

**ANDREW S. BUCKSER**

Dean of Arts and Sciences  
Professor of Anthropology  
State University of New York at Plattsburgh

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	Anthropology	1993
M.A.	University of California, Berkeley	Anthropology	1988
B.A., <i>summa</i>	Harvard University	Anthropology	1986

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1. Administrative Positions**

**State University of New York at Plattsburgh**

**School of Arts and Sciences**

**Dean of Arts and Sciences**

**2013-present**

Academic and administrative leadership at comprehensive university in northern New York with 6,000 students and strong focus on student success. Supervise 2 departments and 11 interdisciplinary programs with more than 300 faculty, as well as a major regional art museum, grant-funded neurobehavioral health center, and Se Grant funded research institute. Annual budget of over \$16 million. Responsible for advancement of teaching and research; budgeting and planning; personnel and resource management; faculty development and retention; management of facilities and space; advocacy for arts and sciences in university, system, and community contexts; and development of new projects and initiatives. Achievements include:

Development of new programs in Robotics, Biomedical Sciences, Computer Security, Crisis Communications, Music Arts Management, Professional Writing, Jewish Studies, Bluegrass Performance, and Film Studies

Major facilities improvements in laboratory science, broadcast communications, clinical neuropsychology, astronomy, and visual arts

Expansion of faculty strength in areas of high student demand, including Computer Science, Biology, Physics, Public Relations, Criminal Justice, and Communications

Development of seminar series and support systems for new faculty members and department chairs

**Purdue University**

**College of Liberal Arts**

**Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education**

**2012-2013**

Responsible for advancement of research and graduate education in liberal arts at AAU research university. Work with faculty to develop and submit external research grants; develop and

administer programs of internal research funding; develop interdisciplinary research clusters and collaborations with other colleges; work with college and university development staff to cultivate new corporate and foundation funding resources; develop and coordinate University policies and funding programs for graduate students; administer and develop the Wilke Undergraduate Research Internship program; serving as the liaison with the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Graduate School, the Institutional Review Board, and other University offices.

**Cornell University**

**Office of the Provost**

**American Council on Education Fellow**

**2011-2012**

Participatory fellowship in university administration under the supervision of Provost Kent Fuchs and Senior Vice Provost Ronald Seeber. Work with senior administrators at Cornell University to learn about key issues in higher education administration, including budgeting and finance, development, academic affairs, and student services. Conduct comprehensive study and analysis of interdisciplinary research and teaching at Cornell. Conduct site visits to colleges and universities throughout the northeast to study administrative practice. Participate in conferences and instructional retreats for fellows on higher education administration.

**Purdue University**

**Department of Anthropology**

**Director of Undergraduate Studies**

**2008-2010**

Develop and administer policies and procedures for undergraduate program in newly formed Department of Anthropology, with about 100 majors and annual course enrollments of about 2,500 students. Develop and implement systems for curriculum planning, course and instructor evaluation, program assessment, and other program logistics.

**Purdue University**

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

**Chair of Anthropology**

**2005-2008**

Primary administrator for semiautonomous anthropology section in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, comprising 1 faculty members, 25-30 graduate students at M.S. and Ph.D. levels, and 50-75 undergraduate majors. Supervise course scheduling and curriculum development for graduate and undergraduate programs; coordinated graduate admissions and funding decisions; develop and administer section activities and events; manage hiring process for faculty and staff positions; promote anthropology at alumni and student events; supervise clerical staff; manage day-to-day student and personnel issues within section.

**2. Faculty Positions**

**State University of New York at Plattsburgh**

**Department of Anthropology**

**Professor of Anthropology**

**2013-present**

<b>Purdue University</b>	<b>Department of Anthropology</b>	
<b>Professor of Anthropology</b>		<b>2009-2013</b>
<b>Associate Professor of Anthropology</b>		<b>2001-2009</b>
<b>Assistant Professor of Anthropology</b>		<b>1995-2001</b>
<b>Hartwick College</b>	<b>Department of Anthropology</b>	
<b>Assistant Professor of Anthropology</b>		<b>1993-1995</b>
<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	<b>Departments of Anthropology and History</b>	
<b>Graduate Student Instructor</b>		<b>1989-1992</b>
<b>Northbridge Junior-Senior High School, Whitinsville, Massachusetts</b>		
<b>Teacher</b>		<b>1986-1987</b>

#### **AREAS OF ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION**

Internationally recognized expert in anthropology of religion and medical anthropology, with topical specialties in Judaism, Protestantism, anthropology of modernity, and Tourette Syndrome.

Extensive ethnographic field research in Denmark over 2 years; additional fieldwork in Indiana and on St. Pierre Island.

Extensive teaching at graduate and undergraduate levels in cultural anthropology, general anthropology, anthropology of religion, psychological anthropology, and anthropological theory.

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Author of three books and more than 20 peer-reviewed articles in journals of anthropology, sociology, religious studies, and ethnic studies, as well as more than 50 book chapters, reviews, reference articles, and conference presentations. Representative publications include:

Andrew Buckser, "On and Off the Margin: The Anthropology of Contemporary Jewry." *Religion and Society* 2:1:72-89, 2012.

Andrew Buckser, "Institutions, Agency, and Illness in the Making of Tourette Syndrome." *Human Organization* 68:3:293-306, 2009.

Andrew Buckser, "Before Your Very Eyes: Illness, Agency, and the Management of Tourette Syndrome." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 22:2:167-192, 2008.

Andrew Buckser, *After the Rescue: Jewish Identity and Community in Contemporary Denmark*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.

Andrew Buckser and Stephen D. Glazier, eds., *The Anthropology of Religious Conversion*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

Andrew Buckser, "Religious Practice and Cultural Politics in Jewish Copenhagen." *American Ethnologist* 30(1):102-117, 2003.

Andrew Buckser, "At være eller ikke at være: Modernitet og fælleskab blandt jøder i Danmark." *Rambam* 12(1):9-14, 2003.

Andrew Buckser, "Rescue and Cultural Context During the Holocaust: Grundtvigian Nationalism and the Rescue of the Danish Jews." *Shofar* 19(2), 2001.

Andrew Buckser, "Jewish Identity and the Meaning of Community in Contemporary Denmark." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 23(4):712-734, 2000.

Andrew Buckser, "Keeping Kosher: Eating and Social Identity Among the Jews of Denmark." *Ethnology* 38(3):191-209, 1999.

Andrew Buckser, "Religion, Science, and Secularization Theory on a Danish Island." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 35(4):432-441, 1996.

### **SELECTED TEACHING AWARDS**

Department of Anthropology Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2009  
Departmental Nominee, CLA Excellence in Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2005, 2008, 2009  
Darryl Evans Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2000, 2004  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 1990

### **SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

American Council on Education Fellowship, Cornell University, 2011-12.  
Clifford Kinley Trust Research Grant, "Ethnographic Study of Tourette Syndrome." 2006-2009  
Research Incentive Grant, Purdue University School of Liberal Arts, "Ethnographic Research on Tourette Syndrome." 2005  
Purdue Research Foundation Grant, "The Jewish Community of Zagreb." 1998.  
Kaufmann Fund Grant, American-Scandinavian Foundation, "Jewish Identity and Community in Copenhagen, Denmark." 1997  
Berkeley Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1987-88, 1991-3  
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1988-91

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

**Lake Champlain Sea Grant**, Steering Committee, 2017-present

**Great Lakes Research Consortium**, Board of Governors, 2013-present

**American Ethnological Society**, Executive Council, 2011-2013; 201 Annual Meeting Program Chair

**Society for the Anthropology of Religion**, Executive Board, 1996-1997, 2005-2009; Program Chair, 2004; Treasurer, 1997-2003; Secretary, 1997, 1999-2000

**Clifford Geertz Prize in the Anthropology of Religion**, Chair, 2005-2009

## SELECTED EDITORIAL SERVICE

Member, Advisory Board, *Religion and Society: Advances in Research*. 201 to present.

Contributing Editor, *Anthropology News*, 1997-2005

Peer reviewer for more than 2 academic journals and 1 academic presses from 199 to present

## SELECTED UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Executive Council, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2013-present

Chair, Plattsburgh State Art Museum Executive Committee, 2013-present

Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2015-present

Religious Studies Executive Committee, Purdue University, 2010-13.

Senator, Purdue University Faculty Senate, 2007-2008.

Executive Committee, Jewish Studies Program, Purdue University, 2002-2013.

Religious Studies Committee, Purdue University, 1996-2013.

Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Colloquium Committee, 2002, 2006.

## SPECIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

**Languages:** English (Native speaker), Danish (read, write, speak fluently), French (read, write, speak well), Norwegian (read, understand spoken language), Swedish (read), Latin (read), Russian (read)

**Online Education:** Experienced in design, production, and teaching of online courses using Adobe and Blackboard course delivery systems.