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Citizenship: USA

Education

PhD 2015, University of British Columbia: Asian Studies (Chinese social and religious history)
"Skilled Eating: Knowledge of Food in Yichu's *Shishi liutie*, a Buddhist Encyclopedia from Tenth-Century China." Supervisor: Edward G. Slingerland

MA 2006, University of Hawai'i, Manoa: Ecological Anthropology
"A critical political ecology of Akha tea cultivation in the Bulang Mountains of China: The case of Baljalpuxeevq."

BA 1995, Lewis and Clark College (Portland, Oregon): East Asian Studies Major, Japanese Minor

Teaching Experience / Academic Employment

2019 (Spring)-present, Translator (Ch-En, Jp-En). Translation and editing of a 450-page Chinese book on disciplinary institutions in premodern Chinese Buddhism.

2018 (Spring) Instructor, "Food and Sex in Premodern Chinese Buddhism," Department of Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA.

2017 (Spring) Instructor, "Chinese Religious Traditions," Department of Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA.

2016-2018 Sheng Yen Postdoctoral Fellow in Chinese Buddhism (Postdoctoral Research Scholar), Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Department of Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA.

2016 (Spring) Instructor, "Development of Traditional Chinese Thought," Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

2015-2016, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia, and Managing Editor, The Database of Religious History (DRH), a project of the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC).

2015 (Spring) Teaching Assistant, "The History of Asia Since 1500," Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia.

2014 (Fall) Instructor, "Introduction to Traditional Asia," Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

- 2013 (June-December) Research Assistant, The Database of Religious History (DRH), a project of the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium, based at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2008 (Spring) Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Japanese Cinema," Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia.
- 2007 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Traditional Asia," Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia.
- 2004 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Cultural Anthropology," Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.
- 2004 Volunteer Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Honolulu, HI, USA.
Summer 2004 "Alternative Religions: Radical Cosmologies and the Practice of Living," a four-session seminar
Spring 2004 "China and Japan: Perceptions of Culture and Cultural Translation," a four-session multimedia presentation.
- 1995-1996 Japanese Language Instructor, Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT, USA.

Publications

–Journal Articles–

- "Medicine in the Chinese Buddhist Canon: Selected Translations." Coauthored with Pierce Salguero, William J. Giddings, Joshua Capitanio, and Marcus Bingenheimer. *Asian Medicine* 12 (2017): 279-294.
- "The Celebration of Congee in East Asian Buddhism." *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*, vol. 30 (July 2017): 125-168.
- "Chan bencao yu Yuan Zhongdao de Chanmen bencao bu: shilun Chanbencao de yuanben ji zai Qingdai yu houzhe de huntong 《禅本草》与袁中道《禅门本草补》——试论《禅本草》的原本及在清代与后者的混同" ("The *Chan bencao* and Yuan Zhongdao's *Chanmen bencao bu*: Considering the original text of the *Chan bencao* and its confusion with the latter text during the Qing dynasty"). *Foxue yanjiu* 佛学研究, vol. 23 (2014): 80-89. Zhongguo fojiao wenhua yanjiusuo 中国佛教文化研究所, Beijing, China.
- "Zen honzō to En Chūdō no Zenmon honzō ho: Zen honzō no genkei to shindai ni okeru ryōsha no kondō 『禅本草』と袁中道の『禅門本草補』—『禅本草』の原形と清代における両者の混同—" ("The *Chan bencao* and Yuan Zhongdao's *Chanmen bencao bu*: The original text of the *Chan bencao* and confusions between the two during the Qing dynasty"). *Tōyōgaku kenkyū* 東洋学研究, vol. 50 (2013): 149-161 (396-384). Tōyō University, Tokyo, Japan.

Ahmed, S., J. R. Stepp, R. A. J. Toleno, and C. M. Peters. 2010. "Increased market integration, value, and ecological knowledge of tea agro-forests in the Akha highlands of southwest China." *Ecology and Society* 15(4): 27. [online] URL: <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol15/iss4/art27/>

–Contributions to Edited Volumes–

“Buddhist Method as Medicine: The *Chan Materia Medica* and its Ming-Dynasty *Elaboration*.” In *Buddhism and Medicine: A Sourcebook*, edited by C. Pierce Salguero. New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2017.

–Encyclopedia Entries–

(Forthcoming) "Recipe Collecting." In the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Chinese Cuisines*, edited by Sidney Cheung. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing Group, [2019?].

"六念" (*liunian*). In Muller, A. Charles, ed. *Digital Dictionary of Buddhism*. <<http://buddhism-dict.net/ddb>>. 2019 (April).

"義楚" (Yichu). In Muller, A. Charles, ed. *Digital Dictionary of Buddhism*. <<http://buddhism-dict.net/ddb>>. 2017 (October 22).

"釋氏六帖" (*Shishi liutie*). In Muller, A. Charles, ed. *Digital Dictionary of Buddhism*. <<http://buddhism-dict.net/ddb>>. 2017 (October 22).

–Academic Blog Posts–

“An Excerpt from Fascicle Twenty-Nine of Huilin’s *Yiqie jing yinyi* 一切經音義, Pronunciations and Meanings for All [Buddhist] Scriptures” Posted December 2, 2016 to Asian Medicine Zone, an online resource for scholarship of Asian medicine. URL: <http://asianmedicinezone.com/chinese-medicine/2128/>

–Submitted Papers–

“Medical Metaphor: Articulation of Buddhist Efficacy in the *Chan Bencao* 禪本草 and Related Texts.” Submitted to the *Journal of Chinese Religions* ("Revise and resubmit"—I plan to turn this into a short book project and resubmit a more concise study of this topic).

–Conference Proceedings–

"Lexicon or Encyclopedia? Assessing Yichu's Non-Canonical *Shishi liutie* from Tenth-Century China." *2013 International Graduate Students' Conference on Buddhism and Chinese Religions*. International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization (ICSCC), Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Pp. 66-104.

–Dissertation and Thesis–

Skilled Eating: Knowledge of Food in Yichu's Shishi liutie, a Buddhist Encyclopedia from Tenth-Century China (Doctoral dissertation, University of British Columbia). Vancouver, BC: UBC Theses and Dissertations, 2015: <https://open.library.ubc.ca/cIRcle/collections/ubctheses/24/items/1.0166253>

A Critical Political Ecology of Akha Tea Cultivation in the Bulang Mountains of China: The Case of Baljalpuxeevq (Master's thesis, University of Hawai'i at Manoa). Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest Digital Dissertations, 2006.

–Student Publication–

“Material Process: Deepening Our Roots.” *Impulse Journal* (2005). Honolulu, HI: The East-West Center, Education Program.

Presentations

–Invited Talks–

"Buddhists, Meat Analogues, and the History of Vegetarianism in China." Chinese Food: Culture, Economy, and Ecology, a workshop held at Harvard University Center for Chinese Studies, Cambridge, MA, USA, 27-28 April 2018.

"Meat, Class Politics, and the Changing Meaning of the Buddhist Fast in Premodern India and China." Seminar series of the Committee for the Study of Religion, City University of New York, NY, USA, 21 February 2018.

"An Introduction to Buddhism." *Religious Worlds of New York* Summer Institute, Interfaith Center of New York, New York, NY, USA, 19 July 2017.

"Skillful Eating: Reading Shi 食 (Food) in a Tenth-Century Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia." Columbia University Buddhist Studies Seminar, the Center for Buddhism and East Asian Religion and the Columbia University Seminars, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 9 December 2016.

"Defining a Religious Group in the DRH: Challenges and Opportunities." Religion, Ritual, Conflict, and Cooperation: Archaeological and Historical Approaches, a workshop held at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, 29-30 April 2016.

"Media Chains and Reading Methods: Illustrating Strengths and Limitations of Digital Media with a Non-Canonical Tenth-Century Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia." Paper, Print, and Cyberspace: The Perspective of a Global Network for the Multimedia and Interdisciplinary Studies of Buddhism and East Asian Religions, a workshop held at the University of British Columbia, 4-5 October 2015.

"Apotropaic Plants and Intrinsic Efficacy: Revisiting *Kuwa* (Mulberry) in Japanese Cultural History." Centre for Japanese Research Lunchtime Lecture Series, University of British Columbia, 13 November 2013.

"Sacred or Profane? Spatial Frames in Yichu's *Shishi liutie*, a Buddhist Encyclopedia from Tenth-Century China." Space That is More Than Space: New Perspectives on Buddhist Sacred Sites in East Asia, a workshop held at the University of British Columbia, 2 August 2013.

“Food and Eating in the *Shishi liutie*, a Buddhist Encyclopedia from Tenth-Century China.”
Buddhism Discussion Group, Tokyo, Japan, 10 March 2013.

“Hamlet Cadres, Ethnic Relations, and Land-Use Practices in the Bulang Mountains of Southwest China.” *Frontier Environments, Borders, and Development in Southeast Asia*, a workshop held at Simon Fraser University with support from the Canadian International Development Agency, 31 May 2008.

–Contributed Papers–

"Free of Tainting: Vegetarian Recipes from Benxin's Studio in Song China." An Appetite for the Past, a conference held at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, New York, NY, USA, 30 April 2018.

"Theories of Nourishment in Premodern Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedias and the Limits of Consilience." 18th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS), Toronto, Canada, 20-25 August 2017.

"Longevity Patterns Among Buddhists, Daoists, and Public Officials in Pre-Modern China." Religion II: Dynamics, Processes, and Change, a conference held by the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life (IRCPL) at Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 21 April 2017.

"Rustic Recipes for Nourishing Life: Lin Hong's *Shanjia qinggong* from Song China" (in a panel titled *Diet and Health in Pre-Modern East Asia*). Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, USA, 31 March–3 April 2016.

"Four-Foods Doctrine in Chinese Buddhism: Non-Cartesian Nourishment?" Buddhism and Wellbeing: Therapeutic Approaches to Human Flourishing, The 5th Annual Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 28-30 May 2015.

“Skilled Eating: Chinese Buddhist Perspectives on Food and Morality.” 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego, CA, USA, 22-25 November 2014.

"Food and Efficacy: Porridge, Milk, and Beans in the *Shishi liutie*, a Buddhist Encyclopedia from Tenth-Century China." 17th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS), Vienna, 18-23 August 2014.

"Longevity in China: Integrating Statistical and Textual Inquiries." Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia Downtown Marriott, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 30 March 2014.

"Lexicon or Encyclopedia? Assessing Yichu's Non-Canonical *Shishi liutie* from Tenth-Century China." 2013 International Graduate Students' Conference on Buddhism and Chinese Religions, sponsored by the International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization (ICSCC), Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 12 August 2013.

“The Normative Force of Recipes: Food Writing from Thirteenth-Century China in Historical and Ethnological Perspective.” Ninth International Conference on Environmental,

Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability, International Conference Center, Hiroshima, Japan, 24 January 2013.

“Zen honzō to En Chūdō no Zenmon honzō ho: Zen honzō no genkei to shindai ni okeru ryōsha no kondō” (“The *Chan bencao* and Yuan Zhongdao’s *Chanmen bencao bu*: The original text of the *Chan bencao* and confusions between the two during the Qing dynasty.”) Presented in Japanese at Higashi Ajia Bukkyō Kenkyūkai (East Asian Buddhism Research Group), Tōyō University, Tokyo, Japan, 21 July 2012.

“The Flavor of Meditation: Botanical Metaphor and Religious Efficacy in the *Chan Bencao* of Song China.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Canada, 17 March 2012.

“Pure Offerings: Buddhist Moral Themes in Lin Hong’s *Shanjia qinggong*.” Legacies of Taste: An International Conference on Food Narratives in China, School of Chinese, The University of Hong Kong, 17 December 2011.

“Modeling *Materia Medica*: Interactions Between Lay Intellectual and Buddhist Forms of Knowledge in the *Chan Bencao* and Related Texts.” The Ninth International Symposium Sponsored by UBC Tzu-Chi Buddhist Forum, Lay Buddhism: An Old Issue Viewed in New Perspectives, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 25 March 2011.

“Tasteful Tropes: Sweet and Bitter in Pre-Qin Chinese Moral Thought.” ASPAC 2010 Conference, Sustaining Asian Studies: Bridging Regions, Cultures, and Disciplines, Portland State University, 19 June 2010.

“A Bitter Blend: Song Dynasty Tea Aesthetics and Buddhist Morality in Eisai’s *Kissayōjōki*.” 12th Annual Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Bridges and Borders in East Asia, Cambridge, MA, USA, 28 February 2009.

“Neither East nor West: Rereading Tea Ritual in Lu Yü’s *Chajing*.” 4th Annual Graduate Student Conference, Institute of Asian Research and The University of British Columbia, 17 March 2007.

“Sustainability on a Human Scale: Aesthetics of Morality in Chinese Tea Culture.” International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability, Honolulu, HI, USA, 26 February 2005.

“Human Ecology and the Failure of Simplistic Political Economy Models to Achieve Pluralist Society: a Case from Xishuangbanna, China.” 4th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu, HI, USA, 18 February 2005.

–Poster Presentations–

“Free of Tainting: Vegetarian Recipes from Benxin’s Studio in Song China.” An Appetite for the Past, symposium and tasting held at the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University, New York, NY, USA, 1 May 2018.

“Holistic Nourishment: Buddhism’s Doctrine of Four Foods.” Joint 2014 Annual Meetings and Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society (AFHV), Burlington, Vermont, USA, 18-22 June 2014.

–Guest Lectures–

"Recreating Historical Chinese Recipes." Guest lecture, *Histories of Science and Technology in East Asia*, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 26 January 2018.

"The Introduction of Buddhism to China." Guest lecture, *Introduction to Art History, Asia*, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, USA, 22 September 2016.

"Daoist Repertoires: Understanding the Legacies of Daoism." Guest Lecture, *Traditional Chinese Political Thought and Institutions*, University of British Columbia, 7 November 2013.

"Zhou Dynasty Thought." Guest Lecture, *Foundations of Chinese Thought*, University of British Columbia, 14 September 2009.

"Zhuangzi: Guided by the Spirit." Guest Lecture, *Foundations of Chinese Thought*, University of British Columbia, 1 November 2007.

"The Political Ecology of Akha Tea Cultivation in the Bulang Mountains of China." Guest Lecture, *Environmental Anthropology*, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 29 November 2005.

Awards and Honors

2014-2015 C K Choi Prize in Buddhist Studies, for high standing in Buddhist Studies

2013-2014 Universal Buddhist Temple Graduate Scholarship, in recognition of academic achievement (also 2010-2011)

2012-2013 Gregory Tso Memorial Scholarship in Asian Studies in support of research in Chinese Studies (also 2011-2012, 2008-2009, 2007-2008)

2012-2013 Universal Buddhist Temple Scholarship for high standing in Buddhist Studies (also 2007-2008)

2012-2013 Khyentse Foundation Award for Excellence in Buddhist Studies

2011-2012 Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies Graduate Fellowship, for dissertation research in Taiwan

2011-2012 International Buddhist Society Graduate Scholarship

2010-2011 BDK Canada Graduate Fellowship, for a year of Buddhist-Studies research in Tokyo, Japan

2011 Okamatsu Family Scholarship for Japanese Studies

2008-2010 Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, in support of education and research at the University of British Columbia (two years)

2008-2009 Canadian Chinese Help Care Society Graduate Scholarship, to support study of Chinese literature and culture (also 2007-2008)

2007-2008 C K Choi Prize in Buddhist Studies, for high standing in Buddhist Studies

2006-2007 Sun Life Graduate Fellowship, in support of Ph.D. study at the University of British Columbia

2004-2006 East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship, a full scholarship for graduate research, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i (two years)

2005 (Spring) East-West Center Field Research and Travel Grant

2004 (Fall) "Excellent Student Recognition Award" for participation in the East-West Center Core Course titled "Globalization and the Asia-Pacific Region"

Academic Service

2008 (9-10 February) Conference Staff, The Fifth International Symposium Sponsored by UBC Tzu-chi Buddhist Forum, "*Image in Motion*": *New Perspectives on Buddhist Arts*, held at the University of British Columbia

2007-2008 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia

2005-2006 Treasurer, Anthropology Graduate Student Association of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Volunteer Service

2005-2006 Student Coordinator, East-West Center community gardens

2003-2005 Volunteer, Makiki Watershed Awareness Initiative, O'ahu Na Ala Hele Trails and Access, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i

Membership in Scholarly Societies

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)

Indogaku Bukkyō Gakkai (INBUDS)

Higashi Ajia Bukkyō Kenkyūkai (Research Group in East Asian Buddhism)

Institute of Oriental Studies (Tokyo)

Foreign Languages

Mandarin Chinese	—fluency in speaking and reading
Japanese	—fluency in speaking and reading*
Classical Chinese	—high-level reading knowledge
Classical Japanese	—reading knowledge
French	—reading knowledge
Spanish	—reading knowledge
Akha	—rudimentary knowledge following fieldwork in 2005

*In 1994 I passed the highest level (ikkyū) of the official Japanese Proficiency Exam.

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References

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