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## Present Appointments

- *Chair*,  
Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, 8/15-present.
- *Khyentse Foundation Distinguished University Professor in Tibetan Buddhism*,  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Group in Buddhist Studies, UC Berkeley, 7/17—present.

## Previous Appointments

- *Associate Professor of Tibetan Buddhism*,  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Group in Buddhist Studies, UC Berkeley, 7/12—6/17.
- *Assistant Professor of Tibetan Buddhism*,  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Group in Buddhist Studies, UC Berkeley, 1/09—6/12.
- *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Tibetan Buddhism*,  
Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, 7/05—12/08.
- *Numata Visiting Professor of Buddhist Studies*, University of Hamburg, Spring 2008.
- *Assistant Professor of Tibetan Buddhism*, Department of Religious Studies,  
McMaster University, 1/05—6/05.
- *Post-Doctoral Research Fellow*, International Dunhuang Project, The British Library, 8/02—8/05.  
Three-year Arts and Humanities Research Council-funded project to create a fully descriptive analytic catalogue of the Tibetan Buddhist manuscripts discovered at Dunhuang.
- *Visiting Lecturer*, Department of the Study of Religions, School of Oriental and African Studies,  
University of London, 9/03-12/03.
- *Research Associate*, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University, 2000-2001.
- *Instructor*, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan,  
Summer 1997.

## Education

- *University of Michigan*, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures  
Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies, April 2002  
M.A. in Buddhist Studies, April 1995
- *Marlboro College*, Marlboro, VT  
B.A. with highest honors in Religious Studies, May 1992

## Book-Length Works

- *The Gathering of Intentions: A History of a Tibetan Tantra*. Columbia University Press, 2016.
- *Taming of the Demons: Violence and Liberation in Tibetan Buddhism*. Yale University Press, 2011. Awarded the E. Gene Smith Prize and the Bernard S. Cohn Prize. Shortlisted for the American Academy of Religion's History Study of Religion Award.
- *Tibetan Tantric Manuscripts from Dunhuang: A Descriptive Catalogue of the Stein Collection at the British Library*. Co-authored with Sam van Schaik. Leiden: Brill, 2006.

## Published and Forthcoming Articles

- "Recent Bibliographic Advances in the Study of the Tibetan Dunhuang Manuscripts." In Natasha Mikles and Benjamin Nourse, eds., *Reading Relics of Speech: Material Approaches to Tibetan Texts*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- "On the Significance of the *Ārya-tattvasaṃgraha-sādhanopāyikā* and Its Commentary." In Yael Bentor, ed., *Chinese and Tibetan Esoteric Buddhism*, pp. 321-227. Leiden: Brill Publications, 2017.
- "Power and Compassion: Negotiating Religion and State in Tenth-Century Tibet." In Olaf Czaja and Guntram Hazod, eds., *The Illuminating Mirror, Tibetan Studies in Honour of Per K. Sørensen*, pp. 101-118. Wiesbaden: Dr. Ludwig Reichert Verlag, 2015.
- "The Roots of Violence: Society and the Individual in Buddhism and Girard." Co-authored with Alexander von Rospatt. In Richard Shenk and Wolfgang Palaver, eds., *René Girard and World Religions*, pp. 339-366. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2017.
- "How Dhāraṇīs WERE Proto-Tantric: Liturgies, Ritual Manuals, and the Origins of the Tantras." In David B. Gray and Ryan Overbey, eds., *Tantric Traditions on the Move*, pp. 199-229. Oxford University Press, 2016.
- "Preliminary Remarks on a Newly Discovered Biography of Gñubs chen sangs rgyas ye shes." In Benjamin E. Bogin and Andrew Quintman, eds., *Himalayan Passages: Tibetan and Newar Studies in Honor of Hubert Decleer*, pp. 145-162. Somerville, MA: Wisdom Publications, 2014.
- "Lost and Found: A Fourteenth-Century Discussion of Then-Available Sources on gñubs chen sangs rgyas ye shes." In Franz-Karl Ehrhard, ed., *Bulletin of Tibetology (Special Issue, Nyingma Studies: Narrative and History)* 49.1 (2013): pp. 39-54.
- "Sometimes Love Don't Feel Like It Should: Redemptive Violence in Tantric Buddhism." In Phyllis Granoff and Koichi Shinohara, eds., *Sins and Sinners: Perspectives from Asian Religions*, pp. 295-308. Leiden: Brill Publications, 2012.
- "Visions from the Peripheries," *Townsend Center for the Humanities Newsletter*, September/October 2012: 8-10.
- "The Questions and Answers of Vajrasattva." In David G. White, ed., *Yoga in Practice*, pp. 185-203. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011.
- "Mahāyoga Ritual Interests at Dunhuang: A Translation and Study of the Codex IOL Tib J 437/Pelliot tibétain 324." In Yoshiro Imaeda, Matthew Kapstein, and Tsuguhito Takeuchi, eds., *New Studies of the Old Tibetan Documents: Philology, History and Religion*, pp. 293-313. Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, 2011.
- "Beyond Anonymity: Paleographic Analyses of the Dunhuang Manuscripts." Co-authored with Tom Davis and Sam van Schaik. In *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies*, no.3 (2007): 1-23.

- “Recreating the Rnying ma School: The *Mdo dbang* Tradition of Smin grol gling.” In Bryan Cuevas and Kurtis Schaeffer, eds., *Power, Politics, and the Reinvention of Tradition in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Tibet*, pp. 91-101. Leiden: Brill, 2006.
- “A Crisis of Doxography: How Tibetans Organized Tantra during the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Centuries.” In *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 28.1 (2005): 115-181.
- “The Early Development of the Padmasambhava Legend in Tibet.” In *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124.4 (2004): 759-772.
- “The Development of Perfection: The Interiorization of Buddhist Ritual in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries.” In *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 32.1 (2004): 1-30.
- “Where Chan and Tantra Meet: Buddhist Syncretism in Dunhuang.” Co-authored with Sam van Schaik. In Susan Whitfield, ed., *The Silk Road: Trade, Travel, War and Faith*, pp. 63-71. Chicago: Serindia Publications, 2004.
- “Lighting the Lamp: An Examination of the Structure of the Bsam gtan mig sgron.” Co-authored with Sam van Schaik. In *Acta Orientalia*, vol. 64 (2003): 153-175.
- “Nyingma,” “Dakini,” “Longchenpa,” “Padmasambhava,” “Samye,” “Samye Debate.” In *Encyclopaedia of Buddhism*, New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003.

## Fellowships and Awards

- *NEH Fellowship*, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2016
- *Guggenheim Fellowship*, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, 2014-15
- *Townsend Center Associate Professor Fellowship*, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015
- *Mellon Project Grant*, College of Letters and Science, UC Berkeley, 2013-14
- *Bernard S. Cohn Book Prize*, Association of Asian Studies, 2013
- *E. Gene Smith Inner Asia Book Prize*, Association of Asian Studies, 2013
- *Charles A. Ryskamp Fellowship*, American Council of Learned Societies, 2011-12
- *UC President’s Faculty Fellowship in the Humanities*, UC Humanities Research Institute, 2011-12
- *Hellman Faculty Fellowship*, Hellman Family Faculty Fund, UC Berkeley, 2011-12
- *ATBL Research Grant*, American Trust of the British Library, New York City, 2009-2010
- *ACLS Fellowship*, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007-2008
- *Morse Fellowship*, Yale University, 2007-2008
- *Franklin Research Grant*, American Philosophical Society, 2005
- *AAR Research Grant*, American Academy of Religion, 2005
- *Spalding Research Grant*, Spalding Trust, UK, 2004
- *Research Grant*, British Academy, 2003
- *Rackham Dissertation Writing Grant*, University of Michigan, 2001-2002
- *Research Grant*, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, 2001
- *Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship*, University of Michigan, 2000-2001
- *Fulbright-Hays Fellowship*, U.S. Department of Education, 1999-2000
- *Radcliffe and Ramsdell Fellowships*, University of Michigan, 1998
- *John D’Arms Scholar*, University of Michigan, 1995

## Invited Talks and Conference Papers (Selected from Past Five Years)

- “Working with Old Tibetan Sources,” Translation & Transmission, Tsadra Foundation, Boulder, CO, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- “Evoking Enlightenment: The Rise of Poetic Language in Early Tantric Ritual,” University of Colorado, Boulder, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- “Early Yoga Tantra Practice: Readings from Dunhuang and Beyond,” Led Three-Day Workshop at Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Toronto, May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- “*Mahāmudrā* in the Dunhuang Documents and Beyond,” Munich University, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- “Evoking Enlightenment: The Rise of Poetic Language in Early Tantric Ritual,” Study of Religion, UC Davis, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- “Patronage and the *Purification of All Negative Rebirths* in Early Tibet: A View from Dunhuang,” Arts of Asia, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- “Power and Compassion: Buddhist Kingship in Early Western Tibet,” Society for Asian Art, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, March 12, 2016.
- “Early Esoteric Buddhist and Subjective Experience,” Department of Philosophy, National Taiwan University, Taipei, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- “Exploring the Tibetan Tantric Manuscripts Discovered at Dunhuang,” A series of three lectures, Department of Religious Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- “The Rise of Evocative Language in Early Tantric Buddhist Ritual Manuals,” Workshop on Religion and the Literary in Tibet, UC Berkeley, October 17, 2015.
- “Power and Compassion: Negotiating Buddhist Kingship in Tenth-Century Tibet,” Annual Meeting of the AAR, November 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “Recent Bibliographic Advances in the Study of the Tibetan Dunhuang Manuscripts,” Symposium on the Tibetan Book, University of Virginia, November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “Buddhist Kingship in Early Tibet: The Legal Edicts of Lha Lama Yeshe Ö,” Center for Buddhist Studies, UCLA, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “Tantric Commentaries, Old and New,” Translation and Transmission Conference, Keystone, CO, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “*Sarvadurgatipariśodhana* Ritual Practice in Early Tibet: Evidence from Dunhuang,” International Association of Buddhist Studies, Vienna, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.
- “Observations on the *Ārya-tattvasamgraha-sādhnopāyikā* and Its Commentary from Dunhuang,” Chinese and Tibetan Esoteric Buddhism, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “Domesticating Sexual Union: Two Case Studies from Dunhuang,” The Evolution of Tantric Ritual, UC Berkeley, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- “Dzogchen Meditation Practices in Nupchen Sangye Yeshe’s *Mun pa’i go cha*,” 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- “Lamps in the Dark: New Materials on Two Key Figures in the History of Tibet’s ‘Age of Fragmentation,’” Association of Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- “Observations on the Relationships between the STTS-Based Sādhana from Dunhuang,” Merkmals and Mirages: Dating (Old) Tibetan Writing, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- “The Dark Side: A History of Violence in Tibetan Buddhism,” Michael C. Carlos Museum, Atlanta, GA, February 16, 2012.
- “Reformation and Contestation in the Newly Revealed Decrees of King Ye shes ’od,” Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum, Harvard University, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- “How Dhāraṇīs were Proto-Tantric: The Rise of Ritual Manuals and the Origins of the Tantras,” UC Santa Barbara, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.