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Education

1992-1995	Kyrgyz National State University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan History and Theory of Literature Department Degree: Doctor Nauk Field: Kyrgyz Folklore/Literature
1983-1987	Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia Department of Philology Degree: Candidate Nauk (Philology), equal to PhD degree Field: Soviet Multi-National Literature
1977-1983	Voronezh State University, Voronezh, Russia Degree: Specialist in Philology (The Red Diploma is equal to Summa Cum Laude) Field: Instructor of the Russian Language and Literature

Academic Degree

- **September 2005**

Higher Attestation Commission of the Russian Federation

Academic degree: **Doctor of Philology** on the basis of re-certification Diploma N 026053 of May 20, 2005

- **March 2003**

National Attestation Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic

Scientific position: **Associate Professor**

Specialty: Literary Studies

Diploma N 000794 of December 18, 2003

- **February 1996**

Defense at the joint Council of the Academy of Sciences and the Kyrgyz State National University

Academic degree: **Doctor of Philology**

Specialty: Kyrgyz Literature and Folklore

The theme of the dissertation is Religious Motives in a Kyrgyz Novel (60-90 years)

Diploma N 000107 of October 23, 1997

- **April 1986**

Defense at the Academic Council of Moscow State University, USSR

Academic degree: **Candidate of Philological Sciences (the degree is equal to PhD)**

Specialty: Soviet Multinational Literature

Thesis: "Features of the psychological development of character in modern Soviet prose" (based on the material of Kazakh and Kyrgyz literatures)

Diploma N 010750 of October 28, 1987

Work Experience

- May 2004 – present **Founder and Director** of Aigine Cultural Research Center, NGO accredited under the 2003 Convention (2016)
Duties:
 - Teambuilding
 - Sustainable development strategies
 - Fundraising and allocating resources
 - Monitoring and gauging quality of the projects
 - Working with stakeholders in a wide range of education, research, and political contexts
 - Recruiting and retaining team members
 - Working with an Advisory Board

- August 2004- October 2005 **Head** of the Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology Department, American University - Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- August 2001 – February 2004 **Vice-President for Academic Affairs**, American University - Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Duties:
 - Introducing the credit hours system
 - Initiating and editing the AUCA' Academic Issues
 - Monitoring the Bachelor's and Master programs
 - Leading Library, Registrar Office, Critical Thinking Laboratory and Bureau of Study Counsel, Admission Office, East-West Center
 - Developing and implementing academic assessment
 - Coordinating the student's internships and fieldworks
 - Developing research program strategies
 - Recruiting and training faculty
 - Sustaining new style teaching and learning
 - Working with Board of Trustees and partners

- September 1999 – August 2001 **Founder and Head** of the Cultural Anthropology and Archeology (former Kyrgyz Ethnology) program, Associate Professor, American University in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Duties:
 - Transforming Kyrgyz Ethnology into the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Archeology to expand its scope and mission.
 - Developing new curriculum
 - Recruiting and nurturing faculty
 - Leading the admission process
 - Supervising research and grant related activities
 - Teaching and research

Teaching/Training Experience

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| Training, August 2024 | - | Training on preparation of nomination files for inclusion in the Lists of the 2003 Convention |
| Training on capacity building of ICH experts and employees of authorized bodies of Central Asian countries to prepare nomination files for inclusion in the Lists of the 2003 Convention | | |

Summer seminar, June 2018 Mobilizing academic communities in Central Asia to produce new knowledge about the 1916 Uprising and to build shared academic platforms for exchanging and disseminating knowledge about ethnically or/and politically sensitive topics.	- Analytical feedback on the participants' papers
Summer school of Fredrick Ebert Fund, July 2018	- Cultural Diversity
Fall 2015 The cluster "Asia and Europe in a global context", University of Heidelberg, Germany	- The role of women in preservation and functioning of the sacred geography of Kyrgyzstan
Fall 2012 – Spring 2014 National State University, Russian Philology Department	- Contemporary Issues in Literature Studies
Fall 2010 -2012 National State University, Kyrgyz Philology Department	- Comparative literature - History and theory of Kyrgyz “small” epics.
Summer School, 2010-2013 Excellence in teaching and research seminar, the Soviet in everyday life, Bodrum, Turkey	- Religion in Everyday Life
Winter 2009 Anthropology Department, Asia Orient Institution, Tübingen University, Germany	- Pilgrimage to the Sacred Sites and Kyrgyz Spirituality - Central Asian Seminar
Fall 2007 History Department , Kyrgyz- Turkish University of Manas, KR	- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Archeology
Summer School, 2007-2008 Excellence in teaching and research seminar, Building Anthropology in Eurasia, Issyk-Kul, KR	- Research Ethics in Anthropology
Summer Scholl, 2006 Excellence in teaching and research seminar, Nationhood and Narratives, Issyk-Kul, KR.	- Searching for New Paradigms
1996-2003, American University – Central Asia, Bishkek, KR	- Kyrgyz Folklore in the light of Ethnology - Self-Cognition - Kyrgyz Culture - History of Kyrgyz Literature and Folklore - Mythology and Contemporary World - Text Analysis
1987-1996, Karakol State University, Karakol, KR	- History of Soviet Literature - World Literature in the first half of 19-th century - Kyrgyz Folklore and Literature

Expert Experience

2023-2024	A Vice-Chair of the Evaluation Body of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO
2022-2025	An NGO expert in the Evaluation Body of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO
2023-2026	A member of the Coordination Council for the project “Promoting Cultural Tourism Industry by Capacity Building for Production a Digital Marketing of Traditional Crafts in Kyrgyz Republic”
2022-2023	A member of the Planning Committee, IRCI, Japan

2019 –2023	A member of the Advisory Board of Soros-Kyrgyzstan Foundation
2012–2016	A member of an Intergovernmental Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO
2018 - 2019	A member of ICH Courier’s Editorial Advisory Board, ICHCAP, South Korea
2013 – 2015	Expert of the Subsidiary Body of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO
2019-current	Deputy of the Head of the Joint Council for Candidate and Doctoral Dissertations Defense of Kyrgyz State University and the Academy of Science of KR (Kyrgyz Literature and Folklore fields)
2012 – 2019	The member of the Joint Council for Candidate and Doctoral Dissertations Defense of Kyrgyz State University and the Academy of Science of KR (Kyrgyz Literature and Folklore fields)
2015- 2019	A member of the President’s Commission on Ethnic and Religious Affairs
2015- 2020	A member of the Advisory Committee of Global Centre for Pluralism (Canada)
2015 – current	A member of International Advisory Board, Central Asian Survey
2012 -2019	An Academic Supervisor at the Russian Literature Department of Russian Kyrgyz-Slavonic University
2004 –2012	Expert of the State Attestation Committee of KR (Language, Folklore, Literature fields)
2007- 2021	The member of the Board of European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment
2006-2009	The member of the Board of Central Eurasian Study Society
2000 –2006	The member of the Council for Candidate and Doctoral Dissertations Defense of Russian Kyrgyz-Slavonic University (Russian, Kyrgyz Literature fields)

Research and Grant Managing Experience

2023-2024	Director, Establishing a regional group united by a common vision and purpose to develop the positive potential of traditional knowledge
2022 – 2026	Director, Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and Transformation of Cultural Codes
2024-2025	Key consultant, Local Climate Change Adaptation Strategies for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage
2023-2024	Director, Engaging influential indigenous actors in the battle against gender violence
2023-2024	Director, Supporting the practice of pilgrimage through the restoration of the burned sacred site and preparing pilgrims for public discussions.
2023-2024	Key consultant, Preserving Murdash Petroglyphs and Related Traditional Knowledge through Mapping and Digitalization
2023-2025	Key consultant, Digital journey to intangible cultural heritage of Kyrgyzstan
2023-2024	Key consultant, Cultural Heritage Meets Modern Technology
2023-2024	Key consultant, Strengthening Indigenous Identities of Kyrgyzstani People through Acquaintance with Other Indigenous Cultures
2023-2024	Director, Deeper Exploration of the Kyrgyz Indigenous Knowledge
2021-2022	Co-Consultant, The Secrets of Kyrgyz Petroglyphs
2018-2020	Director, Safeguarding of Practices and Rare Rituals Related to Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Preparation of an Inventory and Safeguarding Measures
2018-2019	Director, Mobilizing academic communities in Central Asia to produce new knowledge about the 1916 Uprising and to build shared academic platforms for exchanging and disseminating knowledge about ethnically or/and politically sensitive topics
2016-2017	Consultant, Documentation of the Elements of Intangible Cultural Heritage
2016-2017	Consultant, Reviving Traditional Technology of Wool Processing of Kyrgyz Sheep
2015-2017	Director, Raising Young People’s and Local communities’ Environmental Awareness in Water-Related Issues
Sept.2015- March 2017	Co-director (with Dr. Madeleine Reeves, UK), Conviviality and Contention in Southern Kyrgyzstan: An Infrastructural Approach

June 2015- June 2016	Director, Building the Collective Memory about Outstanding Contemporary Guardians of Traditional Wisdom
Jan.2013- Dec.2014	Director, Ensuring Development of Traditional Practices in Kyrgyzstan
Sept.2013- June 2014	Director, Solving Youth Problems through Creative Interaction
Jan. 2011- Dec.2012.	Director, Traditional Wisdom: from Conservation to Development
Nov.2010 – Nov.2013	The Kyrgyz partner of the Humboldt University, The History of <i>Perestroika</i> in Central Asia (socio-political transformation in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia in 1982-1991)
March 2010 – 2013	Co-director, The Soviet in Everyday Life (a joint project with Harvard University, USA)
Jan. 2009- Dec.2010	Director, Transmitting Traditional Wisdom
Apr.2008- Dec.2008	Director, Spiritual Traditions of Kalmak Ethical Minority in Northern Kyrgyzstan (Tash Kyia and Chelpek villages of Issyk-Kul province)
Jan.2007- Dec.2008	Director, Traditional Knowledge and Values in Kyrgyzstan
Jan.2006- Dec.2006	Director, Protection of the Sacred Sites and Learning of Sacred Rituals in Kyrgyzstan
Dec. 2004 – Nov.2005	Director, Sacred Sites Phenomenon in Kyrgyzstan
Sept. 2005- July 2007	Co-Director of the joint project, The role of Mass Media for Political Participation in Kyrgyzstan
Jan-May 2003	Founder and Chief Editor of the first American University – Central Asia’ Academic Review
2001-2003	A researcher, Cambridge Grant on Kyrgyz Small Epics
June 2001	Co-director, Monitoring the Civil Education Project and Central Asia Scholarly Support Association
2000-2001	A Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Eurasia Foundation project A-99-0171 “Translation of Teaching programs in Marketing and Management into Kyrgyz and issuing them on CDs in Kyrgyz, English and Russian”

Languages	Kyrgyz and Russian native; Kazak and English advance; Uzbek and Turkish survival
Interests	Transpersonal Psychology, Traditional Wisdom and Education, Myths, Mountains.
IT Skills	Microsoft Windows, Internet explorer, Excel, other basic IT programs

Selected International Conference/Workshop Papers:

1. The role of the 2003 Convention in broadening the concept of civil society in Kyrgyzstan//Living Heritage, Civil Society, Sustainable Development. International conference celebrating 20th anniversary ICH UNESCO Convention, November 13, 2023, Rome, Italy.
2. Climate Change in Kyrgyzstan: General Observations and Challenges for ICH// Sub-regional Expert Meeting on Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and Building resilience to Climate Change and Its Impacts in Western and Central Asia, with a special focus on the role of non-governmental actors // jointly with Cholponai Usubalieva-Grishchuk, October 18,19, 2023, Isfahan, Iran (online)
3. How can human relationships to sacred sites contribute to biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use? // Unleashing the Power of Living Heritage for Sustainable Development and Peace. Global Meeting 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, July 25,26, 2023, Seoul, South Korea.

4. Safeguarding an ICH Element and Building a Bridge Between the Community and the State Party: Manas Epic Heritage within the last 10 years // Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding. Online seminars of International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI). March 23, 2023.
5. Experience in creating the National Guidelines for the Protection of Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Practices and Rituals in Kyrgyzstan // The People, Protecting Monuments. International Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Pilgrimage and Sacred Heritage, October 26, 2022, Turkestan, Kazakhstan.
6. Specifics of Soviet colonialism: the experience of Olzhas Suleimenov's book "Az and I" // University of Central Asia, AKHP Public Lecture, February, 28, 2022, online.
7. Who has the authority to speak about Manas: the vanished version // CESS 2021 Conference, October, 17, 2021, jointly with Dr. Nienke van der Heide, online.
8. Documentation and safeguarding of natural and cultural heritage of Kyrgyzstan. Successful ICH nominations to UNESCO // Pre Congress V of the Indonesian Heritage Cities Network, March 30, 2021, Aceh, Indonesia, online.
9. Sacred geography of Kyrgyzstan: places, guardians, discussions // International Scientific Conference "Sacred Geography of Kazakhstan", October 3-4, 2019, Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan.
10. Kyrgyz Traditional Wrestling: Types, Stakeholders, Safeguarding Measures // A global conference to promote intangible cultural heritage, October 12, 2018, Seoul, South Korea
11. Sacred Sites as People's Power in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan // the Communities, Conservation and Livelihoods Conference, May 29, 2018, Saint Mary University, Halifax, Canada
12. Who has the right to speak for the great Kyrgyz epic "Manas"? // Gender Shifts and Resource Politics in the Arctic, International Conference, 22 February, 2017, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
13. Current Situation in Vocational Education in KT: the domain of intangible cultural heritage // Eighth Central Asia Sub-Regional Network Meeting, July 27, 2017, Bishkek, KR
14. Sacred Geography and Power Relations in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan // Key Note at the Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference, 1 July, 2017, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, KR
15. Building-up Cultural Sustainability in KR: from Research to Performance // Asia-Pacific ICH NGO Conference Achieving SDGs through Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage, 4 November 2016, Jeonju, Republic of Korea
16. Sacred Geography of Kyrgyzstan: Diversity and Resilience of Intangible Cultural Heritage // Seventh Central Asia Sub-Regional Network Meeting, 16 May 2016, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
17. Kyrgyz Literature during Perestroika: Anticipating the Future? // Literature and Society in Central Asia Workshop, March 13 2015, Paris, France
18. The Role of Women in Preserving and Shaping the Sacred Geography in Kyrgyzstan // a guest lecture at the seminar "The Shamaness on the Threshold: Religious Encounters, Repression and Resistance in Asia", Heidelberg, Germany, 19 November, 2015
19. The Sacred Geography of Kyrgyzstan: Linking Spirituality with Arts // Fourth International SEECHAC colloquium: Religious Revivals and Artistic Renaissance in Central Asia and the Himalayan Region – Past and Present, Heidelberg, Germany, 18 November 2015
20. *Ak Mazarga - Ak Chyrak*: the Diversity of Rituals Performed at the Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan // International Symposium Altay Communities: Religion and Belief Rituals – Language and History Issues, Antalya, Turkey, July 21, 2015
21. The Kyrgyz epic "Manas": Safeguarding Epic's Diversity through Digitization // The Expert Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 26-27 January, 2015
22. Placing the Epic "Manas" into the Contemporary World through Digitization // Cultural Heritage Archives: Networks, Innovation & Collaboration Symposium, Library of Congress, American Folk life Center, Washington, USA, 26 September, 2013
23. Pilgrimage to Shrines in Kyrgyzstan: Practices and Debates // International Congress on Imam's descendants, Isfahan, Iran, 11 September, 2013

24. Restoration of Traditional Knowledge and Practices // International Seminar on Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge , Bishkek, 25 October, 2013
25. Sacred Geography of Kyrgyzstan // Kyrgyz Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan, 18 October, 2012.
26. Restoration of Traditional Practices in Kyrgyzstan During the Late Soviet and Early Post-Soviet Periods // The Legacy of Perestroika Discourses in Knowledge Production on Central Asia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 25, 2012.
27. From Kirgizia to Kyrgyzstan: Evoking of Traditional Domain in the Years of Perestroika// DAVO congress, Berlin, October 6, 2011
28. From Kirgizia to Kyrgyzstan: Evoking of Traditional Spirituality in the Years of Perestroika//Institution for Asian and African studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 28 September 2011.
29. Kyrgyz Folk Concepts on Climate Change // Religion in Global Environmental and Climate Change: Sufferings, Values, Lifestyles, Potsdam, Germany, 11-13 January 2010.
30. Classifications of Sacred Sites (Kyrgyzstan) // Sacred Sites and Protected Areas: Lessons learnt in the Altai – Khangai - Sayan Mountain Region, Altai Republic, Russia, July 23,24, 2009
31. *Masar* Pilgrimage: Pros and Cons among Kyrgyz Muslims // First Regional Conference of the Central Asian (CESS), Royal Beach, Chok Tal, Isyk Kol, Kyrgyzstan, August4-7, 2008.
32. *Kyrgyzchyluk*: Searching New Paradigms for Traditional Practices // 9 th SIEF Congress Transcending “European Heritage”: Liberating the Ethnological Imagination, University of Ulster, Derry, UK, 16-20 June 2008. (The keynote)
33. Jointly with Dr. Elena Molchanova: *Kyrgyzchyluk*: Searching between Spirituality and Science // The eighth annual conference of CESS, Seattle-Washington, 19-21 October, 2007
34. Spiritual Mission, Health and Sacred Sites Worship in Kyrgyzstan // Nature, Space and the Sacred: Transdisciplinary Perspectives International, Inaugural Conference of the European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment, Bamberg, Germany, 25 May, 2007
35. Jointly with Dr. Elena Molchanova: Traditional Kyrgyz Rituals and Modern Psychological Practice: Meeting Compromise // Applied Ethnopsychology: Current Issues and Development Perspectives, Moscow, Russia, 17 March, 2007
36. Kinship, Political Participation and Mass Media in Current Kyrgyzstan (An anthropological perspective) // a CESS 6th Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, 29 October 2006
37. “Sacred Sites World in Kyrgyzstan” // Oral History Program of Toledo University, Ohio, USA, October 4, 2006
38. The Phenomenon of the Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Interweaving of Mythology and Reality // the International Symposium on “Conserving Cultural and Biological Diversity: The Role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes”, Tokyo, Japan, 31 May 2005
39. New Meanings and Roles of the Old Kyrgyz Epics // a CESS 5th Annual Conference Bloomington, Indiana, USA, 14 October 2004

Selected Publications:

1. Kyrgyz Relatives and Relations with the environment: a dialogue between activism and engaged scholarship // Environmental Humanities in Central Asia, Routledge, in print, jointly with Jeanne Féaux de la Croix.
2. Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan as a phenomenon of power // Jeanne Feaux de la Croix and Madeleine Reeves (eds) The Central Asian World, Routledge, London and New York, 2023, pp. 717-732.
3. Traditional Life of Water in Kyrgyzstan: Everyday and Ritual Practices in Living Heritage Series < Water: Interconnectivity between Intangible Cultural Heritage and Science >, 2022, ICHCAP-UNESCO together with A.Abdrakmanova.
4. K. Osmonaliev “Köchmөndör kagylyshy” (Enmity of Nomads): Transformation of Traditional Forms and Meanings in the Kyrgyz historical prose// Scientific Tatarstan, Humanitarian Sciences, 2022, N 3, p. 69-75.

5. Changes in the structure of the literary field in Soviet Kyrgyzia during the perestroika period // Scientific Tatarstan, Humanitarian Sciences, 2021, N 1, p.114-121.
6. The National Manual for Safeguarding Sacred Sites and Ritual Practices, Bishkek, 2020, jointly with A. Kojobekova (Kyrgyz and Russian).
7. "The Kyrgyz trilogy "Manas, Semetey, Seitek": creating a digital version of the epic for educational purposes" // La gestion de la diversité culturelle : un défi pour les sociétés contemporaines, A l'attention des intervenants au Colloque international des 10 & 11 février, France, 2017
8. Kyrgyz Prose during Perestroika: Anticipating or Constructing the Future? // Cahiers D'Asie Centrale, 24, 2015, Bishkek-Paris, 2015
9. Everyday life perspective on work, home, and "The Soviet" from Estonia to Kyrgyzstan// Laboratorium, 2014, vol. 2 (jointly with Dr. Laura Adams).
10. Code of Manas as a Main Code of Perestroika // Academic Review of Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University - Vol. 14-3 – Bishkek: 2014.
11. The Language Issue in the Years of Perestroika in Kyrgyz Soviet Republic (1986-1989) // -Academic Review of Kyrgyz National University – Vol.4 – Bishkek: 2013
12. The Potential of Sacred Sites in Conflict Resolution// Traditional Ways in Conflict Resolution. Bishkek, Maxprint, 2013
13. *Jaichylyk*: Harmonizing the Will of Nature and Human Needs // Religion in Environmental and Climate Change: Suffering, Values, Lifestyles. Continuum, 2012
14. Ordinary Muslims, or *Moldo* Phenomenon in Kyrgyzstan // Ethnographic Observation ("Этнографическое обозрение"), Moscow, 2010, N.5 (jointly with Gulmira Aldakeeva and Aida Egemberdieva).
15. Sacredness, People, Place (Classification and preservation of sacred sites in Kyrgyzstan) // Collection of the Papers on Sacred Sites and Protected Natural Territories of Altay – Hangay – Syian Mountain Region, Gorno-Altaysk, Republic of Altay, Russia, 2009.
16. Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Spiritual Mission, Health and Pilgrimage// Nature, Space and the Sacred. Transdisciplinary Perspectives - UK, Ashgate: 2009.
17. Debates around Pilgrimage on Sacred Sites Amongst Kyrgyz Muslims// Sacred sites of Isyk-Kol: Spiritual Power, Pilgrimage, and Art// Bishkek, 2009.
18. *Kyrgyzchylyk*: Searching New Paradigms for Ancient Practices// Anthropological Yearbook of European Cultures – Volume 17 –Issue 2- Berghahn Journals, New York-Oxford: 2008.
19. The Heritage Study Textbook (jointly with Aida Egemberdieva) – Bishkek: 2008
20. The Triad of Crime, Punishment and Forgiveness in Kyrgyz Epic *Kojojash* // Journal of Folklore Research – Volume, 43 - Number 2. – Indiana University Press: 2006.
21. The Phenomenon of the Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Interweaving of Mythology and Reality // the Collection of the UNESCO Conference in Japan, June, 2006
22. The Ancient Mazars in Talas // the Collection of the Conference in Talas, Kyrgyzstan, November 2005 – Bishkek: 2005.
23. Phenomenon of Masars in Kyrgyzstan (raising the problem and hypothesis) // Academic Review of American University Central Asia – Number 2. – Bishkek: 2005.
24. Religious Motives in a Kyrgyz Novel (60-90 years), Bishkek, 1996.

Books Edited:

1. 1916: Depoliticizing and Humanizing Our Knowledge on the Uprising in Central Asia Bishkek, 2020, co-editor with A. Morrison.
2. Sacred Sites of the Northern Kyrgyzstan: Nature, Man, Spirituality – Bishkek, 2015
3. Literature and Society in Central Asia// *Cahiers D'Asie Centrale* (co-editor with Marc Toutant) – Paris-Bishkek, 2015, vol. 24.
4. The Sacred Sites and Spiritual Experiences in Chyi Valley, co-editor – Bishkek, 2015.
5. The Value of Naryn: Spirited Sites and Blessing Knowledge, co-editor – Bishkek, 2014.
6. Sacred Sites of the Southern Kyrgyzstan: Nature. Manas. Islam – Bishkek, 2013
7. Blessed Batken Land and Folk Knowledge – Bishkek, 2012

8. Mazars' Worship in Kyrgyzstan: Pilgrimage and Rituals in Talas. Second Edition, co-editor – Bishkek, 2011
9. Sacred Sites in Osh and Folk Knowledge – Bishkek, 2011
10. Sacred Sites in Jalal-Abad and Folk Wisdom – Bishkek, 2010
11. Sacred Site of Ysyk-Kol: Spiritual Power, Pilgrimage, and Art – Bishkek, 2009.
12. Mazars' Worship in Kyrgyzstan: Pilgrimage and Rituals in Talas, co-editor – Bishkek, 2007
13. Blessing Nyldy Ata - Bishkek, 2006

Awards and certificates:

- Honored Worker of the Culture of Kyrgyz Republic, 2020
- TURKSOY Medal of Julius Nemeth for the long time contribution to the study and dissemination of the ICH related to sacred sites in KR, 2020
- Honorary Diploma of the President for the long time contribution to the development of culture, 2013
- Appreciation from the President for the creation of the ensemble “Min Komuzchu” (One thousand komuz players), 2016
- Appreciation for the creation of the ensemble “Min Komuzchu” (One thousand komuz players) from the scientific and pedagogical magazine “Mugalim”, 2016
- Appreciation from the Prime-Minister for contribution to inscription of the traditional sport game “Kek Bery” in the UNESCO Representative List, 2016