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Employment

- 03/2019-present Associate Professor in Transnational Buddhism, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 09/2018-present Chair, Asian Studies Program, University of California, Riverside.
- 08/2014-02/2019 Assistant Professor in Transnational Buddhism, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

Education

- 2014 PhD., Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
 Thesis Title: *Writing True Places: the Buddhist Historiography of Zavaa Damdin in the Early Days of Mongolian Socialism* (supervisors: Dr. Frances Garrett, Dr. Natalie Rothman, Dr. Amanda Goodman; external: Dr. Vesna Wallace)

Scholarly and Professional Work

RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-20: Mellon Foundation Second-Project Fellowship. Full teaching release 2019-20 academic year, \$4000 research funds.
- 2019: Senior Research Fellow, “Multiple Secularities in Pre-Modern Asia,” Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe, Centre for Advanced Study, University of Leipzig, Germany. April-June, 2019.
- 2018: *Is Capital Secular?: An Interdisciplinary Two-Day Workshop*. Humanities Interdisciplinary Award, Center for Ideas and Society. \$2000.
- 2017: *Genealogies of Knowledge: Reading Gsan yig/Thob yig Literature from the Tibetan Frontiers of Late Imperial China*. Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Collaborative Reading-Workshop Grant, \$15,000
- 2017: *The Old Empire and the New Reasoning: Interpretative Communities Between the European Academy and the Buddhist Monastery in Revolutionary Inner Asia (1911-1940)*. Social Science Research Council Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship, \$37,500
- 2016 *Buddhism RLST 106*. UC Riverside Affordable Course Materials Initiative, \$3000
- 2015: *Faxian in Translation*. University of California, Riverside Regents' Faculty Fellowship, \$1300
- 2014: *Interpretative Communities in Modernizing Inner Asia*. Social Science and Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral Fellowship (to be held at Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara), \$55,000 (declined)

- 2013 *Mongols' in the Buddhicization of China and Tibet*. Association for Asian Studies, Best Graduate Student Paper on China and Inner Asia, \$ 1000
- 2012 *Hor and Sog yul through the Mongolian Looking Glass*. Julia Ching Memorial Fellowship in Chinese Thought and Culture, \$5000
- 2012 *Zava Damdin and Buddhist Thought in Revolutionary Khalkha*. Khyentse Foundation Doctoral Scholarship, \$4000
- 2010 *Writing True Places: the Buddhist Historiography of Zavaa Damdin in the Early Days of Mongolian Socialism.*, SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2012), \$40,000
- 2011 *Scholasticism and Revolution in Inner Asia*. Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation Lotus Scholarship, \$4000
- 2011 *Gobi Desert Summer Camps for Buddhist Youth* (ethnographic study). Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion Doctoral Field Research Scholarship, \$5000

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 *Oceans of Milk, Oceans of Blood: A Mongolian Monk in the Ruins of the Qing Empire*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Peer-reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- 2019 "Desire," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 87 (3). in press.
- 2019 "Miscellaneous Writings" of Čaqar Gebši Luvsančültem" in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.
- 2019 "Agwan Dorjiev's Questions about the Past and Future of Mongolian Buddhism," in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.
- 2019 "Incense Offering to the Lord Chinggis Khan," in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.
- 2019 "Agvaannyam's 'The Origin of Human Beings and the Holy Dharma Kings and Ministers in Mongol Lands,'" from the *History of the Dharma: The Lamp of Scriptures and Reasoning*, in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.
- 2019 "Prayer to Sanjai," in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.
- 2019 "Zava Damdin's "A 1931 Survey of Mongolian Monastic Colleges," in ed. Vesna Wallace, *Sources of Mongolian Buddhism*. Oxford University Press. In press.

- 2018 “Mongolian Buddhism in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Editors: Dylan White. Oxford University Press. (online)
- 2018 “Agwangkhaidub on Psychic Heat, Mountain Dirt, and Virtuous Subjects,” *Mongolian Buddhism: Past, Present, and Future*. Editors: Krisztina Teleki. Hungarian Academy of Sciences. p.132-144.
- 2017 “Rivers of Clay, Silver and Saffron Cloth: Apropos *A Brief History of Trashī Thösam Ling* (Bkra shis thos bsam gling gi ‘byung khungs), A Late Record of Yeke-yin Kūriye’s Twenty-Sixth Buddhist Monastic Residence. *Rocznik Orientalistyczny* [The Yearbook of Oriental Studies]. Vol. LXX: 2 p.170-184.
2016. “A Socialist ‘Dharma Minister’ and a ‘Stubborn’ Monk on How to Reject the Dharma in Revolutionary Buryatia and Khalkha,” in *Journal of Religion and Violence*. Vol. 4: 2. pp. 205-227.
2016. “Knowing King Gésar Between Buddhist Monastery and Socialist Academy, Or the Practices of Secularism in Inner Asia,” in *Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*. Vol. 36: 1 13p.
2016. “Buddhist Economics: Scales of Value in Global Exchange,” in *Oxford Handbooks in Religion*. Editors: Mark Juergensmeyer. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (online)
- 2015 “Modernities, Sense-Making, and the Inscription of Mongolian Buddhist Place,” in *Buddhism in Mongolian History, Culture and Society*, ed. Vesna Wallace. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 53-69.
- 2015 (with Pamela Klassen). “Suppressing the Mad Elephant: Missionaries, Lamas, and the Mediation of Sacred Historiographies in the Tibetan Borderlands,” *History and Anthropology*, 26(3): 1-24.
- 2015 “Central Asian Buddhism,” Editor(s): Richard Payne. Oxford University Press. United Kingdom, New York. *Oxford Bibliographies in Buddhism*. (online)
- 2013 (with Frances Garrett et. al). "Narratives of Hospitality and Feeding in Tibetan Ritual," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 81 (2): 491-515.
- 2012 “The Buddha Hidden Below the Sand: Youth, Identity and Narrative in the Revival of Mongolian Buddhism,” in *Change in Democratic Mongolia: Social Relations, Health, Mobile Pastoralism, and Mining*, ed. Julian Dierkes. Leiden: Brill. pp. 17- 30.
- 2012 “Authorizing Origins and Civilizing Texts: Some Notes on Genealogy and Embodiment in late Mongolian Tibetan-language Historiography,” *The Material Culture, Language and Religion of Central and Inner Asia*. Editors: Michael Gervers, Wayne Schlepp. University of Toronto Press. p.163-178.

OTHER RECENT PUBLICATIONS (NON-REFEREED)

- 2016 “Killable Monks and Socialist Sovereignty,” Review of Christopher Kaplonski’s *The Lama Question*, in *Marginalia Review of Books* (<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/>)
- 2015 Review of *Ethnicizing the Frontier: Imperial Transformation and Ethnic Confrontations in China-Inner Mongolia, 1890s-1930s*, by Liping Wang, in *Dissertation Reviews*.
- 2015 “Teaching Theory in the Introductory Classroom,” in *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* (Equinox Publishing).

MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 09/2012 - 10/2018 | Member. Central Eurasian Studies Society. |
| 10/2011 - 10/2018 | Member. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. |
| 09/2010 - 10/2018 | Member. American Academy of Religion. |
| 10/2009 - 10/2018 | Member. Association for Asian Studies. |
| 09/2009 - 10/2018 | Member. International Association of Tibetan Studies. |
| 09/2009 - 10/2018 | Member. International Association of Buddhist Studies. |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

Editorial Boards

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| 09/2015 - Present | Associate Editor. Religious Studies Review. |
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Professional Boards & Societies

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| 09/2014 - Present | Board Member. Mongolian Foundation A non-profit 501 (c) organization based in Berkeley. |
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Presentations

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| 11/2019 | “Decolonial/Anti-Racist Interventions in Tibetan/Buddhist Studies,” Roundtable Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. |
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- 11/2019 “Śrī Śrī Homo Economicus: Claiming Desire in the Tantric Frontiers of Capital.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.
- 10/2019 “Ocean of Milk, Ocean of Blood: A Mongolian Monk in the Ruins of the Qing Empire: Book Talk.” Central Eurasian Studies Department, University of Indiana, Bloomington.
- 10/2019 “Ocean of Milk, Ocean of Blood: A Mongolian Monk in the Ruins of the Qing Empire: Book Talk.” Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia.
- 10/2019 “Faxian and the Disciplining of ‘Asia’ and ‘Buddhism’ (1836-1960).” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) 2019 Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- 09/2019 “The Mind Beyond the Atom: Lozang Gyatso and the Logical Problems of Brain Science and Materialist Biomedicine.” Buddhism and Technology: Historical Background and Contemporary Challenges, The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, University of British Columbia, Canada.
- 06/2019 “A Preliminary Survey of Polemics Against Empiricism and Scientific Knowledge in Inner Asia, 1644-1990.” Fifteenth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, France.
- 05/2019 “Ocean of Milk, Ocean of Blood: A Mongolian Monk in the Ruins of the Qing Empire: Book Talk.” Institut für Indologie und Zentralasienwissenschaft 2019-2020 Lecture Series, Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- 05/2019 "Unbiased Scholars" and "Superficial Intellectuals": Was there a Public Culture Between Europe and Inner Asia in the Long 19th Century?" Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe "Multiple Secularities - Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities" Colloquium Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe, Universität Leipzig, Germany.

- 04/2019 “Dorjé Shukden and Scholastic History in Late-and Post-Imperial Khalkha.” IRC Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies Project: Religion and Identity in Mongolia, Institut für Religionswissenschaft, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- 03/2019 “Follow the Money: Archives of the Economic in Inner Asia.” Expanding the Archives of Mongolian Buddhism, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 03/2019 “Ocean of Milk, Ocean of Blood.” Book talk at the Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Toronto.
- 03/2019 “Ocean of Milk, Ocean of Blood.” Book talk at the University of California, Riverside.
- 01/2019 “Desire.” Capital and the Secular: An Interdisciplinary Two Day Workshop. Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside.
- 06/2018 “Buddhist Ethics in the Ruins of the Qing.” The Second Conference on Buddhist Ethics. University of Southern California. Los Angeles.
- 03/2018 “Mending Mañjuśrī’s Maṇḍala: The Political and Religious Legacies of the Qing After its Political Endings in the Khalkha Monastic Colleges.” Traditional Religions, Secularisms, and Revivals: Buddhism and Shamanism in Northern Eurasia. The Käte Hamburger Kolleg *Dynamics in the History of Religions* of the Ruhr-University Bochum. Bochum, Germany.
- 03/2018 “And an Ocean of Milk Became an Ocean of Blood’: Buddhism, Power, and History in Post-Qing Mongolia.” *Oriental Studies Colloquium*, Faculty of Oriental Studies. Oxford University.
- 02/2018 “Cecil Polhill and Māyang Paṇḍita: Affect and Knowledge in a Failed 19th Century Conversion along the Sino-Tibetan-Anglo Frontiers.” *New Directions in Mongolian Buddhist Studies*. Department of Religious Studies. University of

California, Santa Barbara.

- 01/2018 “Gsan yig in the Oeuvre of Blo bzang rta mgrin: Historical and Anthropological Considerations.” *Genealogies of Knowledge in the Inner Asian Frontiers of China*. American Council of Learned Societies/Luce Foundation. Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside.
- 11/2017 “The Indivisible Hand of Kara: Tantric Desire and Economy from the Frontiers of Capitalism.” *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. American Academy of Religion. Boston.
- 10/2017 “Desire, Economics, and the Tantric Frontiers of Global Capital.” *Rebecca E. Moore Lecture Series*. Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.
- 10/2017 “The Foguoji in Translation.” *Mongolian Buddhism Conference*. University of California, Berkeley.
- 10/2017 “Fragments from Gesar’s Iron Chain: Biography as Aesthetics of Empire in the Minor Works of the Chahar Gevsh Luvsantsültim (1747-1810).” *Department of Religious Studies Speaker Series*. University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA.
- 09/2017 “The Foguoji and the Birth of Inner Asian Academe?: Faxian in Tibetan Translation During Mongolia’s Autonomous Period (1911-1919).” *Mongolian Buddhism Conference*. Center for Buddhist Studies, UC Berkeley. UC Berkeley.
- 08/2017 “Making and Unmaking Monastic, Scholastic, and Tantric Subjects in Late and Post-Imperial Inner Asia.” *The XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*. International Association of Buddhist Studies. Toronto, Canada.
- 08/2017 “Tibetan and Mongolian Buddhist Ecologies.” *Duke GAI-UNSW Workshop on Ecological Spirituality: Exploring Environmental Justice and Sustainable Citizenship*. Global Asia Initiative, Duke University.

- Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 07/2017 “Ways of Knowing and Worlds Thus Known: Changing Views on Empiricism and a Round Earth in Inner Asian Buddhist Monastic Colleges (T. grwa tshang).” *ICAS 10: International Convention of Asia Scholars*. Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 07/2017 “How to Distinguish Yourself on the Job Market.” *Professionalization Lecture*. Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.
- 05/2017 “Ways of Knowing and Worlds Thus Known: Changing Views on Empiricism and a Round Earth in Inner Asian Buddhist Monastic Colleges (T. grwa tshang).” *Connected Landscapes: The Alternative Understanding of Asian Societies, History and Ecology*. Yale MacMillan Center. Yale University, New Haven CT.
- 04/2017 “Nostalgia and Lament: Memorializing the Qing in Revolutionary-era Datsang.” *Mongolian Buddhism in Practice: 2nd International Conference on Mongolian Buddhism*. Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Eötvös Loránd University. Budapest, Hungary.
- 03/2017 “The Qing After the Qing: The Crises of Buddhism and Sovereignty in Mongol Scholastic Networks.” *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*. Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada.
- 02/2017 “Blood and Milk: Qing Buddhism After the Qing in Revolutionary Inner Asia.” *Department of Religious Studies 2016-17 Colloquium*. UC Riverside Department of Religious Studies. Riverside, CA.
- 11/2016 “Visions of Sovereignty in Late-Imperial Tibetan and Mongolian Travel Literature.” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*. American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX.
- 09/2016 “Rescuing Inner Asian History From the Nation?: Historical Anthropology, Inner Asian Buddhism, and Qing Legacies After the Qing.” *5th*

- International Conference of Oriental Studies: Concepts, Methods, Challenges and Perspectives.* Committee of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Warsaw, Poland.
- 06/2016 “Like A Dancer Wearing the Mask of a Holy Being: Critiquing the Trülku Tradition in Frontier Gélu Scholasticism During the Imperial-Socialist Transition.” *XIV Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies.* International Association of Tibetan Studies. Bergen. Norway.
- 04/2016 Response to "Tantric Buddhism in Sri Lanka: An Early Inscription from the Vajradhātu Maṇḍala" (Kellie Powell, University of California, Berkeley). *California Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Conference.* Stanford Humanities Center. Stanford University.
- 04/2016 “The Amban’s Bloody Nose: The Measure of Ritual Efficacy at Gungaachoin Datsan.” *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference.* Association for Asian Studies . Seattle, WA.
- 04/2016 "And He Kindly Passed That Lineage On To Me: Mapping Mongolian Buddhist Scholasticism Using the Thob Yig of Zawa Damdin Luwsandamdin (1867-1937)." Mongolian Buddhism Past, Present and Future International workshop dedicated to the 380th anniversary of the birth of Öndör Gegeen Zanabazar. Eötvös Loránd University. Budapest, Hungary.
- 03/2016 “The Old Empire and the New Reasoning: Interpretative Communities Between the European Academy and the Buddhist Monastery in Revolutionary Inner Asia (1911-1940).” *SSRC Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellows Workshop.* Social Science Research Council. Duke University.
- 11/2015 Chair. “The Work of Material Memory: Nostalgia, (Dis-)Comfort, and Identity Construction in Religious Practice.” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.* American Academy of Religion.

Atlanta, GA.

10/2015 “Ways of Knowing Geser Khaan Between Qing Monastery and Socialist Academy.” *Inaugural Conference for the Center of Mongolia Studies at UC Berkeley: Archaeology of Knowledge: New Archival and Material Discoveries in Mongolia*. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.

05/2015 “The Gaze That Consumes: The Aesthetics of Image Display and the Géluk Buddhist Dispensation.” *The Public Practice of Immigrant and Minority Religions in Southern California*. Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside. UC Riverside.

11/2014 “Imagining Buddhism Between Imperial Collapse and Socialist Modernity in the Oeuvre of the Khalkha Buddhist Monk Zawa Damdin (1867-1937).” *The Buddhist Studies Program Fund of the Department of Religious Studies & the XIVth Dalai Lama Endowment*. University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA.

11/2014 “Buddhist Economic Formations During Asia’s First Revolution.” *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA.

10/2014 “King Gesar in Real and Empty Time: Notes from the Oeuvres of Sumpa Khenpo, Palden Yéshé, and Zavaa Damdin.” *Destins divers de líÈpopÈe de Gesar de Ling, hommage à Rolf A. Stein*. École Pratique des Hautes Études. Paris, France.

07/2014 “Religion, Law and Economy in Revolutionary Inner Asia.” *Religion, Law and Economy Seminar*. Tübingen University. Tübingen, Germany.

Conference Organizing

01/2019 “Capital and the Secular: An Interdisciplinary two Day Workshop.” Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside.

- 06/2017 - 01/2018 “Genealogies of Knowledge: Reading Gsan yig/Thob yig Literature from the Tibetan Frontiers of Late Imperial China.” *Henry Luce Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies*. UCR Center for Ideas and Society. Conference Date(s): 01/2018-01/2018
- 08/2016 - 07/2017 The XVIIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies. I. International Association of Buddhist Studies. Toronto, Canada. Conference Date(s): 07/2017-07/2017
- 04/2016 - 03/2017 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. I. Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. Conference Date(s): 03/2017-03/2017
- 04/2016 - 05/2016 Mellon Advancing Intercultural Studies Capstone Conference . N. Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside. Culver Center of the Arts, Riverside, CA. Conference Date(s): 05/2016-05/2016

Workshops

- 04/2017 - 01/2018 Organizer. Genealogies of Knowledge Along the Inner Asian Frontiers of China. ACLS/LUCE Foundation. UCR (Center for Ideas and Society). Workshop Date(s): 01/2018-01/2018
- 11/2016 - 12/2016 Participant. Becoming Bodhisattva Citizens: Buddhist Education, Student-Monks, and Citizenship in Republican China (1911-1949), Manuscript Review for Rongdao Lai. University of Southern California, East Asian Studies Center. Los Angeles, CA. Workshop Date(s): 12/2016-12/2016
- 03/2016 - 04/2016 Participant. 2016 Triangle East Asia Colloquium, iRethinking Inter-Asian Connections Across Empires, National, and Cultural Zones. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. Workshop Date(s): 04/2016-04/2016
- 04/2015 - 04/2015 Participant. Mellon Advancing Intercultural Studies Seminar. Center for Ideas and Society (UCR). UCR. Workshop Date(s): 04/2015-06/2015
- 10/2014 - 10/2014 Participant. Teaching Religion in the Introductory Classroom. North American Association for the Study of Religion. San Diego, CA. Workshop Date(s): 10/2014-10/2014