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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-Present Santa Clara University; Santa Clara, CA
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- 2019-Present Rice University; Houston, TX
Non-Residential Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program

EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 Rice University; Houston, TX
Ph.D. Sociology
Comprehensive Exams: Race, Ethnicity and Immigration; Culture and Religion
Graduate Student Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program

Dissertation: "Contested Buddhism: Gender, Race, and Religion in Ethnic Chinese 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, Religion, Asia and Asian Americans, International Comparative, Science, Mixed Methods

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Forthcoming **Di, Di**, Simanjit Khalsa, Bob Thomson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Global Spirituality Among Scientists," Conditional acceptance pending on minor revisions at *The Sociological Quarterly*
- 2018 **Di, Di**. "Paths to Enlightenment: Constructing Buddhist Identities in Mainland China and the US." *Sociology of Religion*. 79(4):449-471.
- 2017 **Di, Di**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. "Creating Sacredness and Defending Secularity: Faith in the Workplace of Taiwanese Scientists." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic 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 R., 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.*
- 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

- 2018 Ecklund, Elaine Howard and **Di Di**. "Global Spirituality among Scientists," in *Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)*. Routledge.

BOOKS

- 2019 Elaine Howard Ecklund, David R. Johnson, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Steven W. Lewis, Kirstin R.W. Matthews, Robert A. Thomson Jr., **Di Di**. *Secularity and Science: What Scientists Around the Globe Really Think about Religion*. 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. "Are Religious Women More Traditionalist? A Cross-National Examination of Gender and Religion," Revise and resubmit

Di, Di. "Navigating Gender Norms: 'Doing Gender' in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US," Revise and resubmit

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

Winner of Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

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

SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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

Di, Di, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Robert Thomson. “Publish, Parent, and Perish: A Cross-National Comparison of Gender Gaps in Science,” In progress

Thomson, Bob, **Di Di**, and Jerry Park. “The Moral Menace: Conservative Christians as a Perceived Threat in the USA,” In progress

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

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER WRITINGS

- Forthcoming **Di, Di**. “Review of *Choosing Daughters: Family Change in Rural China* by Lihong Shi,” for *Gender & Society*.
- 2019 **Di, Di**. “Understanding Boundaries through Buddhists’ Construction of Identities.” *Baker Institute Blog* (August 30).
<http://blog.bakerinstitute.org/2019/08/30/understanding-boundaries-through-buddhists-construction-of-identities/>
- 2019 **Di, Di**. “Review of *The Mindful Elite: Mobilizing from the Inside Out* by Jaime Kucinkas,” for *Review of Religious Research*.
- 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

- 2020 “A Capital-Driven Science? Religion and Science in For-Profit Tech Companies,” The Sociology of Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation funding initiative, *Issachar Fund* (\$77,579)
- 2019 “A Capital-Driven Science? Religion and Ethics in For-Profit Tech Companies.” Hackworth Grant, *Markkula Center for Applied Ethics*, Santa Clara University (\$3,000)
- 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, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Religion Section, 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

- 2019 **Di, Di.** “Studying Religion and Science in East Asia.” (invited) Presidential Panel. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MI. October 25-27.
- 2019 **Di, Di.** “Work, Luck, and Prayer: A Cross-National Study on Religion and People’s Perceptions of What Brings Secular Success.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MI. October 25-27.
- 2018 **Di, Di.** “Navigating Gender Norms: Religion and Gender Agency in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US.” *American Academy of Religion* Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 17-20.
- 2018 **Di, Di.** “Oppression or Empowerment? Religion and Gender in a Global Context.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. October 26-28.
- 2018 **Di, Di,** Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Chris Scheitle. “‘Doing’ and ‘Re-Doing’ Gender in Global Sciences: Scientists’ Responses to Gender Disparity between Physics and Biology.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 11-14.
- 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.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Contextualized Understandings of Religious Tolerance: The Construction of Intra and Inter Religious Boundaries.” *Baker Institute for Public Policy and Rice Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance* Workshop on Religion, Reverence, and Tolerance. Houston, TX. April 26 (invited)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2019 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 EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Instructor of Record, Survey Research and Statistical Analysis (SOC1120), Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University
- 2020 Instructor of Record, Immigrant Business in the US (SOC1150/ETHN170), Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University
- 2019 Instructor of Record, Survey Research and Statistical Analysis (SOC1 120), Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University
- 2019 Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology (SOC1 101), “Religion, Religiosity, and the Religious Landscape.” Instructor: Chenhui Zhang, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky
- 2018-2019 Undergraduate student mentor, Rice University
- 2018 Instructor of Record, Sociology of Immigration (SOC1 340), Department of Sociology. Rice University.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, Religion and Public Life (SOC1 459/559), “Religion, Gender, and Family in Public Life,” Instructor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Department of Sociology. Rice University.

2017-2018	Undergraduate student mentor, Rice University.
2015-2016	Undergraduate student mentor, 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	Undergraduate student mentor, 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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019-2020	Member, Student Paper Award Committee, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>
2019	Session Chair, "Atlas of Religion in China: Social and Geographical Contexts." (Author: Fenggang Yang), <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MI. October 25-27.
2018-2019	Member, Student Paper Award Committee, Religion Section, <i>American Sociological Association</i>
2018-2019	Member, Student Paper Award Committee, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>
2014-Present	<i>Ad Hoc</i> Reviewer, <i>Sociology of Religion</i> (3), <i>Racial and Ethnic Studies</i> (2), <i>Gender & Society</i> (3), <i>Public Understanding of Science</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> , <i>Social Problems</i> , <i>Chinese Sociological Review</i> , <i>Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science</i> , <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , <i>The Sociological Quarterly</i>
2017	Session Chair, "Qualitative Studies of Religions in Chinese Societies," <i>Association for the Sociology of Religion</i> Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 13-14.
2016-2017	Appointed Program Chair, <i>Association for the Sociology of Religion</i> .
2016	Session Chair, "Manifestation of Religion in China," <i>Association for the Sociology of Religion</i> Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 19-21.
2015	Session Chair, "Negotiating Religious Identity," <i>Association for the Sociology of Religion</i> Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 20-22.
2015	Session Chair, "Atheism: Varieties, Well-Being, Moral Decision-Making, and Distress," <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> Annual Meeting. Newport Beach, CA. October 23-25.
2014-2015	Appointed Graduate Student Representative, Section on the Sociology of Religion, <i>American Sociological Association</i> .

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2019-Present Member, Program Committee, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University, CA
- 2019-Present Member, Editorial Office, Silicon Valley Sociological Review, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 User Experience Research Intern, Facebook, Menlo Park, CA
- 2018 User Experience Researcher (via Harman), Windows Device Group (WDG), Microsoft, Redmond, WA
- 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

R, Stata, Python, LISREL, SQL, Atlas.Ti, SPSS

Statistical Methods

Regression (linear, ridge, lasso, logistic and KNN regression), multi-level modeling, classification, fixed effects, decision tree, structural equation modeling, longitudinal modeling

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)