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CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Chinese socio-religious history, Daoism, popular religion, ritual studies, women's studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Asian Studies, The University of British Columbia, 2004

Dissertation: "Zhenwu: The Cult of a Chinese Warrior Deity from the Song to the Ming Dynasties (960-1644)"
 Thesis committee: Drs. Daniel L. Overmyer (advisor), Nam-lin Hur, and Alexander Woodside

M. A., History, University of California, Los Angeles, 1994

Thesis: "Daoist Examinations and Daoist Schools during the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127)"

M. A. History, National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan), 1991

Thesis: "Food Culture of the Chu Aristocracy during the Warring-State Period (480-222 BC)" (in Chinese)

B. A. Chinese Literature, Fu Jen Catholic University (Taiwan), 1988

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Chinese (classical and modern), Japanese (reading; limited spoken), French (reading)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Department of Religion and Classics, University of Rochester

Associate Professor, 2013 –

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University _Camden campus

Associate Professor, 2011 – 2013

Assistant Professor, 2005 – 2011

Center for General Education, Tajen Institute of Technology, Taiwan / ROC

Assistant Professor, 2004 – 2005

Religious Studies Program, Washington University

Visiting Lecturer, 2003 – 2004

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIP & GRANTS

- 2013 American Research in the Humanities in China fellowship (an NEH grant administrated by ACLS; \$34,000, awarded in July 2012, starting in July 2013, ending in Dec. 2013)
- 2012 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Scholar Grant (\$ 25,000, grant period: July 2012 – June 2013)
- 2012 Confucius Institute at Rutgers University conference grant for organizing an international symposium, "Religion and Society in North China" in May 2103 (\$10,000)

- 2012 ACLS/CCKF grant of Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society for organizing a planning meeting for a conference (\$6,000)
- 2012 Residential Research Fellowship, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley (Spring term, \$10,000)
- 2011 Rutgers University Research Council Grant (\$3,000)
- 2011 The China and Inner Asia Council of the Association of Asian Studies Small Grant (\$2,000)
- 2011 American Academy of Religion, research award (\$5,000)
- 2010 Co-recipient of Confucius Institute at Rutgers University Conference grant for organizing an international symposium, "Divinity and Society: the Cult of Zhenwu in Imperial and Modern China." (\$15,000)
- 2010 Rutgers University Research Council Grant (\$1,800)
- 2010 Confucius Institute at Rutgers University Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2009 Rutgers University Research Council Grant (\$3,000)
- 2007 Rutgers University Research Council Grant (\$2,500)
- 2007 Co-recipient of the grant for organizing "Temples in Rural China" workshop from ACLS (\$5,550)
- 2006 Rutgers University Research Council Grant (\$2,500)
- 2005 Research Association and Visiting Lecturer at Woman's Studies in Religion Program, Divinity School, Harvard University (*Declined*)
- 2002 Faculty of Arts Instructional Support and Information Technology Fund (1,500 Canadian dollars)
- 2002 The China and Inner Asia Council of the AAS Small Grants (\$1,500)
- 2000 Faculty of Arts Instructional Support and Information Technology Fund (1,500 Canadian dollars)
- 2000 Second place, John and Mae Esterline Prize for graduate student papers, ASPAC, Eugene, OR.
- 1999 China Times Young Scholars Award (\$10,000)
- 1998 Chiang Ching-kuo Dissertation Fellowships for R.O.C. Students Abroad (\$15,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2011 *Daoist Ritual, State Religion and Popular Practices: Zhenwu Worship from Song to Ming (960-1644)*. London & New York: Routledge

Refereed articles

- 2014 "Village Alliance and Village Temple: The Worship of the Primordial Lord of the Purple Void in North China [*Sheqin yu cunmiao: Zixu yuanjun xinyang zai huabei* 社亲与村庙：紫虚元君信仰在华北]." *Northwest Journal of Ethnology (Xibei minzu yanjiu)*, 2014.1: 28-34. In Chinese. (*NJE* is a peer-review Chinese journal established in 1986 based at the Northwest University for Nationalities, Lanzhou, Gansu province, China.)
- 2010 "Forming Women's Genealogy: Daoist Monastic Women in Mongolian China." *Journal of Chinese Ritual, Theatre and Folklore (Min-su chü-i)*, 168: 157-90 (*JCRTF* is a double-blind peer-review bilingual international journal starting in 1980 based in Taiwan.

** This article is selected to be included in Russell Kirkland ed., *Taoism* (London & New York: Routledge), 2015.

- 2009 “Summoning the Thunder Generals: Internal Alchemy in Thunder Rites.” In Livia Kohn and Robin Wong eds., *Daoist Inner Alchemy* (Magdalena, NM: Three Pines Press), 108-124.
** This article is selected to be included in Russell Kirkland ed., *Taoism* (London & New York: Routledge), 2015.
- 2009 “The Precious Volume of Zhenwu Bodhisattva Attaining the Way: A Case Study of the Worship of Zhenwu (Perfected Warrior) in Ming-Qing Sectarian Groups.” In Philip Clart and Paul Crowe eds., *The People and the Dao: New Studies of Chinese Popular Religion in Honour of Prof. Daniel L. Overmyer* (Sankt Augustin: Institut Monumenta Serica), 63-82. The article was individually reviewed through a double-blind process.
- 2008 “Good Career Moves: Life Stories of Daoist Nuns of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries.” Daoist Abbesses in North China during the Jin and Yuan Dynasties (1115-1341).” *Nan Nü: Men, Women and Gender in China* 10: 121-151.
- 2006 “Huizong and the Divine Empyrean Temple (Shenxiao gong) Network.” In Patricia Ebrey and Maggie Bickford eds., *Emperor Huizong and Late Northern Song China The Politics of Culture and the Culture of Politics* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), 324-358.
- 2003 “Daoist Examinations and Daoist Schools during the Northern Song Dynasty.” *Journal of Chinese Religions* 31: 1 – 37.
- 2002 “A Danggi Temple in Taipei: Spirit-Mediums in Modern Urban Taiwan.” *Asia Major*, third series, 15.2: 129-157.
** This article is selected to be included in Vincent Goossaert ed., *Critical Readings on Chinese Religions* (Leiden & Boston: Brill), 2013.

Articles by invitation

- 2012 “Chinese Religion in the Song and Alien Dynasties.” In Randall Nadeau ed., *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Chinese Religions* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Lit.), 99-124.
- 2010 “Daojiao yu minjian zongjiao yanjiu (Daoism and Popular Religion—State of Field).” In Haihui Zhang et al eds., *Beimei Zhongguo Xueshu Yanjiu – Xueshu gaishu yu wenxian ziyuan (Chinese Studies in North America – Research and Resources* (Beijing: Zhonghua shuju.), 3-19. In Chinese.

Book reviews

- In press *Taoism* edited by Zhongjian Mou, translated by Junliang Pan and Simone Normand (Leiden: Brill, 2009). *Journal of Chinese Religions* 42.2.
- 2010 *Women’s Ritual in China: Jiezhū (Receiving Buddhist Prayer Beads) Performed by Menopausal Women in Ninghua, Western Fujian* by Neki Tak-Ching Cheung (Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2008). *Journal of Chinese Religions* 38: 83-85.
- 2007 *The Taoists of Peking, 1800-1949: A History of Urban Clerics* by Vincent Goossaert (Cambridge, Mass. & London: Harvard University Asia Center, 2007). *Journal of Chinese Religions* 35: 149-151.
- 2005 *Identity Reflections: Pilgrimages to Mount Tai in Late Imperial China* by Brian Dott (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004). *Journal of Asian Studies* 64.4: 999-1001.
- 2004 *Dianfan de zhuixun: Taiwan bentu zongjiao yanjiu de xin shiye yu xin siwei 典範的追尋：臺灣本土宗教研究的新視野與新思維* [Searching for the paradigm: New perspectives on Taiwan religious studies], edited by Hsün Chang and Tsann-terng Jiang (Taipei: SMC, 2002). *Journal of Chinese Religions*, no. 32: 193-196.
- 2003 *Dangdai Taiwan bentu zongjiao yanjiu daolun 當代台灣本土宗教研究導論* [Reader in Contemporary Religious Studies in Taiwan], edited by Hsün Chang and Tsann-terng Jiang (Taipei: SMC, 2002). *Journal of Chinese Religions*, no. 31: 219-222.
- 2001 *Power of the Wheel: The Falun Gong Revolution* by Ian Adams et al. *Pacific Affairs*, vol. 74.4 (Winter 2001): 591-592.

Book edited (as an assistant)

- 2002 *Ethnography in China Today: A Critical Assessment of Methods and Results* (Taipei: Yuan-liou Publishing Co., Ltd.). Assistant to the editor, Daniel L. Overmyer.

Translations

- 2004 “Daojiao yu difang xinyang – yi Wen yuanshuai weili 道教與地方信仰 一以溫例為帥元.” *Minjian zongjiao* 民間宗教 [*Popular Religion*], no. 3: 1-31. (Chinese translation of Paul Katz’s “Daoism and Local Cults -- A Case Study of the Cult of Marshal Wen,” in Kwang-ching Liu and Richard Shek, eds. *Heterodoxy in Late Imperial China*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press), pp. 172 – 208.
- 1997 “Qingmo Fuzhou Wudi xinyang ji qi zhuyi huodong 清末福州五帝信仰及其逐疫活動.” *Minjian zongjiao* 民間宗教 [*Popular Religion*], no. 3: 385-396. (Chinese translation of excerpts from Justin Doolittle’s *Social Life of the Chinese: Account of Their Religious, Governmental, and Business Customs and Options, with Special but not Exclusive Reference to Fuhchau*. NY: Harper & Brothers, 1865), pp. 157–167.

WORK IN PROCESS

- (Book) Religious revivalism in northern rural China
- (Book) Heavenly Master Daoism in China and in diaspora from late imperial to modern times

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 “Chanting All The Way to the Pure Land: Buddhism in Practice in Rural North China.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 26-29, Chicago.
- 2015 “Revival of Religion in North Rural China.” Conference on “Studying Rural Chinese Society in the 21st Century: Emerging Themes and New Challenges.” Mt. Scopus campus of the Hebrew University, March 9-11, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2014 “The Precious Volumes of Zhenwu and the Worship of Zhenwu.” International Conference on Scripture, Ritual, and Popular Religion (Jingdian, yishi, yu minjian zongjiao guoji xueshu yantaohui), Oct. 25-26, Shanghai, China.
- 2014 “Our Lady on the Mountain: a Case Study of the Revival of Communal Religion in Rural Northern China” European Social Science History Conference, April 23-5, Vienna, Austria.
- 2013 “Religious Revivalism in North China.” Symposium of Religion and Society in North China, May 2-4, University of Rutgers, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- 2011 Panelist at “Belvederes, Bureaucrats, and Believers: Daoism, Temple Networks, and Local Society in Later China”, Chinese Religion Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 19-22, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 “The Dynamic between Liturgical Innovation and Pantheon Growth in Daoism of the Song-Yuan Period: A Case of Zhenwu (Perfected Warrior).” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Oct. 30- Nov. 1, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 “How was the Perfected Warrior Won?” Annual Meeting of Association of Asian Studies, March 25-28, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 “The Perfected Warrior and the Military during Song Times.” Annual Meeting of Association of Asian Studies, March 26-29, Chicago, IL.
- 2008 “Social and Ethical Dimension of Female Practice.” Conference on Female Meditation Techniques in Late Imperial and Modern China, November 8-9, Los Angeles, CA (by invitation).

- 2008 “Daoist Transcendent and Popular Goddess: The Worship of Wei Huacun in North China.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 1-4, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 “Inner Alchemy, Thunder Ritual, and the Zhenwu Cult.” Daoism in Action: International Conference on Daoist Studies, Hong Kong, Nov. 21-25.
- 2006 “Conflicted Interests at Sacred Space in Contemporary China: Mt. Wudang as a Case Study.” Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco, April 6-9.
- 2005 “Transformation, Continuity and the Symbolism of Water in a Chinese Festival Celebration.” Fourth Conference of International Water History Association, Paris, France, Dec. 1-4.
- 2005 “The Divine Empyrean Palace Temple Network and the Court of Song Huizong (r. 1101-1125 CE).” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 19-22, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 “The Life Experiences of Daoist Priestesses during the Thirteenth Century.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 31-April 3, Chicago, IL.
- 2004 “Mt. Wudang as a Case Study for Historical Memory.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 20-23, San Antonio, TX.
- 2004 “Zhenwu in Public Ritual.” Daoism and the Contemporary World Conference, June 6-10, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.
- 2004 “Ritual Theater in a Daoist Framework in 1980’s Rural China.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 4-7, San Diego, CA.
- 2003 “The Xuanwu in Ancient Chinese Cosmology.” Southeastern Early China Roundtable (SEECR), October 31 – November 2, Berea College, Berea, KY.
- 2003 “The Perfection of Daoist Priestesses in the Song-Yuan Era.” Daoism and Contemporary World: An International Conference on Daoist Studies, June 5-7, Boston University, MA.
- 2003 “Religion and Politics in the Court of Genghis Khan at the Turn of the Twelfth Century” Annual Meeting of the Mongolia Society, March 27-39, New York, NY.
- 2002 “The Impact of Daoist Liturgy on the Pantheon of Chinese Popular Religion” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 23-26, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2002 “Two Precious Volumes of Zhenwu.” Religious Thought and Lived Religion in China: A Conference in Honour of Professor Daniel L. Overmyer on His Retirement, Sep. 14-15, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2002 “Localizing State Religion: A Case Study of the Zhenwu Cult in Foshan, Guangdong.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, April 4-7, Washington D.C.
- 2001 “Internal Alchemy, Thunder Ritual, and the Zhenwu cult: A Case Study of the *Jinque xiansheng jiashu biwen*.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November, Denver, CO.
- 2001 “Woman Pilgrims Seen through Vernacular Writings in Seventeenth-century China” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2001 “An Aspect of Religious Life in Urban Taiwan.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 22-25, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2000 “Daoist Examinations and Daoist School-system during the Northern Song Dynasty.” ASPAC Conference, June, Eugene, OR.
- 1998 “Ethnographical note of an Urban Cult Group (Dushi shentan minzuzhi)” Interdisciplinary Symposium of Taiwanese Popular Religion, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan/ ROC

COURSES TAUGHT

Religions of Japan (Fall 2014, University of Rochester)
 Death, Dying, and Beyond (Fall 2014, University of Rochester)
 Chinese Religions (Spring 2014, University of Rochester)
 New Religious Movements, East and West (Spring 2014, University of Rochester)
 Introduction to World Religions (2005 – 2012, Rutgers University)
 Eastern Religions (2005 – 2012, Rutgers University)
 Introduction to Religion and Contemporary Culture (2010-present, Rutgers University)
 Religion and Violence (2011 Fall, Rutgers University)
 Purgatory (2010, Rutgers University)
 Heaven and Hell (2008, Rutgers University)
 Myth and Symbol (2007, Rutgers University)
 Exorcism: East and West (2006, Rutgers University)
 Introduction to Buddhism (2003, Washington University)
 Chinese Popular Religion (senior seminar, 2003, Washington University)
 The Foundation and Development of Chinese Thought (2002, UBC)
 Daoist Religion and Its Philosophical Background (2001-2002, UBC)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2015 Panel organizer: “Practitioners, Discourers, and Reformers: The Laity in Chinese Buddhism from Medieval to Contemporary Times.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 26-29, Chicago.
- 2014 Discussant at “Rutgers Daoist Studies Symposium: Daoism and Local Society in Late Imperial and Modern China.” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Nov. 15-16.
- 2013 Co-organizer of an international symposium on “Religion and Society in North China.” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, May 6-7.
- 2012 Organizer of an international meeting for planning a conference on “Religion and Society in North China.” Qingdao, China, June.
- 2010 Co-organizer of an international symposium on “Divinity and Society: the Cult of Zhenwu in Imperial and Modern China.” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, April 2-3
- 2009 Co-organizer of the 5th International Daoist Conference, Wudangshan, Hubei, China, 18-22 June.
- 2007 Co-organizer of “Temple in Rural China” workshop, Princeton University, April 30.
- 2005 Panel organizer: “The Daoist Priesthood and Secular Society in Traditional and Modern China.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 31-April 3, Chicago.
- 2004 Panel organizer: “Singing, Fighting, and Recounting: transmission Interaction of Religious Traditions with Popular Cultural Forms in China.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, March 4-7, San Diego, CA.
- 2002 Panel organizer: “Local Cults and Local Practices: Religion and Identity in China from Song to Modern Times” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, April 4-7, Washington D.C.
- 1999 Panel organizer: “Bridging Humanity and Social Science on Asia: Beyond Economic Crisis and Political Trauma,” at Re-evaluating Asia: New Research Direction Conference, UBC.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 2007 - 2013 Steering committee member of Chinese Religion Group at American Academy of Religion
- 2007 – 2013 Steering committee member of Daoist Studies Group at American Academy of Religion
- 2007 – 2010 Board member of Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
- 2005 Referee for *Journal of Chinese Ritual, Theatre and Folklore*
- 2005 Referee for the Three Pines Press
- 2004 Grant proposal reviewer for University of Missouri Research Board
- 1999 Representative of Graduate Student Society at the Killam Teaching Prize Adjudication Committee, Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia.
- 1999 Representative of graduate students at President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a New Dean for the Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Academy of Religion
- Association of Asian Studies
- Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

CITIZENSHIP:

- Permanent resident of the US (green card)
- Citizen of Republic of China/Taiwan (passport)