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Current research and teaching interest

My research and teaching interests are presently focused on two different topics:

1. Laughter and humor: Evolution, development and their role in animal physiology and social behavior. Physiology of laughter. Humor as social control and social conflict.
2. The Middle East and Central Asia: Early civilizations and their modern destruction.

The above research draws directly upon an unique combination of education, knowledge, research, and personal experience that have allowed me to explore a variety of seemingly disconnected topics to gain a better understanding of both the past and the present of geographical areas of my interest.

The practical value of my research interests, as briefly outlined above, is clearly demonstrated through its applicability to global events, especially of the last 10 years, involving Islamist extremists' destruction of the pre-Islamic past and their violent responses to the Western expressions of social control through humor.

Projects in preparation (pending internal and/or external funding) – long term

Joking Relationships: Old concepts, modern applications in conflict resolution in Zanzibar and Tanzania.

Institute of Humor and Laughter. An interdisciplinary, multi-lingual, multicultural and international center to be established as a part of an educational institution.

Education

- 1991 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.
Dissertation title: The Search for the Sacred: Archaeology of Religion and Interpretation of Color Symbolism in Prehistoric Societies. (Cross cultural research with case studies from the Middle East).
- 1989 M.A., Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Languages and Literature, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. USA.
Thesis title: Women of the Republican Period in Turkish Village Writing.
- 1982 M.A., Archaeology and History of Europe and the Ancient Middle East. University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.
Thesis title: Cult Places of the Early Bronze Age Anatolia.

Academic positions, University of Utah

- 2005-present Associate Professor/Lecturer, Middle East Center.
2002-present Associate Professor/Lecturer, Department of Anthropology.
2000-2002 Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Department of Anthropology.
1991-1999 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology.
1989-1990 Acting Director of Turkish Program, Middle East Center.
1986-1995 Associate Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Middle East Center, and Division of Continuing Education.

Selected positions with focus on education

- 2003-2015 Lecturer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Utah.
1998-2010 Lecturer, Middle East Center Outreach Program, University of Utah.
1998-2010 Research curator of the Middle-Eastern collection, Utah Museum of Natural History.
- 1991-2006 Lecturer, Utah Humanities Council.
1994 Co-Director/International Coordinator. Construction Management And Finance Seminar for the Delegates from Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia. Construction in Emerging Market Economies: Managing and Financing Development. Sponsored by U.S.A.I.D. , Salt Lake City, Utah; Park City, Utah; Washington D.C.
- 1994 Cultural Advisor. Shelter Sector Development Project in Kazakhstan. ICMA; sponsored by U.S.A.I.D.: Salt Lake City, Utah; Washington D.C., Kazakhstan.
- 1993 Associate Director/International Coordinator. Housing Finance Seminar for the Delegates from Eastern Europe and NIS: Housing Finance in Emerging Market Economies: Developments and

Prospects. Sponsored by U.S.A.I.D. Salt Lake City, Utah; Park City, Utah; Washington D.C.
 1992 Associate Director of Administration. A Training Seminar for the Banking and Financial Institutions Department: Ministry of Finance, Warsaw, Poland. David Eccles School of Business, The Garn Institute of Finance, University of Utah.

Selected courses, University of Utah

Current courses with general education designations (proposed, approved, developed and taught):

Anthropological Archaeology of Ancient Egypt (both in class and online). BF
 Anthropological Archaeology of Ancient Near East. BF
 Anthropology of Humor and Laughter (both in class and online). BF and DV
 Introduction to the Middle East ((both in class and online). BF
 Religiosity in the Middle East and U.S.A. (both in class and online). BF, HF and DIV
 Silk Road: Past and Present (both in class and online). BF, IR

Current courses with general education designations (re-designed and taught)

Peoples and Cultures in the Middle East. IR

Past courses (re-designed and taught):

Rise of Civilizations.
 Turkish Language: First and Second Year.

Past courses (proposed, approved, developed and taught):

Anthropology at Work (Applied Anthropology).
 Archaeology and Culture of Pharaonic Egypt.
 Archaeology and Culture of Pharaonic Egypt.
 Archaeology of Myth and Ritual.
 Creation Stories of the Middle East.
 Cultures of the Ancient Middle East.
 Cuneiform Cultures of the Biblical World.
 Death, Rituals and Mummies.
 Lost Civilizations of the Silk Road.
 Love, Sex, and Family in the Middle East.
 Love, Sex, and Family in the Middle East.
 Nomads of Eurasian Steppes.
 Pharaonic Egypt: The Gift of the Nile.
 Texts, Scripts, and Languages of the Ancient Middle East.
 Women of the Ancient and Modern Middle East.
 Wonders of the Middle East.

Courses proposed, approved, to be taught in the future:

Religion and Sacral Architecture of the Middle East.

Explanation:

1. Most of the above courses are a part of different programs at the University of Utah (e.g., International Studies, Religious Studies, Middle Eastern Studies.
2. Member of the Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies Curriculum Committees.

Selected invited general public presentations

The following is a list of the most popular topics for frequent speaking engagements in Utah and outside (both the U.S. and abroad):

Behind the Veil: Temporary Marriages in Iran.
Central Asian Republics: Who and What They are.
Creation Stories of the Middle East.
Demystifying the Middle East.
Everyday Life in Iraq and Iran.
Forbidden Journey: Iraq under Saddam Hussein.
From Ancient Mesopotamia to a Modern Basement: The Origin of Writing.
Humor and Laughter (various foci).
Indiana Jones and Modern Archaeology.
Iran: A Cradle of Ancient Civilizations.
Iran: An Axis of Evil or Paradise?
Islam: Its Origin and Development.
Jiroft: The Lost Kingdom of ...?
Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East.
Personal Mythology.
The Middle East: Political Humor.
Women of the Middle East.

Most recent speaking engagements:

Humor as Social Control and Social Conflict. For *Forum for Questioning Minds*. Salt Lake City Main Library. March 2015.
Moksha: Photography by Fazal Sheik. For *UMFA*. November 2014.

TV, Radio, Newspaper interviews, etc., in Utah, U.S.A. and abroad (no count – number varies depending on current media interests).

Books

- 2015-2016 *Anthropology of Humor and Laughter*. Ed. 2nd Revised edition. (In preparation). San Diego. Cognella, Inc.
- 2015-2016 *Behind the Veil of Secrecy: The Middle East, Archaeology, and Hollywood, The True Story of the Forgotten "Indiana Jones:" Professor Edgar J. Banks*. Doug Grad Literary Agency, New York (prepared for publishers' auction).

- 2015 *The Ethics of Suicide: Historical Sources*. Edited by Margaret Pabst Battin. Consulting editor on Egypt. Oxford University Press.
- 2013 *Anthropology of Humor and Laughter*. Ed. San Diego: Cognella, Inc.
- 2000 *Creation Stories of the Middle East*. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers. (Second edition – under negotiation).

Book reviews

- 2015-2016 *Fustat I. Bone Carvings from Fustat-Istabl'Antar*. By Elzbieta Rodziewicz. Institute français d'archaéologie orientale.
- 2014 *Humour, Comedy, and Laughter*. Edited by Lidia Dina Sciama. Berghahn Books. New York.
- 2006 *A History of Ancient Egypt*. By Marc Van De Mierop. Blackwell Publishing.
- 2005 *Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture*. By William H. Stiebing, Jr. Longman Publishers.
- 1999 *Ritual and Belief: Readings in the Anthropology of Religion*. By David Hicks. McGraw-Hill College. Prentice Hall.
- 2014 – A reviewer for *the HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research*.

Selected articles

- 2015-2016 Humour. Entry for *The Cognitive and Psychological Anthropology*. In *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Edited by Hillary Callan. Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. Ltd. New Jersey. Oxford
- 2009-2011 Teaching and Learning Guide: Sacred Space in the Ancient Near East. For *Religion Compass*. Wiley InterScience. Blackwell Publishing Ltd. New York and Oxford.
- 2009 Sacred Space in the Ancient Near East. In *Religion Compass*. Wiley InterScience. Blackwell Publishing Ltd. New York and Oxford.
- 2009 Cost of Education Too High When Result is Ignorance. In *Salt Lake Tribune*. Reprinted by other press.
- 2006 Death and Afterlife in Creation Stories of the Middle East. In *"The Proceedings of Building a Harmonious and Sustainable Society, Message from the Ancient Near East."* Peking University. Beijing. China.

- 2006 Hanging Saddam Will Only Make Him a Martyr. In *Salt Lake Tribune*. Reprinted in numerous countries.
- 2005 Cuneiform Texts in Utah Collections. With David I. Owen. In M. de J. Ellis, Ann Guinan, and M. Walters (eds.). *If a Man Builds a Joyful House: Studies in Honor of Erle Verdun Leichty*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2004 Kyrgyzstan: The Last Song of Manas? In *Proceedings of the Conference entitled "Present State and Perspectives of Nomadism in a Globalizing World."* Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 9-14, 2004.
- 2004 Utah Author Finds Iran to Be Ever-Evolving. In *Salt Lake Tribune*. Reprinted in numerous countries including Iran (official and underground press).
- 2003 Post-Saddam Iraq Crippled by the Stalinism that Destroyed Initiative. In *Salt Lake Tribune*. Reprinted in numerous countries.
- 2002 So the Soul Can Rest. Death and Afterlife in the Qur'an. In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. October.
- 2002 Nor Shall They Grieve. Death and Afterlife in the Qur'an. In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. September.
- 2001 Cuneiform Texts in the Arizona State Museum, Tucson. With David I. Owen. In *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*. 52.
- 2001 Does It End? Death and Afterlife in Middle Eastern Creation Stories. In *The World and I*. The Washington Times Publishers. November.
- 2000 The Forgotten Indiana Jones. From Ancient Mesopotamia to Hollywood. In *The World and I*. The Washington Times Publishers. August.
- 2000 Forbidden Journey: Inside Southern Iraq. In *The World and I*. The Washington Times Publishers. April.
- 1999 Iraq: Perception or Reality. In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. May.
- 1999 The Second Millennium B.C. Rock sanctuaries of Yazilikaya (Anatolia) and Tamgaly (Kazakhstan). In *Proceedings of the 42e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*. Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta.
- 1998 Right on the Money...Its History, Use, and Abuse. In *The World & I. A Chronicle of Our Changing Era*. The Washington Times Corporation. November (includes photos).

- 1998 Land Without Boundaries: Nomads of Central Asia. In *The Explorers Journal*. March.
- 1998 From Ancient Mesopotamia to a Modern Basement: On Cuneiform Tablets and The Origins of Writing. In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. April.
- 1998 A New Look at the Sacral Architecture of Anatolia during the Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age. In *Proceedings of the 34e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*. Istanbul.
- 1997/98 Ur III Tablets in the Utah Museum of Natural History. With David I. Owen. In *Acta Sumerologica*. Vol. 19.
- 1997/1998 Akkadian and Old Babylonian Texts in the Utah Museum of Natural History. In *Acta Sumerologica*. Vol. 19.
- 1997 The Past and the Present: The Power of Heroic Epics and Oral Tradition -- Manas-1000. In *Central Asian Survey*, Vol.16.
- 1996 Manas at 1000. The Rebirth of Kyrgyzstan. In *Aramco World*. May/June.
- 1995 The Forgotten Land: From Nomads to Independent States of Central Asia. Part 1: At the Crossroads: Searching for Identity. Part 2: The Soviet Experiment in Hope: Its Death in the Land of Timur. Part 3: Nomads of Central Asia: Galloping Through Time. In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. June, July, August.
- 1994 The Search for Impossible: the archaeology of religion of prehistoric societies as an anthropological discipline. In *Journal of Prehistoric Religion*. Vol. VIII.
- 1994 In Search of the Past: The Hittites of Anatolia. In *Aramco World*. September/October.
- 1994 Creation Myths of the Middle East.
Part I: The Universe's Watery Birth.
Part 2: Of Mud and the Divine.
Part 3: Fatal Knowledge.
Part 4: The Destruction of Mankind.
In *The World & I*. The Washington Times Publishers. February, March, April, May.
- 1993 Organization and Meaning of Sacred Space in Prehistoric Anatolia. In *Ritual and Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East*. Edited by J. Quaegebeur. Leuven: Uitgeverij Peeters en Departement Orientalistiek.

- 1992 Ritual and Art Making.
In *Art Therapy. Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. Vol. 9,
No. 4.
- 1991 Archaeology of Religion. Colors as the Symbolic Markers Dividing the
Sacred from Profane. In *Journal of Prehistoric Religion*. Vol. V.
- 1991 To Be or Not to Be a Temple? Possible Identification of a Banesh Period
Temple at Tall-i Malyan, Iran. In *Mesopotamian History and Environment.
Occasional Publications. Volume 1. Mesopotamie et Elam*.
Actes de la XXXVIème Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Gend.

Manuals, dictionaries, briefing books

- 1995 *Kazakhstan: A Review of Housing Policy in Emerging Market Economy.
What, why, and how?* With Zhetpisbay Omiralievich Duisembekov, Deputy
Minister, Republic of Kazakhstan Ministry of Civil Engineering, Housing
and Urban Development, and Elaine B. Weis, M.B.A., consultant.
Manuscript for Kazakhstan Economic Journal. In Russian.
- 1995 *English to Russian Directory of Financial Terms*. Co-editor et al.
ICMA/U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1995 *Financial Markets*. Co-editor et al. ICMA/U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1994 *Directory of Construction and Housing Finance Terms. English/Russian*.
With Leslie M. Valeo and Elaine B. Weis. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1994 *Speaker Briefing Book: A Review of the History, Culture and Economics of
Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia*. U.S.A.I.D. Washington
D.C.
- 1994 *Construction Management and Finance Seminar*. Co-editor et al.
U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1993 *Housing Finance in Emerging Market Economies: Developments and
Prospects*. Co-editor et al. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1993 *Directory of Housing Finance Terms. English/Polish*. Co-editor, Elaine B.
Weis, et al. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1993 *Directory of Housing Finance Terms. English/Russian*. Co-editor, Elaine B.
Weis, et al. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.

- 1993 *Directory of Housing Finance Terms. English/Bulgarian.* Co-editor, Elaine B. Weis, et al. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1993 *Directory of Housing Finance Terms. English/Hungarian.* Co-editor, Elaine B. Weis, et al. U.S.A.I.D. Washington D.C.
- 1992 *Housing Finance in Emerging Market Economies: The Case of Poland. Housing Finance in a Cultural Context.* With Elaine B. Weis. Fannie Mae University Colloquium Series.

Catalogues of ancient artifacts

- 2000/1 *Ancient Egyptian Objects in the Collection of the Arizona State Museum, Tucson.*
- 1998-99 *Cuneiform Tablets and Other Related Objects in the Collection of the Arizona State Museum, Tucson.*
- 1998-99 *Cuneiform Tablets and Other Related Objects in the Collection of the LDS Church.*
- 1998 *Cuneiform Tablets and Other Related Objects in the Collection of the Institute of Religion, Logan.*
- 1995-98 *Cuneiform Tablets and Other Related Objects in the Collection of the Utah Museum of Natural History.*
- 1996-97 *Cuneiform Tablets and Other Related Objects in the Collection of the Museum of Peoples and Cultures, BYU.*

Visual media

- 2005-present www.ewas.us Creation, design, preparation, maintenance, and update of this educational and personal website focusing on publication of field trips (see, for example, China, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Mongolia, Syria). By invitation of its editor, Jack Lucentini, a part of the World Science News (www.world-science.net)
- 2008 The Forgotten Indiana Jones: Professor Edgar J. Banks. Produced by the 125th Anniversary Committee, Eustis, Florida.
- 2006 A Series of Educational CDs on the Middle East:
 Everyday Life in Iraq and Iran.
 Introduction to Islam and the Qur'an.
 Iran: A Cradle of Ancient Civilizations.
 Iran: An Axis of Evil or Paradise?

Women of the Middle East.

- 2003 Women of K2. Producer: Jennifer Jordan. National Geographic Documentary. Consultant, interpreter/translator, research assistant, voice over.
- 1998 Animated short features (2D) about the Middle East. THARAMEDIA. Screenwriter, consultant. Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Selected field and research experience

- 2014 Israel and West Bank. Documentation and collection of data on archaeological exploration and preservation of archaeological sites.
- 2008 September. October. Syria. Documentation and collection of data on archaeological exploration and preservation of archaeological sites.
- 2008 April. May. Malta. Documentation and collection of data on megalithic cultures of Malta. Start-up project with the Heritage, Malta, on archaeology and DNA of the ancient Maltese civilizations.
- 2006 June. July. Northern China and Inner Mongolia. Documentation and collection of data concerning life and customs of rural China. Documentation and collection of data regarding the Hongshan culture and Shang dynasty.
- 2004 July. Iran. Documentation and collection of data regarding modern Iranian society and an ancient civilization of Jiroft.
- 2004 August. Mongolia. Documentation and collection of data with regard to nomadic past and future.
- 2002 August. China. Documentation and collection of data concerning the Silk Road and Tarim Basin mummies.
- 2000 February. Arizona. Documentation and evaluation of ancient cuneiform tablets and Egyptian collections in Arizona State Museum at Tucson. A follow-up.
- 1999 July. Iraq. Documentation and evaluation of ancient sites, especially of the South. First video and photo documentation of ancient Umma and Adab. Evaluation of social situation in Iraq under Saddam Hussein.

- 1998 December. Jordan & Egypt. Intended trip to Iraq changed into research on reactions in the Middle East toward the U.S. and British decision to bomb Iraq.
- 1998 August. Florida. In search of information about Professor Edgar James Banks who was responsible for collection of thousands of ancient artifacts in the U.S.A.
- 1996 September. Turkey. Lecturing professor on the Washington & Lee University Alumni tour.
- 1995 August-September. Kyrgyzstan. Collection of data and preliminary footage for a documentary film about nomads of Kyrgyzstan. A correspondent for *Aramco World* researching material on the celebration of the 1000th anniversary of Manas, the Kyrgyz and Turkic national hero.
- 1995 April. Italy. University Studies Abroad Consortium in the Scuola di Amministrazione Aziendale of the University of Turin. Business and Economics, Italian Studies. Applied anthropology.
- 1994 August-September. Central Asia. Socio-cultural, historical and political aspects of the economic transformation programs in the Newly Independent States of Central Asia. A correspondent for *The World and I*, The Washington Times Publishers.
- 1992 December. Poland. U.S.A.I.D. Technical Assistance Program.
- 1987 July. Turkey. Status of women in rural areas of Anatolia.
- 1986 June-September. Turkey. Status of village women in central and western Anatolia.
- 1986 June-September. Turkey. Bosphorus University. Advanced program in Turkish language and culture.
- 1985 June-August. Jordan. Area Supervisor, Draftsman, Surveyor. American Expedition to Petra.
- 1982-83 December-May. Egypt. Evaluation and survey of various Egyptian sites.
- 1981 September-October. Syria. Area Supervisor, Draftsman, Surveyor. Polish Archaeological Mission, Palmyra.
- 1981 October. Syria. Draftsman, Surveyor. Polish Archaeological Mission, Jebel Druz.

- 1981 June-August. Egypt. Area Supervisor, Draftsman, Surveyor. Polish Archaeological Mission, Alexandria.
- 1977-1981 Area Supervisor, Draftsman, Surveyor. Polish Expeditions, Prehistoric and Mediaeval Sites in Poland.

Selected invited professional presentations

- 2008 The Forgotten Indiana Jones: Professor Edgar J. Banks. Invited presentation for the 125th Anniversary of City of Eustis. Eustis, Florida. November 8.
- 2008 Power of DNA. Discovering Lost and Hidden Relationships: Mysteries of Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan." Invited presentations for the University of Malta. May 7.
- 2006 Death and Afterlife in Creation Stories of the Middle East. Invited paper for an international conference on "Building a Harmonious and Sustainable Society, Message from the Ancient Near East." Peking University. June 20-21. Beijing. China.
- 2005 An Axis of Evil or Paradise? Musings on Contemporary Iran. The 2005 Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society International Conference: Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Age of Globalization. And US-Iran Relation Conference: Regional & Global Dynamics. *US-Iran Relations: History, Foreign Aid, & Civil Society*. Salt Lake City. Utah. Sept. 8-10.
- 2004 The 2004 Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society International Conference: Inequality in the 21st century. *Studies in Gendered Nationalisms*. Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair of the panel. Sept. 9-11.
- 2004 The 2004 Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society International Conference: Inequality in the 21st century. *Investigating The Sources and Solutions of Ethnic Conflicts*. Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair of the panel. Sept. 9-11.
- 2004 *Kyrgyzstan: The Last Song of Manas?* Invited paper for international conference on "Present State and Perspectives of Nomadism in a Globalizing World." Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 9-14, 2004.
- 2003 The 2003 Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society International Conference: Contemporary Affairs & Future Prospects. *Mysticism, Culture, and Art in Eurasia*. Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair of the panel. Oct. 16-18.

- 2003 *Phoenicians in Tunesia*. Tunesia workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. Nov. 15.
- 2003 *From Ancient Mesopotamia to a Modern basement: Cuneiform tablets and the origins of writing*. Cultural connections workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. Oct. 25.
- 2003 *Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East*. Inside the Middle East workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. Jan. 11.
- 2002 *Daily Life in Ancient Egypt*. Along the Banks of the Nile workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. Oct. 26.
- 2001 *Central Asian Republics: Who and what they are*. The Silk Road workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. June 13.
- 1998 *Understanding Ancient Egypt*.
Archaeology: Can you dig it? Egypt all wrapped up workshop for Utah educators. Organized and sponsored by the Middle East Center Outreach Program. Salt Lake City, Utah. Oct. 24.
- 1995 *The National Housing Policy in Kyrgyzstan*. As a lecturer, coordinator/moderator/co-director managed the conference sponsored by ICMA, U.S.A.I.D. and the Kyrgyz government in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan. Sept. 11-Sept. 15.
- 1995 *The Past and the Present: The power of heroic epics and of oral tradition*. Invited paper presented during the Celebrations of 1000 years of Manas, the Kyrgyz national hero. Sponsored by UNESCO and the Kyrgyz government. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Aug. 26-Aug. 29.
- 1995 *Kyrgyz Housing Policy Tour*. As a co-director managed the seminar sponsored by ICMA and U.S.A.I.D. Salt Lake City, Utah. Aug. 5-12
- 1995 *In Search of Parallels: The second millennium B.C. rock sanctuaries of Yazilikaya (Anatolia) and Tamgaly (Kazakhstan)*. Invited paper presented during 42e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Leuven, Belgium. July 3-7.

- 1994 *Indiana Jones and The Real Story of Ancient Civilizations*. Invited workshop for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference. Utah Math Science Network. Ogden, Utah.
- 1994 *Rediscovering Anthropology: There is life after a Ph.D.* Society for Applied Anthropology. April. Cancun, Mexico.
- 1993 *Indiana Jones and The Real Story of Ancient Civilizations*. Invited workshop for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference. Utah Math Science Network. Ogden, Utah.
- 1993 *Associate Director/International Coordinator/Researcher*. Housing Finance Seminar; Housing Finance in Emerging Market Economies: Developments and Prospects. U.S.A.I.D. Salt Lake City, Utah; Park City, Utah; Washington D.C.
- 1992 *Symbols and Unconscious Systems*. Panel discussion associated with the "Reassemblages. An Installation by Frank McEntire Using Discarded Religious Objects." Salt Lake Art Center. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1992 *Implementing and Managing an Effective Deposit Insurance System*. A Training Seminar for the Banking and Financial Institutions Department: Ministry of Finance, Warsaw, Poland. University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business, the Garn Institute of Finance. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1992 *The Sacred and the Profane*. Invited gallery talk. Part of events associated with the "Dreams and Shields: Spiritual Dimensions in Contemporary Art" exhibit. Salt Lake Art Center. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1992 *Ritual and Art Making*. Invited keynote address. Art Therapy Conference. Expanding the Boundaries: Art and Mental Health. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1991 *A New Interpretation of a Blue Sacral Place in Beycesultan, Anatolia*. The Annual Meeting of the American School of Oriental Research. Kansas City.
- 1990 *Archaeology of Religion of Prehistoric Societies: the Search for the Impossible?* The Annual Meeting of the American School of Oriental Research. New Orleans.
- 1989 *Colors and Sacral Architecture of Prehistoric Anatolia*. The Annual Meeting of the American School of Oriental Research. Anaheim.
- 1989 *To Be or Not to Be a Temple? Possible Identification of a Banesh Period Temple at Tall-i Malyan, Iran*. The 36e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Gent, Belgium.

- 1989 *Archaeology of Religion. Colors as the Symbolic Markers Dividing Sacred from Profane.* The 54th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Atlanta.
- 1987 *A New Look at the Sacral Architecture of Anatolia during the Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age.* The 34e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1982 *Some Remarks on Anatolian Temples in the 3rd millennium B.C.* The International Symposium on the Temples and Shrines in the Ancient Middle East. Uppsala, Sweden.

Selected grants, fellowships, and other funds

- 2014 University of Utah Teaching Grant. Israel.
- 2014 Tanner Humanities Center Travel Grant. Israel.
- 2007/2008 University of Utah Teaching Grant. Syria.
- 2006 Middle East Center, University of Utah. A traveling grant to China and Mongolia.
- 2005 Semnani Foundation. A grant for popularizing knowledge about ancient and modern Iran. Beverly Hills Forum, Beverly Hills, California.
- 2004 Semnani Foundation. A grant for multi-purpose research in Iran. Topics included: modern Iranian society focusing on women and religious issues, and ancient civilizations of Jiroft and Elam.
- 2003 Utah Humanities Council Quick Grant supported with small grants from University of Utah for a lecture *Forbidden Journey: Iraq under Saddam Hussein.*
- 1999 Private funds and other donations in support of research in Iraq. July. Utah Museum of Natural History.
- 1999 Utah Humanities Council Quick Grant in support of visual media for future presentations to the general public in Utah.
- 1999 Private funds and other donations in support of research on cuneiform tablets in the collection of Arizona State Museum at Tucson. Utah Museum of Natural History.

- 1998 Private funds and other donations in support of research in Iraq. July. Some of the above was channeled through the Utah Museum of Natural History.
- 1998 Utah Humanities Council Quick Grant. Program grant for preparation of a public lecture focusing on the research on Professor Edgar James Banks and his activities. This lecture was opened by the Governor of the state of Utah, Mike Leavitt.
- 1996-97 Utah Humanities Council Research Fellowship. Research grant for continuation of work on the collection of cuneiform tablets of the Utah Museum of Natural History.
- 1996 University of Utah, College of Social and Behavioral Science, Research Travel Grant for Travel of Dr. David Owen of Cornell University to collaborate on the cuneiform tablets project.
- 1995 American Council of Learned Societies Grant for Travel to International Meetings Abroad. Belgium.
- 1995 International Research & Exchanges Board Short-Term Travel Grant Program. Kyrgyzstan.
- 1995 U.S.A.I.D. sponsored projects for providing programs of technical assistance to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. ICMA. Salt Lake City, Utah; Bishkek and Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan.
- 1993-94 U.S.A.I.D. sponsored projects for providing technical assistance to countries of Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Participated in preparation of the program proposal for Construction Management And Finance Seminar for the Delegates from Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia. Construction in Emerging Market Economies: Managing and Financing Development held in February-March 1994 in Salt Lake City, Park City and Washington D.C. For Richard T. Pratt Associates.
- 1990-91 Institute of Turkish Studies Graduate Fellowship.
- 1989-90 Institute of Turkish Studies Graduate Fellowship.
- 1988-89 University of Utah Graduate Research Fellowship.
- 1984-88 U.S. Department of Education, Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship.

- 1987 Graduate Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Turkish, Middle East Center, University of Utah.
- 1986 American Research Institute in Turkey, Fellowship for Studies Abroad, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1986 Graduate Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Turkish, Middle East Center, University of Utah.

Professional affiliations (past and present)

American Anthropological Association
American Association of University Professors
American Oriental Society
American Research Institute in Turkey
American School of Oriental Research
Association for the Study of Nationalities Institute for East -West Studies
British Institute of Archaeology in Ankara
International Platform Association
International Society for Humor Studies
Society for American Archaeology
Utah Women's Forum

Professional references

- Dir. Linda Adams The Middle East Outreach Program and
The Middle East Center. University of Utah. Tel. (801) 918-4748.
Retired.
- Dr. Robert A. Goldberg Director, Tanner Humanities Center. Professor, History
Department. University of Utah. Tel. (801) 581-8844.
- Dir. Cathy House The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. University of Utah.
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