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Employment

2019–
present Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

Education

2019 Ph.D., Stanford University, Religious Studies;
Certificate in American Religions
Dissertation: “Celestial Seductresses and Hungry Ghosts: Preta
Narratives in Early South Asian Buddhist Literature”

Committee: Paul Harrison (Primary Advisor), John Kieschnick,
Kathryn Gin Lum, Justin McDaniel (University of
Pennsylvania)

2015 M.A., Stanford University, Religious Studies

2013 B.A. (Hons.), University of Manitoba, Religious Studies, History Minor
Distinction: First Class Honours

Publications

Journal Articles

2018 “Being Buddha, Staying Woke: Racial Formation in Black Buddhist Writings.”
Journal of the American Academy of Religion. Volume 86, Issue 4. 29 November
2018. 883–911. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfy019>

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles

Forthcoming “Pretas.” *Brill Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Vol. II. ed. Jonathan Silk. Leiden: Brill.

2018 “Buddhism and Race.” *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American
History*. ed. Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum. New York: Oxford University
Press. 223–240.

Jointly Authored Publications

Forthcoming Ding, Yi, Fan Muyou, Paul Harrison, Sangyop Lee, Adeana McNicholl, Grace
Ramswick, Simon Wiles. “A Second Copy of the Manuscript of the Bhaiṣajyaguru
Sūtra in the Schøyen Collection.” *Buddhist Manuscripts (Manuscripts in the*

Schøyen Collection). Vol. V. ed. Jens Braarvig. Oslo: Hermes Publishing. Forthcoming. (31 pages)

Book Reviews

- 2018 Review of Mitchell, Scott A. *Buddhism in America: Global Religion, Local Contexts*. New York: Bloomsbury Academic. *Reading Religion*.
- 2016 Review of Smith, Sharon E., Sally R. Munt, and Andrew Kam-Tuck Yip. *Cosmopolitan Dharma: Race, Sexuality, and Gender in British Buddhism*. Boston: Brill. *Reading Religion*.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2018 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2017 Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford University
- 2016 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities & Sciences, Stanford University
- 2014 Language Study Grant, Faculty of Arts Dean's Office, Stanford University
- 2013 SSHRC: Joseph-Aramand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship—Master's (declined)

Conference Activity and Presentations

Papers Presented

- Nov 2018 “Sufi Abdul Hamid and the ‘Black Buddhism Plan’: Buddhism, Race, and Empire, 1900–1945.” *International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies at the American Academy of Religion*, Denver.
- Nov 2017 “Being Buddha, Staying Woke: Racial Formation in Black Buddhist Writings.” *American Academy of Religion*, Boston.
- Mar 2017 “Racial Formation in American Buddhism: Approaches to the Theorisation of Black Buddhist Discourse.” *American Academy of Religion Western Region*, University of the West.
- Nov 2016 “Does American Buddhism Have a Race Problem? ‘White Normalcy’ and Constructing a Black Buddhist Identity.” *American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio.

Conference Panels Organized

Nov 2018 “Buddhism and National Security in Twentieth-Century America.” *International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies at the American Academy of Religion*, Denver.

Conferences and Workshops Organized

Oct 2017 “Buddhist Theories of Embodiment.” Ho Center for Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University.

Oct 2015 “Exploring Other Worlds: Constructing, Locating, and Navigating Imagined Religious Space,” Co-organizer, Graduate Student Conference, Religious Studies Department, Stanford University.

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

Buddhist Traditions (Fall 2019)
Engaging Religious Diversity (Fall 2019)

Stanford University

Religion Around the Globe (Co-Instructor, Spring 2016)

Academic Service

2015 Search Committee in the Religious Studies Department for Stanford Global Studies (SGS) South Asian Studies South Asia search, Stanford University

Languages

English (fluent)	Sanskrit (reading)	Pāli (reading)
French (reading)	Buddhist Chinese (reading)	Tibetan (reading)
German (reading)	Gāndhārī (reading)	

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
International Association of Buddhist Studies