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EDUCATION

- 1999-2006 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
 Dissertation: "Universal Rescue: Re-making Post-Mao China in a Beijing Temple."
- 1994-95 M.A. Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 1990-94 B.A. Religious Studies, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2014- Associate Professor of Religion, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- 2008-14 Assistant Professor of Religion, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- 2007-08 Visiting Lecturer, Anthropology, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA.
- 2006-07 Postdoctoral Associate, Council on East Asian Studies and Visiting Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2005 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.
- 2000-05 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.
- 2004 Grader, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 1998-99 Religion Teacher, Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.
- 1996-97 English Instructor, Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R. China.

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (five years of formal instruction; sixteen years research experience).

Classical Chinese (two years, including one year working with Buddhist texts).

French (three years).

COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT

100-level	Buddhism Religions of the World Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
200-level	Morality and Community Virtual Communities
300-level	Religion in Chinese Society Globalizing Asian Religions Magic, Witchcraft, and Divination (the Anthropology of Religion) Religion and Social Change Self and Society in Contemporary China
400-level	Religion and Globalization in East Asia
Graduate	Religion after Socialism Buddhism, Culture, and Modernity The Lotus Sutra Religion in Contemporary China The Anthropology of Religion

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011-13	Three months of fieldwork on new Buddhist temples in Hebei and Jilin provinces, China. Continued follow-up fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing. Sponsored by the Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.
2010	One month of follow-up fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing and exploratory research on the construction of new Buddhist temples in Hebei province, P.R. China. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University.
2007	One month of follow-up fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing.
2002-04	Twenty-two months of ethnographic fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing. Sponsored by Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays fellowships.
2001	Two months of summer field research on contemporary Buddhist practice in urban mainland China. Sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation distributed through the University of Virginia.
2000	One month of summer field research on groups of Falun Gong practitioners in Hong Kong. Sponsored by an Ellen B. Weedon East Asia travel grant.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

- 2014 *From Comrades to Bodhisattvas: Moral Dimensions of Lay Buddhist Practice in Contemporary China*. University of Hawaii Press.

Journal Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2012 “Religion as Repertoire: Resourcing the Past in a Beijing Buddhist Temple.” *Modern China* 38(3): 346-76.
- 2012 “Buddhism in China and Taiwan.” In *Buddhism in the Modern World*. David L. McMahan, ed. New York: Routledge Press. Pp. 68-88.
- 2011 “In the Footsteps of the Tourists: Buddhist Revival at Museum-Temple Sites in Beijing.” *Social Compass* 58(4): 511-24.
- 2011 “Morality Texts and the Re-Growth of Lay Buddhism in China.” In *Religion in Contemporary China: Tradition and Innovation*. Adam Yuet Chau, ed. New York: Routledge Press. Pp. 53-80.
- 2010 “Fieldwork on East Asian Buddhism: Toward A Person-Centered Approach.” *Fieldwork in Religion* 5(2): 236-50.
- 2008 “The Spiritual Land Rush: Merit and Morality in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 67(1): 143-70.
- 2003 “Resistance and Salvation in Falun Gong: the Promise and Peril of Forbearance.” *Nova Religio* (6)2: 294-312.

Book Reviews

- 2010 “Globalizing Buddhists from Margins to Center: Mobile Charisma in the Tzu Chi Movement.” [Review of Huang, C. Julia. 2009. *Charisma and Compassion: Cheng Yan and the Buddhist Tzu-Chi Movement*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press]. *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 11(3): 451-56.
- 2009 Review of Hanser, Amy. 2008. *Service Encounters: Class, Gender, and the Market for Social Distinction in China*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. In *Journal of Anthropological Research* 65(2): 336-38.
- 2007 Review of Ownby, David. 2007. *Qigong Fever: Body, Science, and Utopia in China*. In *Journal of Chinese Religions*. Vol. 35.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2012 "(Dis)organized Chaos: Religious Pluralism at a Beijing Buddhist Temple." Claire M. Lintilhac Lecture in Asian Studies, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, November 12.
- 2012 "All the Books in Indra's Net: Textual Communities and Buddhist Religious Diversity in Contemporary China." Confucius Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany, May 14.
- 2011 "Bonded to the Buddha: A Religious Subculture in Contemporary China." Oldenborg Center, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, April 28.
- 2010 "Dangdai Zhongguo de Fojiao: Yi Ge Xiandai Shehui de Fumei." [Buddhism in Contemporary China: The Re-enchantment of a Modern Society]. Institute for Anthropology, Peking University, Beijing, China, May 25.
- 2008 "Building Up and Writing Down: Temples, Texts, and the Growth of Lay Buddhism in Contemporary China." East Asia Fairbank Center, Harvard University, December 10.
- 2008 "Seeking Order from Chaos: Lay Buddhist Revitalizations in Contemporary China." University of San Francisco, November 20.
- 2007 "The Buddhist Revival in Mainland China: Religious Responses to Cultural Change." Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. July 7.
- 2006 "Comrade Buddha: Lay Buddhist Groups in Modern Beijing." The Society for the Study of Asian Religions, Yale University, October 26.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INVITED SYMPOSIA

- 2012 "Underground Temples? Exploring the Expansion of Lay Buddhist Spaces in 2010s Beijing." Workshop on Chinese Religions, East Asia Fairbank Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December 14.
- 2012 "Chinese Buddhists and the Creation of a New Moral Order: Resistance or Accommodation?" Symposium on Religion and Politics in Greater China, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, October 26.
- 2012 "Media Sharing and the Building of Discursive Groups: Toward a Typology of Buddhist Practice in Post-Mao China." Workshop on Buddhism in Contemporary China: Fields, Methods, Sources, Taipingyan Temple, Xiamen, China, July 15.

- 2012 “Mapping Religious Difference: Textual Communities and the Geography of Lay Buddhism in the Post-Mao Period.” Workshop on Buddhists and Buddhism in the History of Twentieth Century China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 30.
- 2011 “The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Buddhism: Exploring a Factor of Buddhist Revival in China Today.” Conference on Buddhist Revival in Asia, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, December 15.
- 2011 “Karmic Consequence and Buddhist Affinity: A Cultural Analysis of Lay Buddhist Personhood in Contemporary China.” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany. September 27.
- 2010 “In the Footsteps of the Tourists: Buddhist Revival at Temple Museum Sites in Beijing.” Conference on Buddhist Sociability in Contemporary China: Exploring Critical Issues, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France, May 17.
- 2009 “Losing the Neighborhood Temple (or finding the temple and losing the neighborhood): Transformations of Beijing Temple Space since the Communist Revolution.” Symposium on Place / No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity, Syracuse University, October 2.
- 2008 “Temples, Texts, and Textual Communities: the Emergence of Lay Buddhist Networks in Contemporary Mainland China.” Triangle East Asia Colloquium on Buddhist Practice in Contemporary East Asia, Duke University. September 20.
- 2004 “Mao and the Lotus: New Interpretations of the Sutra in Modern Beijing.” Sixth Annual Conference on the Lotus Sutra, Toronto, Canada, August 6.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “The Buddha as Bully? The Politics of Displacement in Chinese Buddhist Revival.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 24.
- 2012 “Do Chinese Buddhist Laypersons need Monastics? Exploring the Dynamics of Sangha-Laity Relations in Contemporary China.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19.
- 2011 “State-of-the-Field Roundtable: Ethnographic Approaches to Buddhism.” Roundtable Participant. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 20.

- 2010 “‘Joining Fates’: Buddhist Exchange in Globalizing China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 19.
- 2010 “Mao as Bodhisattva: the Latest Incarnation of the Great Helmsman.” Association for Asian Studies Northeast Regional Meeting, Burlington, VT, November 6.
- 2010 “In Another Lifetime: Buddhist Laywomen’s Perspectives on Marriage Failure in Contemporary Beijing.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 27.
- 2009 “Bringing Back the Buddha: Lay Buddhist Contestation of Tourist Temple Space in Beijing.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 7.
- 2009 “Searching Inward, Pushing Out: Buddhism as Alternative Modernity in Contemporary China.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 26.
- 2008 “The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy of Risk: the Ethnography of a Schizophrenic Lay Buddhist and the Panoptical Chinese State.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 20.
- 2008 “Wandering Souls in Chaotic Courtyards: Toward a Person-Centered Approach to the Study of Chinese Buddhism.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 6.
- 2007 “Inhabiting Flexible Worlds: Chinese Buddhist Responses to Globalization.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1.
- 2007 “Buddhism as Social Critique.” Annual Meeting of the World History Association, Milwaukee, WI. June 30.
- 2006 “What’s in a Name? The Glocalization of Buddhism in China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 16.
- 2006 “The Buddhist Revival in Mainland China: Religious Responses to Cultural Change.” American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 17.
- 2005 “The Spiritual Land Rush: Morality, Possession, and Place in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 17.
- 2005 “Down with the New: Magic and Mao in a Beijing Temple.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2013 Panel Organizer. *Emplacement / Displacement: The Making and Unmaking of Place through Religion in Cross-Cultural Asian Settings*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2010 Panel Organizer. *The Cultural Politics of Marriage in the Contemporary PRC and Taiwan: Tradition and Change*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Symposium Co-Organizer. *Place / No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity*. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, October 2-4. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- 2009 Panel Co-organizer. *Making Money, Making Meaning, Making Merit: Exploring the Fit between Tourism, Development, and the Buddhist Revival in China Today*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 7.
- 2008 Panel Organizer. *New Directions in Fieldwork on Chinese Buddhism: Comparing Approaches from Religious Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 6.
- 2005 Panel Organizer. *Bringing Chinese Religious Pasts into the Present*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3.
- 2003- Member, Board of Editorial Consultants, *Nova Religio*.
- American Anthropological Association.
American Academy of Religion.
Association for Asian Studies.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2013- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Religion, Syracuse University.
- 2013- Director of Chinese Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.
- 2012- Lower-Division Advisor and First-Year Forum Leader, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.
- 2012-13 Representative to Humanities Division Council, Chinese Studies and Religion, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.
- 2009-13 Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.
- 2008- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.
- 2010-11 Faculty Advisor, Minor in Chinese Studies, Syracuse University.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2011-14 Emergences Fieldwork Grant, Group Religions, Sociétés, Laïcités, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.
- 2011-12 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2008-11 Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.
- 2005-06 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
- 2003-04 U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.
- 2002-03 U.S. Department of State Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2002-04 University of Virginia School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Away Fellowship.
- 1999-2002 University of Virginia President's Fellowship.
- 2001 National Science Foundation Summer Research Grant through the Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.
- 2000-01 Ellen B. Weedon East Asia Travel Grant.