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EDUCATION

1994 – 2001 <i>Ph.D., Religion</i>	Temple University, Philadelphia
1987 – 1994 <i>B.A., M.A., English</i>	Foreign Affairs College, Beijing, China
1999 & 1995	Middlebury College Summer Japanese School

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2009 – present <i>Associate Professor of Religion</i>	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2005 - 2009 <i>Assistant Professor of Religion</i>	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2001 - 2005 <i>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</i>	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
Fall 2000 <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies</i>	Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Mahāyāna Buddhist philosophy, classical Chinese thought, comparative philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Reception and Rendition of Freud in China: China's Freudian Slip, co-edited with Philip J. Ivanhoe, Routledge, 2012 (in production).

Contexts and Dialogue: Yogācāra Buddhism and Modern Psychology on the Subliminal Mind, University of Hawaii Press, 2006.

Dao Du Rong Ge. Translation of Robert H. Hopcke's *A Guided Tour of the Collected Works of C. G. Jung*, Taipei, Taiwan: Li Xü Publishing Co., 1997.

Journal Articles

Chinese Buddhist Studies 汉语佛学评论, "Four Conditions in the *Cheng Weishi Lun*" (in Chinese), forthcoming

"The Incompatibility of Two Conceptions of Reality: Dependent Origination and Emptiness in Nāgārjuna's *MMK*" (under review)

Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy X.4, "Two Notions of Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought: The Concept of *Hua* (化) in the *Zhuangzi* and the *Xunzi*" (December 2011)

Continental Philosophy Review 38:3-4, "Accessibility of the Subliminal Mind: Transcendence vs. Immanence" (October 2005)

Philosophy East & West 55:3, "The Problematic of Continuity: Nishida Kitarō and Aristotle" (July 2005)

Journal of Indian Philosophy 33:3, "*Ālayavijñāna* and the Problematic of Continuity in the *Cheng Weishi Lun*" (June 2005)

Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy IV.1, "The Role of History in Chan/Zen Enlightenment" (Winter 2004)

Journal of the American Academy of Religion 72:1, "The Storehouse Consciousness and the Unconscious: A Comparative Study of Xuan Zang and Freud on the Subliminal Mind" (March 2004)

Journal of Chinese Philosophy 29:4, "A Buddhist Scheme in Engaging Modern Science: The Case of Taixu (1890-1947)" (December 2002)

Journal of Chinese Philosophy 28:4, "The Problematic of Whole/Part and the Horizon of the Enlightened in Huayan Buddhism" (December 2001)

Book Chapters

“Linji on Spiritual Freedom,” in *Dharma and Dao: Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*, edited by Sandra Wawrytko, Springer, forthcoming.

“Linji and William James on Mortality: Two Versions of Pragmatism,” in *Mortality in Traditional China*, edited by Amy Olberding and Philip J. Ivanhoe, State University of New York Press, 2011.

“Augustine and Aquinas on the Will” (in Chinese), in *Frontiers of Western Philosophy*, edited by Jiyuan Yu. Beijing, China: Renmin University Press, 2008.

“The Dilemma of Skillful Means in Buddhist Pedagogy: Desire and Education in the *Lotus Sūtra*,” in *Education and Their Purposes: A Philosophical Dialogue among Cultures*, edited by Roger Ames and Peter Herschok, University of Hawaii Press, 2007.

“Intimate Authority: The Rule of Ritual in Classical Confucian Political Discourse,” Chapter Two in *Confucian Cultures of Authority in Practice: China*, edited by Roger Ames and Peter Herschok, State University of New York Press, 2006.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Imperative of Understanding: Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, and Onto-Hermeneutics* (edited by On-cho Ng, Global Scholarly Publishing, 2008), *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 38.1, (March 2011)

Review of Wendy Larson’s *From Ah Q to Lei Feng: Freud and Revolutionary Spirit in 20th Century China* (Stanford, 2009), *The China Journal*, No. 63 (January 2010)

Review of Youru Wang’s *Linguistic Strategies in Daoist Zhuangzi and Chan Buddhism* (Routledge/Curzon, 2003), *Journal of Chinese Religion*, No. 36 (2008)

Review of *Buddhisms and Deconstructions* (edited by Jin Y. Park, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75.1 (March 2007)

Review of Xueguo Wu’s *Domains and Interpretations: The Transition from the Theory of Being to the Linguistic Dimension in the Consciousness-only School of Buddhism* (Shanghai, China: People’s Press of Shanghai), *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* IV.2 (Summer, 2005)

Review of Thomas Kasulis's *Intimacy or Integrity: Philosophy and Cultural Difference* (University of Hawaii Press, 2002), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72:3 (September 2004)

Review of David R. Loy's *A Buddhist History of the West: Studies in Lack* (SUNY 2002), *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 31:1 (March 2004)

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Chair, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, July 2010-present
 Member of the University Committee to Explore Creation of an RU
 Campus Abroad, January 2012-present
 Member of the executive committee, China Research Project, spring 2012-
 spring 2015
 "Strategic Planning" Subcommittee of the Rutgers-in-China Committee,
 appointed by President McCormick, August 2010-present
 Member, International Programs Advisory Committee, School of Arts and
 Sciences, Rutgers University, 2010-2012
 Co-convenor, Committee on Chinese Studies, School of Arts and
 Sciences, Rutgers University, Fall 2009-present
 Rutgers University New Brunswick Faculty Council, 2007-2010

Host of an international conference, "Nature and Value in Chinese and
 Western Philosophies," Rutgers University, April 4-5, 2013
 Host of an international conference, "Freud and Chinese Religions and
 Culture," Rutgers University, October 3-4, 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Book Review Editor, *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy* (SUNY)
 Member of the editorial board, *Dao: A Journal of Comparative
 Philosophy* (Springer)
 Guest editor of a special issue of *Dao* on the *Bhagavad Gita* in light of
 Chinese Thought (forthcoming)

Best First Book Award Jury, American Academy of Religion, 2013-2016
 Standing Review Board, Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of the
 Research Grants Council, Hong Kong, February 1, 2012-January 31,
 2014
 Co-chair, "Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative
 Perspective" Group, a program unit under the American Academy of
 Religion, 2011-2013
 Co-chair, Neo-Confucian Seminar at Columbia University, 2010-present

Member of the steering committee of “Yogācāra Studies” Consultation, a program unit under the American Academy of Religion, 2009-2012
 Co-chair, “Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective” Seminar, a program unit under the American Academy of Religion, 2006-2010
 Member of the American Philosophical Association (APA) Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, July 2004-June 2007
 Co-founder and proposal reviewer for Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, 2004-2009
 Secretary-Treasurer, International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP), 2002-2005

AWARDS

University Seminar Schoff and Warner Subventions, Columbia University (2012)
 Rutgers University Research Council, publication subvention fund (2006)
 Leonard Hastings Schoff Publication Fund, Columbia University (2006)
 NEH Summer Institute on “Human Rights in Conflict: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” (2006)
 Faculty Seed Grant, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2003-2004
 NEH Summer Seminar on “Law, State, and Individual in Ancient Greece, Rome, and China” (2003), UC-Berkeley
 NEH Summer Institute on “Empowering Relationship: Ways of Authority in Japanese Culture” (2002), East-West Center, Honolulu
 Dean’s list for exceptional scholarship and services during the 2002-2003 academic year, College of Liberal Arts, SIUC

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentation on the history of Chinese Buddhism, open to New Jersey K-12 educators organized by the Teach China Program of the China Institute, July 7, 2010
 Invited discussant, Inaugural International Forum of the Xu-Ricci Dialogue Institute at Fudan University, Shanghai, China, May 11, 2010
 Invited guest lecture on “Freud and Buddhism,” for Rowan University’s Asian-Pacific Cultural Heritage Month, April 12, 2010
 Keynote address, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Undergraduate Students Philosophy Conference, “Contexts and Comparison: Xuanzang and Freud on the Subliminal Mind,” October 26-27, 2007.

- Invited presentation: “Four Conditions in Xuanzang’s *Cheng Weishi Lun*,” International Conference on East Asian Yogācāra Buddhism, Sun Yet-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, December 9-11, 2007
- Invited talk, “Buddhism and Modern Psychology,” Ramapo College, NJ, April 18, 2006
- Invited presentation, “*Ālayavijñāna* and the Unconscious: Contexts and Comparison,” Columbia University Buddhist Studies Seminar, New York City, March 23, 2006
- Invited panelist, Darwin Day Forum on Science and Religion, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, February 9, 2004
- Invited talk, “The Subliminal Mind: Xuanzang and Freud,” University of North Carolina at Asheville, November 2003
- “You cannot eat your cake and have it too!” XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan, June 2011
- “Positive and Negative Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought,” annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Philadelphia, March 27, 2010
- “Self-Transformation in the Zhuangzi and the Xunzi,” The Chinese Daoist Salon, Zhengzhou, China, March 22, 2010
- “Relationality of the Self and Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought,” American Philosophical Association eastern division annual meeting, New York, NY, December 30, 2009
- “Spiritual Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought,” invited talk at Columbia Neo-Confucian Seminar, November 13, 2009
- “The Incompatibility of Two Conceptions of Reality: Dependent Origination and Emptiness in Nagarjuna’s *MMK*,” Columbia University Comparative Philosophy Seminar, November 7, 2008
- “Transcendence and Immanence in the Conceptualizations of the Subliminal Mind,” XVth Congress of the International Association for Buddhist Studies Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, June 23-29, 2008
- “Spiritual Freedom in Classical Chinese Thought,” Fourth Midwest Conference on East Asian Thought, Indiana University Bloomington, April 26-27, 2008
- “Linji on Spiritual Freedom,” the International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fordham University, New York, October 19-21, 2007
- “Dependent Origination and Emptiness: From Nagarjuna to Linji,” Third Annual Midwest Conference on East Asian Thought, Carbondale, IL, March 31-April 1, 2006
- “The Dilemma of Skillful Means as a Buddhist Pedagogy,” Ninth East-West Philosophers’ Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 29 – June 11, 2005

- “Rule of Ritual and Rule by Law: The Qing Code and Its Ritual Ground,” American Academy of Religion, Confucian Tradition Group, San Antonio, TX, November 2004
- “Beyond Internalism and Externalism: A Critique of Edward Slingerland’s *Effortless Action: Wu-wei as Conceptual Metaphor and Spiritual Ideal in Early China* from a Zen Perspective,” American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 22-25, 2004
- “Access to the Unconscious in Xuanzang, Freud and Jung” Midwest Conference in East Asian Thought, DePaul University, Chicago, April 16-17, 2004
- “A Synchronic Analysis of Emptiness in Lin-chi’s Zen,” American Academy of Religion, Zen Seminar, Atlanta, GA, November 2003
- “Intimate Authority: the Rule of Ritual in Traditional China,” East-West Center online conference on Cultures of Authority in Asian Practices, September 2003
- “The Role of History in Zen Enlightenment,” American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 2002
- “How Confucian was Traditional China?” SIUC Department of Philosophy faculty colloquium, November 2002
- “The Storehouse Consciousness: A Buddhist Notion of the Unconscious,” American Philosophical Association, Atlanta, December 2001
- “Qualified Metaphysical Idealism of Yogācāra Buddhism,” American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1998
- “The Problematic of Whole/Part and the Horizon of the Enlightened in Hua-yen Buddhism,” 20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998
- “Nishida’s Logic of Predicate,” Mid-Atlantic annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ, March 1998

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Respondent to the panel, “*Bhagavad Gita* in light of Chinese thought,” AAR annual meeting, San Francisco, November 2011
- Chair of the panel, “Philosophy: Indian and Chinese Perspectives,” AAR annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010
- Chair of the panel, “The Interaction of Image and Text in Philosophical and Literary Writings,” in the international conference on “Chinese Classics and Thought,” Rutgers University, June 28-29, 2010
- Respondent to the panel, “Zhenwu Cult and Devotion in the Diaspora,” in the international symposium “Divinity and Society: The Cult of Zhenwu in Imperial and Modern China,” Rutgers University, April 2, 2010
- Respondent to the panel, “Self and Action in Chinese and Indian Religions,” AAR annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 2009

- Respondent to Matthew Kapstein's "Myths, Lies and Moral Reason,"
Columbia University Comparative Philosophy Seminar, February 13,
2009.
- Chair of the AAR Seminar panel on the comparative study of Chinese and
Indian religions: "Body and Medicine in Indian and Chinese
Religions," Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion
(AAR), Chicago, November 2008
- Chair of the section "Buddhist Theories of Mind and Meditation" at the
XVth Congress of the International Association for Buddhist Studies
Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, June 23-29, 2008
- Chair of the AAR Seminar panel on the comparative study of Chinese and
Indian religions: "Rituals in Confucian and Vedic Religions" AAR
annual meeting, San Diego, November 2007
- Chair of the AAR Seminar panel on the comparative study of Chinese and
Indian religions: "The Buddhist Transformation of Chinese
Conceptions of Freedom and Salvation," AAR annual meeting,
Washington D.C., November 2006
- Chair of a special session arranged by the American Philosophical
Association (APA) Committee on Asian and Asian-American
Philosophers and Philosophies, "Integration and Liberation in Chinese
and American Aesthetics," APA Eastern Division Annual Meeting,
New York City, December 2005
- Chair of the panel on Buddhism, Midwest Conference on East Asian
Thought, North Central College, Naperville, IL, April 2005
- Chair and commentator of the panel on *Democracy of the Dead: Dewey,
Confucius, and the Hope for Democracy in China*, David Lynn Hall
Memorial Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2003
- Commentator of the APA invited panel on "Merleau-Ponty and
Buddhism," American Philosophical Association Pacific conference,
San Francisco, March 2003
- Commentator of "Faith and Behavior: A Comparative Analysis of Rules
of Speech, Action, and Mind in the Lotus Sutra and the New
Testament," American Philosophical Association Pacific conference,
San Francisco, March 2003
- Commentator of "Ritual and the Affirmation of Life," Philosophical
Collaborations Conference, SIUC, March 2002
- Guest lecture on the "Noble Eightfold Path," for the course "World
Humanities" at the invitation of Dr. Thomas Alexander, December
2001
- Commentator of "Yi as Phronesis," American Philosophical Association,
New York, December 2000
- Chair and discussant of the panel, "Indian Soteriologies," Mid-Atlantic
annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, Glen Mills,
PA, March 2000
- Commentator of "Tantric Buddhism and Modern Chinese Conceptual
Art," Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Boston, March 1999

Chair and discussant of the panel, "Consciousness in South and East Asian Thought," Mid-Atlantic annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Newark, DE, October 1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
American Philosophical Association (APA)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)
International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy (ISCWP)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Zen Center of NYC Fire Lotus Temple retreat lecture on "Storehouse Consciousness and the Arising Self," New York, NY, April 3, 2010
Zen Center of NYC Fire Lotus Temple retreat lecture on "Linji/Rinzai's Representation of Spiritual Freedom: Nāgārjuna Embodied," New York, NY, March 7, 2009
Dharma Drum Buddhist association workshop on Buddhism and modern psychology, New Brunswick, NJ, September 16, 2006