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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL Sept. 1995-June 2002  
Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations  
Degree Awarded: **Doctor of Philosophy (Distinction)**  
Dissertation: *Spreading the Dhamma: The Written Word and the Transmission of Pali Texts in Pre-modern Northern Thailand*  
Assesses the role of writing in the communication of the Pali Canon and examines the attitudes of different sectors of society towards this medium as well as towards the oral tradition.  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Collins  
Committee members: Dr. Matthew Kapstein, Dr. Frank Reynolds

**Carleton University**, Ottawa, Canada Sept. 1992-Aug. 1994  
Graduate Studies in Religion  
Degree Awarded: **Master of Arts (Distinction)**  
Thesis: *Paṭiccasamuppāda, Kamma and Freedom of Choice: A Study of the Nikāyas and Some Modern Interpretations*  
Explores the possibility of human free-will within the web of causation as elaborated in the *Sutta* literature.  
Advisor: Dr. Nalini Devdas

**McGill University**, Montreal, Canada Sept. 1988-May 1992  
Major : Religious Studies  
Degree Awarded : **Bachelor of Arts ( Honours)**

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ACADEMIC EDUCATION:

**Visiting Professor** June-Aug 2014  
USAC: Chiang Mai University, Thailand  
Course Taught:  
• HIST.ANTH/FLL 300: *Southeast Asian History and Culture*

**Associate Professor**

May 2008 - Present

Dept. of Comparative Religion and Humanities, California State University, Chico

Courses Taught:

- RELS 110: *Asian Religions*
- RELS 164: *Buddhism*
- RELS 165: *Hinduism*
- RELS 194: *Reading Course on Music, Speech and Sound in Hinduism*
- RELS 205: *Research Methods in Religious Studies*
- RELS 210: *Chinese Religions*
- RELS 212: *Religions of India*
- RELS 241: *Science and Religion*
- RELS 280: *Upper Level Seminar "The Ascetic Impulse"*
- RELS 313: *Buddhism*
- RELS 332: *World Religions and Global Issues*
- HNRS 320: *Science and Human Values (Honors Course)*
- RELS 391: *Readings in Religion: Intermediate Sanskrit*
- RELS 482: *Upper Level Seminar "Mysticism and Nothingness"*
- RELS 497: *Tutorial "Indian Religions through Western Eyes"*
- RELS 499: *Honors Research Paper: Lead Advisor for three honors papers: Ashoka's Influence on Buddhism, Tantric Buddhist Conceptions of the Development of Buddhism, The Influence of Printing on Hinduism*

**Assistant Professor**

Aug. 2002 – May 2008

Dept of Religious Studies, California State University, Chico

**Instructor, *Buddhism in Theory and Practice***

Oct.- Nov. 2001

University of Chicago, Graham School of General Studies

**Instructor, *Introduction to South Asian Civilizations***

Jan.- Mar. 2001

University of Chicago, Collegiate Division

**Lecturer, *History and Ideas of Buddhism***

Jan.-Feb. 2000; June 1999

The Centre for Psychoanalytic Training, Toronto, Canada

**Research Associate**

Feb.-Apr. 1999

Chiang Mai University, Thailand

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:****Seminar Facilitator**

Aug. 2000

Inuit Youth Abroad Program, Ottawa, Canada

**Coordinator**

Sept. 1994-Aug. 1995

Young Judaea Leadership Training Yearcourse in Israel

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Religion in the Age of Digitization** 2019  
Chapter: "Buddhism in the Age of Digital Reproduction." Volume Editor Giulia Isetti (Written with Gregory Grieve).
- De Gruyter Press** 2019  
Volume Editor: *Digital Humanities and Buddhism: An Introduction*.  
Contributions: "Introduction"  
"Computational Linguistics and the Buddhist Corpus"
- University of Hawaii Press** 2018  
Book: *From Indra's Net to Internet: Communication, Technology and the Evolution of Buddhist Ideas*.
- Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Buddhism** 2017  
Entry: "Buddhist Texts from Oral to Digital" (10,000 words)
- Journal of Contemporary Buddhism** 2016  
Article: "On the Road: The Appeal of Buddhism to Travellers"  
[<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14639947.2016.1205782>]
- Brill Encyclopedia of Buddhism** 2015  
Entry: "Local Literatures of Mainland Southeast Asia" (10,000 words)
- Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism** 2015  
Chapter: "Buddhism and Media Technologies" (Written with Gregory Grieve)
- Routledge Press** 2015  
Volume Editor (with Gregory Grieve). *The Pixel in the Lotus: Buddhism The Internet and Digital Media*.  
Contributions: "Introduction"  
"The Madhyama is the Message"
- Oxford University Press** 2012  
Oxford Bibliographies Online: Buddhism  
Entry: "Buddhist Canon, History" (8000 words)  
Entry: "Sutta" (8000 words)  
Entry: "Oral and Literate Traditions" (8000 words)  
[[http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/browse?module\\_0=obo-9780195393521](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/browse?module_0=obo-9780195393521)]
- H-Net Buddhism** 2011

Book review: *The Ascendancy of Theravada Buddhism in Southeast Asia*, by Prapod Assavavirulhakarn.

[<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=34818>]

- History of Religions, Vol.50.3: 315-317** 2011  
Book review: *Gathering Leaves and Lifting Words*, by Justin McDaniel
- Routledge Press** 2010  
Chapter: "When 'Friend' Becomes a Verb: Religion on the Social Web," in *God in the Details*, edited by Eric Mazur and Kate McCarthy
- That's Shanghai Publishers** Jan. 2008  
Chapter: "Buddhism in China" in *Urban Anatomy – Shanghai*, edited by Anna Greenspan
- Numen, Vol. 53.4: 405-447** Nov. 2006  
Article: "When a Word is Worth a Thousand Pictures: Mahāyāna Influence on Theravāda Attitudes Towards Writing"
- University of Hawaii Press** Oct. 2006  
Book: *Spreading The Dhamma: Writing, Orality and Textual Transmission in Buddhist Northern Thailand*
- Journal of Religion, Vol. 83: 340-341** Apr. 2003  
Book Review: *Imagining a Place for Buddhism: Literary Community and Religious Culture in Tamil-speaking South India*, by Anne Monius
- Chicago South Asia Newsletter** Fall, 2001  
Book Review: *The Work of Kings*, by H.L. Seneviratne

## **PATENTS**

- US Patent 7734641 B2** June 2010  
*Recommendation systems and methods using interest correlation*
- Uses neural net to correlate user interests with products and services
  - Increases accuracy of advertisements on Social Networks

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

- Research Scholarly and Creative Activities Award** 2019  
CSU Chico Research and Sponsored Programs
- Summer Scholars Fellowship** 2004  
CSU Chico Research Foundation

<b>Summer Scholars Fellowship</b> CSU Chico Research Foundation	2003
<b>Small Grant for Travel</b> Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching	2002
<b>Dissertation Write-up Fellowship</b> Committee on Southern Asian Studies	2000
<b>Travel Fellowship</b> Committee on Southern Asian Studies	1999
<b>Tuition Remission</b> University of Chicago Unendowed Funds	1996-8
<b>Thesis Write-up Fellowship</b> Carleton University	1993-4
<b>India Book Prize for Excellence in Sanskrit</b> Indian Embassy, Ottawa, Canada	1993, 1994

## **PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Mangalam Center for Buddhist Studies</b> Berkeley, CA <i>From Indra's Net to Internet</i>	Apr 2019
<b>University of Chicago</b> Chicago, IL <i>On the Very Idea of an Idea: Reflections on the role of Ideas in Cultural History</i>	Nov 2018
<b>International Conference on the Evolution of Religion</b> Albuquerque, NM <i>Convergent Evolution of Religious Forms: The Case of Sufism and Mahayana Buddhism</i>	Nov 2017
<b>Smith College</b> Northampton, MA <i>Electrifying Indra's Net: Buddhism and the World Wide Web</i>	Mar 2016
<b>Benares Hindu University</b> Varanasi, India <i>Merchants and Trade Networks in Buddhist History</i>	Jan 2016
<b>Center for the Study of Developing Societies</b>	Jan 2016

- New Delhi, India  
*Self, Selfies and Selflessness: The Internet and Buddhist Ontology*
- Gautam Buddha University** Jan 2016  
NOIDA, India  
*The Role of Merchants in the Development of Buddhism*
- International Association of Buddhist Studies Meeting** Aug 2014  
Vienna, Austria  
*The Appeal of Buddhism to Travellers along the Silk Road*
- International Forum, CSU Chico** Feb 2014  
*The Silk Road in Central Asia from Antiquity to the Present*
- Humanities Center, CSU Chico** Oct 2013  
*Translating Buddhist Texts in Tibet and China*
- Center For Excellence in Learning and Teaching** Oct. 2012  
CSU Chico  
*Internationalizing the Curriculum.*
- CSU Chico** Nov. 2011  
Conference on Digital Dharma (organized conference that brought eight scholars to Chico). *Does the Internet Make You Buddhist?*
- Association of Asian Studies Meeting, Honolulu** Mar. 2011  
*Manuscript Culture in Lan Na*
- Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA** Mar. 2010  
Conference on “Buddhism Without Borders.” *From Indra's Net to Internet: The Effects of Social Networking Websites on the Acculturation of Buddhism in North America.*
- Humanities Center, CSU Chico** Oct. 2009  
*Mnemonic Masters: The Art of Memorization in the Vedic Tradition of India*
- Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA** Oct. 2009  
Numata Public Lecture: *Changing Roles of the Written Word in Theravada Buddhism*
- CSU San Jose** Apr. 2009  
Conference on “Comparative Philosophy in the Bay Area.” *The Interface Between Free Will and Karma in Buddhism.*
- International Association of Buddhist Studies Meeting** June 2008  
Atlanta, GA  
*Sarvastivada Conceptions of Time and the Origins of the Buddha Image*

- Humanities Center, CSU Chico** Oct. 2007  
*The Origins of Book and Image Worship in Buddhism*
- South East Asian Students Association, CSU Chico** May 2007  
*Buddhist Monuments for the Ages: The Grandeur of Angkor Wat and Borobudur*
- Humanities Center, CSU Chico** Apr. 2007  
*The Connection between Religious and Cultural Identity* (with Andrew Flescher)
- Humanities Center, CSU Chico** Mar. 2007  
*Spreading the Dhamma: Writing, Orality and Textual Transmission in Buddhist Northern Thailand*
- Indiana University, Bloomington, IN** Feb. 2007  
*Objects in the Rear-View Mirror are Closer than they Appear: Sarvastivada Conceptions of Time and the Origins of the Buddha Image*
- South East Asian Students Association, CSU Chico** Nov. 2006  
*Southeast Asian Crossroads: Hybrid Identities and Multicultural Polities in the Middle Ages*
- McMaster University, Hamilton, ON** Dec 2005  
*The Lasting Influence of Mahayana Buddhism in Southeast Asia*
- Campus Wellness Center, CSU Chico** Apr 2004  
*The Benefits of Meditation on Your Overall Health*
- Western Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA** Mar. 2004  
*So You Want to be a Doctor... Of Buddhist Studies? Jewish Scholarly Interest in Buddhism*
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, ON** Jan. 2003  
*Led Seminar on Mindfulness Meditation and Mental Health.*
- American Academy of Religion Meeting, Toronto, ON** Nov. 2002  
*Merit-Making Media: Pali Manuscripts from Northern Thailand.*
- Rush Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago IL** Sept. 2002  
*Religious Diversity in the Healthcare Environment.*
- American Oriental Society Meeting, Toronto, ON** Mar. 2001  
*The Unity of Opposites: Tantric Influence in the Sinhalese Paritta Ceremony.*
- American Academy of Religion Meeting, Nashville, TN** Nov. 2000  
*Overlooked or Looked-Over?: The Role of Buddhist Manuscripts in Sixteenth Century Northern Thailand.*

**Chiang Mai University**, Chiang Mai, Thailand Mar. 1999

*Sanskrit and Pali Studies in North America: Forever Linked?*

**Hebrew Workshop**, University of Chicago Nov. 1998

*Mekorban L'Tefilah: Pituchey Pulchan Beyahadut Vehinduism (From Sacrifice to Prayer: Developments in Devotionalism in Judaism and Hinduism, delivered in Hebrew).*

**Buddhism Workshop**, University of Chicago Apr. 1997

*Free to Escape? Reversing the Chain of Paticcasamuppada Through Human Volition.*

## **LANGUAGES**

**Human:** English, Sanskrit, Pali, Hebrew, Thai, Yuan (northern Thai), French, German

**Computer:** SQL, HTML, R, Visual Basic

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**Editor**, Database of Religious History (religiondatabase.org) Jan 2018 - present

**Co-ordinator**, Global Development Minor Program, CSU Chico Jan 2012 – June 2013

**Editor**, Oxford Bibliographies Online: Buddhism Jan 2010 - Present

**Member**, Faculty Leaves Committee, CSU Chico Sept 2011-June 2013

**Member**, HFA Scholarship committee, CSU Chico Sept 2011-June 2013

**Member**, American Academy of Religion

**Member**, International Association of Buddhist Studies

**Member**, Association for Asian Studies

**Member**, Humanities Center Board, CSU Chico

**Member**, Faculty Recognition and Support Committee, CSU Chico Aug.2005-May 2009  
Sept 2013 - present

- Establishes procedures and criteria to select outstanding faculty to honor for excellence in teaching, scholarship and contributions to the community  
Selects meritorious Internal Research Grant proposals to fund



**Faculty Advisor**, CSU Chico Religious Studies Student Society      Aug.2002 – May 2008

- Responsible for overall success of all programming
- Organized numerous field trips to places of religious import in Northern California
- Helped to organize several panels and presentations on campus

**Chair**, Department of Religious Studies Library Committee      Aug. 2002-May-2004