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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies and East Asian Religions, Department of Religion, University of Florida. Dissertation: "The Worship of Medicine Master Buddha in Medieval China." Dissertation advisor: Mario Poceski.
- 2006 M.A. in Philosophy of Religion, Department of Religious Studies, National Chengchi University, Taiwan. Thesis: "The Doctrine of Non-Duality Presented in the Scriptures Centered on Mañjuśrī."
- 2002 M.A. in Buddhist Studies, Yuan Kuang Buddhist College, Taiwan. Thesis: "The Two Truths and the *Pañcaviṃśatisāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā Sūtras*."
- 1997 B.S. in Real Estate Studies, Land Management Department, Feng Chia University, Taiwan.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies and East Asian Religions, Religious Studies Department, Grinnell College, IA.
- 2017-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies and East Asian Religions, Religious Studies Department, Grinnell College, IA.
- 2016-2017 Adjunct faculty of Asian Religions, Humanities and Foreign Language Department, Santa Fe College, FL.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mahāyāna Buddhist doctrines and practices • history of Buddhism in East Asia
Mutual interactions between Buddhism and Daoism • socially engaged Buddhism
Women in Buddhism • beliefs and rituals related to healing

TEACHING INTERESTS

Buddhist Traditions • Buddhism in America • Buddhism and globalization
Zen/Chan Buddhism • East Asian religion and culture • Chinese religions
Gender and religion • religion and dietary laws • religious healing and alternative medicine
Traditional mindfulness practice and its transformation

COURSES TAUGHT

- Religion and Food 2019
- Religion, Healing and Health 2018, 2019
- Women and Religion 2018
- Religion and Politics in Modern China 2018, 2019
- Zen Buddhism 2018, 2019
- Studying Religion: East Asia 2017, 2018, 2019
- Buddhist Traditions 2017
- Religions of Asia 2016
- Chinese Religions 2014, 2016
- Chinese Buddhism 2013

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- John N. and Mary K. Shephard Faculty Travel and Study Fund, 2018.
- Sarah Lee Doctoral Student Study Abroad Fellowship, 2015-2017 (awarded annually).
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Research Enhancement Grant for Studying Dunhuang Arts, 2015.
- Chue Feng Buddhist Art and Culture Travel Grant, 2005-2007.
- Graduate Student Fellowship, National Cheng-Chi University, 2004-2005.
- Graduate Student Research Award, Tzu Chi Foundation, 2001.
- Graduate Student Research Enhancement Grant, Huayan Lotus Society, 2001.
- Graduate Student Research Award, Tzu Chi Foundation, 2000.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Women's Participation in Medicine Master Buddha Worship in Medieval China." Wutai Conference on Identity & Network, Shanxi, China, 2018.
- "Socially Engaged Women in Taiwan: The Ciji (Tzu Chi) Movement." East Asian Studies Colloquium, Grinnell College, 2018.
- "The Social Construction of Gender: Female Participation in Medicine Master Buddha Worship." Gender & Performance in the Study of Religion Conference, University of Florida, 2017.
- "The Development of Beliefs Centered on Medicine Master Buddha in China by the Sixth Century." Buddhist Forum, Florida State University, 2013.
- "The Teachings of Bodhisattva Mañjuśrī Described in the Early Mahāyāna Scriptures." The 6th Conference on the Practice of Bodhisattva Path in honor of Venerable Yin Shun, Hsuan Chuang University, 2006.
- "The Interexchange between Buddhism and Indigenous Chinese Religions: a Study of Manuscripts Discovered from Dunhuang." Conference on Daoism and Spiritual

Transformation, Taipei, 2003.

- “The Doctrine of the Ultimate Truth Described in the *Pañcaviṃśatisāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā Sūtras*.” The 13th Annual Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Conference, Feng-Chia University, 2002.
- “The Connotations of the Two Truths in the Perfection of Wisdom Literature.” The 12th Annual Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Conference, Nanhua University, 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Beyond Healing: The Worship of Medicine Master Buddha in China. In progress; to be submitted to State University of New York Press, Series in Asian Studies.

“Struggling for Faith and Identity: Women’s Participation in Medicine Master Buddha Worship in Medieval China.” *Studies in Chinese Religions*, under review.

“Yinshun zhanglao dui chuqi dasheng wenshu lei jingdian zhi xiangquan yanjiu” (Yin Shun’s Views on the Early Mahāyāna Scriptures centered on Mañjuśrī). Zhuohui Shi ed., *Yinshun daoshi yu ren pus axing wueshu yantaohui lunwen ji*. Taiwan: Hsuan-Chuang University, 2006.

“Shisu jiaming shishe dao shengyidi de tisheng: Yi daborejing di si hui miaoxingpin wei zhongxin” (The Transformation from Conventional Truth to Ultimate Truth: A Study on the *Perfection of Wisdom in Eight Thousand Lines Scripture*). Zhongding Shi ed., *Fojiao xuesheng lunwen*, vol. 2. Taiwan: Miaolin Press, 2003.

“Jingbian suo yunhan de fofa shijie” (The Representations of Buddhist Teachings in Mural Paintings). *Chue feng jikan* 34 (2001): 4-9.

RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

- Research of the rubbings of Buddhist steles in the Fu Ssu-nien Library’s collection, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, summer of 2018.
- Field research of the Buddhist artworks preserved in the Mogao Grottoes, the Yulin Caves, and the West Thousand-Buddha Caves in China, Oct. 2015.
- Field research of extant sculptures and paintings of Medicine Master Buddha preserved at Japanese temples and museums in Nara and Kyoto, summer of 2014.
- Field research of contemporary monastic life in South Korean monasteries, summer of 2012.
- Research of the mural paintings of the Kizil Caves and the Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves, Xinjiang province, China, Oct. 2007.
- Research of Buddhist iconography of the Mogao Grottoes, the Xiangtangshan Caves, and the Longmen Caves in China, Jun-Aug 2007.
- Research of the rubbings of Buddhist steles in the Fu Ssu-nien Library’s collection, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2006-2007.
- Field research of the wall paintings of the Mogao Grottoes and the Yulin Caves in China, 2006.

- Field research of the Buddhist artworks preserved in the Mogao Grottoes, the Maiji Mountain Grottoes, the Yulin Caves, and the Binglingsi Grottoes in China, summer of 2005.

INVITED LECTURES

- “Goddess as a Filial Daughter: The Miaoshan Legend.” Grinnell College, 2018.
- “Buddhist Monasticism in East Asia.” University of Florida, 2017.
- “Contemporary Buddhist Devotional Practices.” University of Florida, 2013.
- “Popular Chinese Beliefs and Rituals.” University of Florida, 2012.
- “Contemporary Buddhist Practices.” University of Florida, 2011.
- “The Transmission and Spread of Buddhism in East Asia.” University of Florida, 2010.

PUBLIC TALKS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- “Buddhist and Catholic Monastic Traditions.” The Unitarian Universalists, IA, 2019.
- “Buddhist Philosophy of Emptiness (*śūnyatā*).” Gainesville Buddhist Association, FL, 2017.
- “Visual Representations Inspired by the *Vimalakīrti Scripture*.” Yin Shun Foundation, NJ, 2016.
- “The Teachings of Compassion in Mahāyāna Scriptures.” Atlanta Buddhist Summer Camp, GA, 2015.
- “The Four Sublime States: Contemplation on Loving-kindness, Compassion, Sympathetic Joy, and Equanimity.” Gainesville Buddhist Association, FL, 2015.
- “The Growth of Buddhism during the Northern and Southern Dynasties.” Bodhi Monastery, NJ, 2014.
- “The Teachings of the *Heart Sutra*.” Gainesville Buddhist Association, FL, 2014.
- “Indian and Chinese Buddhist Art.” Florida Summer Camp, FL, 2013.
- “Chan Buddhism in the Tang-era China.” Yin Shun Foundation, NJ, 2013.
- “American Buddhism since the World’s Parliament of Religions of 1893.” Florida Summer Camp, FL, 2012.
- “The Spread of Buddhism in East Asia.” Gainesville Buddhist Association, FL, 2010.
- “The Fundamental Teachings of the *Lotus Sutra*.” Bodhi Buddhist Association, CA, 2011.
- “The Beliefs and Practices Centered on Bodhisattva Guanyin in East Asia.” Bodhi Monastery, NJ, 2010.
- “Ritual Practices in Contemporary Chinese Buddhism.” Massachusetts Buddhist Association, MA, 2009.

LANGUAGES

- Classical and Modern Chinese: reading, writing, speaking fluency
- Japanese: reading fluency
- Sanskrit: reading ability with dictionary
- Pali: reading ability with dictionary

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- Association for Asian Studies
- T'ang Studies Society
- The International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture

REFERENCES

- Prof. Mario Poceski, Religion Department, University of Florida. Tel: (352) 273-2937; email: mpoceski@ufl.edu.
- Prof. Richard Wang, Languages Literatures and Cultures Department, University of Florida. Tel: (352) 846-2071; email: rwang1@ufl.edu.
- Prof. Ying Xiao, Languages Literatures and Cultures Department, University of Florida. Tel: (352) 392-6539; email: yx241@ufl.edu.
- Prof. Mariko Shigeta Schimmel, Chinese and Japanese Department, Grinnell College. Tel: (641) 269-3272; email: schimmel@grinnell.edu.