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Education

- 2010 Ph.D., Asian Religions, Cornell University
(Minor fields: Southeast Asian History, South Asian Studies)
- Dissertation: "Buddhism and Written Law: Dhammasattha Manuscripts and Texts in Premodern Burma." Awarded the 2010 Lauriston Sharp Prize for best dissertation on Southeast Asia at Cornell.
- 2005 M.A., Southeast Asian Studies, Cornell University
- 2002 M.A. Southeast Asian Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies
- 1997 B.A., Philosophy, Williams College

Teaching Appointments

- 2012- Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Rutgers University
- 2011-2012 Visiting Research Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

Research Appointments

- 2010-2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

Areas of Specialization

Literary, social, and intellectual histories of Buddhism in Southeast Asia; Pali and vernacular Buddhist literature in Southeast Asia; Southeast Asian religions; Buddhist legal cultures; manuscript studies; religion and law

Principal Research Languages

Burmese, Pali, Sanskrit, Thai

Books

In Preparation *Buddhist Law and Dhammasattha Literature in Burma and Southeast Asia, 1200-1900 C.E.* (tentative title)

Manusāra's Code of Buddhist Law: A Study, Critical Edition, and Translation
(tentative title)

Articles

- Forthcoming* "Narratives of Buddhist Legislation: Textual Authority and Legal Heterodoxy in 17th-19th Century Burma." *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*
- "Genres and Jurisdictions: Laws Governing Monastic Inheritance in 17th Century Burma." In *Buddhism and Law: An Introduction*, edited by Rebecca R. French and Mark A. Nathan. New York: Cambridge University Press
- 2010 "Notes on Burmese Manuscripts: Text and Image." *Journal of Burma Studies* 14, pp. 229-253
- 2005 "The Authorship of the *Dhammavilāsa Dhammasat*." *Journal of the Myanmar Historical Commission*, pp. 190-214

Edited Volume

- Forthcoming* *Buddhist Dynamics in Premodern and Early Modern Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Reviews

- 2011 "Buddhist Manuscript Culture and History in Southeast Asia." Review of Daniel M. Veidlinger, *Spreading the Dhamma: Writing, Orality, and Textual Transmission in Buddhist Northern Thailand* (University of Hawaii Press, 2006). H-Buddhism (May 2011, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=30596>)

Selected Presentations

- 2012 "Buddhist Jurisprudence, Textual Authority, and Legal Conflict in Early Modern Southeast Asia." Rutgers University, Department of Religion
- 2011 "Slavery, Manuscripts, and Monastic Succession: Jurisdictional Conflict and Consolidation in *Dhammasattha* and *Vinaya* in Burma, 1602-1651 C.E." XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Taipei
- "*Dhammasattha* Literature, Scriptural Authority, and Legal Heterodoxy in Burma." International Conference on Buddhism in Southeast Asia, Mahidol University, Bangkok
- "Scribal Practices, Paratexts, and the Role of Manuscripts in Buddhist Legal Culture: a Study of 19 Manuscript Versions of the *Manusāradhammasattha*." Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu
- "*Vinicchaya* and *Dhammasattha*: Buddhist Legal Conflict in Early Modern Burma." *Buddhist Dynamics in Premodern Southeast Asia*, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

- 2010 “Ritual, Legislation, and Legitimation in Japan and South/Southeast Asia: A Reply to Herman Ooms.” East Asian Perspectives on Legal Order Workshop, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2009 “The Function of Form in Burmese Manuscripts.” Roundtable on Manuscript Cultures in Southeast Asia, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- “Textual Genesis, Sanskrit, and the Early Transmission of Buddhist *Dharmaśāstra* in Southeast Asia.” 14th World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto University
- 2005 “The Authorship of the *Dhammavilāsa Dhammasat*.” Myanmar Historical Commission Golden Jubilee Conference, Yangon University

Conferences and Panels Organized

- 2011 Conference: “Buddhist Dynamics in Premodern Southeast Asia,” Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- Panel: “Buddhism and Law Beyond the *Vinaya*,” XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Taipei
- Panel: “Comparative Manuscript Cultures in Southeast Asia,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu

Selected Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

- 2010-2011 Research Fellowship, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- 2010 Lauriston Sharp Prize for Best Dissertation on Southeast Asia, Cornell Southeast Asia Program (awarded 2012)
- 2009-10 Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell Graduate School
- 2008-09 Fulbright-Hays Fellowship to Myanmar
- 2007-08 Toyota Foundation, Special Subjects Research Grant for the Preservation, Compilation, and Annotation of Indigenous Documents in Peripheral Regions of Asia (co-author)
- 2006-07 Toyota Foundation, Special Subjects Research Grant for the Preservation, Compilation, and Annotation of Indigenous Documents in Peripheral Regions of Asia (co-author)
- 2005-06 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for the Advanced Study of Burmese in Myanmar
- 2005 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Research Grant
- 2003-04 U.S. State Department Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

Association for Asian Studies
International Association of Buddhist Studies
Pali Text Society

Selected Professional Activities

Member of the Advisory Board, Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation, Bangkok (fpl.tusita.org)