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Office Address:

Department of Religion, Columbia University,
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Educational Background:

Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, 1973. Religion
M.A., Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1961. English Literature.
B.A., Tunghai University, Taiwan, 1959. English Literature.

Employment:

Teaching and Research Positions:

- Columbia University, Department of Religion, Professor, 2004-
- The Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, spring quarter, 2003.
- Rutgers University, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Department of Religion, Professor Emerita, 2004-; Chair 2000-04; Professor 1992 -2004; Associate Professor, 1979-1992. Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty, Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University 1986-2004.
- Rutgers University, Rutgers College, Department of Religion, Assistant Professor, 1973-1979.
- Rutgers University, Rutgers College, Department of Religion, Lecturer, 1972-73.
- New York University, Department of Religion, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1971-72.
- New York University, Department of Middle-Eastern Languages and Cultures, Instructor, 1970-71.
- Columbia University, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Teaching Assistant, 1961-66.
- Kyoto University, Institute of Humanistic Studies, Research Fellow, 1968-69.
- Kyoto University, Faculty of Letters, Visiting Scholar, May-December, 1977.
- Princeton University, Department of Asian Studies, Visiting Research Scholar, Fall, 1979.
- Harvard University, Center for the Study of World Religions, Visiting Scholar, Spring, 1980.

- Radcliffe College, The Bunting Institute, Bunting Fellow, Spring, 1980.
- Institute of Research on World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, PRC, Visiting Scholar, Fall, 1986.
- Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, PRC, Visiting Professor, 1987.
- Chung-hua Institute of Buddhist Culture, Taiwan, Visiting Professor, Spring, 1994.
- Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, Visiting Scholar, 1998.

Fields of Specialization:

(A) Teaching: Buddhism, East Asian and Chinese Religions

(B) Research: Chinese Buddhism

Language Proficiency:

Chinese is my mother tongue. I can read and write both classical and modern Chinese. I speak the standard Mandarin dialect. I can read both classical and modern Japanese. I read French for research.

Travel and Residence Abroad:

- India: March 2006
- Thailand and Cambodia: December 2002; Indonesia: August 2003
- South Korea: August 1999, May 2004
- Taiwan: 1967-68, April 1977, Summer, 1978, July-August, 1986, September, 1989, January, 1990; January 1992; August 1992; April-May 1993; February, July-August 1994; May-June, 1995. January-August 1998; June, 2000; March-April 2001, July 2003, December 2004, October 2006
- Hong Kong: October-November, 1968; March, 1977, August, 1986 & 1987; June, 1992; May, 2000; December 2002.
- Kyoto, Japan: December 1968-May 1969; May-December, 1977; Tokyo: May, 1995.
- India, Thailand, Soviet Union (Moscow and Leningrad), Sweden, Denmark: July-August, 1969.
- England: July, 1973, August, 1985.
- Germany and Italy: August, 1971, July 1985.
- People's Republic of China: August, 1983; August, 1986-August, 1987; July-August 1992, July-August, 2002; June-July 2006
- France: July, 1985. June 1992, January 2006
- Marburg, Tübingen, Heidelberg, Stuttgart (West Germany), Zurich (Switzerland), Paris (France), Amsterdam, Leiden (The Netherlands), London (England), June-July 1988.

Honors and Awards:

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude Valedictorian, Tunghai University, Taiwan, 1959.
- Full Scholarship, Smith College, 1959-61.
- President's Fellow, Columbia University, 1963-64.
- National Defense Fellow for Japanese Language Study, Columbia University, 1964-67.
- National Defense Fellow for dissertation research, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan, 1967-69.
- Rutgers Research Council Research Grant, Summer 1974, 1975-76, Spring term, 1977, 1981-84; Summer, 1985, 1987-90. FAS Research Grant 1996-1999.
- American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Research Grant in Chinese Civilization, January-December, 1977.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Research Grant, Fall 1979.
- Bunting Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Spring, 1980.
- ACLS-SSRC Research Grant in Chinese Civilization, 1985-86.
- CSCPRC National Program Scholar, 1986-87.
- East Asian Humanities Grant, NJ Department of Higher Education, 1988-89 (Co-investigator and co-director).
- Pacific Cultural Foundation Grant, 1992.
- National Endowment of Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers 1993-1994.
- Gaya Buddhist Foundation of Taiwan Research Grant, 1997-1998.
- Committee on Scholarly Exchange with China, ACLS, sponsorship of Chinese Fellow (Yao Chongxin), 2004-2005)

Publications:

(1) Books:

Encountering the Dharma: Studies in Chinese Buddhism (Binghamton: Global Scholarly Publications, 2005).

Kuan-yin: The Chinese Transformation of Avalokiteśvara (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001).

The Ultimate Realm: Doctrines of T'ienti Teachings, A New Religion. Edited with "Introduction" (Taiwan, 1994).

In Search of the Dharma: Memoirs of A Modern Chinese Buddhist Pilgrim. Edited with an "Introduction" (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1992).

Pilgrims and Sacred Sites in China. Co-edited with Susan Naquin (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1992).

The Renewal of Buddhism in China: Chu-hung and the Late Ming Synthesis (New York: Columbia University Press, 1981; reprint by Global Scholarly Publications, 2004).

(2) Chapters in Books:

“What Makes A Nun Holy?” *Hagiography and Poetry in Chinese Buddhism*. Edited by Liao Yi-hung (Taipei: Institute of Philosophy and Literature, Academia Sinica, 2005) in Chinese

“A Sutra Promoting the White-Robed Guanyin as Giver of Sons,” *Asian Religions in Practice*. Edited by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. (Princeton University Press, 2002) pp. 350-358

“Biography of the Great Compassionate One of Xiangshan by Jiang Zhiqi (1031-1104)” in *Under Confucian Eyes: Writings on Gender in Chinese History*. Edited by Susan Mann and Yu-yin Cheng (University of California Press, 2001) pp. 31-44.

“Chinese Religions on Population, Consumption and Ecology,” *Visions of A New Earth: Religious Perspectives in Population, Consumption, and Ecology*. Edited by Harold Coward and Daniel C. Maguire (State University of New York Press, 2000), pp. 161-174.

“Feminine Forms of Kuan-yin and Buddhist Views of Morality and Sexuality” in *Neo-Confucian Orthodoxy and Human Desires: Post/Modernity in Late Imperial Chinese Culture*. Edited by Hsiung Ping-chen and Lü Miao-fen. (Taipei: Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, 2000), pp. 295-311 (in Chinese).

Sources of Chinese Tradition, Chapter 17 of Volume I. Co-authored with Leon Hurvitz, Daniel Stevenson and Philip Yampolsky. Compiled by Wm. Theodore deBary and Irene Bloom (New York: Columbia University Press, 1999), pp. 481-536.

"Buddhism in the Ming Dynasty," Chapter 14 in Vol. VIII of the *Cambridge History of China*, edited by Dennis Twitchett and Frederick Mote (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998), pp. 893-952.

“The Cult of Kuan-yin in Ming-Ch’ing China: A Case of Confucianization of Buddhism?” *Meeting of the Minds*, Edited by Irene Bloom and Joshua Vogel (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997), pp. 144-174.

“Chinese Women Pilgrims’ Songs Glorifying Guanyin,” *Buddhism in Practice*. Edited by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. (Princeton University Press, 1995), pp. 176-180.

“Indigenous Chinese Scriptures and the Cult of Kuan-yin,” *Proceedings of the Conference on Buddhism and Chinese Culture* (Taiwan, 1995) Vol. 2, pp. 421-465.

"Guanyin: The Chinese Transformation of Avalokiteśvara," *Latter Days of The Law: Images of Chinese Buddhism 850-1850*. Edited by Marsha Weidner, Preface by Sherman E. Lee (Spencer Museum of Art, The University of Kansas in Association with University of Hawaii Press, 1994) pp. 151-181.

"Kuan-yin in Pao-chuan Literature and Chinese Popular Beliefs" in *Proceedings of International Conference on Popular Beliefs and Chinese Culture*. Vol I. (Taiwan: Center for Chinese Studies, 1994) pp. 333-351 (in Chinese).

"P'u-t'o Shan: Pilgrimage and the Creation of Chinese Potosí," in *Pilgrims and Sacred Sites in China*. Edited by Susan Naquin and Chün-fang Yü. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992), pp. 190-245.

"Introduction" co-authored with Naquin in *Pilgrims and Sacred Sites in China*, pp. 1-38.

"Der Guanyin-Kult in Yunnan" in *Der Goldschatz der Drei Pagoden* (Museum Rietberg, Zurich, 1991), pp. 28-39.

"Images of Kuan-yin in Chinese Folk Literature," *Chinese Studies*, Vol.8, No. 1 (1990, June), pp. 221-285.

"Ch'an Education in the Sung: Ideals and Procedures" in *Neo-Confucian Education: The Formative Stage*, edited by John Chaffee and Wm. Theodore deBary (Berkeley: The University of California Press, 1989), pp. 57-104.

Essay on "Chu-hung" for *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by Mircea Eliade, (New York: The Free Press, a division of Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., 1986).

"Chung-feng Ming-pen and Ch'an Buddhism in the Yuan," in *Chinese Thought and Religion under the Mongols*. Edited by Hok-lam Chan and Wm. Theodore deBary (New York: Columbia University Press, 1982), pp. 419-477.

"Religions on the Silk Road" in *Silk and Oil: Central Asia in World History*, edited by Ronald Knapp (NY: China Institute, 2005).

"Chu-hung," in L. Carrington Goodrich and Chao-ying Fang (eds.) *The Ming Biographical Dictionary* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976), pp. 322-324.

"Chu-hung and Lay Buddhism in the Late Ming," (under my former name, Kristin Yu Greenblatt) in Wm. Theodore deBary and the Conference on Seventeenth Century Chinese Thought, *The Unfolding of Neo-Confucianism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1975), pp. 93-140.

(3) Periodical Articles in Scholarly Journals:

"The Cult of Kuan-yin in China": three issues of *Hsiang-kuang Quarterly* (Chiayi, Taiwan), Nos. 59, 60, 61 (September, December 1999 and March 2000), pp. 4-79; 4-68; 6-113.

"Miracle Tales and the Domestication of Kuan-yin", *Chung-hua Buddhist Journal*. Vol. 11 (1998), pp. 425-481.

"Scriptural Basis of Kuan-yin Budhisattva, the Appellations, and Other Ambiguities." *Chung-hua Buddhist Journal*. Vol. 10 (1997), pp. 409-464.

"Ambiguity of Avalokiteśvara and the Scriptural Sources for the Cult of Kuan-yin in China," *Chung-hua Buddhist Journal*. Vol. 10 (1997), pp. 409-463.

"Apocryphal Sutras and the Faith in Kuan-yin," in *Chung-hua Buddhist Journal* Vol. 8 (July 1995), pp. 97-135"(in Chinese).

"Feminine Images of Kuan-yin in Post-T'ang China," *Journal of Chinese Religions*, No. 18 (Fall, 1990), pp. 61-89.

"Some Buddhist Responses to Neo-Confucianism in the Ming," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*. 15 (1988), pp. 371-413.

"Tradition of Innovation: The New Religion of T'ien-te sheng-chiao," in *Numen, International Review for the History of Religions*, Vol. XXVII, No. 2 (1980), pp. 222-246. Co-author with Holmes Welch.

"Ta-hui Tsung-kao and Kung-an Ch'an," in the Special Issue on "Modes of Self-Cultivation in Traditional China," *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (Spring, 1978), pp. 211-235.

"Buddha-Invocation (Nien-fo) as Koan," *Dharma* (April, 1977), pp. 189-203.

Book Reviews:

Review of Xiao-fei Kang's *The Cult of the Fox*. *Journal of Chinese Religions* (2006)

Review of Jamie Hubbard's *Absolute Delusion, Perfect Enlightenment*. *History of Religions* (2004)

Review of Daniel Overmyer's *Precious Volumes: An Introduction to Chinese Sectarian Scriptures from the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*. *Journal of Asian Studies*. Vol. 59, No. 3 (August 2000), pp. 714-717.

Review of Alan Cole's *Mother and Son in Chinese Buddhism*. *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*. Vol. 60 No. 1 (June 2000), pp. 333-350.

Review of “The Reincarnation of Khensur Rinpoche,” “The Trials of Telo Rinpoche” and “A Stranger in My Native Land,” three videos by Tenzing Sonam and Ritu Sarin, *American Anthropologist* Vol. 102, No. 1 (March 2000), pp. 158-159.

Review of Timothy Brook’s *Praying for Power: Buddhism and the Formation of Gentry Society in Late-Ming China*. *China Review International*. Vol. 3, No.1 (Spring 1996), pp. 100-111.

Review of Hsu Sung-peng’s *A Buddhist Leader in Ming China*. *Ming Studies*. 1987 Winter issue.

Review of Daniel Overmyer’s *Folk Buddhist Religion*. *Eastern Buddhist* (May, 1977.) New Series, Vol. X, No. 1.

Video:

Kuan-yin Pilgrimage (56 minutes, color, VHS format, R.C. Video, 1989; DVD format, Columbia University Press, 2004). Filmed on location in PRC in 1987. Pilgrimages to Kuan-yin cultic centers in Hangzhou and Putuo Shan. I was the script-writer, director, and producer.

Current Research Project:

A book in Chinese and English editions to be entitled "Buddhist Nuns of Taiwan: The Case of the Hsiang-kuang Bhiksuni Sangha" based on documentary research and field work carried out in Taiwan for eight months in 1998. Buddhism has been undergoing a revival in Taiwan during the last twenty years. One of the most striking characteristics is the large number of college educated women who have entered the Sangha. A rough count puts the proportion of nuns to monks at a ratio of four to one. I will use a community of nuns, the Hsiung-kuang Bhiksuni Sangha, as an example to show the recruitment patterns, the religious and professional training they undergo, and the activities they engage in upon graduation from the seminary run by the community. I will pay particular attention to the difficulties and challenges these young women faced when they decided to enter the monastic life, how they overcame them, and the impact of these educated women on Taiwanese Buddhism. The book will draw on the ethnographical as well as archival materials about this community. I shall investigate how gender and modernity have changed Buddhism in Taiwan. I am equally interested in knowing how this new form of Taiwanese Buddhism is able to attract more modern, educated and professional women in Taiwan.

Professional Activities:

I. Papers Presented at International Research Conferences

“University Buddhist Study Associations and the Recruitment of College Students into the Sangha”
An International Conference on Lay Buddhism in China. Ningpo, China June 27-July 4, 2006

“What Makes a Nun Holy?” An International Conference on Hagiography and Chan Poetry,
Academia Sinica, Taipei, Dec 10-11, 2004

“Bringing the Dharma to the People: The Adult Education Classes in Buddhism by the Hsiang-kuang Bhikkhuni Sangha,” An International Conference on Nuns in East Asian Buddhism, Seoul, May 15-18, 2004.

“Virtue and Charisma: Models of Saintly Nuns in China,” The 3rd Chinese Sinologists International Conference, University of Singapore, July 23-27, 2003.

“Against the Grain: Nuns and Buddhist Revival in Contemporary Taiwan,” the 13th Conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Bangkok, December 8-13, 2002.

“Nuns in Contemporary Taiwan,” the 8th International Conference on Women Religious, June 2001, University of Marquett, Wisconsin.

“Buddhist Nuns of Taiwan: The Case of the Hsiang-kuang Bhiksuni Sangha,” at the international conference on "Religion and Chinese Society: The Transformation of A Field and Its Implication for the Study of Chinese Culture, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 29- June 2, 2000.

October 1996: "Ambiguity of Avalokiteśvara and the Scriptural Sources for the Cult of Kuan-yin" at the Conference on "Bodhisattvas in Mahayana Buddhism" held at University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

April 1996: "Domestication of the Thousand-handed and Thousand-eyed Kuan-yin in the Sung" at the Conference on "Sung Buddhism" held at University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

October 1995: “Chinese Religious Responses” at symposium on “New Theology on Population, Consumption and Ecology” at Victoria, Canada.

July 1994: "Indigenous Scriptures and the Cult of Kuan-yin in China" at the Conference on "Buddhism and Chinese Culture" organized by the Association of Chinese Religions and held in Taipei, Taiwan.

June 1993: "Images of Kuan-yin in Ming-Ch'ing Popular Literature" at the Conference on "Women and Literature in Ming-Qing China" held at Yale University.

April 1993: "*Pao-chüan* wen-hüseh chung te Kuan-yin yü ming-chien hsin-yang" (Kuan-yin and Popular Beliefs as Reflected in *Pao-chüan* Literature) at the Conference on "Popular Beliefs and Chinese Culture" held at the Chinese Studies Center, Taipei, Taiwan.

July 1992: "The Cult of Acouye Kuan-yin among the Bai People during the Nanzhao and Dali Kingdoms in Yunnan" at the Conference on "Regionalism in Chinese Buddhism" organized by Shanxi University and held at Mount Wutai, Shanxi, China.

January 1990: "The Buddhist Precept of Non-killing and Its Implication for Ecological Concerns of Today" at the Conference on "Buddhist Ethics and the Modern Age" organized by Chung-hua Institute of Buddhist Culture and held in Taipei, Taiwan.

September 1989: "Images of Kuan-yin in Chinese Popular Literature" at the Conference on "Chinese Popular Literature" organized by the Chinese Studies Center and held at Taipei, Taiwan.

January 1989: "Miracles, Pilgrimages, and the Cult of Kuan-yin" at the Conference on "Pilgrims and Sacred Sites in China" held at Bodega Bay, California (I was the co-organizer with Susan Naquin).

June 1988: "The Academic Studies of Religion in the People's Republic of China" at the Conference on "The Academic Studies of History of Religions in the World" held at the University of Marburg, Germany.

January 1985: Discussant at the Conference on "Death Rituals in China" organized by Evelyn Rawski and James Watson with funding from ACLS and held at Tucson, Arizona.

September 1984: "Ch'an Education in the Sung: Ideals and Procedures" at the Conference on "Neo-Confucian Education: The Formative Stage" held at Henry Chauncey Conference Center, Princeton, New Jersey.

September 1983: Discussant at the Conference on "Maitreya, the Future Buddha" organized by Helen Hardacre and Alan Sponberg with funding from ACLS and NEH and held at Princeton University.

January 1978: "Chung-feng Ming-pen and Ch'an Buddhism in the Yüan" at the Conference on "Chinese Thought under Mongol Rule" held at Issaquah, Washington.

September 1970: "Yüan-chi Chu-hung and Lay Buddhism in the Ming" at the Conference on "Seventeenth Century Thought" held at Villa Serbelloni, Lake Como, Italy.

II. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (since 1987)

March 1998: "Gender, Buddhism and New Religions in Ming-Ch'ing China" at the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica.

February 1998: "Religion and Culture" held at Fokuang University, Chia-yi.

April 1995: "Women in Chinese Buddhism at the Conference on "Buddhism after Patriarchy" held at the University of Toronto, Canada.

April 1994: "Filial Piety, Iatric Cannibalism and the Cult of Kuan-yin in Late Imperial China" at the AAS Convention, Washington, D.C.

October 1994: "Several Indigenous Scriptures Promoting the Faith in Kuan-yin" at the Columbia Faculty Seminar on Asian Thought and Religion, New York.

November 1993: "The Cult of Kuan-yin in Ming-Ch'ing China: A Case of Confucianization of Buddhism?" at the Columbia Faculty Seminar on Neo-Confucian Studies.

November 1990: "Kuan-yin and the Lotus Sutra" at the AAR Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

April 1989: "Kuan-yin: Savior of Beings in Hell" at the AAS Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.

May 1988: "The Cult of Kuan-yin in Contemporary China" at the Columbia Faculty Seminar on Asian Thought and Religion.

April 1988: "Kuan-yin of the South Sea: Myths and Praxis" at the Workshop on "Regionalism in Chinese Religions" held at Harvard University.

November 1987: "Feminine Images of Kuan-yin in Post-T'ang Art" at the AAR Convention, Anaheim, California.

III. Invited Lectures (since 1987)

February 2002: "Domestic Gods of China," China Institute, New York City.

May 1998: Distinguished Alumni Lecture, "The Cult of Kuan-yin and the Indigenization of Buddhism in China." Tunghai University, Taiwan.

September 1995: Panelist on "From Asia to the U.S.: Asian Religions in Asian American Communities" at Asia Society, New York City.

June 1995: A week-long intensive course on "The Cult of Kuan-yin and Chinese Culture" at the Fo-kuang Shan Buddhist Seminary, Kao-hsiung, Taiwan.

May 1995: A week-long intensive course on "History of Chinese Buddhism" at the Hsiang-kuang Buddhist Seminary for Nuns, Chia-yi, Taiwan.

May 1995: A lecture on "Kuan-yin in Bai Buddhism" at the workshop on Bai Buddhism and Popular Religion held at Cornell University.

October 1994: Two lectures on "Kuan-yin: the Chinese Transformation of Avalokiteśvara " at the University of Kansas.

July 1994: A 3-hour lecture on Chinese Buddhism at a Workshop on "Teaching about China for High School Teachers" at the West Windsor High School, West Windsor, New Jersey.

February 1994: A week-long intensive course on "Kuan-yin and Chinese Buddhism" at the Chung-hua Institute of Buddhist Culture, Taipei, Taiwan.

October 1991: A lecture on "Pilgrimages to Kuan-yin Holy Sites in China" at Harvard University.

November 1990: A lecture on "Kuan-yin and Chinese Literature" at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado.

October 1990: A lecture on "The Feminine Transformation of Kuan-yin as seen through Chinese Art" at Harvard University.

April 1990: A lecture on "Chinese Buddhism and Literati Beliefs" at the University of Virginia.

September 1989: A lecture on the "Cult of Kuan-yin in Late Imperial China" at the University of Pennsylvania.

May 1989: A lecture on "Buddhist Pilgrimage Sites in China" at Princeton University.

February 1989: A lecture on "The Scriptural Sources for the Cult of Kuan-yin" at Stanford University.

November 1988: A lecture on "How Did Avalokiteśvara Transform into Kuan-yin: The Chinese Goddess of Mercy?" at the University of Chicago.

April 1988: A series of three lectures on Chinese religions at Westfield Presbyterian Church.

November 1987: A lecture on "Contemporary Women Pilgrims in the People's Republic of China" at Harvard University.

IV. Service to the Profession:

Committee of External Reviews of the Department of Religion, Lehigh University (1991-1996).

Committee on Advanced Study in China (CSCC), National Science Foundation (1993-1996).

Executive Committee, Society for the Study of Chinese Religion (1986-1989). Co-chair (2003-Present)

ACLS, CSCPRC review for proposals relating to research on traditional China (1989-Present).

Member, Advisory Board of Society for the Study of Chinese Religion (1990-1993).

Member, Executive Review Committee for grant applications to CSCC (1993-1996).

Vice President, Society for the Study of Chinese Religion (1998-2004).

Member, Board of Directors, Religious Consultation on Population and Reproductive Health (1998-2001).

NEH, peer review panel on proposals for "Independent Research" and Translation Project" (1999-Present).

Museum Exhibition Consultations

“Religion and Art of the Liao”, Asia Society, 2007 “Bodhisattva of Compassion: Kuan-yin”, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2008

Courses Taught at Rutgers (all undergraduate):

Religions of the Eastern World: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Chinese and Japanese Buddhism.

Religions of the Western World: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Buddhist Religion

Religious Themes in East Asian Literature

Buddhist Meditation Traditions

Chinese Religions: Sages and Immortals

Religion and Social Change in East Asia

Women in Eastern Religions

Seminar on Buddhist Art and Religion (jointly taught with Angela Howard, Art History Professor)

At Columbia

Topics in the Study of Chinese Buddhism (graduate seminar)

Mahayana Buddhist Texts (graduate seminar)

Chinese Buddhist Literature (graduate seminar)

Women and Buddhism in China (upper undergraduate and graduate course)

Chinese Religious Traditions (undergraduate course)

Membership in Professional Societies:

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies (MAR/AAS)

Society for the Study of Chinese Religion (SSCR)

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Neo-Confucian Studies

Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Early China

Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Traditional China

Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Modern China

Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Buddhist Studies