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EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D. Religious Studies (*departmental honors*), Indiana University, Bloomington
2003 Master of Arts in Asian Religion, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
1997 Bachelor of Arts, Sarah Lawrence College

EMPLOYMENT

2016-Present Associate Professor, Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Religion
2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Religion
2008-2009 Part-time Instructor, DePauw University, Department of Religious Studies
2003-2010 (intermittent) Associate Instructor, Indiana University, Dept. of Religious Studies
2004-2005 Instructor, Yangzhou College of Education, China

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2021-Present Faculty Secretary, Pacific Lutheran University
2020-2021 Chair, Department of Religion, Pacific Lutheran University
Fall 2017 Program Director, Tacoma Immersion Experience Semester, Pacific Lutheran University
2015-2016 Chair *pro tem*, Chinese Studies Program, Pacific Lutheran University
2015-2016 Program Director *pro tem*, Study Away Semester in Chengdu China. Pacific Lutheran University
2013-2015 Associate Fellow, "Critical Concepts and Methods for the Study of Religion in Modern China," Centre for the Study of Religion and Culture in Asia, University of Groningen

COURSES TAUGHT

Buddhism in Asian America	The Myth of the Spiritual East
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue	The Religions of China
The Buddhist Tradition	The Religions of East Asia
Capstone in Religion	The Religions of Korea and Japan
Chinese Buddhism	Research in Religion (pre-Capstone)
Daoism	Star Trek and Religion
Korean Buddhism	Tacoma Buddhism: Pure Land and Zen
Modern East Asian Buddhism	

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2020 *The Huayan University Network: The Teaching and Practice of Avatamsaka Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China*. Columbia University Press, Sheng Yen Series in Chinese Buddhist Studies
2015 *The Science of Chinese Buddhism: Early Twentieth-Century Engagements*. Columbia University Press, Sheng Yen Series in Chinese Buddhist Studies

Textbooks

Writing (with Geoffrey Goble, University of Oklahoma), *Religious Debate in Chinese History: The Eve of the Huichang Persecution, 841* (Game Manual and Instructor's Handbook). A Reacting to the Past game

Book Chapters

- 2020 "On Assessing the Use of Scientific Rhetoric in Modern Chinese Religion." In *Critical Concepts and Methods for the Study of Chinese Religions II: Intellectual History of Key Concepts*, edited by Stefania Travagnin and Gregory Adam Scott, 121-134. De Gruyter Publishers
- 2016 "Buddhism and the Modern Epistemic Space: Buddhist Intellectuals in the Science and Philosophy of Life Debates." In *Recovering Buddhist China in the Twentieth-Century*, edited by Jan Kiely and J. Brooks Jessup, 79-110. New York: Columbia University Press, Sheng Yen Series in Chinese Buddhist Studies
- 2014 "Yogācāra and Science in the 1920s: The Wuchang School's Approach to Modern Mind Science." In *Transforming Consciousness: Yogācāra Thought in Modern China*, edited by John Makeham, 170-197. New York: Oxford University Press

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 with Gregory Adam Scott, "Revisiting the Revival: Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China." Introduction to a Special Issue of *Studies in Chinese Religions* (Co-organizer of special issue with Gregory Adam Scott), vol. 3, no. 4: 197-203.
- 2016 "Avatamsaka 華嚴 Transnationalism in Modern Sinitic Buddhism." [*Journal of Global Buddhism*](#), vol. 17: 65-84
- 2014 "A Buddhist Critique of Scientism." [*Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*](#), vol. 27: 35-57
- 2013 "The Heart-of-Mind Method: Legitimizing a New Buddhist Movement in 1930s China." *Nova Religio*, vol. 17, no. 2: 5-23
- 2012 [2011] "Science and Buddhist Modernism in Early 20th Century China: the Life and Works of Wang Xiaoxu 王小徐." *Journal of Chinese Religion*, vol. 39: 1-32
- 2012 "Early 20th Century Buddhist Microbiology and Shifts in Chinese Buddhism's 'Actual Canon'." *Theology and Science*, vol. 10, no. 1: 3-18
- 2010 "The Expression 'The Myriad Dharmas are Only Consciousness' in Early 20th Century Chinese Buddhism." [*Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal*](#), vol. 23: 71-92

Academic Reviews

- 2021 "Monks in Motion: Buddhism and Modernity Across the South China Sea, by Jack Meng-Tat Chia." *History of Religions*, vol. 62, no. 2 (November): 238-241
- 2020 "The Korean Buddhist Empire: A Transnational History, 1910–1945, by Hwansoo Ilmee Kim." *Journal of Chinese Religions*, vol. 48, no. 1: 133-135
- 2019 "From the Mountains to the Cities: A History of Buddhist Propagation in Modern Korea, by Mark A. Nathan." [*H-Buddhism*](#) (June).
- 2019 "Making Saints in Modern China, edited by David Ownby, Vincent Goossaert, and Ji Zhe." *Journal of Chinese Religions*, v. 47, n. 1 (May): 106-109.
- 2018 "Anarchy in the Pure Land: Reinventing the Cult of Maitreya in Modern Chinese Buddhism, by Justin Ritzinger." *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*, v. 5, n. 2 (December): 242-245.
- 2018 "Architects of Buddhist Leisure: Socially Disengaged Buddhism in Asia's Museums, Monuments, and Amusement Parks, by Justin McDaniel." *Pacific*

- Affairs*, v. 91, n. 1 (March): 134-136.
- 2017 "Fantasy Literature: Challenging Genres, edited by Mark A. Fabrizi." [Reflective Teaching, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#).
- 2017 "Thomé H. Fang, Tang Junyi and Huayan Thought: A Confucian Appropriation of Buddhist Ideas in Response to Scientism in the Twentieth Century, by King Pong Chiu." *Journal of Chinese Religions*, v. 45, n. 2: 199-201
- 2016 "International Student Engagement: Strategies for Creating Inclusive, Connected, and Purposeful Campus Environments, by Chris R. Glass, Rachawan Wongtrirat, and Stephanie Buus." [Reflective Teaching, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#)
- 2015 "Buddhist-Based Universities in the United State: Searching for a New Model in Higher Education, by Tanya Storch." [Reflective Teaching, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#)
- 2015 "The Modern Spirit of Asia: The Spiritual and the Secular in China and India by Peter van der Veer." *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*, vol. 2, no. 2: 281-284
- 2015 "Praying for the Republic: Buddhist Education, Student-Monks, and Citizenship in Modern China (1911-1949), by Lei Kuan Rongdao Lai." [Dissertation Reviews](#)
- 2015 [2014] "Living Karma: The Religious Practices of Ouyi Zhixu by Beverley Foulks McGuire." *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, Third Series, no. 16: 199-203
- 2015 "Beyond Reason and Tolerance: The Purpose and Practice of Higher Education by Robert J. Thompson, Jr." [Reflective Teaching, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#)
- 2015 "Toward a Methodology of Comparative Studies in Religious Education: A Study of England and Norway by Oddrun M. H. Bråten." [Reflective Teaching, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion](#)
- 2013 "Vincent Goossaert and David Palmer, *The Religious Question in Modern China*." *History of Religions*, vol. 53, no. 2: 218-221
- 2012 "Korean Buddhist Nuns and Laywomen: Hidden Histories, Enduring Vitality, edited by Eun-Su Cho." *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 19: 641-644
- 2011 "Heart of Buddha, Heart of China: The Life of Tanxu, a Twentieth-Century Monk, by James Carter." *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 18: 53-58
- 2011 "The Householder Elite: Buddhist Activism in Shanghai, 1920-1956, by James Brooks Jessup." [Dissertation Reviews](#)
- 2010 "A Review of *Buddhism & Science: A Guide for the Perplexed*, by Donald Lopez." *Buddhist Studies Review*, vol. 27, no. 2: 249-251

Other Writings

- 2016 "Huayan Buddhists on Equality in Diverse Societies." [Buddhistdoor Global](#), October 21

EXTERNAL AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Erasmus+ (EU) Staff Mobility Grant, MF School of Theology in Oslo
- 2018 (with Michael Zbaraschuk) Curriculum Development Grant, Interfaith Youth Core. Summer
- 2015 "Huayan Buddhism as a Resource for Teaching Students About Perspective-Taking." Wabash Center Summer Fellowship.
- 2011 Stanley Weinstein Dissertation Prize for Best Dissertation on East Asian Buddhism from North America, Council on East Asia Studies, Yale University (2009 and 2010 biennial competition period)

- 2010 China and Inner Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies Small Grant for expansion of the “Database of Modern Chinese Buddhism 近代中國佛教檢索” website
- 2009 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge. Fall Semester
- 2009 Travel Grant, East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University. Grant to present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago
- 2008-2009 Dissertation Fellowship, Sheng Yen Education Foundation
- 2008-2009 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University
- 2008 Visiting Scholar, Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan. Spring
- 2007-2008 Fulbright Fellow, Taiwan
- 2007 Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award, Mandarin Training Center, National Taiwan Normal University. Fall Semester
- 2007 Graduate Essay Award, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Paper Title: “Chinese Buddhist and Língbǎo Daoist Metaphors of Roots in the 5th and 6th Centuries.”
- 2003 Best Master’s Thesis, Religion Department, University of Hawai’i, Mānoa
- 2002 International Buddhist Studies Fellowship, Woodenfish Program (first annual), Fo-kuang Shan, Kao-hsiung, Taiwan. Summer
- 2001-2003 Pacific Asia Scholarship, University of Hawai’i, Mānoa

PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

Conference Papers

- 2018 “Huayan Meditation in Early Twentieth-Century Chinese Buddhism.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver. November 17-20
- 2018 “Did the Recovery of Lost Scriptures Matter in 20th c. Chinese Buddhism? Huayan as Case Study.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver. November 17-20
- 2018 “Did the Recovery of Lost Scriptures Have an Impact on Chinese Buddhism in the Early Twentieth Century? A Case Study.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Pacific Lutheran University. May 11-13
- 2016 “Egalitarianism in Transnational Sinitic Buddhist Discourse.” Buddhism in the Global Eye, University of British Columbia. August 10-12
- 2016 “Avatamsaka Transnationalism in Modern East Asian Buddhism.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Seattle. March 31-April 3
- 2015 “On Assessing the Impact of Scientific Rhetoric in Modern Chinese Religion: A Prolegomenon.” [Framing the Study of Modern Religion in China and Taiwan: Concepts, Methods, and New Research Paths](#), Centre for the Study of Religion and Culture in Asia, the University of Groningen, Netherlands. December 9-12
- 2015 “Assembled in Sukhāvātī: Orientalism as Cultural Memory in the Teaching of Pure Land Buddhism in the Undergraduate Classroom.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Marylhurst University. March 27-29
- 2013 “Notes on an Undergraduate Course: The Myth of the Spiritual East,” for a panel on Asian religious studies pedagogy. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle Pacific University. May 3-5 (*panel organizer*)
- 2012 “Republican Buddhism and the Taxonomy of Knowledge: Buddhist Intellectuals and the Science and Philosophy of Life Debates.” Buddhism and Buddhists in the History of Twentieth Century China Workshop, Chinese University of Hong Kong. May 30-31

- 2011 “The Heart-of-Mind Method: Legitimizing a Buddhist New Religious Movement in 1930s China.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco. November 19-22
- 2011 “Einstein’s Buddhist Fans in 1930s China.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Gonzaga University. May 13-15
- 2010 “Microbiology and Buddhist Discourses on Science in Early 20th Century China.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta. October 30 - November 1
- 2010 “Invocation of Darwinism by Chinese Buddhists in the 1920s and 30s,” for the panel “The Impact of Biological Theories of Evolution on East Asian Buddhists Around the Early 20th Century.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta. October 30 - November 1 (*panel organizer*)
- 2010 “Are All Worldly Things Evolving or Regressing?: Use of Evolution Among Chinese Buddhists in the 1920s.” Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Conference, “Religion, Nature, and Innovation.” February 25-26
- 2009 “Buddhist Promotion of Revolutionary Science in post-May Fourth China.” Genealogies of Science in Asia: Cross-Cultural Appropriation, Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge. December 3-4
- 2009 “Secularization and Science Among Lay Buddhists: The Works of WANG Xiaoxu 王小徐 (1875-1948),” for the panel “Chinese Lay Buddhists in the Early Twentieth Century and the Question of Secularization: Four Case Studies.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago. March 26-29 (*panel organizer*)
- 2008 “Chinese Buddhist Strategies for Dealing with Science and Scientism, 1919-1949.” 12th International Conference of the History of Science in East Asia, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. July 14-18 (*translated into English and revised*)
- 2008 “The Cachet of Kexue: Buddhist Intellectuals and Modern Astronomy in 20th Century China.” 15th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. June 23-28
- 2008 “Zhōngguó Fójiàotú chǔlǐ kēxué de cèlǜè 中國佛教徒處理科學的策略: 1919-1936 (Chinese Buddhist Strategies for Dealing With Science: 1919-1936).” Meeting of the Buddhist Studies Group, National Taiwan University. March 17 (*paper given in Chinese*)
- 2007 “Chinese Buddhist and American Christian Critiques of Science: 1920-1940.” Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Dominican University. March 30-31 (*panel organizer*)
- 2006 “Buddhism in Republican China: Superstition, Religion, or Science?” IBC Buddhist Studies Conference, University of the West, Los Angeles, California. October 13-15
- 2006 “Flower People: The Cult of the Huáyán Sūtra and Popular Religion in Tang China.” East Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University. February 10-11 (*revised*)
- 2004 “Flower People: The Cult of the Huáyán Sūtra and Popular Religion in Tang China.” Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Conference
- 2002 “Journey of the Soul: Autochthonous Views of the Soul and Afterlife and Their Effect on Early Chinese Buddhism.” School of Hawai’ian, Asian, and Pacific Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawai’i, Mānoa. March 18-21

Invited Talks

- 2021 “Did the Recovery of Lost Scriptures Matter in 20th c. Chinese Buddhism? Huayan as Case Study.” Center for Buddhist Studies, UCLA. April 23
- 2021 [“Unity is Diversity, Not Uniformity: Lessons from Huayan Buddhism.”](#) Zoom webinar. Seattle Buddhist Study Center. March 25
- 2019 Guest lecturer on Chinese Religions. MF School of Theology, Oslo, Norway. September 23 & 25

- 2019 Guest on PLU's "Because We're Lutheran" podcast. July.
<https://soundcloud.com/pacificlutheran/because-were-lutheran-episode-7>
- 2018 "Chinese Buddhism in the Age of Science: the 1920s." Department of Religious Studies, University of Oklahoma. October 18
- 2018 Justice and karma in Buddhism. Tyler Travillian's IHON course. October 16
- 2018 Religion on a generational starship, guest instructor for Scott Roger's PLU course "SYEP 202: One Giant Leap." March 15
- 2018 "Millennials and Religion: Some Causes and Conditions." Buddhist Churches of America National Convention, Sacramento, California. February 23.
- 2017 "Chinese Buddhists and Science in the 1920s." Lunchtime Speaker Series, PLU University House. October 18
- 2017 "Millennials and the Future of Our Temples." [Center for Buddhist Education](#), Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley, California. May 4.
- 2017 Guest Speaker, Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday) Service. White River Buddhist Temple, Auburn, Washington. April 9.
- 2017 "The Story of the Buddhist Swastika, the *Manji* 卍字." 70th Annual Northwest District Convention of the Buddhist Churches of America. Tukwila, Washington. February 17-19, 2017.
- 2017 "Millennials and the Future of Our Temples." 70th Annual Northwest District Convention of the Buddhist Churches of America. Tukwila, Washington. February 17-19, 2017.
- 2016 "Buddhism and 'Manji': The Truth about the Manji (Buddhist Swastika), its History, and How it was Stolen by the Nazis." Tacoma Buddhist Temple. November 27
- 2016 Interviewee, [Marginalia Podcast](#). September 6
- 2016 "Two Types of Thesis-based Arguments," and "Scaffolding the Research Project." Purdue Writing Workshop For the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, Seattle University, August 15-16
- 2016 Interviewee, [New Books in East Asian Studies / New Books in Buddhist Studies Podcast](#). New Books Network. March 30
- 2015 "Buddhism in China/Tibet Today." Tacoma Buddhist Temple. March 22
- 2015 "Science and Modern Taxonomies of Knowledge in Chinese Buddhism." Duke University. February 20
- 2014 "The Western Concept of Religion Arrives in China." Guest lecture for Professor Zhou Yi's class: Traditional Chinese Culture, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China. October 24
- 2014 "Buddhism and Science." Part of the lecture series "Buddhism in Dialogue: Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future." Tacoma Buddhist Temple. June 7
- 2013 "What is the Deal with the Fat Laughing Buddha?" Lunchtime Speaker Series, PLU University House. April 18
- 2013 "Buddhism: The Basics." St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, WA. January 31
- 2012 "Religious Studies: Why do we do it? What is it?" For June Microterm course "Sects in the City: Exploring Tacoma's Religious Communities." Tacoma School of the Arts. June 11, 2012
- 2012 "Hindu Beliefs and Practices." St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lakewood, WA. May 9
- 2012 "Religion in the Constitution of China." Lunchtime Speaker Series, PLU University House. April 18
- 2012 "Basics of Hindu Cosmology," with Aimee Hamilton. Talk for docents, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington. April 5
- 2011 "How China Got 'Religion': Ideology and Social Change in Early 20th Century China." [Religion Department Fall Lecture](#), Pacific Lutheran University. October 19
- 2011 "The Development of Buddhist Discourses About Science in Early Twentieth Century China." The Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University. October 3

- 2008 “An Example of Using the *Mínguó Fójiào qíkān wénxiàn jíchéng* 民國佛教期刊文獻集成: Chinese Buddhists Talk About Science in the Early 20th Century.” Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan. May 28
- 2007 “Modern Chinese Buddhism.” Mai Wah Society, Butte, Montana. August 8

Panels, Roundtables, and Seminars

- 2022 Panelist, “First Books Panel.” Organized by the Society For the Study of Chinese Religions, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. March 24 -27 (Attended virtually)
- 2020 Workshop facilitator, “Dana for World Peace.” Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting and Northwest District Convention (joint meeting), Renton, Washington. February 22
- 2018 Presider, “Chinese and Chinese Diasporic Christianities” panel, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver. November 17-20
- 2018 Workshop facilitator, “Millennials, GenZ, and the Future of Our Temples.” Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting, Sacramento, California. February 23
- 2017 “The Peril and Promise of Huayan Buddhism as a Discourse of Social Equality.” Dimensions of Huayan Buddhism Symposium, San Jose State University. May 6
- 2016 Speaker, Roundtable Discussion “Teaching *Religions of China in Practice*.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio. November 19 - 22
- 2016 “Avatamsaka Transnationalism in Modern Sinitic Buddhism.” PLU Religion Department Colloquium. March 16
- 2015 Lay Buddhist panelist, “Food and Faith: Nourishment for the Soul” interfaith conversation. Associated Ministries (of Tacoma), November 12
- 2014 “Introduction to *The Science of Chinese Buddhism*.” PLU Religion Department Colloquium. April 30
- 2013 Roundtable Organizer and Co-presider, “Revisiting the Revival: Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore. November 23 - 26
- 2013 Participant, Consultation on Teaching and Pedagogy. Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington. October 11-12
- 2013 Speaker on Process theology and Buddhist thought. Kathlyn Breazeale Memorial Lecture, PLU. May 8
- 2012 Participant, Roundtable Discussion of *Theological Reflections at the Boundaries* by Paul Ingram. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Concordia University, Portland. May 11-13
- 2011 “Yogācāra and Science in the 1920s: The Wuchang School Approach to Modern Mind Science.” Yogācāra and Indian Thought in China Group Meeting, Kona, Hawai‘i. December 17-19
- 2011 “Buddhist Promotion of Science-as-Revolution in Post May Fourth China.” Workshop: Golden Ages: Universal Histories and the Origins of Science, Columbia University. December 9-10 (*paper revised*)
- 2011 “Annual Pedagogical Round-table: Introducing Islam.” Participant. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Gonzaga University. May 13-15
- 2009 “Wáng Xiǎoxú’s 王小徐 (1875-1948) *Kēxué zhī gēnběn wèntí* 科學之根本問題 (Basic Problematics of Science): Science and the Development of a Modern Buddhist Worldview.” Text-Reading Seminar, Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge. October 30

AWARDS AND FUNDING AT PLU

2021	K. T. Tang Award for Excellence in Research
2019-20	(with Janelle Brockman) Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship in the Humanities, "Dissemination of Buddhist Imagery to the West via East Asian Popular Culture"
2019	Benson-Starkovich Faculty Development Grants to attend the Annual "Reacting to the Past" Faculty Institute at Barnard College
2018-19	(with Peter Bomann) Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship in the Humanities, "Pedagogical Uses of Role-playing and Simulation Games in College-Level Religion Courses."
2016-17	Karen Hille Phillips Regency Advancement Award, "A Biography of Modern Huayan Buddhism in the Sinophone World."
2016	Innovative Teaching Grant to provide honoraria to the Blue Heron Zen Community and the Tacoma Vietnamese Temple for class visits for "RELI 393: Tacoma Buddhism."
2015	Study Away Curricular Development Grant from the Wang Center, Visit to CIEE Program in Seoul, South Korea. September 5-8
2013	Innovative Teaching Grant to provide and honorarium for Reverend Kōjō Kakihara (of Tacoma Buddhist Temple) to speak to both section of "RELI 232: The Buddhist Tradition." November 1

EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE

2021-Present	Editorial Board, Yin-Cheng Journal of Buddhist Studies
2019-Present	Certified Minister's Assistant, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2017-Present	Organizer, "Buddhism Today Book Group," Monthly Community Reading Group at King's Book in Tacoma
2015-Present	Member, Buddhist Education Committee, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2010-Present	Area Book Review Editor for Chinese Buddhism, <i>Journal of Buddhist Ethics</i>
2009-Present	Co-Founder and Co-Editor, " Database of Modern Chinese Buddhism 近代中國佛教檢索"
2021	Director, Buddhist Education Committee, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2019-2021	Temple Board, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2016-2019	Dharma School Teacher, Lotus (High School) Class, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2014-2018	Organizer and Co-Chair, "Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China." Five-year Seminar, the American Academy of Religion
2018	Adult Education Series, "Buddhist Nationalism." Mt. View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington. Two Sundays in November
2018	(Unofficial) Outside Dissertation Reader for Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Ryukoku University
2018	Hosting Institution Liaison, Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion / Society for Biblical Literature, May 11-13, 2018
2016-2017	Washington Area South Sound Ukulele Players: Occasionally performed at senior care facilities
2015-2017	Temple Board, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
2017	Adult Education Series, "Christianity as an East Asian Religion." Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington. Three Sundays in April and May
2016	Organizer, Interfaith Panel on Peace-Building, Tacoma Buddhist Temple. June 11
2016	Assistant organizer, Japan-American Daoist Studies Conference. Pacific Lutheran University, March 29-30

- 2015 Adult Education Series, "Monotheisms in China." Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington. Three Sundays in September and October
- 2006-2015 Site Owner, "Contemporary Chinese Buddhism Scholars' Group." Yahoo! Groups.
- 2015 Guest lecturer and seminar leader for the January Term course, "Sects in the City: Exploring Tacoma's Religious Communities." Tacoma School of the Arts. January 6, 22
- 2014 Co-Organized Film Screening and Discussion Panel for the documentary "Buddhism after the Tsunami." Buddhist Studies in Tacoma Inaugural Event. University of Washington –Tacoma. April 15
- 2014 Chinese language consultant on set design, "Around the World in 80 Days." Arizona Theatre Company, Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona. March 1 – April 13
- 2013 Adult Education Series, "The Place of Religion in China." Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Washington. Three Sundays in May
- 2013 Adult Education Series, "The Place of Religion in China." Mt. View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, Washington. Four Sundays in April
- 2012 Chinese language consultant on set design, "Uncle Ho to Uncle Sam." ACT Theatre, Seattle, Washington. September 7 – October 7
- 2012 Member, Public Programs Committee, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington
- 2012 Voiceover: writer and performer for "[Scapes](#)" DVD. Museum of Glass. April
- 2011-2012 Consultant and Copywriter. Exhibit: "Scapes." Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington
- 2009 Volunteer Researcher, Mai Wah Society, Butte, Montana. August 2005; July
- 2007 Co-organizer, "Religion: Practicing Theory/Theorizing Practice," Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Conference. March 8-9

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2022-present Buddhist Chaplaincy Training Program, Upaya Institute & Zen Center
- 2022 "The Imagination and Imaginal Worlds in the Mirror of Buddhism", NEH Summer Institute. Mangalam Research Center, Berkeley, California. June 12-24
- 2021 Certified End of Life Specialist, Teaching Transitions
- 2019 Annual "Reacting to the Past" Faculty Institute. Barnard College, New York City. June 12-15
- 2019 Institute on Interfaith Excellence. Interfaith Youth Corps, Chicago, IL. March 31-April 2
- 2018 Lutheran Higher Education Workshop. PLU. Fall
- 2016-2018 Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course, Buddhist Churches of America
- 2018 PLUTO Institute, PLU. Summer
- 2018 Teaching Squares Series Participant. Spring
- 2016 Teaching Interfaith Understanding. Interfaith Youth Corps and the Council of Independent Colleges, DePaul University. July 3-4
- 2015 Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference: Vocation and the Common Good, Augsburg College. July 20-22
- 2014-2015 Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville, Indiana
- Spring 2015 Placed-Based Learning Workshop, PLU
- Fall 2011 Vice Provost's Pedagogy Reading Group, Ken Bain's *What the Best College Teachers Do*. PLU
- 2009 "Interpreting Technology and Race in East Asia," Illinois/Indiana Summer Seminar, East Asian Studies Center, Bloomington. May 14-15
- 1999-2000 Korean Language Institute, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.