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Employment

- 2023–2024 Voluntary Researcher, the Ghent Centre for Buddhist Studies, Ghent University.
 2020–present Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University.

Education

- 2020 Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies, Stanford University.
 Dissertation: “Divine Transactions: The Transformation of Buddhist Communal Liturgies at Dunhuang (8th–10th Centuries)”
- 2013 Master of Arts, Regional Studies, Harvard University.
 Thesis: “Buddhist Apologetics in Ancient-style Prose: Northern Song, 960-1127”
- 2008 Bachelor of Engineering, Fudan University (joint degree with University College Dublin).

Languages

Modern Chinese (native speaker), Japanese, modern Tibetan (reading & some speaking),
 Classical Chinese, Classical Tibetan, Sanskrit, Pāli, French, German (reading).

Publications

Monograph

Observances, Feasts, and Scripts: The Varieties of Zhai in Chinese Buddhism from the Second to the Tenth Century. Kuroda Studies in East Asian Buddhism. University of Hawai‘i Press. (It has passed three external reviews and is in the final revision process.)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 “The Compatible and the Comparable: Searching for Doctrinal Sharedness between Kamalaśīla and Northern Chan.” *Asiatische Studien / Études Asiatiques* 77: 1–26.
- 2023 “Antipathy, Ambivalence, and Acceptance: Chan Attitudes toward Ritual from the Eighth to the Eleventh Century.” *History of Religions* 62.3: 284–305.
- 2022 “Telling Infelicities and Hidden Intelligibility: The ‘Interlingual Questions’ from the ‘Samyé Debate’ in Tibet (792–794).” *BuddhistRoad Papers* 1.4: 3–47.
- 2021 “Ornamenting Liturgies: Scripts for a Zhai Feast and Their Liturgical Context (6th–10th Centuries).” *Tang Studies* 39: 41–67.

- 2019 “By the Power of the Perfection of Wisdom: The ‘Sūtra-Rotation’ Liturgy of the *Mahāprajñāpāramitā* in Dunhuang.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139.3: 661–79.
- 2019 “The Transformation of *Posadha/Zhai* in Early Medieval China (2nd–6th Centuries CE).” *Buddhist Studies Review (Journal of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies)* 36.1: 75–98.
- 2018 “‘Translating’ Wutai Shan into Ri bo rtse lnga (‘Five-Peak Mountain’): The Inception of a Sino-Tibetan Site in the Mongol-Yuan Era (1206–1368).” *Zangxue xuekan (Journal of Tibetan Studies)* 15: 25–54.

Other Publications

- Forthcoming Ding, Yi, Fan MUYOU, Paul Harrison, Sangyop Lee, Adeana McNicholl, Grace Ramswick, and Simon Wiles. “A Second Copy of the *Bhaiṣajyaguru Sūtra* in the Schøyen Collection.” *Buddhist Manuscripts in the Schøyen Collection, Volume V*, ed. Jens Braarvig, Paul Harrison, Jens-Uwe Hartmann, Kazunobu Matsuda, and Lore Sander. Oslo: Hermes.
- In progress “A Critical Edition of the Pre-*Mahāvīyūtpatti* Tibetan Version of the *First Bhāvanākrama*” (in a volume in the series “Manuscripta Buddhica” published by Università degli Studi di Napoli L’Orientale).

Translations

- 2015 Robert Sharf. “Lun jingtu fojiao yiji zhongguo zhongguo de chanjing ronghe” 論淨土佛教以及中古中國的禪淨融合 (On Pure Land Buddhism and Ch’an/Pure Land Syncretism in Medieval China). Trans. Yi Ding. *Fojiao wenhua yanjiu* 佛教文化研究, 1: 396–423.

Book Reviews

- 2020 “Review of *Creating the Universe: Depictions of the Cosmos in Himalayan Buddhism* by Eric Huntington.” *Reading Religion* (online).
- 2019 “Review of *Forging the Golden Urn: The Qing Empire and the Politics of Reincarnation in Tibet* by Max Oidtmann.” *Reading Religion* (online).
- 2017 “Review of *Being Human in a Buddhist World: An Intellectual History of Medicine in Early Modern Tibet* by Janet Gyatso.” *Reading Religion* (online).

Invited Talks

- Oct. 26, 2022 “Feasting with a Maṇḍala: Gaṇacakra-Related Texts from Dunhuang and Their Significance.” Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum.
- July 22, 2021 “Reconciling the Irreconcilable? Revisiting the *Dunwu dasheng zhengli jue* 頓悟大乘正理決 and the Samyé Debate in the 8th Century.” Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

Conference Presentations

- 2022 “Postmortem Option Selection: Funerary *Phowa* (“Consciousness Transfer”) and *Bardo* Practices in Early Kagyu Texts.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver.
- 2022 “One Villain, Two Faces—Some Points of Contrast between Moheyan in the *Judgement* and Moheyan in Tibetan Sources.” “How Zen Became Chan” International

- Conference (Yale, online).
- 2022 “The Compatible and the Comparable: Searching for Doctrinal Sharedness between Kamalaśīla and Northern Chan.” Kamalaśīla Symposium, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria.
- 2021 “Symbols Installed and Protection Embodied: The Parasol-Mounting Liturgy as an Apotropaic Solution at Dunhuang.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Antonio.
- 2020 “From Blood Sacrifice to Bloodless Sacrifice: The Buddhist Rhetoric of Ritual Supersession and Its Reception in Medieval China.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (online).
- 2019 “Visualizing the Feast and the Feast for Visualization: The *Gaṇacakra* as a Communal Liturgy in Early Tibetan Buddhism.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego.
- 2019 “A Call for Cosmic Renewal in a Time of Crisis: Divine Stones, Temple Construction, and the *Stele Inscription of the Sable Sheep Palace*.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego.
- 2019 “The ‘Unyielding Twenty-Eight Vajra Samayas’ and the Esoteric Community in Dunhuang.” The 15th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS), Paris.
- 2019 “The Indian context of the *Maheśvara Divination*.” The workshop “Chinese Divination Traditions in Conversation” at Georgetown University supported by the Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies, Washington, DC.
- 2018 “Rotating the Sūtra as a Sino-Tibetan Ritual: The Liturgical Recitation of the *Mahāprajñāpāramitā* and Its Contexts in Dunhuang.” The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference (AAS), Washington, DC.
- 2017 “Consecrating with Myths, Images, and Rituals: The Case of the Mogao Site.” XVIII Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS). Toronto.
- 2017 “A Philological Look at ‘Chapter Bodhisattva-Abodes’ in the *Buddhāvataṃsaka*: Its Reconstruction, Textual Origin, and Mahāyāna Context.” The 3rd International Conference on the Wutai Cult, Taihuai, China.
- 2016 “Was there Chinese Esoteric Buddhism in Dunhuang? The *Compendium of Maṇḍala Liturgies* and the Attempts to Systematize Dunhuang Buddhism.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Antonio.
- 2016 “‘Translating’ Wutai Shan to Ri bo Rtse Inga: Chögyal Pakpa’s (1235–1280) Introduction and Transformation of Five-Peak Mountain.” The 2nd International Conference on the Wutai Cult, Taihuai, China.
- 2015 “Constructing Merit: The Religious Function of Dunhuang Caves in Light of the ‘Merit Record’ Texts.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Atlanta.

Other Academic Presentations

- 2022 “The White Parasol Dhāraṇī and the Silk Road.” Guest lecture invited by Michelle C. Wang for the course titled Art of the Silk Routes (ARTH 375, Spring 2022) at Georgetown University.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2023–2024 CCK (Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation) Scholar Grant (\$21,000)
- 2023 Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$4,000)

- 2021 Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$4,000)
 2019–2020 ACLS / The Robert Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$30,000)
 2018–2019 Chung-Hwa Fellowship for Post-Generals Dissertation Research (\$10,000)
 2015–2017 The Robert and Mary Gregg PhD Fellowship, Stanford
 2011–2013 Harvard-Yenching full MA fellowship

Institutional Service

- 2023 — present Member, Future Directions Committee, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul.
 2022 — present member, CRCC (Center for Religion, Culture, and Community) Advisory Board, DePaul.
 2021 — 2023 member, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul.
 2023 member, self-study committee for the Liberal Studies Program APR (Academic Program Review), DePaul.
 2020 — present member, Global Asian Studies Advisory Board, DePaul.
 2020 — present member, Chinese Studies Advisory Board, DePaul.

External Professional Service

- 2022 — present member, the steering committee of Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit at American Academy of Religion

Graduate Student Supervision

- 2023— present Justin Bell (PhD Candidate, Center for Community Research, DePaul)

Peer Reviewing

Article referee for:

Journal of the American Oriental Society; Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies; Hualin International Journal of Buddhist Studies; Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences; Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies; Tang Studies

Manuscript referee for:

Brill.

Digital Humanities

- 2016–present Contributor to the Bibliotheca Polyglotta Project, University of Oslo.
 2012 The Ennin Project on the WorldMap. Center for Geographic Analysis, Harvard University.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR); Association for Asian Studies (AAS); International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS).