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EDUCATION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2024-Present	Senior Executive Associate Dean. College of Arts and Sciences. Texas A&M. (February 1, 2024 – Present)
2023-2024	Acting Executive Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M. (September 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024).
2023	Acting Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M. (March 9 – June 9, 2023).
2022-2023	Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M
2019-2022	Director of ADVANCE, Faculty Affairs Office (formerly Dean of Faculties), Texas A&M University
2011-2019	Department Head, Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (including Interim Head, 2011-12)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016 - Present	Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
2006 - 2016	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M
2008 - 2011	Affiliated Faculty, International Studies Program, Texas A&M
2001 - 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M
1998 - 2000	Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology Field Group, Pitzer College
1997 - 1998	Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Iowa

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

2005	Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. <i>Markets and Market Liberalization: Ethnographic Reflections</i> . Research in Economic Anthropology Book Series, Vol. 24. Elsevier Science.
2004	Cynthia Werner and Duran Bell, eds. <i>Values and Valuables: From the Sacred to the Symbolic</i> . Altamira Press.

- 2003 Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. *Anthropological Perspectives on Economic Development and Integration*. Research in Economic Anthropology Book Series, Vol. 22. Elsevier Science.
2002. Norbert Dannhaeuser and Cynthia Werner, eds. *Social Dimensions in the Economic Process*. Research in Economic Anthropology, Vol. 21. Elsevier Science.

Selected Articles and Book Chapters

- 2024 Katie Constantin, Gemini Creason-Parker, Cynthia Werner, Elizabeth Jenkins, Vansa Shewakramani Hanson, and Rose Siuta. "Caring Too Much? Emotional Labor and Compassion Fatigue among Faculty during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Research in Higher Education* 65(7): 1540-1560.
- 2022 Cynthia Werner. "Family Structure in Central Asia" In *Central Asia: Contexts for Understanding*. Edited by David Montgomery. University of Pittsburgh Press. Pp. 281-295.
- 2018 Cynthia Werner, Christopher Edling, Charles Becker, Elena Kim, Russell Kleinbach, Fatima Sartbay, and Woden Teachout. "Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Eurasia: A Roundtable Discussion" *Central Asian Survey* 37(4):582-601.
- 2017 Cynthia Werner, Celia Emmelhainz, and Holly Barcus. "Privileged Exclusion in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan: Ethnic Return Migration, Citizenship and the Politics of (Not) Belonging." *Europe-Asia Studies* 69(10):1557-1583.
- 2017 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Choosing to Stay: (Im)Mobility Decisions Among Mongolia's Ethnic Kazakhs." *Globalizations* 14(1):32-50.
- 2015 Cynthia Werner and Holly Barcus. "The Unequal Burdens of Repatriation: A Gendered Analysis of the Transnational Migration of Mongolia's Kazakh Population" *American Anthropologist* 117(2): 257-271.
- 2015 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Immobility and the Re-imaginings of Ethnic Identity among Mongolian Kazakhs in the 21st Century." *Geoforum* 59: 119-128.
- 2015 Namara Brede, Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "Negotiating Everyday Islam after Socialism: A Study of the Kazakhs of Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia." In *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics*. Volume III. Edited by Stanley Brunn. Springer Publishers. Pp. 1863-1890.
- 2014 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "Cold War Memories and Post-Cold War Realities: The Politics of Memory and Identity in the Everyday life of Kazakhstan's Radiation Victims" In *The Anthropology of the State in Central Asia*. Edited by Madeleine Reeves, Johan Rasanayagam, & Judith Beyer. Indiana University Press. Pp. 285-309.

- 2014 Barcus, Holly R. and Werner, Cynthia. "Transnational Migration, Local Economic Change, and the Persistence and Adaptation of Rural Livelihoods: A Case Study of the Kazakh Diaspora in Western Mongolia." In *The Sustainability of Rural Systems: Local and Global Challenges and Opportunities*. Edited by M. Cawley, A.M.S.M. Bicalho, and L. Laurens. Galway National University Press. Pp. 143-151.
- 2013 Cynthia Werner, Holly Barcus, and Namara Brede. "Discovering a Sense of Well-Being Through the Revival of Islam: Profiles of Kazakh Imams in Western Mongolia" *Central Asian Survey* 32(4): 527-541.
- 2010 Holly Barcus and Cynthia Werner. "The Kazakhs of Western Mongolia: Transnational Migration from 1990-2008" *Asian Ethnicity* 11(2): 209-228.
- 2009 Cynthia Werner. "Bride Abduction in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Marking a Shift Towards Patriarchy through Local Discourses of Shame and Tradition" *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 15: 314-331.
- 2008 Cynthia Werner. "Patriotism, Profits and Waste: The Moral Dimensions of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal in Texas" In *Economics and Morality*. Edited by Lynne Milgram and Katherine Browne. Altamira Press. Pp. 143-166.
- 2007 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "Unraveling the Secrets of the Past: Contested Versions of Nuclear Testing in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan" In *Half-Lives and Half-Truths: Confronting the Radioactive Legacy of the Cold War*. Edited by Barbara Johnston. Santa Fe, New Mexico: School for Advanced Research Press. Pp. 277-298.
- 2007 Kathleen Purvis-Roberts, Cynthia Werner, and Irene Frank. "Perceived Risks from Radiation and Nuclear Testing Near Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan: A Comparison Between Physicians, Scientists and the Public" *Risk Analysis* 27(2): 291-302.
- 2006 Cynthia Werner and Kathleen Purvis-Roberts. "After the Cold War: International Politics, Domestic Policy, and the Nuclear Legacy in Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 25(4): 461-480.
- 2004 Cynthia Werner. "Women, Marriage, and the Nation-State: The Rise of Non-consensual Bride Kidnapping in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan." In *Transformations of Central Asian States: From Soviet Rule to Independence*. Edited by Pauline Jones Luong. Cornell University Press. Pp. 59-89.
- 2003 Cynthia Werner. "The New Silk Road: Mediators and Tourism Development in Post-Soviet Central Asia." *Ethnology: An International Journal of Cultural and Social Anthropology* 42(2): 141-59.
- 2000 Cynthia Werner. "Gifts, Bribes and Development in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan" *Human Organization: Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology* 59(1): 11-22.

- 1999 Cynthia Werner. "The Dynamics of Feasting and Gift Exchange in Rural Kazakhstan" In *Contemporary Kazaks: Social and Cultural Perspectives*. Edited by Ingvar Svanberg. London: Curzon Press. Pp. 47-72.
- 1998 Cynthia Werner. "Household Networks and the Security of Mutual Indebtedness in Rural Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 17(4): 597-612.
- 1997 Cynthia Werner. "Marriage, Markets and Merchants: Changes in Wedding Feasts and Household Consumption Patterns in Rural Kazakhstan" *Culture and Agriculture* 19(1/2): 6-13.
- 1994 Cynthia Werner. "A Preliminary Assessment of the Attitudes Toward the Privatization of Agriculture in Contemporary Kazakhstan" *Central Asian Survey* 13(2): 295-304.

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant
Awarded through the University of California – Merced.
- 2021 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant (\$140,337)
Awarded through the University of Houston. Total amount \$2 million.
- 2021 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Grant (\$29,500)
Awarded through the University of Houston. Total amount \$177,000.
- 2008-10 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant (\$173,000)
Co-funded by Cultural Anthropology & Geography/Spatial Sciences Programs.
Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Holly Barcus.
- 2009 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Graduate Students (REG) Supplemental Grant, Cultural Anthropology Program. (\$5,000)
- 2004 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Grant on Contemporary Mongolia (\$6,000)
- 2002-04 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant (\$145,000)
Co-funded by Cultural Anthropology and Decision Science Programs.
Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.
- 2002-04 National Council for Eurasian and East European (NCEEER) Research Grant (\$30,000)
Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.
- 2001 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Grant (\$8,000)
Women in International Science Competition Program.
Cynthia Werner (lead PI) and Kathleen Purvis.
- 2001 National Research Council (NRC) Supplemental Travel Grant (\$7,500)
Young Investigator Program.

- 2000 National Research Council (NRC) Travel Grant.Young Investigator Program (\$7,100)
- 1999-01 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Grant (NCEEER) (\$40,000)
- 1998 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant (\$3,700)
- 1998 International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Travel Grant (\$3,500)
- 1995 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant (\$9,000)
- 1994-95 International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Research Grant (\$13,000)
- 1999-01 Social Science Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$30,000)
- 1995-96 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
- 1992-94 Social Science Research Council Graduate Training Fellowship (\$30,000)

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M

Bridging Themes in Anthropology (ANTH 670) – 2016, 2018
 Cultural Method and Theory (ANTH 604) – 2003, 2005
 Anthropological Ethics and Professionalism (ANTH 640) –2002, 2008, 2010, 2013
 Applied Anthropology (ANTH 641) – 2003, 2005
 Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 650) – 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012

Undergraduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M

Peoples & Cultures of the World (ANTH 205) – 2001 (2 sections)
 Social & Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 210) – 2002, 2004, 2009 (2 sections)
 Cultures of Central Asia (ANTH 335) – 2002, 2005, 2010, 2014, 2024
 Women and Culture (ANTH 404/WMST 404) – 2004, 2005, 2007, 2017, 2021
 Applied Anthropology (ANTH 430) – 2003, 2005

Undergraduate Student Advising

Supervised 50 Undergraduates working on my COVID-19 Research Project (2020-22),
 including Lawren Lee Walker (RISE Fellow, 2020-21)
 Supervised 3 Senior Honors Theses (Undergraduate Research Fellow Program):

Graduate Student Advising

Currently Chair of 3 PhD Committees:
 Currently Member of 3 PhD Committees:
 Served as the Chair/Co-Chair for 9 PhD Students in Anthropology:
 Served as a Member on 10 PhD committees in Anthropology (and other departments):
 Served as the Chair for 5 MA Theses
 Served as a Member on 8 MA committees

SELECTED SERVICE ROLES

Texas A&M University

Student Experience Study Committee, Provost Office, 2024-present

Faculty Affairs Council, College of Arts and Sciences representative. 2022-present.

External Service – Academic Organizations

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

President, 2012-2015 (President-Elect, 2012-13; Acting President 2013-14,
Past-President 2014-15)

Elected Board Member, 2008-2011

Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA)

Secretary, 2009-12

Elected Board Member, 2009-12; 2001-2006