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EDUCATION

- 2014-Present Rice University; Houston, TX
Ph.D. Sociology (expected May 2019)
Comprehensive Exams: Race Ethnicity and Immigration, Culture and Religion
Graduate Student Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program
- Dissertation: “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US”
- 2012-2014 Rice University; Houston, TX
M.A. Sociology
- 2007-2012 Tongji University; Shanghai, China
B.A. Law

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Immigration, Race and Ethnicity, Asia and Asian Americans, Religion, Science, International Comparative, Mixed Methods

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Forthcoming **Di, Di.** “Paths to Enlightenment: Constructing Buddhist Identities in Mainland China and the US.” *Sociology of Religion*.
- 2017 **Di, Di,** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Creating Sacredness and Defending Secularity: Faith in the Workplace of Taiwanese Scientists.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamics World* 3:1-15.
- 2017 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di.** “A Catholic Science? Italian Scientists Construct Religious Identity during Religious Shifts.” *Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences* 4(1):94-114.
- 2017 Lewis, Steven W., **Di Di,** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “The Double-Edged Sword: *Guanxi* and Science Ethics in Academic Physics in the People’s Republic of China.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 26(107):726-740.

- 2016 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di**. “A Gendered Approach to Science Ethics for US and UK Physicists.” *Science and Engineering Ethics* 23(1):183-201. *Quoted in Times Higher Education and Insider Higher Ed.*
- 2016 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 Newslite, and Physics.Org.*
- 2016 **Di, Di**. “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.
- 2016 **Di, Di**, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Steven W. Lewis. “Women’s Underrepresentation in Academic Physics in the People’s Republic of China.” *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering* 22(4):329-348.

BOOK CHAPTER

- Forthcoming Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Di Di**. “Global Spirituality among Scientists,” in *Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)*. Routledge.

BOOKS

- Forthcoming Elaine Howard Ecklund, David R. Johnson, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Steven Lewis, Kirstin Matthews, Robert A. Thomson Jr., **Di Di**. *Science and Secularity*. Oxford University Press.
- In progress. **Di, Di**. *Contested Buddhism: Gender, Race, and Religion in ethnic Chinese Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US*. In progress.

SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Di, Di. “Navigating Gender Norms: ‘Doing Gender’ in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Under Review at *Social Forces*

Winner of Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Religion Session, American Sociological Association

* Winner of Seth Balkishan Das Singhal Award, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University *

Di, Di, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Robert Thomson. “Publish, Parent, and Perish: A Cross-National Comparison of Gender Gaps in Science,” Under review at *Social Problems*

Di, Di, Simanjit Khalsa, Bob Thomson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Global Spirituality Among Scientists.” Under Review at *American Sociological Review*

SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Di, Di, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Christopher P. Scheitle. “ ‘Doing’ and ‘Re-Doing’ Gender in Global Sciences: Scientists’ Responses to Gender Disparity between Physics and Biology,” In progress.

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

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Robert Thompson, Sharan Kaur Mehta, Daniel Bolger, **Di Di**, “Perceptions of Discrimination in Global Science,” In progress.

Di, Di. “Oppression or Empowerment: A Multi-Level Analysis of Gender and Religion in the Globe.” In progress.

REVIEWS

2018 **Di, Di**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Review of *The Spirit Moves West: Korean Missionaries in America* by Rebecca Kim,” for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 Lodieska Stockbridge Vaughn Fellowship, Rice University (\$16,750)

2018 “Religion and Women’s Ideologies in the Globe: Oppression or Empowerment?” Student Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$500).

2017 Senior Graduate Student Fellowship, *Religion and Public Life Program*, Rice University (\$27,500).

2017 “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, *Religious Research Association* (\$896).

2017 “Navigating Gender Norms: ‘Doing Gender’ in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Student Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$300).

2016 “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Student Research Award, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$3,000).

2016 “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Seed Grant, *The Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance*, Rice University (\$4,495).

- 2016 “Getting Enlightened: A Comparative Study of Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” Student Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$250).
- 2015 “Religious Conversion of Italian Scientists.” Student Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, Rice University (\$500).
- 2015 “‘There is No Point in Being Richard Dawkins’: Varieties of Atheism among UK Scientists.” Student Travel Grant, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (\$300).
- 2015 “Hybrid Identities: A Comparative Study of Religious Conversion to Protestantism among Chinese and Indian Immigrants in the United States.” Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, *Social Science Research Institute*, Rice University (\$2,000).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Religion Session, American Sociological Association
- 2017 Seth Balkishan Das Singhal Best Paper Award, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University
- 2016 Walter and Helen Hall Prize for Best Paper, 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
- 2008 Second Prize Academic Award, Tongji University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 **Di, Di.** “Navigating Gender Norms: Segregating Gender and ‘Doing Sacredness’ in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. October 13-15.
- 2017 **Di, Di** and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Producing Sacredness and Defending Secularity: Faith in the Workplace of Taiwanese Scientists.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 12-15.
- 2017 **Di, Di.** “Navigating Gender Norms: ‘Doing Egalitarianism’ in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 13-14.

- 2016 **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, GA. October 28-30.
- 2016 Ecklund, Elaine Howard, and **Di Di.** “Italian Scientists’ Religious Conversion.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23.
- 2016 **Di, Di.** “A Purification of the Heart and Preservation of the Culture: Conversion to Buddhism in Mainland China.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 19-21.
- 2015 Johnson, David R., Elaine Howard Ecklund, **Di Di**, and Kirstin Matthews. “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.** “The Double-Edged Sword of Feminine Ethics in Science for US and UK Physicists.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. 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 Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 20-22.
- 2015 Lewis, Steven, **Di Di**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “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 1.
- 2014 **Di, Di.** “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 Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

TEACHING AND MENTORING

- 2018 Instructor, Sociology of Immigration (SOCI 340), Department of Sociology. Rice University.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, Religion and Public Life (SOC 459/559), “Religion, Gender, and

Family in Public Life,” Instructor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology, Rice University.

- 2015 Guest Lecturer, 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.
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Research Methods (SOCI 381), Instructor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology. Rice University.
- 2014 First-Year Graduate Student Mentor. Department of Sociology. Rice University.

SERVICE

- 2014-Present *Ad Hoc* Reviewer, *Sociology of Religion* (2), *Racial and Ethnic Studies*, *Gender & Society* (2), *Public Understanding of Science*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- 2017 Session Chair, “Qualitative Studies of Religions in Chinese Societies,” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 13-14.
- 2016-2017 Appointed Program Chair, *Association for the Sociology of Religion*.
- 2016 Session Chair, “Manifestation of Religion in China,” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 19-21.
- 2015 Session Chair, “Negotiating Religious Identity,” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 20-22.
- 2015 Session Chair, “Atheism: Varieties, Well-Being, Moral Decision-Making, and Distress,” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting. Newport Beach, CA. October 23-25.
- 2014-2015 Appointed Graduate Student Representative, Section on the Sociology of Religion, *American Sociological Association*.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 Writing Workshop for Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Mapping Chinese Spiritual Capital Initiative, Center on Religion and Chinese Society, Purdue University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2012-Present *American Sociological Association* (Sections: International Migration; Sex and Gender; Asia and Asian America; Science, Knowledge, and Technology; Religion; Culture)
- 2012-Present *Association for the Sociology of Religion*

2012-Present *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*
2017-Present *Religious Research Association*

SOFTWARE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical and Qualitative Data Analysis Software
Stata, LISREL, Atlas.Ti

Statistical Methods

linear regression, multi-level modeling, structural equation modeling, longitudinal modeling

LANGUAGE

Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

REFERENCES

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