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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Religion
Department of Religion, University of Georgia, 2018–

Assistant Professor of Religion
Department of Religion and Philosophy, Young Harris College, 2014–2018

Adjunct Faculty
Department of Humanities and Foreign Language, Santa Fe College, 2011–2014

EDUCATION

Ph. D. University of Florida, Religions of Asia, 2015

M.T.S. Vanderbilt University, Religion, 2007

B.A. Mercer University, Music, 2004

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“A Little Bird Told Me: The Magical Birds of the Pure Land,” in *Journal of Chinese Religions* 49.1 (2021): 1-19.

“Huaigan’s Defense of Pure Land Buddhism in the *Qunyi lun*,” *The Pure Land: Journal of Pure Land Buddhism* 28 (2014-2016): 17-30.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Considering Tourism and Religion in Asian Cities,” in *Tourism in Asian Cities*, Saurabh Kumar Dixit, ed. (Routledge, 2020).

“Religious Violence” in *Violence in American Society: An Encyclopedia of Trends, Problems, and Perspectives*, Chris Richardson, ed. (ABC-CLIO, 2020).

“Seeking the Pure Land (in the Classroom),” *Buddhist Asia*, Nicholas Brasovan and Micheline Soong, eds. (SUNY Press, 2019).

“Why do the statues of Buddha sometimes depict him as being overweight?” *Religion in Five Minutes*, Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds. (Equinox Publishing, 2017).

“Are religions in Asia all connected in some way?” *Religion in Five Minutes*, Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, eds. (Equinox Publishing, 2017).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Fo Guang Shan” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. (Oxford University Press, 2019). DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.602

“Hsing Yun” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. (Oxford University Press, 2019). DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.734

“Shaohao” in *Encyclopedia of Chinese History*, Michael Dillon, ed. (Routledge, 2017).

“Zhuge Liang” in *Encyclopedia of Chinese History*, Michael Dillon, ed. (Routledge, 2017).

BOOK REVIEWS

“Jones, Charles B. *Chinese Pure Land Buddhism: Understanding a Tradition of Practice*.” *Journal of Chinese Religions* 48.2 (2020): 297-299.

“McDaniel, Justin Thomas. “*Architects of Buddhist Leisure: Socially Disengaged Buddhism in Asia’s Museums, Monuments, and Amusement Parks*.” *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* no. 14 (2019): 61-65.

“Tikhonov, Vladimir and Torkel Brekke, eds. *Buddhism and Violence: Militarism and Buddhism in Modern Asia*.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 23 (2016): 33-44.

“Halkias, Georgios T. *Luminous Bliss: A Religious History of Pure Land Literature in Tibet*.” *Pacific World Journal*, 3.16 (2014): 192-198.

“Company, Robert Ford. *Signs from the Unseen Realm: Buddhist Miracle Tales from Early Medieval China*.” *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 19 (2012): 632-636.

“Iwamura, Jane Naomi. *Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions and American Popular Culture*.” *Pacific World Journal*, 3.13 (Fall 2011): 277-283.

“Payne, Richard ed. *Path of No Path: Contemporary Studies in Pure Land Buddhism Honoring Roger Corless*.” *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies* 3.1 (2011): 80-82.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Anxiety and Imagination in Medieval Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Practice (manuscript in progress)

“Perceiving Authenticity: Online Tourism Reviews of Buddhist Tourist Destinations” (draft available)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SEC Faculty Travel Program Grant, 2021

National Endowment for the Humanities *Buddhist Asia* Institute, 2015

Young Harris College Faculty Travel and Research Grant, 2015

Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2012

University of Florida Department of Religion Travel Grant, 2010

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 2010

Teaching Assistantship, University of Florida, Department of Religion 2008–2013

Jack and Shirley Forstmann Scholarship, Vanderbilt University 2005–2007

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

“Anxiety and Imagination in Pure Land Buddhist Practice in Tang China,” University of Florida, October, 2021.

“Reconstructing the Pure Land: Using Apologetic Texts to Better Understand Pure Land Buddhism,” Young Harris College Lecture Series, April, 2016.

“Asian Stereotypes in Popular Media,” Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Young Harris, GA, October 2015.

Conference Papers

“Imagining the Pure Land: The Development of Pure Land Liturgy in Tang China,” 2021 Southeast Early China Roundtable. October, 2021. Gainesville, FL.

“Using Online Travel Reviews to Understand Religious Places,” 2020 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. December, 2020. Online.

“Perceiving Authenticity: Online Travel Reviews of Buddhist Tourist Sites in China,” 2019 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November, 2019. San Diego, CA.

“A Little Bird Told Me: The Magical Birds of the Pure Land,” 2019 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November, 2019. San Diego, CA.

“Between Death and Life: Huaigan’s Conception of the Intermediate State of Existence (antarābhava),” 2019 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. March, 2019. Greenville, NC.

“Buddhism and the Bottom Line: Examining the Nanshan Group and Buddhist Tourism,” XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies. August, 2017. Toronto, Canada.

“Seeking the Pure Land (in the Classroom),” Asian Studies Development Program 23rd National Conference. March, 2017. Portland, OR.

“What’s Good for Hip-Hop May Not Be Good for My Soul: The Dilemma of Big K.R.I.T.,” 2015 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November, 2015. Atlanta, GA.

“Defending the Pure Land: Huaigan’s *Qunyi lun*,” 17th Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies. August, 2015. Berkeley, CA.

“Asian Religions in the Living Room: Hinduism and Buddhism in the Early Editions of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*,” 2015 Asian Studies Development Program National Conference. March, 2015. Branson, MO.

“The Biography of Huaigan,” 2015 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. March, 2015. Nashville, TN.

“Journeying to the West: Personal Repentance for the Sake of All,” 2010 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“The Legacy and Future of Religious Studies: Examining Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*.” Florida State University Graduate Symposium. February 20, 2009. Tallahassee, FL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

RELI 1002: Religions of India, China, and Japan
RELI 3300: Introduction to East Asian Religions
RELI 4403/6403: The Daoist Tradition
RELI 4404/6404: Japanese Religion
RELI 4407/6407: East Asian Buddhism
RELI 8700: Theories & Methods in the Study of Religion

Young Harris College

FYF 1000: First Year Foundations
RELI 1200: World Religions
RELI 2120: Asian Scriptures
RELI 2200: History of Christianity
RELI 2220: Buddhist Thought & Practice
RELI 2260: Hindu Traditions
RELI 2270: Chinese Religions
RELI 2300: Theories of Religion
RELI 2320: Comparative Religious Ethics
RELI 3220: Zen Buddhism
RELI 3230: Themes in Asian Religions—Asian Religion in TV and Film
RELI 3300: Approaches to Studying Religion—Postcolonialism & Material Culture
RELI 4900: Senior Capstone Project
RELI 4998: Special Topics—Religion & Sports

Santa Fe College

HUM 2410: Asian Humanities
HUM 2730: China: Myth and Reality—Study Abroad Course in Beijing and Xi’an, China.

University of Florida

RELI 2300: Introduction to World Religions

SERVICE

Reviewer for:

Bloomsbury Academic
Journal of Buddhist Ethics
Oxford University Press
Religions
University of Hawai'i Press

UGA Religion Department Chair Search Committee, 2020

Steering Committee Member for AAR: Space, Place, and Religion Unit, 2020–present

Co-organizer for 2019–2020 Asian Studies Lecture Series: Marko Geslani Lecture, February, 2020

Chair for “Religions of Asia” section for American Academy of Religion: Southeast Annual Meeting, 2019 – present

Faculty Senator for the UGA Department of Religion, 2018–present

Organizer Young Harris College Hamilton Lecture Series, 2018

Young Harris College Honor Council, 2017–2018

Faculty Leader for Young Harris College Honors Program trip to Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Seminar, 2016.

Young Harris College Honors Program Committee Member, 2016–2018

Young Harris College First Year Foundations Committee Member, 2015–2017

Vice-President of University of Florida Religion Graduate Student Association, 2009–2010

University of Florida Graduate Student Council Representative, 2008–2009

Graduate Assistants United Council Representative, 2009–2010

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Mandarin Chinese (reading and conversational)
Classical Chinese (reading)
French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies (IASBS)

Southeast Early China Roundtable (SEECR)