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Education

- Ph.D. 1970 University of Chicago (Chinese Art History)
- M.A. 1964 University of Chicago (Chinese and Central Asian Art History)
- B.A. 1962 University of Chicago (Oriental Languages and Civilizations
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Employment

Employed by the University of Oregon, 1966 to present.

Books:

- E. Jacobson-Tepfer, J. Meacham, and G. Tepfer. Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: an Atlas. Redlands, CA.: ESRI Press, 2010.
- E. Jacobson-Tepfer, V. D. Kubarev, D. Tseveendorj, *Mongolie du Nord-ouest-Haut Tsagaan Gol. Répertoire des Pétroglyphes d'Asie centrale*, Fasc. No. 7. 2 vols. Paris: De Boccard, 2006.
- *Арал Толгойн Хадны Зураг (The petroglyphic complex of Aral Tolgoi* (with D. Tseveendorj and V. D. Kubarev]. Ulaanbaatar: Mongolian Academy of Sciences 2005.
- E. Jacobson, V. D. Kubarev, D. Tseveendorj, *Mongolie du Nord-Ouest: Tsagaan Salaa/Baga Oigor*. *Répertoire des Pétroglyphes d'Asie centrale*, Fascicule no. 6. Jakov A. Sher and Henri-Paul Francfort, editors. 2 vols. Paris:De Boccard, 2001.
- V. D. Kubarev, E. Jacobson, *Sibérie du Sud 3: Kalbak-Tash I (République de l'Altai). Répertoire des Pétroglyphes d'Asie centrale*. Tome V.3. Mémoires de la Mission Archéologique Française en Asie centrale Paris: De Boccard, 1996.
- E. Jacobson, *The Art of the Scythians: The Interpenetration of Cultures at the Edge of the Hellenic World*. Leiden, Holland: E. J. Brill, 1995.
- E. Jacobson. *The Deer-Goddess of Ancient Siberia: A Study in the Ecology of Belief*. Leiden, Holland: E. J. Brill, 1993.

Monographs:

Burial Ritual, Gender, and Status in the Late Bronze-Early Iron Age.

Papers on Inner Asia No. 7. Indiana University; Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, 1987.

Website Portal:

Archaeology and Landscape in the Altai Mountains of Mongolia (PI, with James E. Meacham and Gary Tepfer) (NEH Reference Material Grant, 2007–2009)

Articles (selected)

"The Art of Ancient Mongolia," forthcoming in book devoted to the arts of Mongolia.

- "The Elaboration of Narrative in Rock Art of the Mongolian Altai," *forthcoming*, Festschrift in Honor of Jakov A. Sher (Kemerovo, Russia).
- "Rock Art Research in Mongolia, 2005-2009," *forthcoming* in Bahn, ed. *Rock Art Studies: News of the World IV* (Oxford University Press).
- "Images of 'the Good Life' in the Mongolian Altai (Bronze-Early Iron Ages)," Studies in Honor of John Krueger, *Mongolian Studies* XXIX (2007): 87-110.

- "The Emergence of Semi-Nomadic Pastoralism in the Mongolian Altai: Rock Art and Paleoenvironment." In *The Archaeology of Mobility*, eds. Hans Bernard and Willeke Wendrich, 200–229. University of California, Los Angeles and Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, 2008.
- "The Issyk Headdress: Symbol and Meaning in the Iron Age Nomadic Culture." In *Of Gold and Grass: Nomads of Kazakhstan*, eds. Claudia Chang and Katharine S. Guroff, 63–70. The Foundation for International Arts and Education, 2008.
- "The Filippovka Deer: Inquiry into their North Asian Sources and Symbolic Significance." In *The Golden Deer of Eurasia: Perspectives on the Steppe Nomads of the Ancient World*, ed. Joan Aruz, Ann Farkas, Elisabetta Valtz Fino, 182-195. New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2006.
- "The Rock Art of Mongolia," The Silk Road, Vol. 4, No. 1 (Summer 2006): 5–13.
- "Shamans, Shamanism, and Anthropomorphizing Imagery in Prehistoric Rock Art of the Mongolian Altay," in: Henri-Paul Francfort and Roberte N. Hamayon, eds, in collaboration with Paul Bahn, *Shamanism. Uses and Abuses of a Concept*, (Bibliothec Shamanistica, vol. 10), Budapest, Akadémiai Kiadó, 2002.
- "Chamans, Chamanisme et Anthropomorphisation de l'Imagerie dans l'Art rupestre préhistorique de l'Altaï Mongol, " in *Chamanismes et Arts Préhistoriques*. Paris: Éditions Errance, 2006: 227–290.
- "Cultural Riddles: Stylized Deer and Deer Stones of the Mongolian Altai," *Bulletin of the Asia Institute*, Vol. 15 (2001; published 2005): 31–56.
- "Approaches to the Study of Petroglyphs of North and Central Asia," Archaeology, Ethnology, and Anthropology of Eurasia, 2 (18) 2004: 53–78 (with H.-P. Francfort).
 7. "Rock Art Complex on the Irbystu River, Altai Republic," International Newletter on Roc Art, No. 36 (2003): 12–16 (with Gleb Kubarev)
- "Inquiry into the Locational Significance of Concentrations of Petroglyphs," pp. 95-102, in *Prehistoric Archaeology: Man and Art (Pervobynaya Arkheologiya: Chelovek I iskusstvo)*, ed. By V. V. Bobrov. Novosibirsk: Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, RAS, 2002.
- "A Petroglyphic Complex in the Upper Tsagaan Gol Valley, Mongolian Altay." *International Newletter* on Rock Art, No. 32 (2002): 1 – 6 (with D. Tseveendorj and V. D. Kubarev).
- "Petroglyphs and the Qualification of Bronze Age Mortuary Archaeology," Archaeology, Ethnology, and Anthropology of Eurasia, 3 (11) 2002: 32–47.
- "Le plus ancien art à l'air libre en Mongolie-Altaï: images et paléoécologie," pp. 209-216, in *L'Art Paléolithique À L'Air Libre*, ed. by Dominique Sacchi. Carcassonne: Gaep & Géopré, 2002.
- "'Emblem' Against 'Narrative' in Rock Art of the Mongolian Altay," *Bulletin of the Siberian* Association of Prehistoric Rock Art Researchers, Vol. 3 (2000): 6-14 (in Russian and English).
- "Petroglyphs and Natural History: Sources for the Reconstruction of the Ecology of Culture." Archaeology, Ethnology, and Anthropology of Eurasia Vol. 1 (2000): 57-65.
- "Early Nomadic Sources for Scythian Art," in: Ellen D. Reeder, ed., Scythian Gold: Treasures from Ancient Ukraine. Harry N. Abrams, in association with The Walters Art Gallery and the San Antonio Museum of Art: 59-69. New York, 1999.
- "The Recreation of Landscape Settings in Petroglyphs of Northern Central Asia (and reflections, again, on the sources of Chinese landscape representation]," *International Journal of Central Asian Studies* (Seoul), Vol. 3 (1998): 192-214.
- "When Stones Speak: Mapping and Mongolian Surface Archaeology," *Geo Info System*, Vol. 8, No.2 (February 1998): 14-22 (with James Meacham).
- "The 'Bird-Woman,' the 'Birthing Woman,' and the 'Woman of the Animals': A Consideration of the Female Image in Petroglyphs of Ancient Central Asia." *Arts Asiatiques*, 52 (1997): 37-59.
- "Newly Recorded Petroglyphic Complexes in the Altay Mountains of Bayan Ölgiy Aimag, Mongolia," International Newsletter on Rock Art No. 17 (1997): 1 – 6 (with D.Tseveendorj and V. Kubarev).
- "Turu-Alty (Analysis of a Siberian 'Sanctuary')" (with V. D. Kubarev). *Altaica* 1994/4): 18 29.
- "Patterns on the Steppe: Applying GIS to the Archaeology of the Altay Mountains." *Geo Info Systems* Vol. 4, No. 3 (March 1994): 32 - 45 (with James Meachum and David Cutting).
- "Symbolic Structures as Indicators of the Cultural Ecology of the Early Nomads." In: *Ecology and Empire*, eds. Gary Seaman and Morris Rossabi. Los Angeles: Center for Visual Anthropology, USC, 1992.

- "Crossroads of cultures: Siberia's Gorno-Altay Region," *Archaeology* vol. 44, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1991): 46-53.
- "Warriors, Chariots, and Theories of Culture," John Gombojab Hangin Memorial Volume, Pt. I, *Mongolian Studies* Vol. XIII (1990): 83–116.
- "The Appearance of Narrative Structures in the Petroglyphic Art of Prehistoric Siberia and Mongolia," in *Pervobytnoe Iskusstvo: Semantika Drevnikh Obrazov*, ed. R. S. Vasil'evskii, Novosibirsk: Nauka, 1990: 92–106.
- "On the Question of Shamanism Among the Early Nomads of Eurasia (First Millennium BC)," *Altaica Osloensia*, ed. By Bernt Brendemoen. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget, 1990: 165-179.
- "Beyond the Frontier: A Reconsideration of Cultural Interchange Between China and the Early Nomads." *Early China* 13 (1988): 201-240.
- "Mountains and Nomads: a Reconsideration of the Origins of Chinese Landscape Representation," *Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities* (Stockholm), No. 57 (1985): 133–180.
- "The Stag with Bird-Headed Antler Tines: a Study in Image Transformation and Meaning," *Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities* (Stockholm), No. 56 (1984): 113–141.

Recent Scholarly Presentations (selected)

October, 2010	"But where are the dead? Inquiry into the interpretation of Bronze Age imagery in the
	Mongolian Altai." Northeast Asian History Foundation, Seoul, Korea.
May, 2009:	"Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: the semiotics of
	monuments in space." Theoretical Archaeology Group, Stanford University,
	California.
September, 2009:	"Cultural Landscape of the Altai Mountains." World Heritage Sub-Regional
	Consultative Workshop for Promotion of Transboundary Co-Operation.
	Organized by the World heritage Centre, UNESCO, jointly with the Mongolian
	National Commission for UNESCO.
March, 2006:	"Frozen Burials/Cultural Landscapes." UNESCO sponsored international workshop on
	Frozen Burials in the Altai Mountains, Gorno-Altaisk, Altai Republic, Russia.
September, 2005:	"Rock Art of Mongolia: History of its Documentation, Problems of Preservation."
	UNESCO/Musée de la Préhistoire: Conference on World Rock Art, Les Eyzies, France.
January, 2001	Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York: "The Great Deer of the Eurasian
	Nomads: North Asian Sources and Symbolism."
January, 1999	Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC: "Measuring Time, Ordering Space: Altars,
	Standing Stones, and Rock Art in the Altay Mountains of Mongolia"

Field Work

- Altai Mountains, Mongolia: 2009. Field work in preparation of nomination of rock art sites for World Heritage Status. Support: Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO.
- Altai Mountains, Mongolia: 2004 through 2008; project to create a print atlas, digitized image archive, and interactive website (NEH and ESRI Press).
- Altai Mountains, Mongolia: 1994, 1995; 1996. 1997; 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004; contract with Institute of Archaeology (formerly Institute of History), Mongolian Academy of Sciences, as part of the Joint Mongolian/American/Russian Project, 'Altay.'
- Altai Mountains, Altai Republic: 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993; 2002, in collaboration with V. D. Kubarev, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk.

Honors

- Honorary Doctorate of Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences. 2003.
- Appointed Maude I. Kerns Professor of Asian Art, University of Oregon-1993
- Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1979

Research and Institutional Grants (recent, selected)

- 2007–2009 NEH Reference Materials Grant (PI)
- 1991-1992 Integration of Asian Mateials into the General Humanities Curriculum at the University of Oregon (grant proposal author, project director). Total project funding from NEH: \$130,931; UO cost sharing: \$81,349. (PI)

Consultant (recent, selected)

- ICOMOS Regional Thematic Studies on Rock Art: Central Asia (on-going)
- UNESCO World Heritage Centre: Frozen Tombs of the Altai Mountains (2006–2008)
- UNESCO World Heritage Centre: Sub-Regional World Heritage Consultative Workshop on Transboundary Co-operation (High Altai) (2008 to present)
- Mongolian National Committee for UNESCO: preparation serial world heritage nomination and management plan for the rock art of the Mongolian Altai (present, on-going)

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