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CURRENT POST

British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow. School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Research: Ladakh's Heritage in Manuscript and Print: A cultural history of seventeenth-century Tibetan Buddhist canons.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

2003-2006. *DPhil in Oriental Studies*, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford. Doctoral Thesis: "Transferring to the Land of Bliss: Among Sukhāvātī Texts and Practices in Tibet." Full doctoral research fellowship awarded by the Jōdo-Shinshū Otani-ha Foundation, Japan.

2002-2003. *Doctoral Research*, Department for the Study of Religions, SOAS, University of London. Seminars: Indo-Tibetan Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna Buddhism; classical Tibetan and introduction to Sanskrit. Research focus: Pure Land Buddhism in Tibet and Central Asia.

1995-1996. *MA in Film and Television Studies*, Department of Film Studies, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands. Seminars: Cultural studies and film; studies on gender, politics and social identity in the media.

1990-1992. *Postgraduate Studies*, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii, USA.

Comparative studies in Asian and Western philosophy.

1989-1990. *MA in Comparative Philosophy*. Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii.

Seminars: Confucianism, Taoism, Early Buddhism, Greek and Continental Philosophy. Tuition scholarship awarded by the Department of Philosophy.

1986-1988. *BA in Philosophy*. Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii. Major: Western Philosophy. Minor: Physics, Engineering and Mathematics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH

01/10 - 01/13. *British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow*. SOAS, University of London. Research: "The Cultural Heritage of Ladakh in Manuscript and Print."

04/09 - 12/09. *Research Fellow*. Internationales Kolleg für Geisteswissenschaftliche Forschung (IKGF), Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Germany. Research Cluster: "The history of religions along the trade routes between the Mediterranean area and south Asia in antiquity;" <http://www.ikgf-religions.de>.

03/07 - 09/08. *Research Assistant*. Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London. AHRC Project evaluated excellent: "Islam and Tibet: Cultural, Religious & Scientific Interactions (8th-17th cent);" Research: Tibetan Buddhist and Muslim matrimonial exchanges; treatises from the Tibet-Ladakh-Mughal War. <http://warburg.sas.ac.uk/islamtibet/indexit.htm>.

AWARDED FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010-present. *Fellow*. OXFORD CENTRE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES, Wolfson College.
- 2010-2013. *British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow* UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, SOAS. Research Project: The Cultural Heritage of Ladakh in Manuscript and Print.
- 2009-2010. *Research Fellow*. RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT-BOCHUM. International Consortium on the Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe. Research: The History of Religions along the Trade Routes between the Mediterranean Area and South East Asia in Antiquity.
- 2003-2006. *DPhil Research Fellow*. UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Faculty of Oriental studies. Full tuition and board for the duration of doctoral studies provided by the Jōdo-Shinshū Otani-ha Foundation.

PUBLICATIONS

I. BOOKS

[In press 2011]. *Luminous Bliss: a Religious History of Pure Land Literature in Tibet*. With an Annotated Translation and Critical Analysis of the Orgyen-ling golden *Small Sukhāvatinīyūha-sūtra*. Hawaii: University of Hawai'i Press.

II. EDITED VOLUMES

2009. *Proceedings of the First International Seminar of Young Tibetologists*, SOAS, London 2007. *Contemporary Visions in Tibetan Studies*, co-edited with Brandon Dotson et al. Chicago: Serindia Publications.

[Under review]. *The World of the Silk Roads*. Co-edited with Anna Akasoy; Routledge Press.

III. ARTICLES

[In press 2011]. "Histories of Tibet from the Margins: Borderland Wars and Trade in the North-West Himalayas." In *New Perspectives on Tibetan Traditionalism*, ed. Laura Harrington. Columbia: Columbia University Press.

2010. "The Muslim Queens of the Himalayas: Princess Exchange in Ladakh and Baltistan." In *Islam-Tibet: Interactions along the Musk Routes*, eds. Anna Akasoy et al. Ashgate Publications, 231-252.

2009a. "Loss of Memory and Continuity of Praxis in Rampur-Bashahr: an Itinerant Study of Seventeenth-Century Tibetan Murals." In *Contemporary Visions in Tibetan Studies*, eds. Brandon Dotson et al. Chicago: Serindia Publications, pp. 139-155.

2009b. "Until the Feathers of the Winged Black Raven Turn White: Sources for the Tibet-Bashahr Treaty of 1679-1684." In *Mountains, Monasteries and Mosques: Recent Research on Ladakh and the Western Himalaya*, eds. John Bray and Elena de Rossi Filibeck. Supplement to *Rivista Degli Studi Orientali*, Nuova Serie, Volume LXXX, pp. 61-86.

2007. "Between Breaths." In *Going Aerial: Air, Art, Architecture*, ed. Monika Bakker. Jan van Eyck Academy, Maastricht, Netherlands, pp. 48-61.

2006. "Pure-Lands and other Visions in Seventeenth-Century Tibet: a *Gnam-chos sādhana* for the pure-land Sukhāvātī revealed in 1658 by Gnam-chos Mi-'gyur-rdo-rje (1645-1667)." In *Power, Politics and the Reinvention of Tradition: Tibet in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century*, eds. B. Cuevas et al. Leiden: Brill Publishers, pp. 121-151.

2004. "Tibetan Buddhism Registered: Imperial Archives from the Palace-Temple of 'Phang-thang." *The Eastern Buddhist*, Kyoto. Vol. XXXVI, Nos. 1 and 2, pp. 46-105.

IV. CHAPTERS

[Forthcoming 2011]. "When the Greeks Embraced the Buddha: Reflections on Asymmetrical Proselytism." In *Trading Religions: Religious Formation, Transformation and Cross-Cultural Exchange between East and West*, Leiden: Brill.

2009. "Compassionate Aspirations and their fulfilment: Dol-po-pa's *A Prayer for Birth in Sukhāvātī*." In *As Long As Space Endures: Essays on the Kālachakra Tantra in Honor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama*. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, pp. 259-275.
2008. "Buddhist Meditation Traditions in Tibet: The Union of the Three Vehicles." In *Buddhist Meditation: An Introduction*, Chapter Eight, ed. Sarah Shaw. London/ New York: Routledge Press, pp. 159-186.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 12/10. 'The Fourth Asian Translation Traditions Conference: Appropriation and Transformation in Asian Translation Traditions,' The Chinese University of Hong Kong, PRC. "*Translating the Foreign into the Local: Production and Reproduction of Buddhist Texts from Imperial Tibet.*"
- 10/10. 'Variations of Homa: from Vedic to Hindu and Buddhist,' Harvard University, USA. "*The Rites of Pacifying, Enriching, Attracting, and Subjugating in the Aparimitāyur-bhoma-vidhi-nāma by the Queen of Siddhas.*"
- 02/10. 'Contact Zones of Empires in Asia and Europe: Complexity, Contingency, Causality,' European Science Foundation, Kyushu University, Japan. "*The Hellenistic Buddhism of Asia: Survey of Themes and Sources.*"
- 01/10. "Trading Religions' Religious Formation, Transformation and Cross-Cultural Exchange between East and West,' IKGf, Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Germany. "*The Greek Buddhists of Asia: A Case Study in Reciprocal Assimilation.*"
- 05/09. 'Buddhism and Islam: Encounters, Histories, Dialogue and Representation,' McGill University, Canada. "*Muslim-Buddhist Matrimonial Alliances in the Himalayas.*"
- 12/07. 'East-Asia and the West International Conference,' Academia Sinica, Taiwan. "*The State and its Language of Conversion: Translation and Classification of Buddhist Texts in Ninth-Century Tibet.*"
- 08/07. '13th International Association of Ladakhi Studies,' Università di Roma, Studi Orientali, Italy. "*Modern Pasts: Tracing the 1679 Tibet-Bashahr Treaty.*"
- 07/06. 'UK Association for Buddhist Studies,' National Conference, Lancaster University, UK. "*Pure Land Practices in Tibet.*"
- 03/05. '19th World Congress, International Association for the History of Religions,' Tokyo, Japan. "*The Prophecy of pan-Tibetan Consolidation: A Seventeenth-Century Church-State Fusion in Tibet.*"
- 01/05. 'South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religions,' Delhi, India. "*The Violence of Ego: Buddhist Healing Paradigms from Traditional Tibetan Medicine.*"
- 08/03. '10th International Conference for the Association of Tibetan Studies,' University of Oxford, UK. "*Pure Lands and Other Visions in Seventeenth Century Tibet.*"

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- 08/10. Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation, Leh, India. "*Buddhist Monastic Festivals in Ladakh.*"
- 04/10. Balliol College, Oxford Centre of Buddhist Studies, UK. "*The Greek Buddhist Interface: Evidence and Speculations.*"
- 01/10. Universität Wien, Cultural History of the Western Himalaya, Austria. Workshop: Ladakhi Kanjurs and their Sources; "*The importance of proto-canonical collections for Kanjur research: Observations on the Taxonomy of the Dkar-chag 'Phang-thang-ma.*"
- 11/09. Ruhr-Universität, East-Asian Languages and Literature Department, Germany. "*Buddhism in Imperial Tibet: Catalogues of Texts as Historical Documents.*"
- 07/09. Ruhr-Universität, IKGf Colloquia, Germany. "*The Greek Buddhas of Asia: Studies in Cultural Hybridization and Reciprocal Proselytism.*"
- 04/08. Universität Wien, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies Department, Austria. "*Notes on Travels through Kinnaur.*"
- 02/08. Warburg Institute, UK. "*Modern Pasts: Tracing the 1679 Tibet-Bashahr Treaty.*"
- 11/07. Tate Modern Museum, UK. "*Inhalation, Exhalation and Realization: The Buddhist Path to Conscious Breathing.*"