzhanat Ualitova, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair)
- 2017 Abdrakhman Kalyshev, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair)
- 2017 Makhabbat Sadykova, BA Capstone Project in WLL
- 2016 Zere Sergaliyeva, BA Capstone Project in WLL
- 2016 Jamilya Jaxybayeva, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair)
- 2016 Symbat Zholamanova, BA Capstone Project in WLL
- 2016 Madina Bizhanova, BA Capstone Thesis in HPRS
- 2015 Aizhan Tuganbayeva, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair)
- 2015 Zhaniya Orazymbetova, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair)
- 2015 Alina Iskakova, BA Capstone Project in WLL (chair).

Service

To Discipline

- 2018 Abstracts review, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference
(University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg)
- 2018 External member, Review Board, Irish Research Council

- 2018 External Reviewer for journal *Central Asian Survey*
- 2018 External Reviewer for journal *Folklorica*
- 2017 Abstracts review, Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference (University of Washington, Seattle)
- 2017 Abstracts review, European Society for Central Asian Studies Biennial Conference (American University of Central Asia, Bishkek)
- 2015-Present Advisory Board Member, European Society for Central Asian Studies
- 2015 Abstracts review, European Society for Central Asian Studies Biennial Conference (Martin Luther University, Zurich)
- 2012-2015 Board Member, European Society for Central Asian Studies
- 2015 External Reviewer for journal *Folklore*
- 2015 External Reviewer for journal *Ethnos*
- 2013 External reviewer for *Journal of Folklore Research*

At Nazarbayev University

- 2020 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA Program
- 2019 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA Program
- 2018 Admissions Office Recruitment Trip, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2018 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA Program
- 2018 Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Linguistics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2018 Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Theatre and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2017 Presentation on the NU Masters in Eurasian Studies Program to students of American University of Central Asia (Bishkek, Kazakhstan)
- 2017 Hiring Committee for Director of Center for Academic English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- 2017 Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Turkish Language and Culture, Department of Kazakh Language and Turkic Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2017 Hiring Committee for Instructor in Linguistics, Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2017 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA Program
- 2016 Member, SHSS BA Direct Admissions Committee
- 2016 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA Program
- 2016 Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Chinese Language and Culture, Department of World Languages and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2015-2018 Academic Adviser, Department of World Languages and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (currently advising 39 WLL majors)
- 2015-2016 Curriculum coordinator, Department of World Languages and Literature
- 2015-2016 WLL Capstone, Instructor of Record
- 2014-2016 Academic Adviser, Eurasian MA Program (currently advising three MA students)
- 2015 SHSS Recruitment visit, Ust-Kamenogorsk
- 2014-2015 Departmental Coordinator and Dean's Council Representative, Department of World Languages and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2014-2015 WLL Capstone, Instructor of Record
- 2014-2015 Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, Department of World Languages and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2015 Senate Representative to the HR subcommittee on the revision of Nazarbayev University's disciplinary procedures
- 2015 Member, Admissions Committee for the Eurasian MA program
- 2014-2015 Member, Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate

- 2014 Member, Hiring Committee of the Department of World Languages and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2014 Member, Ad Hoc Committee for School Bylaws, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2014 Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Revision of the Senate Bylaws, Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate
- 2014 Recruitment Visit, Eurasian Studies MA (visited Universities in Shymkent, Turkestan, and Taraz)
- 2014 Member, BA Admissions Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2013-2015 Senator, Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate
- 2014 Member, International Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Hiring Cycle
- 2013-2015 Member, Planning Committee for Eurasian Studies MA program, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2013-2014 Member, Working Group for the Nazarbayev University Course Catalog, Office of the Registrar
- 2013-2014 Member, Study Abroad Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2013-2014 Member, Student Affairs Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2013-2014 Member, Organizational Committee for the 2014 CESS/ASEEES Joint Regional Conference
- 2012-2013 Member, Organizational Committee for the 2013 Biennial Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies
- 2012-2013 Member, Ad-Hoc Committee for the Revision of the Kazakh Language Curriculum, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2011-2013 Member, Library Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2011-2012 Member, Committee of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate

Professional Affiliations

Central Eurasian Studies Society
European Society for Central Asian Studies