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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Denison University	2020-2021
ASIANetwork-Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow	
University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies	2018-2019
Lecturer	

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Virginia	
Department of Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies	May 2020
Dissertation: <i>Conceiving the Mother of Tibet: The Life, Lives, and Afterlife of the Buddhist Saint Yeshe Tsogyel</i>	
A.M., University of Chicago	
Divinity School, History of Religions	June 2013
M.A., Renmin University of China	
School of Chinese Classics, History	July 2011
Thesis: <i>Cakrasaṃvara Literature in the Western Regions and China Proper between the 11th and 14th Centuries: On Wugou ... and other Cakrasaṃvara-related Materials</i>	
B.A., Renmin University of China	
School of Chinese Classics, Chinese Literature	July 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, gender, and sexuality; hagiography; lay religiosity; translation and transmission
Buddhist and Hindu tantra; Buddhist historiography and literature; Treasure revelation
(*gter ma*); narrative and identity.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Asian religions, Buddhism, Hinduism, tantra, literature and hagiography, religion and
gender, religion and body, translation and transmission.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- Jue Liang and Andrew S. Taylor. "Tilling the Fields of Merit: The Institutionalization of Feminine Enlightenment in Tibet's First *Khenmo* Program." *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*. (forthcoming 2020)
- Jue Liang. "Questioning Women: Ye shes mtsho rgyal and Other Female Disciples in *Zhus lan* Literature." *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, no. 55, Juillet 2020, 292–317.
- Jue Liang. "Branching from the Lotus-Born: Padmasambhava in the *Extensive Life* of Ye shes mtsho rgyal." In Geoffrey Samuel and Jamyang Oliphant of Rossie eds., *About Padmasambhava: Historical Narratives and Later Transformations of Guru Rinpoche*. Schongau: Garuda Verlag, 2020, 169-185.
- Jue Liang. "Songs of Experience (*mgur*) in the *Extensive Liberation Account of Yeshe Tsogyel*." *Longing to Awaken: Exploring Buddhist Devotion in Tibetan Poetry and Song*. (manuscript submitted to Wisdom Publications)
- Jue Liang. "Cakrasaṃvara Literature in the Western Regions and China Proper between the 11th and 14th Centuries: On *Wugou* ... and other Cakrasaṃvara-related materials." In Weirong Shen, ed., *History through Textual Criticism: Tibetan Buddhism in Central Eurasia and China Proper*. Beijing: China Tibetology Press, 2012, 98-129.

Translations

- Xu, Fancheng. *On the Theory of Pure Consciousness (Weishi jinghua)*. Trans. Jue Liang. (manuscript submitted to Shanghai Horizon Press)
- Dramdul, and Xiong Wenbin. *Xylographs in Marvelous Images, Names, Sūtras and Dhāraṇīs of the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas (Zhufo pusa miaoxiang minghao jingzhou): A Precious Heritage of Sino-Tibetan Art Communications in the Ming Dynasty*. Trans. Jue Liang. Beijing: China Tibetology Press, 2011.
- Luo, Wenhua. *Collection of Five Hundred Buddha Images*. Trans. Jue Liang. Beijing: China Tibetology Press, 2011.

Book Reviews

- Jue Liang. Review of *Buddhist Feminisms and Femininities*. Edited by Karma Lekshe Tsomo. *Buddhadharma*, vol. 17, no. 4 (Fall 2019), 114-118.
- Jue Liang. Review of *Wörterbuch der tibetischen Schriftsprache*. By Petra Maurer and Johannes Schneider. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, vol. 78, no. 2 (2015), 405-408.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Conference and Workshop Organized

The Sixth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists

University of Virginia, August 9-13, 2021

Tibetan Women Writing: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Literature

University of Virginia, October 2-4, 2020

Graduate Buddhist Studies Conference

University of Virginia, February 28-March 2, 2014

Panels Organized

Representing Mothers and Motherhood across Buddhist Traditions: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue (with co-organizer Peter Faggen)

XIXth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies
Seoul, South Korea, August 2021

A Woman's Place in Buddhist Dialogues: Querying the Margins of Tibetan Literature for the In/Visibility of Nuns and Yoginīs (with co-organizer Andrew Taylor)

American Academy of Religions Annual Meeting
Denver, CO, November 2018

Female Lives and Narratives in Tibet

American Academy of Religions Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA, November 2015

Invited Talks

“Reimagining Gendered Practice with Marxist and Buddhist Standpoint Epistemologies: A Case Study of Contemporary Khenmo Programs in Eastern Tibet” (with co-presenter Andrew Taylor). Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, December 2019.

“Who Is a Buddhist Feminist? Gender Discourse in Tibetan Buddhist Communities.” Huskey Graduate Research Symposium, “Tell Us Something We Don’t Know!” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 2019.

“Questioning Women: Ye shes mtsho rgyal in *Zhus lan*/Question-and-Answer Texts.” History of Religions Colloquium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2018.

“Women in Tibetan Buddhism.” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, November 2016.

“Representations of the Female Body in the Life Stories of Eminent Buddhist Women.” Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, July 2016.

“Two New Sources for the Study of Tibetan Buddhist Hagiographies and Literature.” Academic Salon for Young Scholars, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an, China, June 2016.

Paper Presentations

“Celibate Mothers: Motherhood and Gendered Discourse in Contemporary Tibetan Buddhist Monastic Communities” (with co-presenter Andrew Taylor). Panel: *Representing Mothers and Motherhood across Buddhist Traditions: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue*. XIXth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Seoul, South Korea, August 2021.

“The Guru’s Beautiful Body: The (Ir)relevance of Attractiveness and Masculinity in Tantric Consortship.” Panel: *Padmasambhava’s Traces*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2020.

“Seeing a Future for Women: Transforming Buddhist Discourse on Gender in Eastern Tibet.” 2020 International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture Conference, *Transmutations and Transgressions*, Chester, United Kingdom, September 2020. (postponed due to COVID-19)

“Migrating and Legitimizing Buddhism in Tibet: A Case Study of Treasure Origin Narratives, 14th and 15th Centuries.” Panel: *Global Middle Ages*. International Medieval Congress, Leeds, United Kingdom, July 2020. (online presentation)

“I am not a Buddhist Feminist:’ Gender Discourse among Tibetan Buddhist Nuns at Larung Gar.” Panel: *Subversive and Creative Leadership and Activism of Women:*

- Religion, Politics, and the Public Sphere*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2019.
- “Conduit for Wisdom: Ye shes mtsho rgyal as a Knowledge-Confering Vessel in Gter ma Teachings.” Panel: *Rethinking Gter ma*. The Fifteenth International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS) Seminar, Paris, France, July 2019.
- “Questioning Women: Yeshe Tsogyel and Other Female Disciples in *Zhus Lan* Literature.” Panel: *A Woman’s Place in Buddhist Dialogues*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2018.
- “Yeshe Tsogyel in Treasure Revelation.” Panel: *Padmasambhava and the Treasure Tradition*. Perspectives on Padmasambhava International Seminar, Rubin Museum, New York, NY, October 2018.
- “Songs of Experience (*mgur*) in the *Extensive Hagiography of Yeshe Tsogyel*.” Lotsawa Tibetan Translation Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 2018.
- “Sacred Conversations: Question-and-Answer Texts in the Treasure Tradition.” The Fifth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists, Saint Petersburg, Russia, September 2018.
- “Between Narrative and Dialogue: The Fluidity of Genre in Tibetan Treasure (*gter ma*) Literature.” International Symposium in Commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary of Feng Qiyong Academic Hall, Wuxi, China, December 2017.
- “*Zhus lan* as Scripture: Sacred Conversations in the Treasure Tradition.” The First International Symposium on Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an, China, November 2017.
- “Legends across the Himalayas: The Transmission of Ye shes mtsho rgyal’s *Lives* in Tibet and Bhutan.” Archaeology, Art, and Society in the Borderlands: The First Trans-Himalayan Research Workshop for Young Scholars, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, September 2017.
- “Metaphors and Actualities of the Female Body: Cases in Hagiographies of Tibetan Women.” The Sixth Beijing International Seminar on Tibetan Studies, China Tibetology Research Center, Beijing, China, August 2016.
- “An Earlier Hagiographical Corpus of Ye shes mtsho rgyal.” Conference on *Sino-Tibetan Buddhism: Interactions within Buddhist Traditions in China Proper and Tibet*. Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, July 2016.
- “Branching from the Lotus-Born: Padmasambhava in the Hagiographies of Ye shes mtsho rgyal.” Panel: *Padmasambhava Studies*. The Fourteenth International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS) Seminar, Bergen, Norway, June 2016.
- “Life Stories across the Himalayas: An Examination on Four Bhutanese Manuscripts of the Hagiography of Yeshe Tsogyel.” Panel: *Text, Traditions, and Transitions: Women’s Journeys from the Tibetan Cultural World*. Himalayan Studies Conference, Austin, TX, February 2016.
- “Garland of Seven Strands: An Early Corpus of Yeshe Tsogyel’s Hagiographies.” Panel: *Female Lives and Narratives in Tibet*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- “The Use of ‘Apps’ in Religious Studies Scholarship.” Buddhist Studies Group Workshop. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2015.

- “Questioning the Female Body: Metaphors and Actualities of Motherness in The Two Biographies of Yeshé Tsogyel and Lhadzin Yangjan Dröma.” The 37th Annual Susman Graduate Conference, “Everyday Enchantments.” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2015.
- “Women in Tibetan Religious Memory” (with co-presenter Kali Cape). The 54th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, January 2015.
- “Cakrasaṃvara Literature in the Western Regions and China Proper between the 11th and 14th Century: On *Wugou* ... and other Cakrasaṃvara-related materials.” The First Cross-Strait Conference on Sino-Tibetan Buddhism, Wuxi, China, August 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020-2021 Jefferson Trust, University of Virginia (For the Sixth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists)
 East Asia Center, Workshop Grant, University of Virginia (For *Tibetan Women Writing* Workshop)
 Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation, Global Center Grant, University of Virginia (For *Tibetan Women Writing* Workshop)
 Page Barbour Workshop Series, University of Virginia (For *Tibetan Women Writing* Workshop)
- 2020 Student Research Collaboration Fellowship, the Religion, Race, & Democracy Lab, University of Virginia
 Meeting Grant, From the Ground Up Project (FROGBEAR), University of British Columbia (For Women in Buddhist Studies Professionalization Lunch)
- 2019-2020 Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies
 Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Virginia (Declined)
- 2019 Departmental/Robert J. Huskey Conference & Travel Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
 Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship, American Academy of Religion
 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Academy of Religion
 Ellen Bayard Weedon Summer Travel Grant, University of Virginia
 Huskey Graduate Research Symposium Honorarium, University of Virginia
- 2018 Conference Travel Funding, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2017-2019 John S. Lillard Jefferson Fellow, Jefferson Scholars Foundation
- 2016 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Predissertation Summer Travel Grant
 Conference Travel Funding, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2015 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research

2014 Fellowship, University of Virginia
Ellen Bayard Weedon Summer Travel Grant, University of Virginia
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Foreign Language
Fellowships, University of Virginia
2011-2013 Tuition Award, Divinity School, the University of Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Denison University

Fall 2020 REL 105 *Buddhism*

Lecturer, University of Virginia

Spring 2019 RELB2715 *Introduction to Chinese Religions*

Fall 2018 RELB3150 *Seminar on Buddhism and Gender*

Instructor, Sichuan University

Spring 2018 Advanced Literary Tibetan

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia

Fall 2016 RELB 2054 *Tibetan Buddhism Introduction* (dual teaching load)

Spring 2015 RELG 1040 *Introduction to Eastern Religious Traditions*

Fall 2014 RELH 2090 *Hinduism*

Spring 2014 RELB 2450 *Zen*

Pedagogical Training:

Course Design Institute University of Virginia, June 2020

A two-week intensive online institute on learning-focused course design suitable for face-to-face, hybrid, or online courses.

Tomorrow's Professor Today University of Virginia, 2018-19

A yearlong professional development program for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Guest editor for *Journal of Tibetology* (Special Issue: "New Directions in Gter ma Studies," 2020-2021)

Manuscript reviewer for *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*

Co-organizer of the *Women in Buddhist Studies Professionalization Lunch* at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religions, a networking event that invites senior female and female identifying scholars and publishes to share their expertise and experience with junior scholars (2020)

Translator for Shanghai Horizon Media (English to Chinese, 2017-2018) and China Tibetology Press (Chinese to English, 2011-2013)

Organizer: Religious Studies Women's Dinner Series at the Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, an informal dinner for female and female identifying faculty members and doctoral students (2014-2017)

Co-organizer of the History of Religions Colloquium at the Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, a recurring workshop series for faculty members and doctoral students to present and discuss ongoing works (2014-2015)

Conference coordinator for the Graduate Buddhist Studies Conference at the University of Virginia (2014)

LANGUAGES

Fluent or near fluency:

Chinese (Mandarin, classical), English, Sanskrit, Tibetan

Working knowledge:

Chinese (Cantonese), German, Pali

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

December 2019

Dissertation Field Research, Sichuan, China

May– June 2019

Dissertation Field Research, Sichuan, China

July 2017 – August 2018

Dissertation Field Research, China and Nepal

July 2016

Dissertation Field Research, Tibet Autonomous Region, China

June 2015

Archival Research, Bhutan

June – August 2014

Language Study (Intensive Advanced Colloquial Tibetan), Kathmandu, Nepal

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (current)

Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (current)

International Association for Buddhist Studies (current)

International Association for Tibetan Studies (current)

REFERENCES

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