**Catherine (Kate) Hartmann**

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Wyoming** Fall 2020-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

**EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**

Ph.D., Study of Religion, Buddhist Studies

Cambridge, MA

May 2020

**Dissertation:** “To See a Mountain: Writing, Place, and Vision in Tibetan Pilgrimage Literature”

**Committee:** Janet Gyatso (advisor), Charles Hallisey, James Robson, Leonard van der Kuijp

**University of Chicago Divinity School**

M.A., History of Religions

Chicago, IL

May 2013

**University of Virginia**

B.A., Religious Studies (Honors)

Charlottesville, VA

May 2011

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

“Necessary Questions of *Chö*: Uses and Abuses of Religion in Dondrup Gyel’s ‘Tulku,’” in press, *Himalaya*.

“How to See the Invisible: Attention, Landscape, and the Transformation of Vision in Tibetan Pilgrimage Guides,” under review at *History of Religions,* submitted October 2020.

Translation of “Tulku” by Dondrup Gyel, in *The Tibet Journal* Vol. XXXVIII No. 3 & 4 (Autumn-Winter 2013), 35-55.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| UW High School Summer Institute Teaching Fellow, $4,000  UW Education Abroad Curriculum Integration Faculty Fellow, $1,200  UW Center for Global Studies International Research Grant, $4,000  Undergraduate Dean’s Council “Thumbs Up” Award for Outstanding Contributions  Dissertation Fellowship, Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, $30,000  Summer Research Grant, Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute, $3,000  Summer Research Grant, William and Victor Fung Foundation, $1,000  Summer Research Grant, William and Victor Fung Foundation, $4,000  Harvard University Presidential Scholar Award, $4,000 in first, second, and final year  Foreign Language Area Studies Award (Tibetan), full tuition plus stipend  Merit Scholarship for Full Funding for A.M., University of Chicago Divinity School  Coughlin Award for Asian History, University of Virginia, $5,000  Highest Distinction Award for UVA Undergraduate Thesis in Religious Studies  Harrison Undergraduate Research Award, $3,000  Jefferson Scholar, University of Virginia, full scholarship and $20,000 per year | 2021  2021  2020  2020  2018-19  2018  2018  2017  2013-20  2012-13  2011-13  2011  2011  2010  2007-11 |

**NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Review of *Buying Buddha, Selling Rumi: Orientalism and the Mystical Marketplace* by Sophia Rose Arjana, *Reading Religion,* in press.

Review of *The Battle for Fortune: State-led Development, Personhood, and Power Among Tibetans in China,* by Charlene Makley, *H-Net Reviews,* February 2021.

“Seeing Things As They Are: Perception in Buddhist and Western Thought,” essay commissioned by George Haas and the Mettagroup for inclusion in *Punch Outs,* a book of photography to be published Spring 2022.

Review of *The Monastery Rules: Buddhist Monastic Organization in Pre-Modern Tibet,* by Berthe Jansen, *Religious Studies Review*, July 2019.

Review of *Divine Stories: Divyāvadāna, Part II* *(Classics of Indian Buddhism),* translated by Andy Rotman, *Reading Religion*, January 2019.

Review of *Echoes of Enlightenment: The Life and Legacy of Sonam Peldren* by Suzanne Bessenger, *H-Net Reviews*, September 2018.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Karma as Interpretive Lens in the Pilgrim Diary of Khatag Zamyak;” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit; San Antonio, TX; November 20-22, 2021.

“Don’t Throw Away These Favorable Conditions for Nothing!: Place, Materiality, and Agency in Tibetan Pilgrimage,” in “Buddhist Philosophies of the Material” Panel, for American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; jointly hosted by Buddhist Philosophy and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Units; online due to Covid-19; December 1, 2020.

*Panel Organizer,* “Vision and Visualization in Tibetan Buddhism,” Association of Asian Studies Conference; Boston, MA; March 19-22, 2020, *cancelled due to Covid-19.*

“Khatag Zamyak’s Co-Seeing: Perception, Imagination, and Practices of Seeing in a Tibetan Pilgrimage Diary” for Association of Asian Studies Conference; Boston, MA; March 19-22, 2020, *cancelled due to Covid-19.*

“Sakya Pandita and the Conflict Between Poetry and ‘The Way Things Really Are,’” for International Association of Tibet Studies Conference; Paris, France; July 8-13, 2019.

“Faith and Figuration in Tibetan Pilgrimage Guides,” for American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Religion in South Asia Unit; Denver, CO; November 17-20, 2018.

“How to Identify a Mountain: Uncovering the Epistemological Logics at Work in a Debate about the Authenticity of a Tibetan Mountain,” for American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit; Denver, CO; November 17-20, 2018.

“How to See the Unseen: Chokyi Drakpa’s 16th Century Guidebook to Gyangme,” for American Academy of Religion, New England Maritime Regional Meeting; Boston, MA; April 8, 2017.

“What Kind of Eye is the Eye of Dharma: Conflicting Visions of Kailas in 13th-17th Century Tibet,” for 5th Annual Harvard Divinity School *Ways of Knowing* Conference; Cambridge, MA; October 28-9, 2016.

“Necessary Questions of Dharma: Reexamining Dondrup Gyel’s ‘Lama,’” for 3rd ANHS Himalayan Studies Conference at Yale University; New Haven, CT; March 14-16, 2014.

“Madness as True Discourse in Chöd: Understanding Machik Labdron’s Regulations on Clothing,” for *Madness and Wisdom in South Asia* at the University of Chicago; Chicago, IL; February 14, 2014.

“Transformations of Medical Texts from India to Tibet,” for Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine at MIT; Cambridge, MA, October 25-26, 2013.

“Bridging the Gap: Embryology and the Scholastic Response to Tantra,” for 1st Annual Harvard Divinity School *Ways of Knowing* Conference; Cambridge, MA; October 26-27, 2012.

“Demons Displaced: Models of Disease Causation in the Four Tantras,” for *New Directions,* Graduate Student Conference in Buddhist Studies at UVA; Charlottesville, VA; September 14-16, 2012.

**INVITED TALKS**

“Pilgrimage in Buddhism and Tibet” to Philadelphia Buddhist Association; August 8, 2021. Invited by Curtis Key.

“Khatag Zamyak’s Co-Seeing: Perception, Imagination, and Practices of Seeing in a Tibetan Pilgrimage Diary” at Hebrew University; Jerusalem, Israel; May 30, 2021*.* Invited by Eviatar Shulman.

“Buddhism in Wyoming’s Mosaic of Faith,” presentation for the Wyoming Interfaith Network. May 24, 2021. Invited by Jordan Bishop.

“How to See the Invisible: Vision and Transformation in Tibetan Pilgrimage Guides,” at Kalamazoo College; Kalamazoo, MI; May 3, 2021. Invited by Taylor Petrey.

“How to See the Invisible: Vision and Transformation in Tibetan Pilgrimage Guides,” at Wittenberg University; Springfield, OH; April 22, 2021. Invited by Travis Proctor.

“Do Places Have the Power to Transform Pilgrims?: On the Agency of Material Places.” *Spotlight* Speaker Series. Mangalam Research Center. Berkeley, CA. March 2020. Invited by Karin Meyers.

“Buddhism’s Perspective on What it Means to Be a Human Being.” Opening Plenary Panel for University of Wyoming Honors College. Laramie, WY. January 28, 2020. Invited by Mary Catherine Fenton.

**PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP**

Served as mentor on “Culture and Cultural Diversity” Social Studies standard for Malcolm Wallop Teacher Training Workshop, summer 2021.

Wrote series on Buddhism in collaboration with YouTube channel “Religion for Breakfast” (300K subscribers). Forthcoming in August 2021. Invited by Andrew Mark Henry.

Guest on *New Books in Indian Religions Podcast*, hosted by Raj Balkaran, April 30, 2021.

Guest on *Yogic Studies Podcast,* hosted by Seth Powell, April 9, 2021.

“Seeing Things As They Are: Perception in Buddhist and Western Thought,” essay commissioned by George Haas and the Mettagroup for inclusion in *Punch Outs,* a book of photography to be published Spring 2021.

Contributed to Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Project, designed to provide teachable materials to high school social studies instructors based on state education standards, January 2021.

Podcast Co-Host, New Books in Buddhist Studies, on the New Books Network, 2019-present.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK**

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| **Director,** Buddhist Studies Online  Online educational platform dedicated to making accessible, affordable, and high-quality courses on the history and philosophy of Buddhism available to the public  **Consultant and Project Manager,** MAPlabs  Start-up focused on using social science research on meaning and purpose to develop programs for consumers to foster sense of meaning and purpose in their lives | February 2021-present  Nov 2020-present |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor,** University of Wyoming

RELI/HIST 2315: “History of Non-Western Religions: Buddhism,” Summer 2021

RELI 1000: “Introduction to World Religions,” Spring 2021

RELI 2050: “Religions of Asia,” Spring 2021

RELI/HIST 2315: “History of Non-Western Religions: Buddhism,” Fall 2020

RELI 4310: “Seminar in Asian Religions: Buddhist Ethics,” Fall 2020

**Visiting Instructor**, Amherst College

“Introduction to Buddhist Traditions,” Fall 2017

**Departmental Teaching Fellow**, Religion, Harvard University

“Teaching in Religion at Harvard,” Fall 2017-Spring 2018

**Senior Thesis Seminar Leader**, Harvard Divinity School

“Master of Divinity Senior Seminar,” Fall 2015-Spring 2018

**Head Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University

“Studying Buddhism Across Time and Place” (Professor Janet Gyatso), Fall 2016

**Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University

“If We Are To Repair The World: An Introduction to Religion, Ethics, and Politics” (Professor Charles Hallisey), Spring 2017

“Theological Spanish” (Professor Lorraine Ledford), Summer 2016

“Studying Buddhist Thought Contextually” (Professor Charles Hallisey), Spring 2016

“Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion” (Professor Amy Hollywood), Fall 2015

**Teaching Assistant*,*** HarvardX

“Buddhism Through its Scriptures” (Professor Charles Hallisey), Summer 2016

**PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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| **Elbogen Center for Teaching and Learning,** University of Wyoming  Working towards ECTL Teaching and Learning Certification   * “New Faculty Learning Community” * “Digital Teaching and Learning”   **Teaching Certificate,** Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning  Took four Bok Center teaching seminars, had teaching observed and evaluated   * “Teaching with Purpose: An Introduction to Critical Pedagogy” * “Going from TF to Colleague” * “Departmental TF Workshop Series” * “Foundations of Teaching in the Humanities” | Fall 2020-Spring 2021  Fall 2020  Summer 2019  Fall 2018-Spring 2019  Fall 2017-Spring 2018  Fall 2015-Spring 2016 |

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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| **Reviewer and Copy-Editor,** *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*  Reviewed articles and provided editing services for 3-10 articles per year  **Host**, New Books in Buddhist Studies Channel  Hosted author-interview podcasts for New Books Network  **Coordinator**, Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum  Planned and managed series of 10 speakers per year | 2020-present    2019-present  2014-16 |

**PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

Association of Asian Studies

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

**LANGUAGES**

**Tibetan**: reading fluency in Classical Tibetan, spoken proficiency in Lhasa dialect

**Sanskrit**: reading fluency

**Chinese**: intermediate reading and speaking

**Hindi**: beginning reading and conversation

**French**: reading fluency

**German**: reading fluency

**Spanish**: reading fluency and spoken proficiency

**FIELDWORK**

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| Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal  Sichuan University, Chengdu, China  Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, India  Khachoe Drubling Nunnery, Karsha, Zangskar, Ladakh, India  Khachoe Drubling Nunnery, Karsha, Zangskar, Ladakh, India  Backpacking, Northern India | June-Aug. 2018  June-Aug. 2017  June-Aug. 2013  May-Aug. 2012  May-Aug. 2011  May-Aug. 2010 |

**REFERENCES**

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| Janet Gyatso  Hershey Professor of Buddhist Studies  Harvard University  Andover Hall  45 Francis Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138  617-864-9313  jgyatso@hds.harvard.edu | Charles Hallisey  Yehan Numata Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Literatures  Harvard University  Andover Hall  45 Francis Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138  617-384-7872  [challisey@hds.harvard.edu](mailto:challisey@hds.harvard.edu) |
| James Robson  James C. Kralik and Yunli Lou Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations  Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations  2 Divinity Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138  617-495-8363  jrobson@fas.harvard.edu |  |