

TALANT MAWKANULI
Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF INTEREST

sociolinguistics; linguistic anthropology; sociocultural anthropology; language and culture; language endangerment; language and ethnicity; minoritized Languages; language documentation and fieldwork; historical linguistics; language contact; anthropology of Islam; Turkic languages; China, Central Eurasia, and Russia

EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D. Indiana University, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, (Major in Turkic Linguistics with minors in Cultural Anthropology and Sociolinguistics)
1992 Doctoral studies, University of Southern California, Department of History, 1991-1992 (Major in Central Asian and Chinese history)
1988 M.A. Xinjiang University, Department of China's Languages, (Major in Turkic Linguistics with minor in China's Minority Languages and Cultures)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Kazak, Uygur, Chinese	Native fluency
English, Uzbek, Kirgiz, Noghay	Near Native fluency
Tuvan, Turkish, Tatar, Azeri	Fluency
Turkmen, Karachay	Communicative
Russian	Reading proficiency
Chagatay, Old and Middle Turkic	Reading proficiency
Arabic and Persian	Basic reading proficiency
Yellow Uygur, Salar, Altay	Fieldwork research languages

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-present Associate Teaching Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
2019-present Director, University of Washington, Seattle, Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program, Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
2021-present Adjunct Associate Teaching Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Anthropology
2021-present Adjunct Associate Teaching Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Linguistics
2021-present Adjunct Associate Teaching Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Asian Languages & Literature
2017-present Affiliated Faculty, University of Washington, Seattle, Jackson School of International Studies, Middle East Center
2008-present Affiliated Faculty, University of Washington, Seattle, Jackson School of International Studies, East Asia Center

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2008-present Affiliated Faculty, University of Washington, Seattle, Jackson School of International Studies, Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-2020 Senior Lecturer, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
2008-2018 Lecturer, University of Washington, Seattle, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
2006-2008 Associate Director, University of Wisconsin, Madison, CAILS, Language Institute
2007 Visiting Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, Department of Linguistics
2005-2006 Honorary Fellow, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Central Asian Studies Program
2005-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region
2002-2005 Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Department of Central Eurasian Studies and Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region
1999-2002 Lecturer, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024 *Language and Power on the Qazaq Steppe: A Linguistic and Historical Study of 18th Century Kazak Diplomatic Correspondence*, (co-author with Eric Johnson), Brill's Inner Asian Library Series, with publication anticipated in 2024.
2022 *Elementary Kazak*, Language Learning Center, University of Washington, Seattle.
2005 *Jungar Tuvan Texts*, Uralic and Altaic Series, Bloomington: Indiana University, 2005, X + 266 pages.
1997 *Tujue bijiao yuyan xue (Comparative Turkic Linguistics)*, co-authored with Cheng Shiliang, et al, Urumchi: Xinjiang renmin chubanshe (Xinjiang People's Publishing House), 1997, IX + 743 pages.
1996 *Hazirqi zaman Uygur tili grammatiksi (A Grammar of Modern Uygur Language)* co-authored with Cheng Shiliang, et al, Urumchi: Xinjiang renmin chubanshe (Xinjiang People's Publish House), 1996, XIV + 743 pages.

Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters

2023 "Jungar Tuvan" Invited chapter for the *Encyclopedia of Turkic Languages and Linguistics*, Brill Publisher (Forthcoming).
2017 "Jungar Tuvan Revitalization: Text Corpus Building," in I. Aydemir and M. Erdem, eds., *Tuvan Studies: Documentation and Description of Tuvan Varieties*, 109-135. Ankara: Hacettepe University, 2017.
2017 Kerimova, S. M., Smagulova, G. N., & Mawkanuli, T. Cultural semantics of language units in cross-cultural communication. *Voprosy Kognitivnoy Lingvistiki*, 1, 91-98.

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- 2012 “Nineteenth Century Kazak Correspondence with Russian Authorities: Morphemic Analysis and Historical Contextualization,” co-authored with Virginia Martin, *Journal of Turkic Languages*, Vol.16 (1), 68-79, 2012.
- 2009 “Nineteenth Century Kazak Correspondence with Russian Authorities: Morphemic Analysis and Historical Contextualization,” co-authored with Virginia Martin, *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, Vol. 8 (1), 21-28, 2009.
- 2005 “Authentic Video for the Central Asian languages,” co-authored with Jeff Harlig *et al.*, in R. Jourdenais and S. Springer, eds., *Content, tasks, and projects in the language classroom: 2004 conference proceedings*, 107-114. Monterey: Monterey Institute of International Studies, 2005.
- 2002 “The Nomadic Cultural Perspective in the Kazak Language,” *Toronto Studies in Central and Inner Asia*, No.5, 331-347, 2002.
- 2001 “The Jungar Tuvas: Language and National Identity in the PRC,” *Central Asian Survey*, 20 (4), 497-517, 2001.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. *Uygur Grammar*, under contract with London Oriental and African Language Library, John Benjamins Publishing Company (in progress).
2. *A Dictionary of Jungar Tuvan – Kazak – English*, under contract with the Trends in Linguistics Documentation Series, De Gruyter Mouton (in progress).
3. *A Linguistic and Historical Analysis of Qazaq Texts to Russian Officials from the Early 19th Century*. Corpus of annotated texts, prepared in collaboration with Virginia Martin. Book project (in progress).
4. *Jungar Tuvan Grammar*, to be submitted to Mouton Grammar Library Series, Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED RESEARCH TALKS

- 2022 “Jungar Tuvan Revitalization and Text Corpus Building,” presented at the History and Literature Workshop, Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. November 5, 2022.
- 2022 “Turkic Identity and Minoritized Languages in China” Invited Talk, Department of Contemporary Turkic Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Literature, Istanbul University. Istanbul, Turkey. November 1, 2022.
- 2022 “Defining Qazaq Steppe Chaghatay,” Invited Paper, presented at Turkic and Oriental Studies 2022 Colloquium, at the Institute of Slavic, Turkic and Circum-Baltic Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany. October 27, 2022
- 2022 “Language and Power on the Qazaq Steppe,” Invited Talk, Eurasian History Speakers Talk Series Fall 2022, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. October 13, 2022
- 2022 “Documentation on the Qazaq (Qipchaq) Steppe: Reflections on Jungar Tuvan,” Invited Lecture, Turkic Studies Lecture Series, Department of Kazakh Language and Turkic Studies, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. October 13, 2022
- 2022 “Historical Resources for Qazaq language: Qazaq and Qing Diplomatic Correspondence,” the 6th International Congress of Turkology, University of Warsaw, Poland September 20, 2022

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- 2021 “Reflections on Documentation of Jungar Tuvan: current relevance and future directions,” paper presented at the Workshop on Contemporary China’s Turkic Frontier Zone at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 13, 2021.
- 2021 “Redefining Turkicness 突厥 in China” paper presented at China Studies Program Spring 2021 Colloquium, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. April 23, 2021.
- 2021 “Ethnonationalism and Belt and Road Initiative” guest lecture LAW B 541 Chinese Law at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. March 4, 2021.
- 2020 “Global Turks and Ethnic identity” guest lecture Gateway NEAR 101 at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. November 16, 2020.
- 2020 “The Policy-Making Process of “Cultural Genocide” guest lecture JSISA 504A: Interdisciplinary Survey of Eurasia at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 26, 2020.
- 2019 “Turkicness vs Chineseness” paper presented at the Symposium on China’s Turkic Muslims at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. March 1, 2019.
- 2017 “A Linguistic Analysis of Kazak Correspondence of the 18th and 19th Centuries,” paper presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 6, 2017.
- 2017 “Kazak Contacts with Imperial Russian: Linguistic Data from the 18th Century,” paper presented at the Symposium on Turkic Languages and Linguistics at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 5, 2017.
- 2016 “Language Revitalization Efforts of Jungar Tuvan,” Invited Paper, presented at the International Workshop on Tuvan Studies at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Ankara, Turkey. October 14, 2016.
- 2016 “Ethnographic Linguistic Landscape,” presented at China Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 17, 2016.
- 2016 “Linguistic Landscape of Urumchi,” paper presented at Northwest China Forum, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 1, 2016.
- 2016 “Documenting Endangered Turkic languages,” Invited Lecture, Xinjiang University, Urumchi, China. March 24, 2016.
- 2016 “The State of Turkology as a Multidisciplinary Field of Research,” Invited Lecture, World Famous Scholars Lecturing at Minzu University of China, Beijing, China. March 10, 2016.
- 2015 “Language shift and the Ethnolinguistic Vitality of the Jungar Tuvan Community,” paper presented at Symposium on Language Shift in the Sinophone world, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. November 6, 2015.
- 2015 “Sociolinguistic history of Kazak language,” Invited Lecture, at Al-Farabi Kazak National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan. September 23, 2015.
- 2015 “Language and Religion in relation to Jungar Tuvan Ethnic Identity,” paper presented at The Role of Religion in Turkic Culture International Conference, Budapest, Hungary. September 10, 2015.
- 2015 “Language as Ethnicity: The Jungar Tuvas in China,” paper presented at Northwest China Forum, University of Oregon, Portland. April 26, 2015.
- 2014 “Linguistic fieldwork: Documenting Jungar Tuvan,” presented at Department of Linguistics, University of Washington colloquium, Seattle, Washington. November 7, 2014.
- 2014 “Jungar Tuvan Language Revitalization and Documentation,” paper presented at the 1st International Caucasus University Association Conference on Endangered Languages, Ardahan, Turkey. October 15, 2014.

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- 2014 “Current Research Trends and Future Directions in Turkic Linguistics,” Invited Paper, Turkic Academy, Astana, Kazakhstan. September 12, 2014.
- 2014 “Jungar Tuvan Language Revitalization,” Invited Lecture, Yildiz Teknik Universitesi, Istanbul, Turkey. March 26, 2014.
- 2014 “The Construction of Uygur Ethnic Identity in Multilingual China,” Invited Lecture, Dept. of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey. March 20, 2014.
- 2014 “China’s Language Policy and the Ethnolinguistic vitality of the Uygur,” Invited Paper, Yildirim Beyazit University, Ankara, Turkey. March 19, 2014.
- 2013 “Recent Theoretical Advances in Turkology,” Invited Lecture, Al-Farabi Kazak National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan. November, 2013.
- 2013 “On the Frontiers of Tradition and Translation: Early Findings from the Linguistic and Textual Analysis of Eighteenth-Century Kazak Diplomatic Documents,” paper presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. October 5, 2013.
- 2013 “Asserting Ethnic Identity through Language and Religion: the case of Jungar Tuvan,” paper presented at the 25th Annual Nicholas Poppe Symposium on Central and Inner Asian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 25, 2013.
- 2013 “Language Choice and Ethnolinguistic Vitality: the Case of Kazak Community,” paper at China Studies Program, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. April 18, 2013.
- 2011 “Kazak as a Second Language: Challenges and Opportunities,” Invited Lecture, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, Almaty, Kazakhstan. March 28, 2011.
- 2009 “Chinese Demographic Politics and Language Policy in Xinjiang: Language as a Core Value of Uygur Ethnic Identity,” Invited Paper, Xinjiang: Behind the Violence Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 29, 2009.
- 2008 “Future Directions and Challenges in Developing Online Kazak Multimedia Instructional Materials,” paper presented at the International Conference on Alash Government and its Language Policy, Astana, Kazakhstan. November 12, 2008.
- 2008 “Promoting Language Skills and Cultural Proficiency in Kazak and Uzbek,” paper co-presented at the Fifteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. March 22, 2008.
- 2007 “Complement Clauses in Jungar Tuvan Language,” Invited Paper, Max-Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Linguistics, Leipzig, Germany. June 29, 2007.
- 2007 “Challenges in Developing Web-based Cross-language Advanced Interactive Listening Lessons for Turkic languages,” Invited Lecture, Department of Turkology, Mainz University, Mainz, Germany. June 19, 2007.
- 2007 “Preserving Ethnic Identity through Maintaining the Language: case of Jungar Tuvas in China,” Invited Paper, Department of Turkology, Frankfurt University, Frankfurt, Germany. June 18, 2007.
- 2006 “Interactive Teaching of Turkic Languages through Video conferencing,” paper co-presented at the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages Ninth National Conference, Madison, Wisconsin. April 28, 2006.

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- 2006 "The Integration of Consciousness-raising Tasks in Teaching Turkic Grammar," paper presented at the Thirteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. April 8, 2006.
- 2005 "Challenges in Teaching and Learning the Arabic Script Based Uygur Alphabet," paper presented at the conference on Content, Tasks, and Projects: Meeting the Challenges of Classroom Implementation, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey. May 21, 2005.
- 2004 "Authentic Video Materials for Central Asian Languages," paper co-presented at the conference on Content, Tasks, and Projects in the Language Classroom, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California. May 16, 2004.
- 2003 "Developing a Video Based Course in Uygur," paper presented at the Workshop on Web-based Instruction for the Less Commonly Taught Languages, Stanford University, Stanford, California. June 6, 2003.
- 2002 "Language and Politics in Xinjiang: The Implementation of China's Language Policy," paper presented at the Third Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. October 18, 2002.
- 2002 Public Forum: "Minorities and National Integration in China: The Case of Xinjiang," East-West Center, Washington DC. October 3, 2002.
- 2002 "The Dynamics and Management of Internal Conflict in Asia," member of Xinjiang Study Group, East-West Center, Washington DC. September 29 to October 3, 2002.
- 2002 "Islam in China: Linkages with Central Asia," paper presented at the 17th Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. May 10, 2002.
- 2001 "Nomadic Cultural Perspective in the Kazak Language," paper presented at the Central and Inner Asia Seminar, the University of Toronto, Toronto. Canada, May 2, 2001.
- 2001 "The Survival of Jungar Tuvan," paper presented at the Sixth Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York City. April 6, 2001.
- 2000 "Towards the Development of Chinese National Language Policy in Xinjiang: A Macro Level Language Choice," paper presented at the First Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. September 29, 2000.
- 2000 "The Jungar Tuvan Language: sociolinguistics analysis," paper at the Permanent International Altaic Conference, 43rd Meeting, Chateau Pietersheim, Belgium. September 6, 2000.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (University of Washington, Seattle) Chair's Discretionary Fund.
- 2022 The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies China Studies Program (University of Washington, Seattle) Faculty Research Grant.
- 2022 The East Asia Center & Center for Global Studies, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington, Seattle) Curriculum Development Grant.
- 2021 College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities Division (University of Washington, Seattle) Humanities Division Reserves Research and Travel Grant.

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- 2019 The Center for Teaching and Learning and UW Academic Technologies (University of Washington, Seattle) 2019-2020 Technology Teaching Fellows Institute Award for development of hybrid “Music of Silk Road.”
- 2018 College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities Division (University of Washington, Seattle) Course Development Award for development of “The Turks in Global Perspective” course.
- 2017 The East Asia Center, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington, Seattle) Travel Grant.
- 2016 The Ellison Center, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington, Seattle) Educational Resource Development Award for development of comprehensive Kazak and Uzbek vocabulary project.
- 2016 East Asia Center, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington, Seattle) Educational Resource Development Award for development of comprehensive Uygur vocabulary project.
- 2015 The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies China Studies Program (University of Washington, Seattle) Faculty Research Grant: awarded for the completion of a Uygur Grammar.
- 2014 Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (University of Washington, Seattle) Faculty Funds, awarded for the completion of a Jungar Tuvan-Kazak- English Dictionary project.
- 2013 The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies China Studies Program (University of Washington, Seattle) Faculty Research Grant: awarded for the completion of a Jungar Tuvan – Kazak – English Dictionary.
- 2012 Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (University of Washington, Seattle) Faculty Funds: awarded for the completion of a Jungar Tuvan – Kazak – English Dictionary.
- 2009 Institute for National Security Education and Research (INSER) grant awarded through Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (University of Washington, Seattle) for course development of “Uygur online interactive video based listening comprehension and culture materials.”
- 2008 East Asia Center, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington, Seattle) Course Development Award for development of “Peoples and Cultures of Central and Inner Asia” course.
- 2007 Fellowship (1 month), Max-Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Linguistics, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2006 Collaborator, Title VI grant for International Research and Studies Project of the U.S. Department of Education to support the “Central Asian Interactive Listening Series (CAIL)” at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2006-2009.
- 2002 International Research and Studies Program Grant for developing an introductory Kazak textbook, U.S. Department of Education 2002-2004 (Declined due to LRC funding from the Department of Education.)
- 2002 Collaborator, A four-year Title VI language resource (LRC) grant from the Department of Education for the establishment of the Center for the Languages of the Central Asian Region at Indiana University, Bloomington 2002-2005.
- 2000 Honorary contract grant for writing a Jungar Tuvan Grammar from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany 2000-2001.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle

Content Courses

1. Silk Road and Globalization
2. Music Cultures of the Silk Road
3. Diversity and Global Turks
4. Introduction to Shamanism
5. The Modern Middle East and Central Asia
6. Cultures of Central Eurasia
7. Islam and Muslims in China
8. Language and Ethnicity
9. Turkic Linguists

Turkic Languages and Cultures

10. Chagatay I
11. Chagatay II
12. Elementary Kazak
13. Intermediate Kazak, Kazak 201
14. Advanced Kazak
15. Elementary Uygur
16. Intermediate Uygur
17. Advanced Uygur
18. Uygur through Culture I, II & III
19. Intensive Elementary Uygur
20. Elementary Uzbek
21. Intermediate Uzbek
22. Advanced Uzbek
23. Uzbek 490 (Supervised Study)
24. NEAR 498 (Senior Essay)
25. TURKIC 600 (Independent Study)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Theses Committee Member

1. Ayagoz Shaldybayeva (University of Washington, School of Law)

GSR member of the Ph.D. committee

1. Joe Wilson (University of Washington, English Department)

Master Theses Committee Member

1. Curtis Reed (China Studies Program MA in Jackson School)
2. Nicholas Steiner (REECAS in Jackson School)
3. Laura Lucht (REECAS in Jackson School)
4. Yarbrough Andrew (REECAS in Jackson School)
5. Bedii Duru Altug (NELC)
6. Zeinab Abraham (Middle East MA in Jackson School)
7. Danielle McDonough (REECAS in Jackson School)
8. Marilyn Cole (REECAS in Jackson School)

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9. Revaz Janashia (REECAS in Jackson School)

Undergraduate Honors thesis primary advisor

1. Conner Maher (NELC)
2. Reshad Amini (NELC)
3. Courtney Bruch (NELC)
4. Taylor Comerford (Comparative Islamic Studies in Jackson School)
5. Sophie Baker (China Studies in Jackson School)
6. Fan Feng (China Studies in Jackson School)

RESEARCH FIELDWORK

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| 2022 | Field and archival research, Semey, Oral and Köshetaw, Kazakhstan. |
| 2016 | Field Research on Uygur Grammar project in Beijing and Xinjiang, China. |
| 2014 | Field Research on Jungar Tuvan Dictionary project in Altay and Urumchi, Xinjiang, China. |
| 2012 | Field Research on Jungar Tuvan Dictionary project in Altay and Urumchi, Xinjiang, China. |
| 2011 | Field Research on Kazak language, Kazakhstan. |
| 2007 | Field Research on Uzbek language, Tashkent, Samarqand, Bukhara, Khiva, Khoqand, Andijan, Fergana, and Namangan, Uzbekistan. |
| 2006 | Field Research on Uygur language, Urumchi, Xinjiang, China. |
| 2006 | Field Research on Kazak language, Almaty, Astana and Semey, Kazakhstan. |
| 2005 | Filed Research on Uyghur, Almaty and Taldyqorghon, Kazakhstan. |
| 2003 | Field Research on Uygur language, Almaty and Taldikorgan, Kazakhstan. |
| 2001 | Field Research on Kazak language, Almaty, Astana, Taldikorgan, Kazakhstan |
| 2001 | Field Research on Kirgiz language, Bishkek, Kirgizstan. |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International and National Service

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| 2021-22 | Providing supervision for Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in Mongolian at the East Asia programs at JSIS, 2021-22 |
| 2021 | Selection Committee Member, Eurasian Regional Language Program (ERLP) AC Study & Research Abroad, American Councils for International Education, 2021. |
| 2018 | Selection Committee Member, Eurasian Regional Language Program (ERLP) AC Study & Research Abroad, American Councils for International Education, 2018. |
| 2016 | Reviewing applications for Eurasian Regional Language Program, American Councils for International Education, 2016. |

University Service, University of Washington, Seattle

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| 2021 | Reviewing application for Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies Admissions, University of Washington |
| 2018 | Turkic Languages Presenter for Ancient Iran Day, University of Washington |
| 2012 | MA admissions, Ellison Center REECAS Program, University of Washington |
| 2012 | FLAS committee, Ellison Center REECAS Program, University of Washington |

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Departmental Service, University of Washington, Seattle

- 2019 Director, Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Program, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
- 2018-present Curriculum Committee Member, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
- 2016-present Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Seminar Organizer, University of Washington

CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIA AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

- 2021 Workshop on Contemporary China's Turkic Frontier Zone at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 13, 2021.
- 2019 Symposium on China's Turkic Muslims at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. March 1, 2019.
- 2017 Symposium on Turkic Languages and Linguistics at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 5, 2017.
- 2016 Turkic and Central Eurasian Studies Seminar: Multi-year seminar series, an interdisciplinary forum featuring one or two lectures each quarter by graduate students, faculty and visiting scholars to discuss their research topics or forthcoming projects in order to foster dialogue across area studies and disciplinary divides, organizer since 2016.
- 2015 Symposium on Language Shift in the Sinophone world at the University of Washington, Seattle, 2015. Co-organized with Stevan Harrell.

RECENT CONFERENCE PANELS ROUNDTABLES ORGANIZATION

- 2022 Panel on "Through the Glass Darkly: Analyzing Sources of Qazaq Language and Society from the 18th-early 19th centuries", the 22nd Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. October 22, 2022. Co-organized With Virginia Martin and Eric Johnson
- 2017 Panel on "Voices from the Steppe: Linguistic and Historical Explorations of the 18th and Early 19th Centuries", the 18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 6, 2017. Co-organized With Virginia Martin and Eric Johnson
- 2017 Roundtable "Tradition and the Future of Central Asian Studies", the 18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 6, 2017. Organizer and Chair
- 2013 Panel on "Linguistic-Historical Analyses of the Kazak Steppe in the 18th Century", 14th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 5, 2013. Co-organized Eric Johnson.

Chair Roles

- 2017 Panel chair, session on "Cultural Contact and Diachronic Change in Turkic Languages", the 18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 6, 2017.
- 2013 Panel chair, session on "Politics of Language and Cultural Identity in Xinjiang", 14th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society at University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 5, 2013.

PUBLIC LECTURE ORGANIZATION

- 2022 “Political Reforms of the New Kazakhstan,” talk by Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States on April 5, 2022
- 2022 “Uzbekistan and its Foreign Policy,” talk by Javlon Vakhobov, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States, November 12th, 2019. (Canceled on that day)
- 2019 “China’s Mass Internment of Uyghur and Kazak Muslims.” Public Event at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. February 28, 2019.
- 2018 “ISLAM & UYGHUR NATIONALISM in the Early Twentieth Century”, talk by David Brophy, Professor of History at University of Sydney, March 28, 2018
- 2018 "Historiography & Buddhist Counter-Development among Tibetans in China," talk by Charlene Makley, Professor of Anthropology at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Wednesday, May 9, 2018
- 2017 “The New Silk Road: The Perspective from International Law” talk by Dongsheng Zang, Director of the Asian Law Center & Chinese Legal Studies University of Washington, February 22, 2017
- 2017 “THE EARLY TURKS AND THE SILK ROAD”, talk by Christopher I. Beckwith, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University, October 5, 2017

Community Outreach and Media Interviews

1. Roundtable participant, “China’s One Belt, One Road Initiative and Its Impacts on the International Order” National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, February 27, 2017.
2. Documentary and Discussion “The 10 Conditions of Love,” UW Asian Law center, leading discussion, October 26, 2016.
3. “Ethnic Diversity among Muslims in Central Eurasia” Newspaper in Education Teacher Workshop on “Islam in Asia: Peoples, Practices, Traditions”, sponsored by the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and The Seattle Times, May 3, 2012.
4. “Islamic Education in China” at “Three cap tea” forum sponsored by the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, March 23, 2009.
5. “The connection between music and Islam in Central Asia” Inside Islam: Dialogues and Debates, A collaboration of UW-Madison’s National Resource Centers and WPR’s *Here on Earth: Radio without Borders*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America
Central Eurasian Studies Society