NETWORKS AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCE IN ASIAN BUDDHIST TRADITIONS

FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2015
THE VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL, ROOM 129

INTRODUCTIONS AND THE MAPPING OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROJECT

9:00-9:15  Nancy G. Lin, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University
           Bryan Lowe, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

NETWORKS ACROSS LAND AND SEA

9:15-10:00  “Lankan Royal Landscapes in Trans-regional Perspective”
            Anne M. Blackburn, Professor, Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University

10:00-10:45  “Shinra Myōjin in the ‘East Asian Mediterranea’ Network”
             Sujung Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePauw University

10:45-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-11:45  “Overland and Maritime Networks of Early Buddhist Transmission: Case Studies of
            Transregional Interaction and Exchange from the Northwest and Southeast Asia”
            Jason Neelis, Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfrid Laurier University

11:45-12:00  Discussion on panel moderated by Bryan Lowe, Assistant Professor, Department of
             Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

12:00-13:00  Lunch

REGIMES OF KNOWLEDGE THROUGH MONASTIC NETWORKS

13:00-13:45  “The ‘Tiantai Four Books’ (天台四書): Protocols of Buddhist Learning in Late-Song and
             Yuan China”
            Daniel Stevenson, Professor, Religious Studies, The University of Kansas

13:45-14:30  “Religious Difference in Tibetan Buddhist Letter-writing Networks: An Analysis of Strong
             and Weak Ties”
            Christina Kilby, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia

14:30-14:45  Coffee Break

14:45-15:30  “The Medicine Buddha Across Borders: Negotiating Ritual Frameworks of Medical
             Knowledge in Tibetan Buddhist Medical Colleges, 17th-early 20th Centuries”
             Stacey Van Vleet, Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Chinese Studies, University of California-Berkeley

15:30-15:45  Discussion on panel moderated by Nancy G. Lin, Assistant Professor, Department of
             Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

15:45-16:00  Break

OVERCOMING BUDDHIST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOUTH AND EAST ASIA

16:00-16:45 “Networks and Identity in Dali-Kingdom Buddhism”
Megan Bryson, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

16:45-17:30 “Emerging Networks between Ambedkarite and East Asian Buddhists: Prospects and Challenges for Inter-sectarian Collaboration”
Jon Keune, Sushila & Durga Agrawal Postdoctoral Fellow in India Studies, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston

17:30-17:45 Discussion on panel moderated by Rob Campany, Professor and Director, Asian Studies Program, Vanderbilt University

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2015
THE VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL, ROOM 129

TRANSLOCAL OBJECTS, SITES, AND STRUCTURES

9:00-9:45 “Flexibility of Architectural Language: Twin Pagodas from China to Korea”
Youn-mi Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of the History of Art, Yale University

9:45-10:30 “Creating Continental Counterparts for the Fujiwara no Kamatari Cult in Kamakura Japan, (1185-1333)”
Susan Andrews, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Mount Allison University

10:30-10:45 Discussion on panel moderated by Tracy Miller, Associate Professor, Department of History of Art, Vanderbilt University

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

CLOSING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

11:00-12:00 Rob Campany, Professor and Director, Asian Studies Program, Vanderbilt University