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## Employment

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2019– Assistant Professor of Buddhist Traditions of South Asia,  
Religious Studies (Primary Appointment); Asian Studies;  
Graduate Department of Religion  
Vanderbilt University

## Education

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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”

2015 M.A., Stanford University, Religious Studies

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

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2021 “Buddhism and Race in the United States.” *Religion Compass*. 1–13. DOI:  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.12412>

2021 “The Generative Power of Disgust: Aesthetics and the Abject *Preta* Body.”  
*Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*. Volume 43, 2020  
Issue. 129–165.

2018 “Being Buddha, Staying Woke: Racial Formation in Black Buddhist Writings.”  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Volume 86, Issue 4. 883–911.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/fy019>

### Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles

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

- Forthcoming Review of Han, Chenxing. 2021. *Be the Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhists*. Berkeley: North Atlantic Press. *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*.
- 2020 Review of Gleig, Ann. 2019. *American Dharma: Buddhism Beyond Modernity*. New Haven: Yale University Press. *The American Historical Review*. Vol. 125: 4. Oct 2020. 1464–1465. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhaa506>
- 2018 Review of Mitchell, Scott A. 2016. *Buddhism in America: Global Religion, Local Contexts*. New York: Bloomsbury Academic. *Reading Religion*. <https://readingreligion.org/books/buddhism-america>
- 2016 Review of Smith, Sharon E., Sally R. Munt, and Andrew Kam-Tuck Yip. 2016. *Cosmopolitan Dharma: Race, Sexuality, and Gender in British Buddhism*. Boston: Brill. *Reading Religion*. <https://readingreligion.org/books/cosmopolitan-dharma>

## Projects in Progress

“The ‘Black Buddhism Plan’: Buddhism, Race, and Empire in the Twentieth Century.” Accepted pending revisions at *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. (45 pages)

## Fellowships and Awards

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- 2021 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University
- 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)

## Grants

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- 2020 “Teaching Resources for Buddhism, Race, and Racism.” Funded by the Centre for Buddhist Studies at the University of Toronto, to be hosted at *teachingbuddhism.net*. Project Directors: Adeana McNicholl and Ann Gleig.

## Invited Talks

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- 2021 Invited Panelist. “Race and Racisms in Asia/Asian Studies.” Conference Plenary. *Association for Asian Studies*. March 25, 2021. Online.
- 2020 “Black Buddhism as Religio-Racial Identity in the Early Twentieth Century,” Princeton University, Religion Department and the Buddhist Studies Workshop, Religion and Race Series. Sept 21, 2020. Online.

## Conference Activity and Presentations

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### Papers Presented

- Dec 2020 “Shades of Whiteness in American Buddhism.” *American Academy of Religion*. Online.
- Mar 2020 “Orientalism, Race, and Buddhist Studies.” *Association for Asian Studies*, Boston. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- Feb 2020 “The Aesthetics of Disgust, Morality, and the Abject *Preta* Body.” *Bodies of Buddhism: Somaesthetic Explorations*. Florida Atlantic University.
- 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.

## Discussant

Nov 2021 “Poverty as Rhetorical Trope and Lived Reality in Historical Buddhisms.” Buddhism Unit. *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 2020 “Religion and the 2020 Presidential Election: Reflecting Back and Looking Forward.” Roundtable. Religious Studies Department and the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University. Webinar. Organized and moderated.

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.

## Public Scholarship

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### Videos

“A Conversation with Dr Amy Paris Langenberg about Teaching Buddhism, Race, and Racism.” Interviewed by Adeana McNicholl and Ann Gleig. *YouTube*. Uploaded by Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies. July 12, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCRGubXDuZc>

“A Conversation with Dr Sarah Jacoby on Teaching Buddhism, Race, and Racism.” Interviewed by Adeana McNicholl and Ann Gleig. *YouTube*. Uploaded by Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies. July 12, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZ-qnLxiZZY>

“A Conversation with Dr Jeff Wilson on Teaching Buddhism, Race, and Racism.” Interviewed by Adeana McNicholl and Ann Gleig. *YouTube*. Uploaded by Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies. July 12, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WauUZcqNcRo>

“A Conversation with Dr Scott Mitchell on Teaching Buddhism, Race, and Racism.” Interviewed by Adeana McNicholl and Ann Gleig. *YouTube*. Uploaded by Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies. July 12, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXULxj4i3Ko>

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **Vanderbilt University**

Buddhist Traditions  
F-2019, F-2020, F-2021  
Encountering Religious Diversity  
F-2019, S-2020, F-2020, S-2021, F-2021  
First-Year Writing Seminar—Buddhist Literature from the Buddha to the Beats  
S-2020, S-2021, S-2022  
Asian and Asian American Religion in the United States  
S-2022

### **Stanford University**

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

## **Academic Service**

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2021 Steering Committee Member, Buddhism in the West Unit, American Academy of Religion (5-year term)

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

## **Languages**

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

## **Related Professional Skills**

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Adobe Photoshop	OBS Studio	OpenShot Video Editor
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## **Professional Memberships and Affiliations**

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American Academy of Religion  
International Association of Buddhist Studies  
Association of Asian Studies