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EDUCATION

- PhD.** University of California, Berkeley (Department of South and Southeast Studies), 1995
- M.A.** University of Washington, Seattle (Department of Asian Languages and Literature), 1988
- B.A.** University of Zagreb, Croatia (*Major:* Department of Indology; *Minor:* Department of Comparative Literature), 1979
- Postdoctoral Study,** Pedagogical State University (Mongolian Language Department, Ulaanbaatar, 2001)
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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2008-Present** - *Professor*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2010 - Present** - Affiliate faculty in Translation Studies Program (UCSB)
2019 - Present - Affiliate faculty in Medical Humanities Program (UCSB)
- 2008-2010** - *Professor, Yehan Numata Chair in Buddhist Studies*, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford
- 2008-2010** - *Academic Director* of Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies (OCBS), Oxford
- 2008-2010** - *Affiliate Professor*, Theology Department, University of Oxford
- 2005-2008** - *Associate Professor*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2001-2005** - *Assistant Professor*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

1997-2001 - *Lecturer*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

1996-1997 - *Visiting Scholar*, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University

1995-1996 - *Research Fellow*, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley

1993-1995 - *Visiting Lecturer*, Department of Linguistics: Special Language Program, Stanford University

1992-1996 - *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University

1991 - *Visiting Lecturer*, Innovative Academic Courses, Program in Special Undergraduate Education, Stanford University

1990 - *Teaching Assistant*, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley

1987-1988 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Washington, Seattle

1987-1988 *Instructor*, University Extension, University of Washington, Seattle

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

Text, Image and Ritual in Mongolian Buddhism, co-authored with Uranchimeg Tsultem. New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming

Sources of Mongolian Buddhism. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

The Kālacakrantra: The Chapter on Sādhana together with the Vimalaprabhā. Tanjur Translation Initiative, Treasury of Buddhist Sciences Series. New York: American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University, co-published with the Columbia University's Center for Buddhist Studies and Tibet House. 2010. (Reviewed by Tadeusz Skorupski in the *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, Vol. 75, Issue 03, October 2012: 590-592.)

The Kālacakrantra: The Chapter on the Individual together with the Vimalaprabhā. Tanjur Translation Initiative, Treasury of Buddhist Sciences Series. New York: American Institute of Buddhist Studies, co-published with the Columbia University's Center for Buddhist

Studies and Tibet House, 2004. (Annotated translation from Sanskrit, Tibetan, and Mongolian, together with a critical edition of the Mongolian text.)

The Inner Kālacakratantra: A Buddhist Tantric View of the Individual. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life. Bodhicāryāvātāra. Translated from Sanskrit and Tibetan by Vesna A. Wallace and B. Alan Wallace. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 1997.

A Textbook for the First Year Intensive Serbo-Croatian. Co-author. Washington DC, State Department, 1988.

Edited Journal

Buddhist Medicine in India, Tibet, and Mongolia, Special Issue of *Religion* journal, guest editor, Vesna A. Wallace, Basel, Switzerland, 2019.

Book Chapters

“The Influence of Daṇḍin’s *Mirror of Poetry (Kāvyaadarśa)* on *Mongolian Buddhist Poetics.*” In *Illuminating the Dharma: Buddhist Studies in Honour of Venerable Professor KL Dhammajoti.* Edited by Toshiichi Endo. Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong, Centre for Buddhist Studies Publication Series, 2021.

“Mongolian ‘Pho ba Practices for Rebirth in Śambhala.” In *Aspects of Mongolian Buddhism 2: Mongolian Buddhism in Practice.* Edited by Ágnes Birtalan, Krisztina Teleki, and Judit Béres, Budapest: L’Harmattan with support from Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2020.

“Teachings of the Fat Paṇḍita Tsevelvaanchigdorji,” in *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*, edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Ritual Texts of Prosperity and Purification” in *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*, edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Introduction,” in *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*, edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

“South Asia / India.” Co-authored with Enrico Sioni. In *Seshat History of the Axial Age.* Seshat Histories Series, Vol. 1, 2019. Edited by Daniel Hoyer and Jenny Reddish, with forward by Ian Morris. Chaplin: Beresta Books LLC, 2019.

“An Eighteenth-Century Mongolian Treatise on Smallpox Inoculation: Lobstan Tsültim’s ‘The Practice of Preparing for the Planting of Heaven’s White Flower’ (1785).” Co-authored with Batsaikhan Norov and Batchimeg Usukhbayar. In *Buddhism and Medicine: An Anthology of Modern and Contemporary Sources.* Edited by C. Pierce Salguero. New York: Columbia University Press, 2019.

- “Śambhala as a Pure Land.” In *Pure Lands in Asian Texts and Contexts*. Edited by Richard Payne and Georgios Halkias. Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press, 2019.
- “Monasticism, the body, and sexual desire in Mongolian pastoral culture.” In *Religious Boundaries for Sex, Gender, and Corporeality*. Edited by Alexandra Cuffel, Ana Echevarria and Georgios T. Halkias. London: Routledge, 2018.
- “Making of Monastic Sexual Morality in Mongolia’s Pastoral Culture.” In *Aspects of Mongolian Buddhism 1: Past Present and Future*: 321-330. Edited by Ágnes Birtalans, Krisztina Teleki, Zsuzsa Majer, and Attila Rákos. (Conference Proceedings). Budapest: L’Harmattan, 2018.
- “Linguistic Arguments and Exegesis in Indian Tantric Buddhism: Intention and Interpretation.” In *Buddhism and Linguistics: Theory and Philosophy*. Edited by Manel Herat. Basingstoke, U.K.: Palgrave MacMillan, 2017.
- “Selections from a Manual of Buddhist Medicine.” In *Buddhism and Medicine: An Anthology of Premodern Sources*: 363-370. Edited by C. Pierce Salguero. New York: Columbia University Press, 2017.
- “Remarks on the Tibetan Language-based Manuscripts and Xylographs in Mongolia and on the Technology of Their Production.” In *Tibetan Manuscripts and Xylograph Traditions: The Written Word and Its Media within the Tibetan Cultural Sphere*. Hamburg: Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, Universität Hamburg, 2016.
- “Contemporary Mongolian Buddhism.” Co-authored with Christine Murphy. In *Oxford Handbook on Contemporary Buddhism*. Edited by Michael Jerryson. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- “Homa Rituals in the Indian Kālacakra Tradition.” In *Homa Variations: The Study of Ritual Change across the Lounge Durée*. Edited by Richard K. Payne and Michael Witzel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “Rendering Buddhism into Mongolian Language: Mongols’ Translation Methods of Buddhist Texts.” In *Festschrift to Robert A. F. Thurman in Honor of the Seventieth Birthday*. Edited by Christian, K. Wedemeyer, John D. Dunne, and Thomas F. Yarnall. New York: American Institute of Buddhist Studies and Columbia University Press, 2015.
- “Competing Religious Conversions and Re-Conversions in Contemporary Mongolia.” In *Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond*. Edited by Arietta Papaconstantinou, Neil McLynn, and Daniel Schwartz. Farnham: Ashgate, 2015.
- “The Method-and-Wisdom Model in the Theoretical Syncretism of the Traditional Mongolian Medicine.” In Ivette Vargas-O’Bryan, ed. *Disease, Religion, and Healing in Asia: Collaborations and Collisions*. London: Routledge, 2015. (Revised reprint of “The Method-and-Wisdom Model of the Medical Body in Traditional Mongolian Medicine,” previously published in the *Arc—The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University*).

- “Introduction.” In *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “Envisioning a Mongolian Buddhist Identity Through Chinggis Khan.” In *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “How Vajrapāṇi Became a Mongol.” In *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “What Do Protective Deities, Mongolian Heroes, and Fast Steeds Have in Common?” In *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “Buddhist Sacred Mountains, Auspicious Landscapes, and Their Agency.” In *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Vesna A. Wallace. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “Buddhist Laws in Mongolia.” In *Buddhism and Law: Introduction*. Edited by Rebecca Redwood French and Mark A. Nathan. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- “Bakula Arhat’s Journeys to the North: The Life and Work of the Nineteenth Kushok Bakula in Russia and Mongolia.” In *Buddhists: Understanding Buddhism Through the Lives of Practitioners*. Edited by Todd Lewis. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2014.
- “Buddhist Laws in Mongolia.” In *Collective Wisdom: Preservation and Development of Buddhism*. Edited by B. M. Pande. New Delhi: Asoka Mission and Banarsidass Publishers, 2013. (A published lecture delivered at the International Buddhist Congress in New Delhi)
- “Practical Applications of the *Perfection of Wisdom Sūtra* and Madhyamaka in the Kālacakra Tantric Tradition.” In *Companion to Buddhist Philosophy*. Edited by Steven Emmanuel. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2013.
- “Can Buddhism and Science be Reconciled?” In *The Maitreya Era: Perspectives on Social Development. First International, Academic Conference*. Ulaanbaatar: Maidar San, 2013.
- “Mongolian Livestock Rituals and Their Appropriations, Adaptations, and Permutations. In *Understanding Religious Rituals: Theoretical Approaches and Innovations*. Edited by John Hoffmann. London: Routledge, 2011.
- “The Six-phased Yoga of the *Abbreviated Wheel of Time Tantra (Laghukālacakratantra)* According to Vajrapāṇi.” In *Yoga in Practice*. Edited by David Gordon White. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011.
- “The Legalized Violence:” Punitive Measures of Buddhist Khans in Mongolia.” In *Buddhist Warfare*. Edited by Mark Juergensmeyer and Michael Jerryson. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

- “Texts as Deities: Mongols’ Rituals of Worshipping *Sūtras* and Rituals of Accomplishing Various Goals by Means of *Sūtras*.” In *Ritual in Tibetan Buddhism*. Edited by José I. Cabezón. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- “The Body as a Text and the Text as the Body: A View from the *Kālacakratantra*’s Perspective.” In *As Long as Space Endures: Essays on the Kālacakra Tantra in Honor of H. H. The Dalai Lama*. Edited by Edward A. Arnold. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 2009.
- “Medicine and Astrology in the Healing Arts of the *Kālacakratantra*.” In *As Long as Space Endures: Essays on the Kālacakra Tantra in Honor of H. H. The Dalai Lama*. Edited by Edward A. Arnold. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 2009.
- “Diverse Aspects of the Mongolian Buddhist Manuscript Culture and Realms of Its Influence.” In *Buddhist Manuscript Culture: Knowledge, Ritual, and Art*. Edited by Steven Berkwitz, Juliane Schober, and Claudia Brown. London: Routledge, 2008.
- “A Convergence of Medical and Astro-Sciences in Indian Tantric Buddhism: A Case of the *Kālacakratantra*.” In *Astro-Medicine: Astrology and Medicine, East and West*. Micrologus’ Library, 25. Edited by Anna Akasoy, Charles Burnett and Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim. Florence, Italy: Sismel Edzioni del Galluzzo, 2008.
- “A Generation of Power Through Ritual Protection and Transformation of Identity in Indian Tantric Buddhism.” In *Asian Ritual Systems: Syncretisms and Ruptures*. Edited by Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathen. Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2007. (The paper was previously published in the *Journal of Ritual Studies*)
- “The Methodological Relevance of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship to the Study of Buddhism.” In *Buddhist Theology: Critical Reflections of Contemporary Buddhist Scholars*. Edited by John Makransky and Roger Jackson. London: Curzon Press, 1999.
- “Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Perspective on the Treatment of Mentally Retarded Children in Latin America.” In *Ethics and World Religions: Cross-cultural Case Studies*, ed. by Regina, Wentzel, Wolfe and Christine E. Gudorf. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999.

Journal and Encyclopedia Articles

- “Regulations for Mongolian Monasteries Composed by the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Dalai Lamas in Support of Transnational Géluk Monasticism.” 2019-2020. *Buddhism, Law, and Society*, (2019-2020), Vol. 5: 149-175.
- “An Introduction to Seshat: Global History Databank.” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*, 2020, Vol. 5, No. 1-2, Equinox Publishing, Co-authored with a Seshat team, Turchin at al.
- “Regulations for Mongolian Monasteries Composed by the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Dalai Lamas in Support of Transnational Géluk Monasticism.” 2019-2020. *Buddhism, Law, and Society*, Vol. 5: 1-27.

- “Other People’s Prophecies: Subversive Adaptations and Transformations of Śambhala Eschatology.” 2019. *Acta Mongolica* (2019), Vol. 18 (532): 103-118.
- “The Interplay between Text and Image: The Molon Toyin’s Tale.” 2019. *Cross- Currents: East Asian* 175 *History and Culture Review* 31: 58– 81. <https://cross-currents.berkeley.edu/e-journal/issue-31/Wallace>, 2019 (printed version, Vol. 8, No. 2, November 2019: 339-367).
- “Buddhist Medicine in India.” Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/970199340378.013.616: February, 2018:1-30 (84,000 words).
- “The Interface of Mongolian Nomadic Culture, Law and Monastic Sexual Morality.” *Buddhism, Law, and Society*, Vol. 2 (2018): 57-75
- “Quantitative Historical Analyses Uncover a Single Dimension of Complexity that Structures Global Variation in Human Social Organization.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. (www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1708800115). Co-authored with a group of scholars from social sciences and humanities, 2017
- “Buddhism and Legislative Measures on Theft in Mongolia (The 18th Century-the Early 20th Century).” *Religions* (2017), 8, 240: doi:10.3390/rel8110240 (www.mdpi/journal/religions). Basel, Switzerland, 2017.
- “Thoughts on Originality, Reuse, and Intertextuality in Buddhist Literature Derived from the Contributions to the Volume.” 2016. *Buddhist Studies Review. Journal of the U.K Association of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. 33.1-2 (2016): 233-239. London: Equinox Publishing, Ltd.
- “Mongolian Adaptations of Utopian Alternatives in the Legends of Śambhala and Their Eschatological Narratives. *Journal of Tibetology*. Center for Tibetan Studies of Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, 2016.
- “Local Literatures: Mongolia.” In *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Edited by Jonathan Silk. Leiden: Brill, 2015.
- “The Method-and-Wisdom Model of the Medical Body in Traditional Mongolian Medicine.” *Arc—The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University*, Vol. 40 (2012): 1-22.
- “Living Texts and Open Canons in the Mahāyāna Buddhism.” 2012. *Thai International Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. 3 (2012): 77-89.
- “A Brief Exploration of Late Indian Buddhist Exegeses of the ‘Mantrayāna and Mantranaya.’” *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, Third Series, No. 13, Special Section: Recent Research on Esoteric Buddhism, Fall 2011: 95-111.
- “A Response to Geoffrey Samuel’s *Origins of Yoga and Tantra: Hints from the Mahāyāna Tradition*.” *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 3, December, 2011: 333-337.

- “Mongolia.” In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*. Vol. 2. Edited by W. Clark Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Reference, 2011: 819.
- “Mongol Empire.” In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*. Vol. 2. Edited by W. Clark Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Reference, 2011: 819-20.
- “Why is the Bodiless (*anaṅga*) Gnostic Body (*jñāna-kāya*) Considered a Body?” *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. 37, No. 1, February 2009: 45-60.
- “Mediating the Power of Dharma: The Mongols’ Approaches to Reviving Buddhism in Mongolia.” *The Silk Road Journal*, No. 6/1, (2008): 36-45, 2008.
- “The Provocative Character of the ‘Mystical’ Discourses on the Absolute Body in Indian Tantric, Buddhism. *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, Third Series, Number 6, Fall 2004, issued in 2006: 245-57.
- “A Generation of Power Through Ritual Protection and Transformation of Identity in Indian Tantric Buddhism.” *Journal of Ritual Studies*, Special Issue on “Ritual and the Ritual Expression of Identity in Asia,” Vol. 19, Number 1, 2005: 115-28.
- “Kālacakra.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion, Second Edition*, Vol. 8. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2005: 5056-5059.
- “The Buddhist Tantric Medicine in the *Kālacakratantra*.” *The Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, New Series, Nos. 11-12 (1995): 155-74, 1995.

Book Reviews

- “Georgios T. Halkias. *Luminous Bliss: A Religious History of Pure Land Literature in Tibet*. 335 pp. Pure Land Buddhist Studies Series. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2013.” *The International Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 12, Issue 02 (January, 2015): 113-115. Published by Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- “*Religious Bodies Politics: Rituals of Sovereignty in Buryat Buddhism*.” By Anya Bernstein. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2013. xvii, 258 pp.” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 73, Issue 04, (November 2014): 1130-1131.
- “Caroline Humphrey and Hürelbaatar Ujeed. *Monastery in Time: The Making of Mongolian Buddhism*. 426 pp. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2013.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 77-2, (2014): 398-399. Published by Cambridge University Press.
- “Review of the *Dictionary of Sonom Gara’s Erdeni-yin Sang: A Middle Mongol Version of the Tibetan Sa skya Legs bshad. Mongol – English – Tibetan*. Edited by Görgy Kara with the assistance of Marta Kiripolská. Brill’s Inner Asian Library, vol. 23. Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2009. Pp. xxix-337. University. *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 37, Issue 4, December 2011: 304.

“Brian Bauman. *Divine Knowledge: Buddhist Mathematics According to the Anonymous Manual of Mongolian Astrology and Divination*. Leiden: Brill, 2008.” In *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 69, Issue 01, Feb., 2010: 244-245.

“Eva Jane Neumann Friedman, *Sacred Geography: Shamanism Among the Buddhist Peoples of Russia*. Bibliotheca Shamanistica, vol. 12. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó, 2004.” In *Religion*, Vol. 36, Issue 1, 2006.

“Walther Heissig and Klaus Sagaster, eds. *Gedanke und Wirkung. Festschrift für Nikolaus Poppe zum 90. Geburtstag* Asiatische Forschungen: Monographienreihe Zur Geschichte, Kultur und Sprache der Völker Ost-und Zentralasiens, Band 108.” Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, 1989. In *Asian Folklore Studies*, Vol. 50(1), 1992, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan.

Instructional and Documentary Films

“Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia: Part 1 & Part 2.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2004 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer).

“Shaman in the City: Ulaanbaatar, Outer Mongolia.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2003 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer).

“Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2004 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer).

Oxford Bibliography Online

“Kālacakra.” In Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2010.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/display/id/obo-9780195393521-0083>

“Buddhism in Mongolia.” In Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2010.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/display/id/obo-9780195393521-0111>

“Astronomy, Cosmology, and Astrology.” In Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2010.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/display/id/obo-9780195393521-0019>

Work Currently in Press

“Tibetan Books in Mongolia.” In *Tibetan Manuscripts and Printed Books: An Introduction*. Edited by Matthew Kapstein. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press.

“Monastic Discipline and Local Practices in Mongolia.” In *Oxford Handbook of Buddhist Practice*. Edited by Paula K. Arai and Kevin Trainor. In *Buddhist Practice*. Edited by Paula K. Arai and Kevin Trainor. New York: Oxford University Press.

“The Buddha as an Authoritative Figure in Indian Buddhist Tantras,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Indian Buddhist Philosophy*. Edited by Sarah McClintock and William Edelglass.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010** - “The Medal of Honor ‘Friendship’” bestowed by the decree of the President of Mongolia, Mr. Elbegdorj (“Friendship’ medal is the supreme decoration bestowed to the foreign citizen for the outstanding merit in strengthening the Friendship of the People.”)
- 2009** - The “Honors for a Contribution to the Academic Discipline of Mongolian Buddhism and Culture.” Awarded by Zanabazar Buddhist University, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2002** – The “Humanitarian Award” for establishing educational institutions, scholarship funds, micro-enterprise, and community development in the Southern Gobi district of Mongolia, presented by the Governor of Ömnöv Gobi in Dalangazad
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GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020** – The IAHI Summer Academy Fellows Program grant from the Arts and Humanities Institute at Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
- 2019** - Travel Award for presenting a research paper at the International Conference on Vajrayāna Buddhism, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Bhutan, granted by UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research
- 2019** - Khyentse Foundation Grant for the preservation of endangered manuscripts held in the library of Gandantegchenling Monastery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia – Co-PI with Munkhbaatar Batchuluun
- 2019** – Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation – Grant for publication of illustrations in the forthcoming book on *Image and Imagination in Mongolian Buddhism*, to be published by Columbia University Press
- 2018** – Khyentse Foundation Grant for the preservation of endangered manuscripts held in the library of Gandantegchenling Monastery, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia – Co-PI with Munkhbaatar Batchuluun
- 2017** - College of Letters & Science and Humanities and Fine Arts, UCSB Grant for organizing the conference “New Directions in Mongolian Buddhist Studies”
- 2017** - China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC) Grant for research in Mongolia

- 2016** - Yoga Science Foundation Research Grant for project on the Kālacakra Six-Phased Yoga with Indian and Tibetan Commentaries on the Six-Phased Yoga of the *Kālacakratantra*”
- 2015** - Khyentse Foundation Grant for the international women’s conference on “Compassion and Ethics” held at Zanabazar Buddhist University, Ulaanbaatar
- 2014-2015** - ACLS/The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies for a collaborative project “The Interplay between Buddhist Texts, Images, and Rituals in Mongolian Buddhism
- 2011** - Khyentse Foundation Grant for the “Buddhist Summer Program” co-organized with Zanabazar Buddhist University, Ulaanbaatar
- 2010-2013** - Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Grant for a three-year long research project on “Authorship, Originality, and Innovation in Tibetan Religious Literature” (Vesna Wallace as a PI, and Dr. Catherine Cantwell and Dr. Robert Mayer as Researchers), U.K.
- 2008** - American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) Grant for language study and research at Mongolian National University, Ulaanbaatar
- 2007** - Faculty Research Grant for researching interactions between Buddhism, law, and nomadic culture in Mongolia, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate Council on Research and Instructional Resources.
- 2006** - Faculty Research Grant for the archival research in Mongolia on Buddhism and law in Mongolia, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate Council on Research and Instructional Resources
- 2006** - The China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Small Grant for preparing an English translation of the Mongolian legal code *Laws and Regulations to Actually Follow (Jinkhene Dagaj Yavakh Khuuly Dürem)*, 2006.
- 2005** - Faculty Research Grant for summer research in Mongolia, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate Council on Research and Instructional Resources, July 2005.
- 2003** - NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) fellowship awarded for preparing a critical edition and translation of a newly discovered, Buddhist Sanskrit manuscript of the *Smṛtyupasthānasūtra*, for a nine-months period, beginning with the Spring Quarter 2002 and ending at the beginning of the Winter Quarter 2003.
- 2002** - Institute of Noetic Sciences’ Research Grant for the study “The Religious and Cultural Revival in Mongolia”
- 2002** - Faculty Research Grant awarded by UCSB Academic Senate Committee on Research for producing a documentary film on the “Religious Revival in Mongolia”

- 2002** - Humanities and Arts Research Grant awarded by UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research for producing a documentary film on the “Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture”
- 2001** - IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, DC) Advanced Research Opportunity Grant for the field and library research in the Buddhist revival in Mongolia, summer 2001.
- 2000** - IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, DC) grant for the summer, intensive study of the Mongolian language at the Mongolian State Pedagogical University in Ulan Bator and for the research in religious revival in Mongolia
- 1997-1998** - Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan - Research grant for writing a book *The Inner Kālacakratantra: A Buddhist Tantric View of the Individual*
- 1997** - Institute of Noetic Sciences - Research grant for writing a monograph on the history of Buddhist methods of investigating consciousness
- 1992** - American Academy of Religion Western Region's Award for the best student paper “Courtesans in the Context of Buddhist Dharma”
- 1991** - Humanities Graduate Research Grant for dissertation research at the University of Rome and at the Istituto Italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente, Italy. Granted by the University of California, Berkeley.
- 1988-1989** - Regents Fellowship, awarded by University of California, Berkeley
- 1987-1988** - FLAS foreign language fellowship for study of Nepali language, University of Washington, Seattle
- 1986** - FLAS foreign language fellowship for summer, intensive course in Hindi language, University of Washington, Seattle
- 1985-1986** - FLAS foreign language fellowship for study of Hindi language, University of Washington, Seattle

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED

- 2008** - Established an exchange program between the Oriental Institute of the University of Oxford and International College of Post-Graduate Buddhist Studies, Tokyo
- 2001** - Established the exchange program between the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara and the College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok
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CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2019** – International Workshop on “Expanding the Archives of Mongolian Buddhism,” University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018** - International conference on “New Directions in Mongolian Buddhist Studies,” University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2015** - International women’s conference on “Compassion and Ethics” (co-organized with Khand Nyanjud TBB and Zanabazar Buddhist University), Ulaanbaatar
- 2010** - International conference on “Buddhism and Science” (co-organized with Prof. Denis Noble). Co-sponsored by Oriental Institute, Physiology Department, and Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies of the University of Oxford, and by Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies. Held at the University of Oxford.
- 2009** - International conference on “Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Mongolian Buddhism.” Sponsored by Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies and Oriental Institute, University of Oxford.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2020** - “The Cakra Theory and Buddhist Tantric Epistemology of Perception in the Kālacakra Tantric Literature,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- 2020** – “Doctrinal Aspects of the *Kālacakratantra*,” an invited guest lecture presented in a seminar on Tibetan Tantra, Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2020** – “Gnosis and the Six-phased Yoga of i the *Kālacakratantra*.” An invited guest lecture presented in a seminar on Tantra, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University.
- 2019** - “Mongols’ Reinterpretations of Indian Buddhist Eschatology.” Presented at the international workshop on “Prophecy and Foretelling of Destiny, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany in Buddhism,” hosted by International Consortium for Research in the Humanities workshop on “Prophecy and Foretelling of Destiny in Buddhism,” hosted by International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.
- 2019** - “Seeking Rebirth in Śambhala: Mongolian Texts on the ‘Pho ba and Other Related Practices,” a guest lecture presented in the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, Asia Africa Institute, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- 2019** – “Buddhist Texts as Institutional and Cultural Actors,” a guest lecture presented in the Department of Indian and Tibetan Studies, Asia Africa Institute, University of Hamburg, Germany

- 2019** - “Dalai Lamas’ Regulations for Mongolian Monks.” Presented at “The Second International Conference on Buddhism and Law,” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo, NY.
- 2019** - “Negotiating the Kagyu/Nyingma Identity in Khalkha Mongolia.” Presented at the international conference of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Paris, France.
- 2019** – “*Kālacakratantra* in Mongolia and Its Unique Features.” Presented at the International Conference on Vajrayāna Buddhism, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Bhutan.
- 2019** – “Archival Treasures of Mongolian Buddhism at Gandategchenling Monastery and Their Preservation.” Presented at the international workshop on “Expanding the Archives of Mongolian Buddhism,” University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2019** – “The Mind, Mental States, and the Subtle Body in the Kālacakra Tantric Tradition.” Guest lecture presented in the Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong.
- 2019** – “The Body as a Microcosm in the *Kālacakratantra*.” Guest Lecture presented at the Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong (private institute of higher learning/postgraduate program in Buddhist Studies).
- 2018** – Four lecture-series presented to the faculty, students, and alumni of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- 2018** – “The *Kālakratantra*’s Eschatology and the Related *‘pho ba* Practices in Mongolia.” A guest lecture organized by Oriental Institute, University of Oxford.
- 2018** – “An Illustrator as a Moral and Cultural Interpreter.” Presented by invitation at the international conference on “Mongolia and the Mongols: Past and Present,” University of Warsaw, Poland.
- 2018** - “The Madhyamaka, Nondual Cognition and the Hidden *Evaṃ* in the *Kālacakratantra* Literature.” Presented at the international conference on Vajrayāna Buddhism in the Centre for Bhutan Studies and GNH Research, Thimphu, Bhutan.
- 2018** - “Seeing the World through the Subtle Body and Elemental Particles: A View from the Perspective of the *Kālacakratantra*.” Presented by invitation at the international conference on Quantum Physics and Emptiness in Buddhist Philosophy, organized by Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Sikkim.
- 2018** – A colloquium lecture “Monasticism, the Body, and Sexual Desire in Pastoral Mongolia,” organized by Department of Religious Studies and IHC South Asian Religions and Cultures Research Group, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2018** – An invited guest lecture, “Indic Commentaries on the *Kālacakratantra* and Their Methods of Authenticating the Tradition.” Presented in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Toronto.

- 2018** - “Tracing a History of the *Kālacakratantra* and the Legends of Śambhala in Mongolia.” Presented at the international conference on “New Directions in Mongolian Buddhist Studies,” University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2018** - Participant in ACLS/Luce Foundation Workshop on “Records of Teachings Received (*gsan yig/thob yig*),” Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside.
- 2017** - “Why Fermented Mare Milk (*airag*) and not Vodka (*arkhi*)? Cultural Norms and the Limits of the *Vinaya*.” Presented at an annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November, 2017
- 2017** - “A Formation of the Lineage of the Lordly Incarnations (Noyan Khutukhtus) of the Gobi.” Presented by invitation at the international conference on Mongolian Buddhism, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017** - “The Linguistic Features of Mongolian Translations of the *Kālacakratantra* (*Čoytu čay-un kürdün neretü dandris-ün qayan*) and the *Saddharmasmṛtyupasthāna Mahāyāna Sūtra* (*Qutuγtu degedü-yin nom-i duradqui oyir-a aγulqui*): A Comparative Kanjur,” Mongolian Academy of Sciences
- 2017** - Invited guest lecture, “Śambhala: Related Discourses and Rituals in Mongolian Buddhism.” Presented at the Centre for Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong.
- 2017** - “Seeing the World through the Looking Glass of Visualization in Buddhist Meditation.” Presented at the International Conference on “Buddhist Meditation across Traditions and Disciplines: Theories and Practices.” The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2017** - “Mongolian ‘*Pho ba* Practices for Rebirth in Śambhala.” Presented at the Second International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism: “Mongolian Buddhism in Practice.” Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities and Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2017** - “Buddhism and the Axial Age.” Presented at the international workshop “Testing the Axial Age with Seshat: Global History Data Bank.” School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford
- 2016** - “Imagination, Desire, and Aesthetics in Engendering the Vision of Śambhala.” Presented at the Annual National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2016** - “The Interface of Mongolian Pastoral, Nomadic Culture and Law in the Matters of Sexual Morality.” Presented at the international conference on “Buddhist Law and State in Comparative Perspective,” organized by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Justice at SUNY, Buffalo, NY
- 2016** - “Limitations of the Early Mongolian Translation of the *Mirror of Poetry*.” Presented at the Mongolia Society Annual Meeting at Seattle University, Seattle

- 2016** - “Response to the Panel Presentations on ‘Ritualizing Tibetan Buddhism in Mongolia in the Early Modern Time.’” Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle
- 2015** - “Daṇḍin’s *Kāvyaḍarśa* in Mongolia.” Presented at the international conference on “Asia in the *Mirror of Literature*” organized by the Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Israel Science Foundation, and Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem
- 2015** - “State, Law, and Monasticism: A Legacy of the Yuan Dynasty.” A guest lecture presented in the Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2015** - “Tibetan Books in Mongolia.” Presented at the international conference “Towards a Manual of Tibetan Manuscript Studies.” Paris: University of Chicago Paris Center
- 2015** - “Mongolian Illustrated Manuscript of the Molon Toyin Sudar.” Presented at the international conference on “Archeology of Knowledge: New Archival and Material Discoveries in Mongolia.” UC Berkeley.
- 2015** - “The Role of Gender in Vajrayāna.” Presented at the “Second, Women’s International Conference on Compassion and Ethics.” Zanabazar Buddhist University, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2015** - “Mongolian Adaptations of Utopian Alternatives in the Legends of Śambhala and Their Eschatological Narratives.” A guest lecture presented in the Department of South Asian, Tibetan, and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria,
- 2015** - “Mongolian Rhetorical and Ritual Strategies of Promoting the Legends of Śambhala and Eschatological Narrative.” Presented at the International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism organized by Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Budapest, Hungary
- 2015** - “Inventing the Buddhist Chinggis Khan.” An invited guest lecture presented at the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2015** - “The Power of Orthography and Illuminations of Mongolian Language-based, Buddhist Manuscripts.” Presented at the conference on “Merits of the Book: Buddhist Manuscript Traditions Across Asia.” University of Chicago
- 2014** - “Making of Monastic Sexual Morality in Mongolia’s Pastoral Culture.” Presented at the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego
- 2014** - “Response to the Panel on Authorship and Originality in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism.” Presented at the XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2014** - “Sublimating the Body and Sexuality in Indian Tantric Buddhism.” Presented at the International Conference on “Body Trouble: Religious Boundaries for Sex, Gender, and

Corporeality.” Organized by Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University, Germany and held in Santo Domingo, Spain

- 2013** - “Millennialism, Śambhala, and Social Utopia as Registers of Time: From India to Mongolia.” Presented at the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore
- 2013** - “Naturalized Buddhist Deities and Their Religio-Political Roles in Mongolia.” A guest lecture presented in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas
- 2013** - “Mongolian Illustrated Manuscripts.” Presented at the 13th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Ulaanbaatar
- 2013** - “Technologies of the Production of Buddhist Books Among the Mongols.” Presented at the International Conference on “Manuscript and Xylography Traditions in the Tibetan Cultural Sphere: Regional and Periodical Characteristics.” University of Hamburg, Germany
- 2013** - “What Do the Buddhist Protective Deities, Mongolian Heroes, and Fast Steeds Have in Common?” Presented at the international workshop on “Dialogues with the Divine: Agencies of the Sacred in the Broader East and Central Asian Regions. Department of East Asian and Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2012** - “Can Buddhism and Science Be Reconciled?” Presented at the First International Academic Conference on “The Maitreya Era: Perspectives on Social Development.” Sponsored by the Grand Maitreya Foundation, National University of Mongolia, and Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ulaanbaatar
- 2012** - “Buddhist Views and Rituals in Mongolian Equine Husbandry.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago
- 2012** - “Who is a True Mongol? Debates on the Religious and National Identities in Contemporary Mongolia.” Presented at the Research Focus Group, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB
- 2012** - “Mongolian Buddhist Pastoral Rituals.” Presented at the international conference on “Mongolia in Anthropological Research: Recent Decades,” Ulaanbaatar, National University of Mongolia
- 2012** - “Envisioning the Mongolian Buddhist Identity through Chinggis Khaan.” Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), Toronto
- 2011** - “Buddhist Lay Women’s Role in the Spread and Development of Buddhism in South Asia.” Presented at the First International Conference on Buddhism in Himalayan Regions, Lumbini, Nepal
- 2011** - “Buddhist Education in Trans-Himalayan Region.” Presented at the First International Conference on Buddhism in Himalayan Regions, Lumbini, Nepal

- 2011** - A three lecture-series on the “Current Issues in the Buddhist Studies in America.” Presented at the intensive Buddhist studies summer program organized by Zanabazar Buddhist University, Mongolia
- 2011** - “Buddhism’s Encounter with Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Mongolia.” A guest lecture presented at Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Dynamiken der Religionsgeschichte zwischen Asien und Europa, Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-University, Bochum, Germany
- 2011** - “Mongolian Buddhist Traditions of Translation.” Presented at the symposium on “Religion and the Arts of Mongolia,” University of California, Berkeley
- 2011** - “Buddhist Rituals of Protecting the State and Livestock while Recreating Chinggis Khan’s Buddhist Identity in Contemporary Mongolia.” Presented at Stanford University
- 2010** - “Living Texts and Open Canons in the Buddhist Tradition.” Presented at the departmental colloquium in the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2010** - “Surviving Modernity in the Traditionally Tibetan Buddhist Regions.” Presented at The International Conference on Tibetan Buddhism, Emory University, Atlanta
- 2010** - “Mongols’ Role in the Spread of Buddhism.” Presented at the First International Conference on the Future of Buddhism in Mongolia, Zanabazar University, Ulaanbaatar
- 2010** - “The Religio-Political Cult of Vajrapāṇi in Mongolia.” A guest lecture presented in the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London
- 2010** - “Buddhism and Law in Mongolia during the Qing Dynasty.” A guest lecture presented in the Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Oxford
- 2010** - “The Method-and-Wisdom Model in Theoretical Syncretism of the Traditional Mongolian Medicine.” Presented at the conference on “Convergence and Collision: Disease, Religion, and Healing in Asia,” School of Humanities, University of Hong Kong
- 2010** - “Is There a Buddhist Science?” Presented at the international conference on “Buddhism and Science.” University of Oxford
- 2010** - “Mongolian Emanations of Vajrapāṇi (Ochirvaany) and Their Roles in the Lives of the Mongols.” Presented at the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit (MIASU), University of Cambridge
- 2010** - “Tibetan as a Scriptural Language: From Sanskrit to Tibetan and From Tibetan to Sanskrit.” Presented at the colloquium on “Tibetan Literature: Issues of Genre and Authorship,” Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
- 2010** - “Buddhist Laws in Mongolia.” Presented in the Circle of Central Asian and Himalayan Group at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), London

- 2009** - "Response to Geoffrey Samuel's *Origins of Yoga and Tantra: Indic Religions to the Thirteenth Century*." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal
- 2009** - "Religious Conversions of the Mongols: Past and Present." Presented at the Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar on "About Turns: Conversion in Late Antique Christianity, Islam and Beyond," University of Oxford
- 2009** - "The Origins of Mahāyāna Revisited," Zanabazar Buddhist University, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2009** - "Buddhist Approach to Mental Health and Illness." Presented at the international conference on Buddhism and Clinical Psychology: Ancient Wisdom and Modern Knowledge, Mahidol University, Bangkok
- 2009** - "History of Buddhism in Mongolia." A guest lecture at the College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok
- 2007** - "Mongolian Buddhism and Nomadic Culture." A guest lecture presented in the course on "Silk Road," UCSB
- 2006** - "Buddhism and Violence in Mongolia during the Theocratic Period." Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Washington, DC
- 2006** - "Interlacing Buddhism, Law, and Nomadic Values in Mongolia." Presented at Stanford University and sponsored by Center for Buddhist Studies and Department of Religious Studies, Stanford
- 2006** - "The Interplay of Buddhism and Law in the Pre-communist Mongolia." Presented at UC Berkeley and sponsored by Buddhist Studies Center, Berkeley
- 2006** - "Buddhist Manuscript Culture in Mongolia with Its Diverse Aspects and Realms of Influence." Presented at the conference "Buddhist Objects: Knowledge, Ritual, and Art," Arizona State University
- 2006** - "Buddhism, State, and Law in Mongolia: A Historical Perspective." Presented at the conference "Mongolia Matters: The Legacy of Chinggis Khan and Mongolia's Great Empire," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Asia Program, Washington, DC
- 2006** - "Do Substantial and Procedural Laws in the *Vinaya* Qualify It as a Legal Text?" Presented at the conference on "Buddhism, Law, and Social Change," Buffalo University Law School, Buffalo
- 2006** - "Methodological Concerns in Evaluating Buddhist Revival in Mongolia's Rural Areas." Presented in the "Colloquie sur le Nomadisme et le Chamanisme Mongols," Mongolian National University and French Cultural Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

- 2006** - "Buddhist Ethical Guidelines for Enterprise and Leadership." A guest lecture presented in the seminar on Ethics, Enterprise and Leadership, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2006** - "Buddhism and Legislative Measures on Property, Theft, and Debt in Outer Mongolia." Presented at the International Conference on Buddhism and Law in Bellagio, Italy
- 2005** - "A Response to the Papers Presented on the Panel on 'Dialogues and Debates on Tibetan Medicine, Healing, and Religion.'" Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Philadelphia
- 2005** - "The Mongols' Considerations of Mahāyāna Sūtras and Their Functions." Presented at the conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, SOAS, University of London
- 2005** - "Where the Indian Medicine and Astro-Sciences Meet: A Case of Indian Tantric Buddhism," presented at the Colloquium on Medicine and Astrology: East and West, Warburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of London
- 2004** - Three-lecture series "Western Academic Approaches to the Study of Buddhism," Dehra Dun, India. Sponsored by the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamsala, India
- 2004** - "The Body as a Tantric Text: 'A Buddhist Tantric 'Genome Project.'" Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Antonio, TX
- 2004** - "Mongols' Resistance to Cultural Hybridity: Re-imagining Mongolian Buddhist Identity." The guest lecture presented in the Department of Inner Asian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge
- 2004** - A panel discussion on "Special Educational Challenges," held at the conference on "Religious Education: Shifting Educational Paradigms" at Mahidol University, Bangkok
- 2003** - "Literary Creation of Buddhist Identity and Expressions of Mongolian Ethnicity." Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA
- 2003** - "Who Spoke for Mongolian Buddhists?" Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA
- 2003** - "Why Should We Study Jain Philosophy?" Presented at the conference on "Perspectives on Jain Studies," University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2003** - "Idiosyncrasies in the Renewal of Faith: Religious Revival in Mongolia." A guest lecture, sponsored by the Center for Buddhist Studies and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2002** - "Translation Strategies of the Mongols: The Past and Present." Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto.

- 2002** - "Bridging the Disciplines: Integrative Buddhist Monastic Education in Classical India." Presented at the conference on "Completing the Global Renaissance: The Indic Contributions," sponsored by the Columbia Center for Buddhist Studies at Columbia University and Infinity Foundation, New York
- 2002** - "A Provocative Character of the 'Mystical' Discourses on the Absolute Body in Indian Tantric Buddhism." Presented at the international conference on "Symbol, Language, and Metaphor in Esoteric Traditions," University of San Marino, Italy
- 2002** - "The Problematic Nature of the Contemporary Mongolian Translations of Buddhist Texts." Presented at the 212th Annual National Meeting of the American Oriental Society (AOS), Houston
- 2001** - "The Origins and Development of Buddhist Medicine in India." A guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective," taught by Catherine Albanese, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2000** - "Buddhist Medicine in Contemporary Tibet and Mongolia." A guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective," taught by Catherine Albanese, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2000** - A discussant at the "Symposium on the New Directions and Methods in Preparing Critical Editions of Sanskrit Buddhist Manuscripts," hosted by the Institute for Tibetology and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna and by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 1999** - "Buddhist Tantric Embryological Theories and Their Role in Indian Buddhist Medicine." A guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective," taught by Professor Catherine Albanese, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1999** - A panel discussant at the international conference on the "Role of Scriptures and Images in Buddhism and Christianity," Prato, Italy
- 1999** - "The *Kālacakratantra*, Science, and Non-duality." Presented at the conference on "Non-duality and Globalizing Philosophy," Columbia University, New York
- 1998** - "The Vajra Family and Its Three Major Aspects in Tantric Buddhism." Presented at the Annual National Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Orlando, Florida
- 1998** - "Medicine and Alchemy in Indian Buddhism." A guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective," taught by Professor Catherine Albanese, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1997** - "Buddhist Gnosticism in the *Kālacakratantra*." Presented at the 35th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies, Budapest, Hungary.

- 1997 - “Indian Buddhist Theories of Consciousness.” A guest lecture sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, Stanford University, Stanford
- 1996 - “The Science of Sounds in Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Tradition.” Presented at the Third UC Santa Barbara Conference on “Tibetan Buddhism: The Five Fields of Knowledge in Tibetan Buddhist Culture,” University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1996 - “The Five Fields of Knowledge in Indian Buddhist Monastic Education.” Presented at the Conference on “Models of Education in the Contemplative Traditions of the East and West,” Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 1995 - “Primordial Wisdom and the Four Bodies of the Buddha in the Anuttara-yoga-tantras.” Presented at the 2nd UC Santa Barbara Conference on “Tibetan Buddhism: The Nature of Mind in Tibetan Buddhism,” University of California Santa Barbara
- 1995 - “The Concept of Science in Tantric Buddhism.” Presented at the Annual Western Regional Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Redlands University, Redlands
- 1995 - “Characteristics of Syncretism in the *Kālacakratantra*.” A guest lecture sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, Columbia University, New York
- 1992 - “The Study of *Kleśas* in the *Kālacakratantra*.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual National Meeting, San Francisco
- 1992 - “Karma and Associated Issues in the Second Chapter of the *Kālacakratantra*.” Presented at the International Annual Meeting on Tantra, Stanford.
- 1992 - “Courtesans in the Context of Buddhist Dharma.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Western Regional Meeting, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara
- 1992 - “Courtesans in the Hindu, Jaina, and Buddhist Dharmas.” Presented at the South Asia Colloquium on “Gender Studies in South Asia,” University of California, Berkeley
- 1991 - “Philological and Comparative Study of the Notions of Compassion in Jainism and Buddhism.” Presented at the Annual National Meeting of American Oriental Society, Berkeley

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- 2020, April, 2 – *The New York Times*, “The Apocalypse as an ‘Unveiling’: What Religion Teaches Us About the End Times,” by Elizabeth Dias:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/02/us/coronavirus-apocalypse-religion.html>
- 2019, Feb. 9 – *Buddhistdoor Global*, “Buddhist Utopia: Prof. Vesna Wallace on Mongolian Vision of the Kalachakra Tantra and Shambhala,” by Raymond Lam:

<https://www.buddhistdoor.net/features/mongolias-hope-baasansuren-khadsuren-the-singing-abbot-of-erdenezuu?fbclid=IwAR35FaN6QPE3vtp6sIOQ1yqrooPTI4I8U9qARk6Xx9sF8ZVTpQq3OiiNY>

- 2017, Sept. 13** - *AFP News*, (an international news agency with headquartered in Paris, France) article “Mongolia’s blossoming Buddhism faces money problems,” written by Yanan Wang, <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/mongolias-blossoming-buddhism-faces-money-problems-033106737.html>
- 2017** - *Buddhistdoor Global* website based in Hong Kong, an interview on Buddhism in Mongolia: <https://www.buddhistdoor.net/features/buddhist-utopia-prof-vesna-wallace-on-mongolian-visions-of-the-kalachakra-tantra-and-shambhala>.
- 2015, Aug.** - *Mongol TV*, Channel 8, an interview on the restoration of the traditional Mongolian Buddhist Danshug Naadam festival in democratic Mongolia
- 2011** - *South China Post*, article “Test of faith,” by Paul Mooney
- 2011, Jan. 19** - *New York Times*, article “Bringing Monasteries Back to Life,” by Sheila Melvin Nomi Morris
- 2010, Sept. 11** - *Los Angeles Times*, article “Buddhism Continues to Flower in Mongolia” by Nomi Morris (<http://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2010-sep-11-la-me-beliefs-20100911-story.html>)
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FIELD RESEARCH

- 2019** – August - Archival research and external supervision of the preservation of endangered manuscripts in the library of Gandantegchinling monastery in Ulaanbaatar
- 2018** – June and July in Mongolia – Archival research and external supervision of the preservation of endangered manuscripts in the library of Gandantegchinling monastery in Ulaanbaatar
- 2014 – 2017** - July and August in Mongolia – Archival and ethnographic research on the Mongolian works and popular practices related to Śambhala and millennialism
- 2013** – July and August in Mongolia – Archival research on Buddhist manuscripts
- 2011-2012** – June-September in Mongolia – A research on the current development of the institution of Mongolian incarnates
- 2010** – July-September in Mongolia – A research on Buddhist pastoral rituals in Mongolia
- 2009** – August-September in Mongolia – A research on the collections of Mongolian Buddhist manuscripts

- 2008** – June-August in Mongolia – Advanced spoken Mongolian language
- 2006, 2007** – June-August in Mongolia – A research on Mongolian Buddhism and law
- 2005** – Summer in Mongolia – A research in the contemporary Mongols’ usage of Mahāyāna *Sūtras*
- 2004** – Summer in Mongolia – A research on the development of Buddhist scholarship and relations between the government and Buddhist institutions in the contemporary Mongolia
- 2002** – September-October – A two weeks long research in the Library of Tibetan Archives in Dharamsala, India
- 2001-2002** – June-September in Mongolia – A field research pertaining to the production of three documentary films on the Religious Revival in Mongolia and on the Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture
- 2000** – May-September – ethnographic research on the religious revival and development of Buddhism in the post-Soviet Mongolia.
- 1992** – Summer in Central and Eastern Tibet - A research in the Tibetan monastic study and practice of the *Kālacakratantra*. Sponsored by the Academy of Social Sciences, Lhasa, Tibet

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editorial Boards

- 2019** – *Member* of the Editorial Board of the journal *Acta Mongolica*, Institute of Mongolian Studies, the National University of Mongolia
- 2018-present** – *Member* of the Editorial Board of the journal *BDRC Occasional Papers in Buddhist Studies*
- 2018-present** – *Member* of the Advisory Board of the journal *Orientalistica*, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- 2018-present** – *Member* of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Mongolia Society*, Bloomington: Indiana University
- 2015-present** - *Member* of the Editorial Board of the journal *Buddhism, Law & Society*, published by William S. Hein & Co Publishing (a prestigious, 90-year-old company well-known to lawyers, legal academics, and other scholars involved with legal issues)

2015-present - *Senior Editor of the Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, Oxford University Press

2010-2015 - *Member of the Editorial Board of the Thai International Journal of Buddhist Studies (TIJBS)*, Mahidol University, Bangkok

2007-2019- *Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Routledge Critical Series in Buddhism*

2005- 2019 - *Member of the Editorial Board of the series “Treasures of the Buddhist and Indic Sciences,” published by the American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University*

2006-2008 - *Member of the Editorial Board of the electronic journal Religion Compass, Blackwell Publisher,*

2009-2010 - *Advisory Editor of the Oxford Bibliographies Online, Oxford University Press*

2006-2009 - *Member of the Editorial Committee of the Tibetan Museum Society, Washington, DC*

Other Professional Board and Committee Services

2021- *Member of the Advisory Board of the Buddhist Digital Resource Center (BDRC)*

2020-present – *Director of Mongolia Foundation*

2019-present - *Member of the Council of Graduate Studies at the American Academy of Religion*

2016-present - *Member of the advisory board of the “Treasury of Lives”*

2015-present - *Member of the advisory board of the Buddhist Resource Center (BDRC), Boston*

2005-2009 - *Member of the Board of Directors of the Mongolia Society at Indiana University, Bloomington*

2004-2007 - *Member of the Steering Committee of the Buddhism Section at the American Academy of Religion*

2001-2008 - *Member of the Steering Committee of the Mysticism Group at the American Academy of Religion*

Academic Advisory Services

2018-2019 – *Academic Advisor for the curriculum re-structuring of the M.A. program in Buddhist Studies, Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong*

Reviewing and Referring Services

- 2021 – Reviewer of fellowship applications for Mongolia Society
- 2021 - Reviewer for *Religions* journal
- 2020-2021 – Reviewer for the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*
- 2020 – Reviewer for the *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*
- 2020 - Reviewer for *Religions* journal
- 2020 – Reviewer for *Sophia Journal*
- 2020 – Reviewer for the *Treasury of Lives*
- 2020 – Reviewer of the Undergraduate Minor in Buddhist studies for Centre of Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong
- 2020 - Reviewer of a grant proposal for Prince Claus Fund (Netherlands) and Gerda Henkel Stiftung (Germany)
- 2020 – Reviewer of a book proposal for Bloomsbury
- 2020 – Reviewer of a book proposal for Oxford University Press
- 2020 – Reviewer of a manuscript submitted to Oxford University Press
- 2020 – Reviewer of a journal article for *Religions*
- 2020 – Reviewer of a journal article for *Social Analysis*
- 2020 – Reviewer of a book manuscript for Oxford University Press
- 2019 – Reviewer of 16 applications for Mongolia Foundation Scholarships
- 2019 – Reviewer of an article for *Treasury of Lives*
- 2019 – Reviewer of a journal article for *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*
- 2019 – Reviewer of the promotion case the post of Professor for the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2019 – Reviewer of a journal article for *Rocznik Orientalistyczny*
- 2019 – Reviewer of a journal article for *Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines*
- 2019 – Reviewer of an article submitted to the *Religions* journal
- 2019 – Reviewer for a project proposal submitted to Austrian Science Fund
- 2019 – Reviewer of a journal article submitted to *BDRC Occasional Papers in Buddhist Studies* (BOPBS)
- 2019 – Reviewer of 2 articles submitted to *Mongolian Studies: Journal of the Mongolia Society*, Indiana University
- 2019 – Reviewer of the material submitted for promotion to the Reader, Goldsmiths, University of London
- 2019 – Reviewer of the material submitted for promotion to the Full Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Louisiana State University
- 2019 – Reviewer of the article submitted to the journal *Buddhism, Law & Society*
- 2019 – Reviewer of the book manuscript submitted for publication to Brill Publishers
- 2019 - Reviewer of 2 articles submitted to the journal *Religion*
- 2018 – Reviewer of the article submitted to the journal *Asian Medicine: Journal of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Medicine*, Leipzig
- 2018 – Reviewer of the article submitted to *Entangled Religions - Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer*, Käte Hamburger Kolleg Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 2018 – Reviewer of 3 articles submitted to the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*
- 2017 – 2018 – External Reviewer of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic sessions of the B.A. Program in Buddhist Studies in the Centre for Buddhist Studies of the University of Hong Kong
- 2018 – Reviewer of the material submitted for promotion to Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2018 – Reviewer of an article submitted for publication to the *Journal of South Asian Studies*

- 2018** – *Reviewer* for the Department of Religious Studies, UC Riverside (assessment of publications of the recommended hire)
- 2018** – *Reviewer* of 2 articles submitted for publication to the academic on-line journal *Sophia*
- 2018** – *Reviewer* of a book proposal submitted to Routledge
- 2018** – *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted to the journal *Rocznik Orientalistyczny (Yearbook of Oriental Studies)*, Polish Academy of Science
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of 10 grants applications by Mongolian students studying in the U.S. submitted to Mongolia Foundation, Berkeley
- 2017** - *External Reviewer* of the 2016-2107 academic session of the B.A. Program in Buddhist Studies in the Centre for Buddhist Studies at University of Hong Kong
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to University of Hawai'i Press
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Bloomsbury
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of 5 articles submitted for publication to *Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of material submitted for a tenure promotion in Department of Religion, Rutgers University
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of 16 fellowship applications submitted to American Center for Mongolian Studies
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to *Sophia, International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*
- 2017** - *Reviewer* of a grant proposal for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to Rubin Museum's electronic publication "Treasury of Lives"
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to PLOS ONE (*Public Library of Science Journal*)
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of a promotion case to Full Professor for Dickinson College
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Palgrave Publisher
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of a book proposal submitted for publication to Bloomsbury
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of a promotion case for the Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication in the special issue "Cognitive Science and the Study of Yoga and Tantra" of the *Religions* journal
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to the *Journal of Buddhist Legal Studies*
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to the *Journal of Religion and Violence*
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication in the *Journal of American Academy of Religion* (JAAR)
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an encyclopedia article submitted for publication to the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of an article submitted for publication to the journal *Buddhist Studies Review*, U.K.
- 2016** - *Reviewer* of a book proposal submitted to the Oxford University Press
- 2015** - *Reviewer* of a grant application submitted to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the U.K.
- 2015** - *Reviewer* of a promotion case for the Department of Anthropology at MIT
- 2014** - *Reviewer* of an article for the journal *Critical Research on Religion*, Sage Publications
- 2014** - *Reviewer* of a grant application for Czech Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- 2014** - *Reviewer* of the proposal for Minor in Buddhist Studies for the Centre of Buddhist Studies at Hong Kong University

- 2014 - *Reviewer* of the encyclopedia proposal to Oxford University Press
- 2013 - *Reviewer* of an article for the journal *Himālaya*, Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
- 2013 - *Reviewer* of a grant application for the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2012 - *Reviewer* of a grant application submitted by Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO regarding the preservation of Buddhist texts to the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development in the Netherlands
- 2012 - *Reviewer* for the Routledge Press
- 2012 - *Reviewer* for the on-line journal *Religion Compass*, Wiley-Blackwell publisher
- 2012 - *Reviewer* for the *Journal for the Study of Religion*, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 - *Reviewer* for the Arts and Humanities Research Council, U.K.
- 2012 - *Reviewer* of for American Philosophical Society, Lewis and Clark Fund
- 2012 - *Reviewer* of a manuscript submitted to Columbia University Press
- 2012 - *Reviewer* of an article for the *Thai International Journal of Buddhist*
- 2011 - *Reviewer* of a manuscript submitted to the University of Chicago Press
- 2011 - *Reviewer* of a grant proposal for American Philosophical Society, Lewis and Clark Fund
- 2010 - *Reviewer* of a book proposal submitted to the Oxford University Press
- 2010 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted to Mellen Press
- 2010 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted to Routledge
- 2010 - *Reviewer* for American Philosophical Society, Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research
- 2010 - *Reviewer* for the American Center of Mongolian Studies (reviewing applications for the American Center for Mongolian Studies fellowships)
- 2009 - *Reviewer* for the electronic journal *Compass Religion*, Blackwell Publishing
- 2009 - *Reviewer* for the University of Hawaii Press
- 2009 - *Reviewer* for the Wellcome Trust, Centre for the History of Medicine, University College, London
- 2008 - *Reviewer* for the journal *History of Religions*,
- 2008 - *Reviewer* of the Himalayan Religions Group for American Academy of Religion, Chicago
- 2008 - *Review panelist* for Luce Foundation research grants distributed through American Center for Mongolian Studies
- 2008 - *Reviewer* for Cambridge University Press
- 2007 - *Reviewer* for Blackwell Publishing
- 2007 - *Reviewer* for the electronic journal *Compass Religion*, Blackwell Publishing
- 2007 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Columbia University Press
- 2007 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Routledge
- 2006 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Columbia University Press
- 2005 - *Reviewer* of a book proposal submitted to State University New York Press
- 2004 - *Reviewer* of a book manuscript submitted for publication to Harvard University Asia Center Publications
- 2004 - *Reviewer* for AltmaMira Press
- 2004 - *Reviewer* of a grant proposal for the Wellcome Trust, Centre for the History of Medicine, University College, London
- 2003 - *Review panelist* for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Washington, DC,

UCSB-wide Service

2020 – Presenter at the Workshop on NEH grants held by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center
2019-present – Committee on Privilege and Tenure
2019 – Participant at UCSB Leadership Roundtable on Sexual Harassment in Academia
2016 - Senate Faculty Career Award Committee Member
2001-2006, 2012, 2015 - UCSB Campus Fulbright Committee Member
2012, 2013-2014 - Research Focus Group on Identity, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, Co-convener
2013-2014 - Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP), Academic Senate Member
2013 - Central Fellowship Committee Member

Service to the Department of Religious Studies at UCSB

2019-present - *Director* of Graduate Studies
2019 – Equal Opportunity and Diversity *Coordinator* (Graduate Admissions and Faculty Personnel)
2016-2019 - *Vice Chair* of the Department
2016-2019- *Chair* of the Personnel Committee
2018 – *Member* of the search committee for Bhagwan Vimalnath Lectureship in Jainism and South Asian Religions
2018 – *Member* of the Ad hoc Committee on planning a revised MA program in Religious Studies
2016-2019 - *Member* of the Departmental Executive Committee
2017 - *Member* of the Departmental Canvassing Committee
2016 - *Member* of the Departmental Recruitment Committee for a Faculty Fellow in Japanese religions
2015-2016 - *Member* of the Departmental Ad hoc Committee
2015-2016 - *Member* of the Departmental Personnel Committee
2015 - *Member* of the UCSB Fulbright Committee
2013-2014 - *Member* of the Departmental Planning Committee
2013-2014 - *Member* of the Committee on Academic Personnel, Academic Senate
2013-2014 - *Co-convener* of the Research Focus Group on Identity, IHC
2013-2014 - *Member* of the Religious Studies Department’s Planning Committee
2013 - *Member* of the Central Fellowship Committee
2012 - *Member* of the University of California, Santa Barbara Fulbright Committee,
2012-2013 - *Member* of the Undergraduate Studies Committee
2011-2012 - *Member* of the Search Committee for position of Assistant Professor in Chinese Buddhism
2010-2011 - *Member* of the Graduate Studies Committee
2006-2008 - *Undergraduate Advisor*
2006-2008 - *Member* of the Executive Committee
2006-2008 - *Member* of the Curriculum Committee
2006 - *Member* of the Graduate Recruitment Fellowship Committee, Graduate Division
2005-2007 - *Member* of the Departmental Development Committee
2004 - *Acting Undergraduate Advisor*
2003-2004 - *Member* of the Undergraduate Studies Committee
2002-2003, 2005-2006 - *Member* of the Graduate Studies Committee

Services at the University of Oxford

2008-2010 - *Chair* of the Buddhist Studies Unit Group, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

2008-2010 - *Academic Director* of the Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies

2008-2010 - *Member* of the Governing Board of Balliol College, University of Oxford

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1. American Academy of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, 1992-present
 2. American Oriental Society, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1991-2010
 3. Association for Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1997-present
 4. Mongolia Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, 1992-present
 5. American Center for Mongolian Studies, 2003-present
 6. International Association of Buddhist Studies, 2004-present
 7. International Association of Tibetan Studies, 2014-present
 8. Central Eurasian Studies Society, 2016-present
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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

South Asian Languages

Years of Study in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Sanskrit	15 academic years (4 AYs in undergraduate program and 11 in graduate programs)
Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit	1 academic year
Vedic	2 academic years
Pāli	1 academic year
Modern Hindi	6 academic years
Mediaeval Hindi	1 academic year
Nepali	1 academic year

Central Asian Languages

Modern Mongolian	1 academic year and 2 intensive summer programs in Mongolia
Classical Mongolian	3 academic years and an intensive summer program in Mongolia
Classical Tibetan	2 academic years and additional individual tutoring
Manchu	A summer workshop

PUBLIC AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Public Service

2019-present - *Executive Director* of Mongolia Foundation

2018 – *Member* of the Academic Committee of Sakyadhita, International Association of Buddhist Women

2017-present – *Vice-President* of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC, headquarters in New Delhi, India)
- *Member* of the Academic Committee on Research and Education of the IBC
- *Global Envoy* of the IBC

2017-2019 - *Member* of the Board of Directors of the Garchen Wisdom Foundation

2015-2020- *Board Member* of Mongolia Foundation, Berkeley,

2013-2017 - *Vice-Secretary* of the Global Advisory Board of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi, India

2012 – *Founding Member* of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi

2010-2012 - *Board Member* – Nalanda Initiative, Center for the Preservation of Tibetan Arts and Culture, Washington, DC

2001-2020 - *Member* of the Advisory Board of the humanitarian, non-profit organization, Amistad International, Palo Alto

2001-present - *Director* of the Nairamdal Project dedicated to socio-economic and cultural development in Mongolia

2003 - *Founding Member* of the Dalai Lama Foundation, Palo Alto

Public Lectures

2017 - *Discussant* at General Assembly Meeting of International Buddhist Confederation, New Delhi

2017 - *Panelist* (a U.S. representative) at the international conference on “Religions for Peace,” organized by Asian Conference of Religions for Peace, Japan and Buddhist Zangabazar University, Ulaanbaatar

2015 - “Contemporary Buddhism in Mongolia,” Mongolian Embassy, London, U.K.

- 2014** - “Two-day lecture series on Vajrayāna Buddhism.” Jebtsundamba Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2013** - “Two-day lecture series on the “*Kālacakratāntra*” and “Śāntideva’s *Śikṣāsamuccaya*.” Rime Center, Kansas City.
- 2013** - “The *Kālacakra (Wheel of Time) Tantra* and Legends of Śambhala.” The Study Society, London, U.K.
- 2012** - Three-day lecture series on Mongolian Buddhism and the Kālacakra Tradition in Mongolia and India. Presented at the Tibetan and Mongolian Cultural Center, Bloomington
- 2012** - Three-day lecture series on the conceptions of the Ādibuddha and on the six-phased *yoga* of the *Kālacakratāntra*. Presented at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Namgyal Monastery, Ithaca
- 2008** - “Buddhist Principles in Business.” Presented at Sakyadhita international conference, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2007** - A three-lecture series on “The ‘Sādhana Chapter’ of the *Kālacakratāntra* in Its Broader Theoretical and Practical Framework of the Kālacakra Tradition.” Presented at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Namgyal Monastery
- 2007** - “Buddhists, Christians, and Shamans in Post-Communist Mongolia.” Presented for Sarada Convent, Vedānta temple, Montecito
- 2006** - “Buddhism in Contemporary Mongolia.” A public lecture in the series “Buddhism throughout Asia,” which I organized. Presented at Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara
- 2005** - “Consciousness and Compassion in the Early Vedānta.” Presented in Vedānta Sarada Convent, Montecito
- 2003** - “A Cultivation of the Four Divine Attitudes in Indian Buddhism.” Presented in Vedānta Sarada Convent, Montecito.
- 2002** - “Religion and Democracy in Mongolia: New Ideas, Problems, and Directions.” Presented for the Amistad International, Palo Alto
- 2002** - “Buddhist Notions of Rest.” Presented for the Philosophical Research Society, Los Angeles
- 2001** - “The Fundamental Beliefs and Practices of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism.” Presented for the Junior-High school class in the Jewish temple B’nai B’rith, Santa Barbara
- 2001** - A three-lecture series on “Early Development and Comparison of the Theravāda, Mahāyāna, and Vajrayāna Buddhist Traditions.” Presented for the Clear Light Sangha in the Trinity Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara

2001 - “The Equivocal Attitude of Buddhism Toward Women.” Presented in the UCSB Affiliates’ *Spirituality and Culture* series, Faculty Club, Santa Barbara, March, 2001.

2000 - A ten-lecture series, entitled “Buddhist Psychology and Methods of Healing.” Presented at the Philosophical Research Society, Los Angeles

2000 - A two-lecture series “Buddhist Contribution to the Culture and Art of India.” Presented for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISING AT UCSB

M.A. Theses

Jared Lindhal (UCSB)
Nathan McGovern (UCSB)
Catherine Tsuji (UCSB)
Victoria Imperioli (UCSB)

Ph.D Dissertations

Michael Jerryson (UCSB)
Nathan McGovern (UCSB)
Christine Murphy (UCSB)
Joel Gruber - co-chaired (UCSB)
Chloe Martinez (UCSB)
Adam Krug (UCSB)
Jackson Stevenson (UCSB)
Daigengna Duoer (UCSB)

At Other Institutions

Kieko Obuse (University of Oxford)
Gregory Seton (University of Oxford)

Member of M.A. Committees at UCSB: 22 Committees

Member of PhD Committees at UCSB: 32 Committees

Member of PhD Committees at Other Universities: 7 Committees

COURSES TAUGHT

Lower and Upper-Division, Undergraduate Thematic Courses at UCSB

- “Mind and Buddhist Meditation Traditions,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Introduction to Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Undergraduate Seminar in Buddhist Ethics,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Religions of Mongolia,” Department of Religious Studies

- “Mongolian Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Religion and Healing in Global Perspective,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Buddhist Tantra,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Indian Philosophy,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Religions of India,” Department of Religious Studies
- “South Asian Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Ceylon Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies
- “Socially Engaged Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies

Graduate Seminars at UCSB

- “Śāntideva and His Works”
- “The Kālacakra Tantric Tradition in India and Beyond”
- “Indian Buddhist Tantras”
- “South Asian Buddhism (Mahāyāna Buddhism)”
- “Theravāda Buddhism”
- “Mongolian Buddhism”
- “Buddhist Monasticism and the *Vinayas*”
- “Hindu Philosophical Traditions”
- “Seminar in Jainism”
- “South Asian Buddhist Traditions”
- “South Asian Philosophical Traditions: Constructions of Personal Identity within the Six Darśanas”
- “South Asian Buddhism: Buddhist Hermeneutics”
- “Comparative Study of Foucault and Buddhist Theories of Sexuality and Religious Experience”
- Buddhism and Jainism in a Comparative Perspective
- Seminar in the Theories of Translation of Buddhist Texts

Advanced Sanskrit and Pāli Courses at UCSB

- Selected readings from Hindu and Buddhist Sanskrit Manuscripts (*Jayadrathayāmala Yavanajātaka, Saddharmasmṛtyupasthānasūtra*)
- Reading Indrabhūti’s *Jñānasiddhi* and Yoginī Lakṣmīnīkara’s *Advayasiddhi*
- Reading the two Sanskrit editions of the *Bhaiṣajyaguruvaidūryaprabhārāja Mahāyāna Sūtra*
- Reading selected chapters from Śāntideva’s *Śikṣāsamuccaya*
- Reading the *Mañjuśrīnāmasaṃgīti* with Raviśrījñāna’s *Amṛtakaṇīkākhyāṭippanī*
- Reading Nāropā’s *Paramārthasaṃgraha*
- Reading the *Perfection of Wisdom Sūtra in Fifty Lines*, together with a commentary
- Reading Selected Works from the Buddhist Tantric Literature in Sanskrit
- Reading selected texts from the corpus of Buddhist Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna scriptures
- Jain Literature in Sanskrit (Reading the selected reading from the Jain classic, *Praśamaratiprakaraṇam* with Haribhadra’s commentary)
- Buddhist Literature in Pāli

- Reading the *Yogasūtras* of Patañjali with Vyāsa’s Commentary
- Reading selected texts from Buddhist philosophical literature
- Reading selected texts from Buddhist Mahāyāna Śāstras
- Reading selected texts pertaining to the South Asian theories of the body from the Major Upaniṣads, *Manusmṛti*, *Bhāgavata Purāṇa*, and Āyurvedic Saṃhitās
- Reading the *Bhairavavilāsa* and selected readings from the *Kathāsaritasāgara*
- Reading the Hindu tantric text *Rasārṇava*
- Reading selected texts from the Vedas, Brāhmaṇas and Śrauta Sūtras
- Reading selected readings from the works of Aśvaghoṣa
- Reading Buddhist Tantric works: the *Kālacakratantra* and the *Vimalaprabhā*
- Reading selected texts from the *Major* and *Yoga Upaniṣads*
- Reading the *Kulārṇavatantra*
- Reading the *Yogavasiṣṭha*
- Reading Hindu Philosophical Texts: the *Śiva Sūtras* with Kṣemarāja's *Vimarsinī*
- Reading Sanskrit Philosophical Texts: the *Āgamaśāstra* of Gauḍapāda with Śaṅkara's commentary
- Reading selections from Jaina texts

Introductory and Intermediate Level Sanskrit Courses

- First-year Sanskrit. Department of Religious Studies, 1997, 1998-2001
- Intermediate Sanskrit, Department of Religious Studies, Fall Quarter, 1997

Courses and Tutorials Taught at the University of Oxford

- “Teachings and Practices of Early Buddhism,” Oriental Institute and Theology Department,
- “Buddhism in History and Society,” Oriental Institute and Theology Department
- Seminar on “Research Methods in the Study of Buddhism,” Oriental Institute
- Reading Sanskrit manuscript of the *Saddharmasmṛtyupasthāna Sūtra*
- Reading Sanskrit manuscripts of Ratnākāraśānti’s *Sāratmā*, Oriental Institute
- Readings in the *Kālacakratantra* literature (in Sanskrit, Tibetan and Mongolian versions), Oriental Institute

Courses Taught at Stanford University

- First-Year Sanskrit, Department of Linguistics, Special Language Program, 1993-1995
- Reading in the Sanskrit *Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā*, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Winter Quarter, 1993
- Upper-division graduate seminar on “Ethics in South Asian Religious Traditions,” 1993.

