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EMPLOYMENT

Smith College (Northampton, MA), Fall 2018
Lecturer in the Department of Religion and the Buddhist Studies Program

EDUCATION

The Divinity School at the University of Chicago (Chicago, IL), 2011–present
Pursuing Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religions (Expected Graduation: June, 2019)

Dissertation: “Buddhahood and Philosophy of Mind: Ratnākaraśānti, Jñānaśrīmitra, and the debate over mental content (*ākāra*).” Committee: Daniel A. Arnold (Advisor); Matthew Kapstein and Parimal Patil (Readers)

Harvard University (Cambridge, MA), Fall 2014 and Fall 2016
Exchange Scholar

M.A. **The Divinity School at the University of Chicago** (Chicago, IL), 2011
Religious Studies

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Sarnath, India), 2008–2009
Visiting Researcher

B.A. **Hampshire College** (Amherst, MA), 2009
Liberal Arts (with a focus on Philosophy)
Certificate in Buddhist Studies, Five College Program for Buddhist Studies

AWARDS

Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies, 2016–2017
NEH Summer Institute, “Self-Knowledge in Eastern and Western Philosophy,” 2018
Martin Marty Jr. Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2017–2018
Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2016, 2017, 2018–2019
Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, 2010–2011

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Buddhist philosophy, philosophy of religion, continental philosophy, philosophy of mind, South Asian studies, Buddhist studies, religious studies

LANGUAGES

High proficiency in Sanskrit and Tibetan, proficiency in Pali, Ardha-Māgadhī, French, and German

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tantra and Yoga in India (Smith College)—Lecturer—Fall 2018
Designed and taught this course in the Department of Religion.

Introduction to the Study of Buddhism (Smith College)—Lecturer—Fall 2018
Coordinated this course with visiting lectures and conducted review sessions.

First Year Sanskrit (University of Chicago)—Teaching Assistant—Spring 2016
Conducted review sessions, taught grammar lessons, and met with students during office hours.

Second Year Tibetan (University of Chicago)—Lecturer—Spring 2015 and Spring 2016
Designed and taught two reading-courses in Tibetan.

Foucault: History of Sexuality (University of Chicago)—Teaching Assistant—Fall 2015
Conducted discussion sections, met with students during office hours, and graded papers.

Introductory Buddhist Philosophy (Hampshire College)—Teaching Assistant—2007
Met with students outside class to discuss course materials and papers.

PUBLICATIONS

‘The Tantric Context of Ratnākaraśānti’s Philosophy of Mind’ *Journal of Indian Philosophy* (2018) 46:2, 355–372.

‘Philosophy as a way to die: Meditation, memory, and rebirth in Greece and Tibet’ in Fiordalis, ed., *Buddhist Spiritual Practices: Thinking with Pierre Hadot on Buddhism, Philosophy, and the Path* (Berkeley: the Mangalam Institute, 2018).

Review of Christian Coseru’s *Perceiving Reality*, H-Buddhism, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

“The Wonders of Non-Duality: Jñānaśrīmitra’s Engagement with Dharmakīrti and his Commentators”
Layers of Interpretation Workshop, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, 2018
Five College Buddhist Studies Faculty Seminar, 2018

“Style, Voice, and Philosophy: A study of Ratnākaraśānti’s and Jñānaśrīmitra’s introductory verses”
Theory and Practice of South Asia Seminar, University of Chicago, 2017

“A Buddhist debate about the reality of appearances”
Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions, University of Oxford, 2017

“Vāgīśvarakīrti’s ‘strictly verbal initiation’: How tantric practice can become rational inquiry”
American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, 2016

“A Buddhist debate on the status of error and the question of intentionality”
American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, 2016

“Ratnākaraśānti and Jñānaśrīmitra on consciousness, error, and buddhahood”
Theory and Practice of South Asia Seminar, University of Chicago, 2016

“Philosophy as a way to die: Meditation, memory, and rebirth in Greece and Tibet”
South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, 2016
Hadot and Buddhism Conference at the Mangalam Institute, Berkeley, 2015
Philosophy of Religions Workshop, University of Chicago, 2015

“Tantric presuppositions in Ratnākaraśānti’s philosophy of mind, or what is it like to be a buddha?”
American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, 2015

“The tantric context of Ratnākaraśānti’s theory of consciousness”

Buddhist Studies Group, Harvard University, 2015

Yogācāra in Context Workshop, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, 2015

“When knowing how is seeing nothing: A Buddhist theory of consciousness without content”

American Philosophical Association, St. Louis (Midwest Regional), Winter 2015

“The madman’s government of self and others”

American Academy of Religion Conference, San Diego, 2014

Madness and Wisdom Conference, University of Chicago, 2014

“Maitrīpa’s *Amanasikārahāra*, or how to not pay attention”

South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, 2013

“How to disappear completely, or the use and abuse of annihilationism for Buddhist studies”

Philosophy of Religions Workshop, University of Chicago, 2013

“Ratnākaraśānti’s interpretation of the Buddha’s formless knowledge”

Harvard Graduate Conference on Ways of Knowing, Harvard University 2012

“What do Buddhist philosophers think about? Preliminary notes on self-consciousness and the objective forms of experience in Buddhist idealism”

Contemporary European Philosophy Group, University of Chicago, 2012

Buddhist Studies Group, University of Chicago, 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant: Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, 2013–present

Editorial Work: Michel Foucault, *Discours et vérité. Précédé de La parrésia*, ed. H.-P. Fruchaud and D. Lorenzini, introduction by F. Gros, Paris, Vrin, 2016

Editorial Work: Michel Foucault, *Qu'est-ce que la critique?, suivi de La culture de soi*, ed. H.-P. Fruchaud and D. Lorenzini, introduction and critical apparatus by D. Lorenzini and A.I. Davidson, Paris, Vrin, 2014

Editorial Work: Michel Foucault, *L'origine de l'herméneutique de soi: Conférences prononcées à Dartmouth College, 1980*, Vrin, 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Philosophy of Religions workshop founder and leader, 2013–2014

South Asia Graduate Student Conference-XI co-organizer, 2013–2014

Philosophy of Religions club leader, 2012–2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, American Philosophical Association, International Association of Buddhist Studies