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## **EDUCATION**

- 2010**            **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**            Santa Barbara, CA  
Ph.D., *Religious Studies: History of Religions*  
Dissertation Committee: David Gordon White, Vesna Wallace, and  
William Powell
- 2005**            **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**            Santa Barbara, CA  
M.A., *Religious Studies*
- 2012**            **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**            Bozeman, MT  
*Graduate Certificate, Native American Studies*
- 1996**            **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**            Fort Collins, CO  
B.A., *Philosophy*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Burning Demons and Sprinkling Mantras: A History of Fire Sacrifice in South and Central Asia:*  
ProQuest, UMI Dissertation Publishing (September 30, 2011).

“Ritual Interplay of Fire and Water in Hindu and Buddhist Tantras,” in *Homa Variations: The Study of Ritual Change Across the Longue Durée*, ed. Michael Witzel and Richard Payne: Oxford University Press, 2016.

“Indo-European,” *Encyclopedia of Global Religions*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof. London: Sage Publications, 2012.

“Sanskrit,” *Encyclopedia of Global Religions*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof. London: Sage Publications, 2012.

“Globalization and Ritual: A History of Asian Fire Rites,” in *Globalization, Values and Pluralism: The Change of Religion, Belief and Culture in the Age of Globalization*, Edited by Guo Changgang. Shanghai: Shanghai Sanlian Press, 2010.

“Tantric Homa Rites in the Indo-Iranian Ritual Paradigm,” in *Journal of Ritual Studies*, Vol. 21, Number 1, 2007: 16-33.

“Is There Self Identity in Sāmkhya and Śankara?” in *Theologica Xaveriana*, April-June, No. 162, 2007: 221-237.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 2012 “Witches, Wizards, and Enemies of Righteousness Along the Silk Route.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting—Rocky Mountain Region, Provo, Utah, March.
- 2010 “The Ritual Use of Fire and Water in Buddhist and Hindu Tantras.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November.
- 2010 “Fire and Water in Three Ritual Universes: Zoroastrian, Vedic and Tantric.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting—Pacific Northwest Region, Victoria, BC, May.
- 2008 “A History of Fire Rites in East Asia.” International Conference, *Globalization, Values, and Pluralism*, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China, July.
- 2008 “Gods, Guns and Bulls: A Look at Religion and Culture in Montana.” Shanghai University Invited Lecture, Shanghai, China, July.
- 2007 Response to paper “North African Approaches to Religious Pluralism.” *The Challenges of Religious Pluralism and Dialogue: The West, Middle East and Japan*, Tunis, Tunisia, May.
- 2006 “Internationalization of Religious Studies in the U.S.” *The Internationalization of Religious Studies*, Nanzan Institute of Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan, January.
- 2005 “Religious Pluralism in a Global Context.” Invited Lecture to International Fulbright scholars: University of California, Santa Barbara.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2010 Professor Gerald J. Larson Dissertation Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2008-09 Graduate Division Dissertation Writing Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2008 Academic Senate Travel Award, UC Santa Barbara
- 2005-06 Rowny Graduate Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara
- 2004 Walter Capps Memorial Award for Scholarship in Religion and Public Life
- 2002-03 Rowny Graduate Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara
- 1996 *Summa cum laude*, Colorado State University
- 1995-96 Academic Travel Award, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University
- 1995 Phi Beta Kappa, Colorado State University, 1995.

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2007--           **Assistant Teaching Professor**, Department of History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Montana State University, Bozemen, MT
- 2012-           **Outreach Instructor**, Department of Religious Studies, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 2006-2007       **Lead Teaching Assistant**, Department of Law and Society University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2001-2007       **Teaching Assistant**, Departments of Religious Studies and Law and Society University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2002-2007       **Program Director**, Study of the U.S. Institute, U.S. Department of State University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Montana State University** (Instructor of Record)

Knowledge and Community: CLS First Year Seminar (CLS101)  
Sacrifice, Rite, and Ritual (RLST223)  
Introduction to the Study of Religion (RLST100D)  
Isms: Religion and Categories (RLST407)  
Cultural History of Asia (HIST115)  
Psyche and the Sacred (RLST410)  
Myth and Belief (RLST207)  
Buddhist Traditions (RLST203)  
Hindu Traditions (RLST202)  
Women, Gender, and Political Discourse (WS301)  
Religion and Gender (RLST321)  
Origins of God (RLST206)  
Hinduism and Buddhism (RLST202D)  
University Studies: First Year Seminar (US101)  
Dimensions of Buddhism, Wonderlust Course

### **University of Wyoming** (Instructor of Record)

History of Buddhism (RELI2315)  
Introduction to Religion (RELI1000)

### **University of California**, Santa Barbara, CA (Teaching Assistant)

Research Methods (3 semesters); Law and Society: Theories of Foucault (5 semesters); Gender and Law (2 semesters); Criminal Justice in Law and Society (2 semesters); Law and Politics; Law and Anthropology; Introduction to Asian Religions; Gods and Goddesses of India; Religion and Western Civilization I: Ancient World; Myth, Ritual and Symbol

## **SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2013- Faculty Advisor, Theory of Meditation Student Organization, MSU
- 2013- Bargaining Team, AFMSU, Montana State University
- 2012 Faculty Advisor, Students for Tester, Montana State University
- 2012 Distinguished Lecture Series Organizer, College of Letters and Science, MSU
- 2012 Article Reviewer, *History of Religions* (University of Chicago Press), January
- 2012 Workload Committee, MSU Dept. of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- 2006 Department Union Representative for Teaching Assistants, UCSB

## **LANGUAGES**

Sanskrit: Advanced reading and translation (5 academic years)

Hindi: Intermediate reading, listening, and speaking (2 academic years)

French: Elementary reading (2 academic years)

Chinese: Elementary listening and speaking (1 academic year)

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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