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– Education –

PhD Asian Studies

2017 Leiden University (Leiden, Netherlands)

- Date of conferral: 2017 September 7

- Dissertation title: “Buddhist Astrology and Astral Magic in the Tang Dynasty”

MA Degree Buddhist Studies

2011 Komazawa University 駒澤大学 (Tōkyō, Japan)

- Concentrations: Classical Chinese language, Classical Chinese Buddhism, Buddhist History

- Thesis: 法蔵の『梵網經菩薩戒本疏』に於ける価値観とその背景 (Japanese) / “A Study of Ethics in Fazang’s Commentary on the *Brahma Net Sūtra* and its Background”

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction

2009 University of Alberta (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

- Major: East Asian Studies, Minor: Chinese Literature

– Career Experiences –

2018 – 2020 **McMaster University** (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada)

Postdoctoral Fellow

- Recipient of the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship.

- Research project: “Buddhist and State Historiographies in Medieval China”

2018 **Friedrich-Alexander University** (Erlangen, Germany)

Research Fellow

- Researcher within the program Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication: Strategies for Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe.

- Research Project: “The Evolution of Chinese Horoscopy from the Tang to the Ming”

2016 **Leiden University** (Leiden, Netherlands)

Teaching Assistant

- Leading weekly supplementary seminars for “Introduction to Buddhism” course.

- Exam supervision and grading.

2009 – Present

Freelance Translator

- Translating academic and non-academic materials from Japanese and Chinese into English (Employers: University of British Columbia, Komazawa University, Dharma Drum Mountain).

- Presently translating for the BDK (Tōkyō) English Tripitaka Project (from February, 2017).

2013 **International Buddhist Academy** (Kathmandu, Nepal)

English Instructor

- Teaching intermediate and advanced English classes to students of various ages.

2012 – 2013 **Dharma Drum Mountain** (Taipei, Taiwan)

Translator

- Translation of Buddhist related material from Mandarin Chinese into English.

– Academic Publications –

- [11] “Research Note on Brahmanical Deities in Mikkyō Astrological Art.” *Journal of Asian Humanities at Kyushu University* 4 (2019): 101–108.
- [10] “Astrological Determinism in Indian Buddhism.” *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 41 (2018): 145–167.
- [9] “The Sinicization of Indo-Iranian Astrology in Medieval China.” *Sino-Platonic Papers* 282 (2018): 1–95.
- [8] “Buddhist Astrology.” In *Astrology through History: Interpreting the Stars from Ancient Mesopotamia to the Present*, ed. William Burns, 61–66. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2018.
- [7] “Yixing and Pseudo-Yixing: A Misunderstood Astronomer-Monk.” *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies* 31 (2018): 1–37.
- [6] “Japanese Buddhist Astrology and Astral Magic: Mikkyō and Sukuyōdō.” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 45, no. 1 (2018): 37–86.
- [5] “Early Tantric Hemerology in Chinese Buddhism: Timing of Rituals According to Śubhakarasiṃha and Yixing.” *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* 13 (2018): 1–29.
- [4] “Can Monks Practice Astrology? Astrology and the Vinaya in China.” In *Rules of Engagement: Medieval Traditions of Buddhist Monastic Regulation*, eds. Susan Andrews, Jinhua Chen and Cuilan Liu, 503–517. Hamburg: Hamburg University Press, 2017.
- [3] “Astrological Iconography of Planetary Deities in Tang China: Near Eastern and Indian Icons in Chinese Buddhism.” *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies* 30 (2017): 33–88.
- [2] “Iranian Elements in Late-Tang Buddhist Astrology.” *Asia Major* 30, no. 1 (2017): 25–58.
- [1] “Kanjiiken no bungaku ni okeru saihō-senseijutsu no yōso: tōzai bunka kōryū ni okeru Bukkyō no yakuwari” 漢字圏の文学における西方占星術の要素：東西文化交流における仏教の役割 [Elements of Occidental Astrology in Literature of the Sinosphere: a Role of Buddhism in Eurasian Cultural Exchange]. *Bukkyō bungaku kenkyū* 佛教文學研究 19 (2016): 85–110.

– Forthcoming Publications –

“Chinese and English Horoscopy in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: the Astrological Doctrines of the Twelve Houses and Lot of Fortune in the *Xingxue dacheng* 星學大成 by Wan Minying 萬民英 (1521–1603) and *Christian Astrology* by William Lilly (1602–1681).” *International Journal of Divination and Prognostication* (2019).

“Indo-Iranian and Islamic Sources of Astrological Medicine in Medieval China.” *Asian Medicine: Journal of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine* (2019).

Translation of *Bian zhongbian lun* 辯中邊論 (*Madhyāntavibhāga-bhāṣya*). T 1600. BDK Tripitaka Translation Series (2020).

“Yixing 一行” and “Tejaprabhā.” In *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, vol. II (2019).

– Scholarships and Awards –

Year(s)	Award	Value (US\$)
2018–2020	Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Buddhist Studies (administered by American Council of Learned Societies) (2 years)	\$110,000
2018	Fall 2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Exchange - Conference Attendance & Representational Activities	\$800
2018	International Consortium for Research in the Humanities IKGf Scholarship in Erlangen, Germany (6 months)	\$22,000
2016	Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies (10 months)	\$30,000
2015	Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai (BDK) Canada Graduate Scholarship (12 months)	\$30,000
2009–2011	Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) Research Student Scholarship (24 months)	\$50,000
2009	Jason Lang Scholarship (University of Alberta)	\$800
2008–2009	University of Alberta Undergraduate Scholarship	\$600
2008–2009	Guy Stuart Phillips Memorial Award (University of Alberta)	\$1,200
2006–2007	Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Short Term Exchange Scholarship for study at Kokugakuin University, Japan (10 months)	\$10,000
Total:		\$255,400

– Conference Participation and Academic Talks –

- 2019 January 18. “Buddhism and Astrology in the Tang Dynasty.” **University of Toronto: The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Centre for Buddhist Studies**. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Invited talk.

- 2018 November 18. “Horoscopy and Astral Magic in Tang China.” Society for the Study of Chinese Religion at **American Academy of Religion**. Denver, CO, USA. Research presentation.

- 2018 October 4. “Buddhist Astrology and Astral Magic in Medieval China: Indian and Iranian Connections.” **Yale University**. New Haven, CT, USA. Invited talk.

- 2018 April 10. “How Did Hellenistic Astrology End Up in Medieval China? Horoscopy in Tang China.” Internationales Kolleg für Geisteswissenschaftliche Forschung. **Friedrich-Alexander University**. Erlangen, Germany. Invited talk.
- 2018 March 9. “Buddhist Hemerology” at “Authority, efficacy and discourse in ritual.” **École pratique des hautes études**. Paris, France. Conference paper.
- 2017 August 23. “Sources of Japanese Buddhist Astrology.” XVIIIth Congress of the **International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)**. Toronto, Canada. Conference paper.
- 2017 April 21. “Transcanonicity in World Religions: the Case of Saturn from Spain to Japan” at “Canonical Cultures.” **Leiden University**. Leiden, Netherlands. Conference paper.
- 2015 March 23. “Buddhist Astrology in China.” **National Chengchi University**. Taipei, Taiwan. Hosted by Dr. Shu-wei Hsieh 謝世維. Invited talk.

– Scholarly Services –

- Conference co-organizer. “Asia Under the Heavens.” Yale University (scheduled for April 2020).
- Reviewer. UCLA Center for Buddhist Studies (1 monograph). *Asiatische Studien - Études Asiatiques* (1 article). *Acta Orientalia* (1 article). *Buddhism, Law & Society* (1 article).
- 2010 – Present. Content collaborator (700+ entries). Digital Dictionary of Buddhism and CJKV-English Dictionary (www.buddhism-dict.net/ddb/), edited by Charles Muller.

– Academic Translations –

- Chen Ming. “Vinaya works translated by Yijing and their circulation: Manuscripts excavated at Dunhuang.” (義淨的律典翻譯及其流傳 以敦煌西域出土寫卷為中心). *Studies in Chinese Religions* 1, no. 3 (2015): 229–268.
- Guo Jing. “Realization through Hearing in Chan Literature.” (禪宗語錄公案中耳根圓通及其應用). *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies* 27 (2014): 129–179.
- He Jianming. “Compilation of Local Chronicles and New Directions in Research of Chinese Religious History.” (地方誌文獻匯纂與中國宗教史研究的新趨向). *Studies in Chinese Religions* 2, no. 1 (2016): 1–17.
- Ishii Shūdō. “Dōgen’s Views on Practice and Realization and His Dream Encounter with Damei Fachang.” *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy* 1 (2015): 193–212.
- Li Xiangping. “Increased Production and Education—The New Modern Buddhist Thought and Practice of Monk Juzan” (“生產化”與“學術化”——巨贊法師的現代新佛學思想及其實踐). *Studies in Chinese Religions* 3, no. 1 (2017): 83–100.

– Languages –

- English (native)
- Japanese (advanced reading, writing and speaking)
- Classical Chinese (advanced reading)
- Modern Mandarin (advanced reading, intermediate speaking)
- Sanskrit (basic reading of romanized text)

– Popular Magazine Articles –

“Indian Astronomers in Sui-Tang China.” *The Jyotish Digest* 13, no. 2 (Apr-Jun 2016): 30–35.

– Relevant Experience –

- Extensive travel experience, having lived in Canada, India, Ladakh, Nepal, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, Netherlands, and Germany. Extensive experience with modern Japanese, Chinese, Tibetan, and Theravādin Buddhist traditions.