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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Religion
Department of Religion, University of Georgia, 2018–

Assistant Professor of Religion
Department of Religion and Philosophy, Young Harris College, 2014–2018

Adjunct Faculty
Department of Humanities and Foreign Language, Santa Fe College, 2011–2014

EDUCATION

Ph. D. University of Florida, Religions of Asia, 2015

M.T.S. Vanderbilt University, Religion, 2007

B.A. Mercer University, Music, 2004

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Anxiety and Imagination among Early Pure Land Practitioners in China: An Analysis of *Wangsheng xifang jingtu ruiying zhuan* 往生西方淨土瑞應傳,” *International Journal of Buddhist Thought and Culture* 34.2 (2024): 200–226.

“A Little Bird Told Me: The Magical Birds of the Pure Land,” *Journal of Chinese Religions* 49.1 (2021): 1–19.

“Huaigan’s Defense of Pure Land Buddhism in the *Qunyi lun*,” *The Pure Land: Journal of Pure Land Buddhism* 28 (2014–2016): 17–30.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Material Culture in Pure Land Buddhist Practice,” for the *Oxford Handbook of Lived Buddhism*, Courtney Bruntz and Brooke Schedneck, eds (Oxford University Press, 2024).

“Perceiving Authenticity: Online Tourism Reviews of Buddhist Tourist Destinations,” in *Buddhism under Capitalism*, Richard K. Payne and Fabio Rambelli, eds (Bloomsbury Academic, 2022).

“Considering Tourism and Religion in Asian Cities,” in *Tourism in Asian Cities*, Saurabh Kumar Dixit, ed. (Routledge, 2020).

“Religious Violence” in *Violence in American Society: An Encyclopedia of Trends, Problems, and Perspectives*, Chris Richardson, ed. (ABC-CLIO, 2020).

“Seeking the Pure Land (in the Classroom),” *Buddhist Asia*, Nicholas Brasovan and Micheline Soong, eds. (SUNY Press, 2019).

“Why do the statues of Buddha sometimes depict him as being overweight?” *Religion in Five Minutes*, Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds. (Equinox Publishing, 2017).

“Are religions in Asia all connected in some way?” *Religion in Five Minutes*, Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds. (Equinox Publishing, 2017).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Fo Guang Shan” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. (Oxford University Press, 2019). DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.602

“Hsing Yun” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. (Oxford University Press, 2019). DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.734

“Shaohao” in *Encyclopedia of Chinese History*, Michael Dillon, ed. (Routledge, 2017).

“Zhuge Liang” in *Encyclopedia of Chinese History*, Michael Dillon, ed. (Routledge, 2017).

BOOK REVIEWS

“Ó Muireartaigh, Rossa. *The Zen Buddhist Philosophy of D.T. Suzuki: Strengths, Foibles, Intrigues, and Precision.*” [Reading Religion](#) (2023).

“Jones, Charles B. *Chinese Pure Land Buddhism: Understanding a Tradition of Practice.*” *Journal of Chinese Religions* 48.2 (2020): 297-299.

“McDaniel, Justin Thomas. “Architects of Buddhist Leisure: Socially Disengaged Buddhism in Asia’s Museums, Monuments, and Amusement Parks.” *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* no. 14 (2019): 61-65.

“Tikhonov, Vladimir and Torkel Brekke, eds. *Buddhism and Violence: Militarism and Buddhism in Modern Asia.*” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 23 (2016): 33-44.

“Halkias, Georgios T. *Luminous Bliss: A Religious History of Pure Land Literature in Tibet.*” *Pacific World Journal*, 3.16 (2014): 192-198.

“Campany, Robert Ford. *Signs from the Unseen Realm: Buddhist Miracle Tales from Early Medieval China.*” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 19 (2012): 632-636.

“Twamura, Jane Naomi. *Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions and American Popular Culture.*” *Pacific World Journal*, 3.13 (Fall 2011): 277-283.

“Payne, Richard ed. *Path of No Path: Contemporary Studies in Pure Land Buddhism Honoring Roger Corless.*” *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies* 3.1 (2011): 80-82.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

The Changing Buddhist Landscape: Anxiety and the Development of Pure Land Buddhism in Medieval China

Convergences and Religious Change in Asian Religions

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sarah H. Moss Fellowship, 2023-2024

Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Society and Culture, 2023-2024

Willson Center Research Fellowship, 2022-2023

National Endowment for the Humanities, *The Imagination and Imaginal Worlds in the Mirror of Buddhism* Institute, 2022.

SEC Faculty Travel Program Grant, 2021

National Endowment for the Humanities *Buddhist Asia* Institute, 2015

Young Harris College Faculty Travel and Research Grant, 2015

Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2012

University of Florida Department of Religion Travel Grant, 2010

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 2010

Teaching Assistantship, University of Florida, Department of Religion 2008–2013

Jack and Shirley Forstmann Scholarship, Vanderbilt University 2005–2007

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

“Anxiety and Imagination in Pure Land Buddhist Practice in Tang China,” University of Florida, October, 2021.

“Reconstructing the Pure Land: Using Apologetic Texts to Better Understand Pure Land Buddhism,” Young Harris College Lecture Series, April, 2016.

“Asian Stereotypes in Popular Media,” Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Young Harris, GA, October 2015.

Conference Papers

“A Hermeneutic of Dickman.” Respondent to Eric Dickman’s *Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Priority of Questions in Religions*, 2023 North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics. September 2023. Calgary, AB, Canada.

“Dying to Go to the Pure Land: Accounts of Suicide among Pure Land Practitioners in the Tang Dynasty,” 2022 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2022. Denver, CO.

“Leaving the Nest: Experiencing the Birds of the Pure Land Outside the Classroom,” 2022 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2022. Denver, CO.

“Imagining the Pure Land: The Development of Pure Land Liturgy in Tang China,” 2022 Southeast Early China Roundtable. February 2022. Gainesville, FL.

“Using Online Travel Reviews to Understand Religious Places,” 2020 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. December 2020. Online.

“Perceiving Authenticity: Online Travel Reviews of Buddhist Tourist Sites in China,” 2019 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2019. San Diego, CA.

“A Little Bird Told Me: The Magical Birds of the Pure Land,” 2019 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2019. San Diego, CA.

“Between Death and Life: Huaigan’s Conception of the Intermediate State of Existence (antarābhava),” 2019 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. March 2019. Greenville, NC.

“Buddhism and the Bottom Line: Examining the Nanshan Group and Buddhist Tourism,” XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies. August 2017. Toronto, Canada.

“Seeking the Pure Land (in the Classroom),” Asian Studies Development Program 23rd National Conference. March 2017. Portland, OR.

“What’s Good for Hip-Hop May Not Be Good for My Soul: The Dilemma of Big K.R.I.T.,” 2015 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2015. Atlanta, GA.

“Defending the Pure Land: Huaigan’s *Qunyi lun*,” 17th Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies. August 2015. Berkeley, CA.

“Asian Religions in the Living Room: Hinduism and Buddhism in the Early Editions of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*,” 2015 Asian Studies Development Program National Conference. March 2015. Branson, MO.

“The Biography of Huaigan,” 2015 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. March 2015. Nashville, TN.

“Journeying to the West: Personal Repentance for the Sake of All,” 2010 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“The Legacy and Future of Religious Studies: Examining Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*.” Florida State University Graduate Symposium. February 20 2009. Tallahassee, FL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

RELI 1002: Religions of India, China, and Japan

RELI 3300: Introduction to East Asian Religions

RELI 4403/6403: The Daoist Tradition

RELI 4404/6404: Japanese Religion

RELI 4407/6407: East Asian Buddhism
RELI 8700: Seminar in Problems and Topics in Religion Research
RELI 8770: Theories & Methods in the Study of Religion

Young Harris College

FYF 1000: First Year Foundations
RELI 1200: World Religions
RELI 2120: Asian Scriptures
RELI 2200: History of Christianity
RELI 2220: Buddhist Thought & Practice
RELI 2260: Hindu Traditions
RELI 2270: Chinese Religions
RELI 2300: Theories of Religion
RELI 2320: Comparative Religious Ethics
RELI 3220: Zen Buddhism
RELI 3230: Themes in Asian Religions—Asian Religion in TV and Film
RELI 3300: Approaches to Studying Religion—Postcolonialism & Material Culture
RELI 4900: Senior Capstone Project
RELI 4998: Special Topics—Religion & Sports

Santa Fe College

HUM 2410: Asian Humanities
HUM 2730: China: Myth and Reality—Study Abroad Course in Beijing and Xi'an, China.

University of Florida

RELI 2300: Introduction to World Religions

SERVICE

Reviewer for:

Bloomsbury Academic
Journal of Buddhist Ethics
Oxford University Press
Religions
University of Hawai'i Press

- Chinese Lecturer Search Committee member, Spring 2022.
- Faculty Senate Subcommittee, Curriculum Committee, 2021-present
- UGA Religion Department Chair Search Committee, 2020
- Steering Committee Member for AAR: Space, Place, and Religion Unit, 2020-present
- Co-organizer for 2019-2020 Asian Studies Lecture Series: Marko Geslani Lecture, February, 2020
- Chair for "Religions of Asia" section for American Academy of Religion: Southeast Annual Meeting, 2019-present
- Faculty Senator for the UGA Department of Religion, 2018-present
- Organizer Young Harris College Hamilton Lecture Series, 2018
- Young Harris College Honor Council, 2017-2018
- Faculty Leader for Young Harris College Honors Program trip to Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation

Seminar, 2016.

- Young Harris College Honors Program Committee Member, 2016–2018
- Young Harris College First Year Foundations Committee Member, 2015–2017
- Vice-President of University of Florida Religion Graduate Student Association, 2009–2010
- University of Florida Graduate Student Council Representative, 2008–2009
- Graduate Assistants United Council Representative, 2009–2010

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Mandarin Chinese (reading and conversational)

Classical Chinese (reading)

French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies (IASBS)

Southeast Early China Roundtable (SEECR)