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EDUCATION

Rice University; Houston, TX
PhD Candidate (ABD)
Department of Sociology,
Graduate Student Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program
Ph.D. Student and Research Affiliate (2012-present)

Rice University; Houston, TX
M.A. Sociology-2014

“Construction and Tension Resolution: A Comparative Study of Religious Conversion to Protestantism among Chinese and Indian Immigrants.” (Committee: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Chair; Michael Emerson; Sergio Chaves; Steven Lewis)

Tongji University; Shanghai, China
B.A. Law-2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2012-Present Graduate Student Research Fellow, Religion in Public Life Program,
Rice University.
2012-2015 Graduate Student Research Fellow, “Ethics among Physicists in
Cross-National Context,” *National Science Foundation*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di**, forthcoming, “A Catholic Science? Italian Scientists

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Construct Religious Identity During Religious Shifts,” *Philosophy, Theology, and Sciences*.

Lewis, Steven W., **Di Di**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, forthcoming, “The Double-Edged Sword: *Guanxi* and Scientific Ethics in Academic Physics in the People’s Republic of China.” *Journal of Contemporary China*.

Johnson, David, Elaine Howard Ecklund, **Di Di**, and Kirstin Matthews. “Responding to Richard: Celebrity and (Mis)representation of Science.” *Public Understanding of Science*. published online at (<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0963662516673501>).

Quoted in The Independent, ArsTechnica (UK), Science Newsline, and Physics.Org

Di, Di. 2016. “Boundary Formation and Cultural Construction: How do Chinese and Indian Immigrant Converts Understand Religious Identity?” *Journal of Religion and Society* 18, published online at (<http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/>).

Winner of Walter and Helen Hall Prize, Department of Sociology, Rice University

Di, Di, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Steven W. Lewis. Forthcoming. 2016. “Gender Beliefs and Gender Stratification in Chinese Science.” *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering* 22(4):329-348.

Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di**. 2016. “A Gendered Approach to Science Ethics for UK and US Physicists.” *Science and Engineering Ethics* 23(1):183-201.

Quoted in Times Higher Education and Insider Higher Ed

SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Di, Di. “Paths to Enlightenment: Constructing Buddhist Identities in Mainland China and the US.”
Revise and Resubmit

Di, Di and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Creating Sacredness and Defending Secularity: Religion in the Workplace of Taiwanese Scientists.” Under Review

Di, Di. “Navigating Gender Norms: ‘Doing Gender’ in Buddhist Temples in mainland China and the US.” Under Review

Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Katherine Sorrell, and **Di Di**, “Negotiating Changing Identities Within Institutional Settings.” In Progress

Ecklund, Elaine Howard, Christopher P. Scheitle, **Di Di**, and David R. Johnson. “Gender

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Discrimination in Science Across National Contexts.” In Progress

Vaidyanathan, Brandon, **Di Di**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, “Transcendent Moments: A Cross-National Examination of Scientists’ Perceptions of Awe and Beauty.” In Progress

Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di**, “Spirituality and Science,” in *Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)*. In progress

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Di Di. 2016. “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” \$3,000 Student Research Award. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 07/09/2016-08/09/2017.

Di, Di. 2016. “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” \$4,495. *The Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance*. Rice University. 07/01/2016-07/01/2017.

Di, Di. 2016. “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” \$250 Student Travel Grant. *Social Scientific Study of Religion*. 05/09/2016

Di, Di. 2015. “Religious Conversion of Italian Scientists.” \$500 Student Travel Grant. Graduate Student Association, Rice University. 07/20/2015

Di, Di. 2015. ““There is No Point in Being Richard Dawkins:’ Varieties of Atheism among UK Scientists.” \$300 Student Travel Grant. *Social Scientific Study of Religion*. 05/11/2015

Di, Di. 2015. “Hybrid Identities: A Comparative Study of Religious Conversion to Protestantism among Chinese and Indian Immigrants in the United States.” \$2,000 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant. *Social Science Research Institute*, Rice University. 01/01/2015-12/31/2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Di Di. “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Identity Boundaries in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia, GA. October 28-30, 2016.

Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Di Di**. “Italian Scientists’ Religious conversion.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. August 20-23, 2016.

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Di Di. 2016. "A Purification of the Heart and Preservation of the Culture: Conversion to Buddhism in Mainland China." *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, WA. August 19-21, 2016.

David R. Johnson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, **Di Di**, Kirstin Matthews. 2015. "Responding to Richard: (Mis) representation of Science." *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, CA. October 23-25, 2015.

Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Di Di.** 2015. "The Double-Edged Sword of Feminine Ethics in Science for US and US Physicists." *American Sociological Association* Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 22-25, 2015.

Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Di Di.** "Religious Conversion of Italian and US Scientists." *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 20-22, 2015

Di, Di. 2015, "Ethical Connotation of *Guanxi* in Academic Physics in the People's Republic of China." *Eastern Sociological Society* Annual Conference, New York City, NY. February 26-March 01, 2015.

Di, Di. 2014. "Construction and Tension Resolution: A Comparative Study of Religious Conversion to Protestantism among Chinese and Indian Immigrants in the United States." *American Sociological Association* Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 16-19, 2014.

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Sociology of Religion*, *Racial and Ethnic Studies*, *Gender & Society*

Program Chair, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2016-2017.

Graduate Student Representative, Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association, 2014-2015.

Session Convener, "Negotiating Religious Identity," *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 20-22, 2015

Session Convener, "Atheism: Varieties, Well-Being, Moral Decision-Making, and Distress," *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, CA. October 23-25, 2015.

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TEACHING AND MENTORING

Guest Lecturer. 2015. Science at Risk?: Out of the Lab and Into the Public Sphere (SOCI 314), “Science and Gender,” Instructor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology. Rice University.

Teaching Assistant. 2014. Research Methods (SOCI381), Instructor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology. Rice University.

First-Year Graduate Student Mentor. 2014. Department of Sociology. Rice University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2016 | Walter and Helen Hall Prize, Department of Sociology, Rice University |
| 2011 | First Prize Academic Award, Tongji University |
| 2010 | First Prize Academic Award, Tongji University |
| 2010 | Guanghua Academic Award, Tongji University |
| 2009 | Second Prize Academic Award, Tongji University |

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
Association of Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

REFERENCES

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