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## Curriculum Vitae

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Born: June 5, 1950, London, England (U.S. citizen); married: Pamela Lois Percy; son: Ian Reid Jackson, b. 4/21/87

### Academic Appointments

- 2009–date: John W. Nason Professor of Asian Studies and Religion, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057  
 2013: Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies, McGill University, Montréal, Canada  
 2004–09: Stephen R. Lewis, Jr. Professor of Religion and the Liberal Arts, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057 (dept. chair, 2006–09)  
 1996–2004: Professor of Religion, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057  
 1989–96: Associate Professor of Religion, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057 (dept. chair, 1994–1997)  
 1988–89: Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 06430.  
 1985–88: Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 06430.  
 1984–85: Visiting Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies, Department of Far Eastern Languages and Literature (now Dept. of Asian Languages and Cultures), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.  
 1983–84: Assistant Professor of Religion, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057.

### Education

- Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06457, 1968–72: B.A. in Religion, 1972.  
 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI 53706, 1975–83: M.A. in South Asian Studies, 1977; Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies, 1983.  
*Dissertation:* “Is Enlightenment Possible? An Analysis of Some Arguments in the Buddhist Philosophical Tradition, With Special Attention to the *Pramāṇasiddhi* Chapter of Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika*”  
*Advisor:* Geshe Lhundub Sopa.  
*Minor:* South Asian Languages and Literature.

### Courses Taught

*Introductory Level:* Introduction to Religion; Religions of South Asia; Civilizations of India; Introduction to Islam; What Would Buddha Do? Exploring Buddhist Ethics; Buddhism and the Beats

*Intermediate Level:* Theravada Buddhism; Indian Mahayana Buddhism; Tibetan Buddhism; Hindu Traditions; The Bhagavad Gita; The Lotus Sutra; Mahābhārata: The Hindu Book of Peace and War; Gandhi; Buddha; Indian Philosophy; Sufism; Global/Local Perspectives

*Advanced Level:* Emptiness; Poetics of Enlightenment; Mysticism; Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion; Theory and Practice of Cross-Cultural Studies

*Also:* Individual or small-group instruction in Pali, Sanskrit, classical Tibetan

### **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion (1982–date; core member of Tantra Consultation, 1995–1999; member of Buddhism Section steering committee, 1996–2004; member Buddhist Philosophy Group steering committee, 2005–2006; co–chair of Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group, 2005–2011; core member of Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar, 2010–date)

American Society for the Study of Religion (2005–date)

Association for Asian Studies (1983–date)

International Association of Buddhist Studies (1976–date)

International Association of Tibetan Studies (2006–date)

Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies (1987–date)

### **Other Professional Service**

American Institute of Indian Studies Board of Trustees (1997–date)

ISLE Program faculty board (1989–date; executive committee, 1999–date; chair, 1999–2005, 2010–11)

Reviewer of manuscripts for publishers: University of California Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, State University of New York Press, Wisdom Publications, Snow Lion Publications, Wadsworth Publications, Duke University Press, Blackwell, New World Press, Compass Point Press, Columbia University Press; and journals: *Asian Philosophy*, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, *Oral Tradition*, *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, *Philosophy East And West*, *Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies*, *Buddhist–Christian Studies*

Reviewer of grant applications for National Endowment for the Humanities, Guggenheim Foundation, Fulbright Foundation, American Council for Learned Societies, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Foundation, Austrian Science Fund

Referee for approximately 30 external tenure and/or promotion applications

External advisor for dissertations in Buddhist Studies at Harvard University (K. Schaeffer, 2000–2003), University of Michigan (D. Fiordalis, 2005–2008), and Australian National University (R. Gamble, 2006–13), and for M.A. theses at University of Minnesota (D. Stromback, 2010–11), Rangjung Yeshe Institute (A. Klinchmann, 2013), and McGill University (S. Divall, 2014).

Member of Board of Directors of Gyutö Wheel of Dharma Monastery, Minneapolis, MN, 1995–date.

## Editorial Work

Editorial assistant to A.K. Narain on *Studies in Pali and Buddhism* and *History of Buddhism*, 1976–78.  
*The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*: editorial assistant, 1978–81; Assistant Editor, 1981–86; Co–Editor–in–Chief, 1986–89; Editor–in–Chief, 1989–1993; member of Editorial Board, 1994–date.  
 Networker for Indian, Southeast Asian and Tibetan Buddhism, *Religious Studies Review*, 1997–2000.  
*Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies*: member of Editorial Board, 1999–2006; co–editor, 2006–date.  
 Member of Advisory Board for *Treasury of Lives: Biographies of Himalayan Religion Masters*, 2012–date.

## Publications

### Books

*The Wheel of Time: Kalachakra in Context* (with Geshe Lhundub Sopa and John Newman). Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion, 1991. [Reprint, with slight changes, of original edition: Oregon, WI: Deer Park Books, 1985.]  
*Is Enlightenment Possible? Dharmakīrti and rGyal tshab rje on Knowledge, Rebirth, No–Self and Liberation*. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, 1993.  
*Tibetan Literature: Studies in Genre. Essays in Honor of Geshe Lhundup Sopa* (ed., with José Ignacio Cabezón). Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, 1996.  
*Buddhist Theology: Critical Reflections by Contemporary Buddhist Scholars*, (ed., with John Makransky). Richmond, Surrey, U.K.: Curzon Press, 2000.  
*Tantric Treasures: Three Collections of Mystical Verse from Buddhist India*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.  
*The Crystal Mirror of Philosophical Systems: A Tibetan Study of Asian Religious Thought*, by Thuken Losang Chökyi Nyima. Translated by Geshe Lhundup Sopa, with Ann Chávez and Roger Jackson; volume editor: Roger Jackson. Institute for Tibetan Classics translation series, no. 25. Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2009.  
*Mahāmudrā and the Bka' brgyud Tradition*. [Proceedings from the Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Königswinter, Germany, 2006.] (co–editor, with Matthew Kapstein). Andiast, Switzerland: International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies GmbH, 2011.

### (In progress)

*Lamp So Bright: Mahāmudrā and the Geluk Tradition of Tibetan Buddhism*  
*Opening the Great Seal: Mahāmudrā in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism*

### (Projected)

*Bodhi Songs: An Anthology of Buddhist Poetry*  
*A/gnosis: An Existential Buddhology*

*Buddhism and the Beats*

**Articles and Review-Articles** (\* denotes refereed)

- \*“Sa skya Paṇḍita's Account of the bSam yas Debate: History as Polemic,” *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 5:1 (1982), pp. 89–99.
- “Terms of Pali and Sanskrit Origin Acceptable as English Words,” *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 5:2 (1982) pp. 141–142.
- \*“For Whom Emptiness Prevails: An Analysis of the Religious Implications of Nāgārjuna's *Vigrahavyavartanī* 70,” *Religious Studies*, 21 (September, 1985), pp. 407–414.
- “Dependent Origination and Emptiness: A Westerner's Response,” in *Pratītyasamutpāda*, ed. Ven. Samdhong Rinpoche. *Samyag–Vak*, I (Sarnath, Varanasi, India: Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1986), pp. 289–298.
- \*“Dharmakīrti's Refutation of Theism,” *Philosophy East and West*, 36:4 (October, 1986), pp. 315–348.
- \*“The Buddha as *Pramāṇabhūta*: Epithets and Arguments in the Buddhist ‘Logical’ Tradition,” *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 16 (1988), pp. 335–365.
- \*“Matching Concepts: Deconstructive and Foundationalist Tendencies in Buddhist Thought,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LVII:3 (1989), pp. 561–589. [Spanish translation in *Revista de Estudios Buddhistas* II:3 (1992) pp. 57–94.]
- “Luminous Mind Among the Logicians: An Analysis of *Pramāṇavārttika* II:205–211,” in *Buddha Nature: A Festschrift in Honor of Minoru Kiyota*, ed. P.J. Griffiths and J. Keenan. Los Angeles: Buddhist Books International, 1990, pp. 95–123.
- [Rodzer R. Dzekson,] “Razumevanje dvosmislenosti: Odgovor na izlaganje Artura Hermana” ‘Racionalno i iracionalno: indijsko shvatanje samoodricanja,’” [Serbo–Croatian translation of “Response to Arthur Herman's ‘The Rational and the Anti–Rational: Indian Perspectives on Renunciation,’”], *Kultura Istoka*, God. VII, Brod 26 (Oct.–Dec. 1990), pp. 29–30.
- “Response to Arthur Herman's ‘The Rational and the Anti–Rational: Indian Perspectives on Renunciation,’” *Asian Thought and Society: An International Review*, XVI:47 (1991), pp. 114–118.
- \*Articles on “Dharmakīrti” and “Dignāga,” in *Who's Who of Religions*, ed. J.R. Hinnells. New York: Macmillan, 1991, pp. 99–100; 101.
- “Dharmakīrti's Attitude Toward Omniscience,” in *Pt. Dalsukh Bhai Malvaniya Felicitation Volume*, ed. M.A. Dhaky and Sagarmal Jain. Vol. I. Varanasi: P. V. Research Institute, 1991, pp. 230–246.
- \*“Ambiguous Sexuality: Imagery and Interpretation in Tantric Buddhism,” *Religion*, 22 (1992) pp. 85–100. [Reprinted in Paul Williams, ed., *Buddhism: Critical Concepts in Religious Studies*. London: Routledge, 2006.]
- \*“The Tibetan *Tshogs Zhing* (Field of Assembly): General Notes on Its Religious Function, Its Structure and Its Content,” *Asian Philosophy*, 2:2 (1992), pp. 157–172.
- \*“Guenther's Saraha: A Detailed Review of *Ecstatic Spontaneity*,” *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 17:2 (1994) pp. 111–143.
- \*“A Tantric Echo in Sinhalese Theravāda? *Pirit* Ritual, the Book of *Paritta* and the *Jinapañjaraya*,” *Dhīh*, 18 (Wesak, 1994) pp. 121–140.
- “No/Responsibility: Saraha, ‘*Siddha* Ethics’ and the Transcendancy Thesis,” in *Felicitation Volume on the Occasion of the Sixtieth Birthday of H.H. the Dalai Lama*, ed. S.S.

- Bahulkar and N. Samten. Sarnath: Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1996, pp. 79–110.
- “‘Poetry’ in Tibet: *Glu, mGur, sNyan ngag* and “Songs of Experience,”” in *Tibetan Literature: Studies in Genre. Essays in Honor of Geshe Lhundhub Sopa*, ed. José Ignacio Cabezón and Roger R. Jackson. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, 1996, pp. 368–392.
- “Editors’ Introduction” (with J. Cabezón), in *Tibetan Literature: Studies in Genre. Essays in Honor of Geshe Lhundhub Sopa*, ed. José Ignacio Cabezón and Roger R. Jackson. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, 1996, pp. 11–37.
- \*“How Mystical is Buddhism? Some Comments on Ilkka Pyysiäinen's *Beyond Language and Reason*,” *Asian Philosophy*, 6:2 (1996) pp. 151–157.
- \*“Buddhism in India,” in *Companion Encyclopedia of Asian Philosophy*, ed. I. Mahalingam and B. Carr. London: Routledge, 1997, pp. 318–348.
- “A Tibetan Fasting Ritual,” in *Religions of Tibet in Practice*, ed. Donald S. Lopez, Jr. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997, pp. 271–292. [Reprinted in *Religions of Asia in Practice*, ed. Donald S. Lopez, Jr. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002, pp. 517–538.]
- \*“‘The Whole Secret Lies in Arbitrariness’: A Reply to Eli Franco,” *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 20:1 (1997) pp. 133–148.
- “Right Speech from a Tibetan Buddhist Perspective,” *Tricycle* VIII, 3 (Spring, 1999), pp. 34–35.
- \*“Atheology and Buddhology in Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika*.” *Faith and Philosophy* 16:4 (October, 1999) pp. 472–505.
- “Editors’ Introduction: Buddhist Theology: Its Historical Context,” in *Buddhist Theology: Critical Reflections by Contemporary Buddhist Scholars*, ed. Roger R. Jackson and John Makransky. Richmond, Surrey, U.K.: Curzon Press, 2000, pp. 1–21.
- “In Search of a Postmodern Middle,” in *Buddhist Theology: Critical Reflections by Contemporary Buddhist Scholars*, ed. Roger R. Jackson and John Makransky. Richmond, Surrey, U.K.: Curzon Press, 2000, pp. 215–246.
- “Visions and Revisions: Some Recent Work on Tibetan Buddhism.” *Religious Studies Review* 26:2 (April, 2000), pp. 127–134.
- “The dGe ldan bka’ brgyud Tradition of Mahāmudrā: How Much dGe ldan? How Much bKa’ brgyud?” in *Changing Minds: Contributions to the Study of Buddhism and Tibet In Honor of Jeffrey Hopkins*, ed. Guy Newland. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications, 2001, pp. 155–192.
- \*Major contributor to: Tsong-kha-pa, *The Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment*, vol. 3. Translated by the Lamrim Chenmo Translation Committee, Joshua W. C. Cutler, Editor-in-Chief. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion, 2002.
- \*Articles on: “Candrakīrti,” “Wisdom,” “Compassion,” “Upāya,” and “Śūnyatā (Emptiness).” In *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Ed. Robert E. Buswell, Jr. 2 vols. New York: Thomson/Gale, 2004.
- \*Articles on: “Sgam po pa” and “Mahāmudrā.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion*. Second edition. Ed. Lindsay Jones. New York: Gale, 2005.
- “Deconstructive and Foundationalist Tendencies in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism.” In *Buddhisms and Deconstructions*, ed. Jin Y. Park. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006, pp. 89–108. [Revision of “Matching Concepts,” 1990.]
- \*“Triumphalism and Ecumenism in Thu'u bkwan's *Crystal Mirror*.” *Journal of the International Association for Tantric Studies* 2 (on-line: <http://thlib.org/collections/texts/jiats/#jiats=/02/jackson/>), 2006.

- “Poetry in Buddhism.” In *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions*. Ed. Yudi Kornberg Greenberg. Vol. 2. Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, 2007, pp. 468–470.
- “The Indian Mahāmudrā Canon(s): A Preliminary Sketch.” *Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies*, no. 9 (2008), pp. 151–184.
- “Archer Among the Yellow Hats: The Uses of Saraha in Geluk Tradition.” *Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies*, no. 10, 2009, pp. 103–131.
- \*“Two Bka’ gyur Works in Mahāmudrā Canons: The *Ārya-Ātajñāna-nāma-mahāyāna-sūtra* and the *Anāvila-tantrarāja*.” *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies* 5 (on-line: <http://thlib.org/collections/texts/jiats/#jiats=/05/jackson/>), 2011.
- \*“Mahāmudrā: Natural Mind in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism.” *Religion Compass* 5/7 (2011) pp. 286–299.
- \*“A Brief History of Mahāmudrā Studies in the West.” In Roger R. Jackson and Matthew T. Kapstein, eds., *Mahāmudrā and the Bka’ bgyud Tradition*. [Proceedings from the Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Königswinter, Germany, 2006.] Andiast, Switzerland: International Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies GmbH, 2011, pp. 3–54.
- \*“Saraha’s *Queen Dohās*.” In David G. White, ed., *Yoga in Practice*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011, pp. 162–184.
- \*“Mahāmudrā in India.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, 23 March 2012.
- \*“Mahāmudrā in Tibet.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, 24 April 2012.
- “Recollections of Geshe Sopa.” *Mandala Magazine*, Dec., 2012.

### (Forthcoming)

- “Borrowed Texts, Fluid Genres, and Performative License: Reflections on a Dge lugs pa Offering Ritual.” In a *Proceedings* volume on literary genres from the 12<sup>th</sup> seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, Canada (2010), edited by Jim Rhiengans. Leiden: Brill, 2014.
- “Did Tsong kha pa Teach Mahāmudrā?” *Zentralasiatische Studien*, 2014.

### Pamphlet

- Eleven-Faced Avalokiteśvara's Fasting Ritual, Condensed into a Nectar-Drop* [A phonetic transliteration and English translation of a Tibetan ritual text from the Geluk order, to be chanted in the course of a two-day fasting retreat.] Oregon, WI: Deer Park Books, 1989.

### Reviews

- Tibetan Buddhism in Western Perspective*, by Herbert V. Guenther, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 1, 2 (1978), pp. 67–69.
- The Religions of Tibet*, by Giuseppe Tucci, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 4, 1 (1981), pp. 119–122.
- Memoirs of a Modern Gnostic*, by Edward Conze, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 4, 2 (1981), pp. 102–106.

- Focus on Buddhism*, ed. Robert J. McDermott; and *Spiritual Discipline in Hinduism, Buddhism and the West*, by Harry M. Buck, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 5, 2 (1982), pp. 121–124.
- Wings of the White Crane: Love Songs of the Sixth Dalai Lama*, by Tshangs dbyangs rgya mtsho, tr. G.W. Houston; *The Rain of Wisdom*, tr. The Nalanda Translation Committee; and *Songs of Spiritual Change*, by the Seventh Dalai Lama, tr. Glenn Mullin, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 6, 2 (1983), pp. 149–156.
- Alone With Others: An Existential Approach to Buddhism*, by Stephen Batchelor; and *The Way of Siddhartha: A Life of the Buddha*, by David J. and Indrani Kalupahana, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 7, 2 (1984), pp. 208–216.
- The Books of Kiu-te*, by David Reigle; and *Dzog Chen and Zen*, by Namkhai Norbu, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 8, 1 (1985), pp. 113–115.
- The World of Buddhism*, ed. Heinz Bechert and Richard Gombrich, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 8, 1 (1985), pp. 126–133.
- On Being Mindless: Buddhist Meditation and the Mind–Body Problem*, by Paul Griffiths, *Philosophy East and West*, 38, 4 (October, 1988), pp. 443–445.
- The Twilight Language: Explorations in Buddhist Meditation and Symbolism*, by Roderick S. Bucknell and Martin–Stuart–Fox, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 11, 2 (1988), pp. 123–130.
- Rationality and Mind in Early Buddhism*, by Frank J. Hoffman, *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, 12, 2 (1989), pp. 111–122.
- A History of Indian Buddhism*, by Hirakawa Akira, *Asian Philosophy*, 3, 1 (1993) pp. 58–63.
- To See the Buddha*, by Malcolm David Eckel, *History of Religions*, 35, 1 (1995) pp. 86–89.
- The Awakening of the West*, by Stephen Batchelor, *Asian Philosophy*, 6, 1 (1996) pp. 73–76.
- On Being Buddha*, by Paul Griffiths, *History of Religions*, 36, 2 (1996), pp. 173–177.
- Engaged Buddhism: Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia*, ed. Christopher Queen and Sallie B. King, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 55, 4 (1996), pp. 971–973.
- The Tale of the Incomparable Prince*, by Tshe ring dbang rgyal, *The Shambhala Sun*, November, 1996, pp. 71–72.
- Working Emptiness: Toward a Third Reading of Emptiness in Buddhism and Postmodern Thought*, by Newman Robert Glass, *Philosophy East and West*, 48, 2 (1998), pp. 357–360.
- Recognizing Reality: Dharmakīrti's Philosophy and Its Tibetan Interpretations*, by Georges B. J. Dreyfus, *The Journal of Religion*, 78, 2 (April, 1998), pp. 316–318.
- Apparitions of the Self: The Secret Autobiographies of a Tibetan Visionary*, by Janet Gyatso, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 58, 4 (1998) pp. 1145–1147.
- The Third Karmapa's Mahāmudrā Prayer*, by Tai Situ Rinpoche. *Buddhadharma*, fall, 2002, pp. 74–75.
- Double Exposure: Cutting Across Buddhist and Western Discourses*, by Bernard Faure. *The Journal of Religion*, 85, 3 (2005), pp. 511–512.
- No Time to Lose: A Timely Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, by Pema Chödrön. *Buddhadharma*, spring, 2006, pp. 71–74.
- Ocean of Reasoning: A Great Commentary on Nāgārjuna's Mūlamadhyamakakārikā*, by rJe Tsong khapa, trans. By N. Samten and J. Garfield. *Buddhadharma*, winter 2006, pp. 75–77.
- Mountain Doctrine and The Essence of Other–Emptiness*, trans. by Jeffrey Hopkins. *Buddhadharma*, summer 2007, pp. 75–77.

- The Cakrasamvara Tantra (The Discourse of Sri Heruka): A Study and Annotated Translation*, by David B. Gray. *Buddhadharma*, spring 2008, pp. 69–71.
- In the Forest of Faded Wisdom: 104 Poems by Gendun Chopel*, by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. *Buddhadharma*, spring 2010, pp. 73–75.
- The Tibetan Book of the Dead: A Biography*, by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. *Buddhadharma*, summer, 2011.
- The Treasury of Knowledge*, by Jamgön Kongtrul (10 vols.). *Buddhadharma*, winter 2012, pp. 65–71.

IN ADDITION: Numerous brief reviews of books on Hinduism or Buddhism for *Choice* (1985–1988), and of books on Indian or Tibetan Buddhism for *Religious Studies Review* (1991–2000).

### Conference Presentations

- “Dependent Origination and Emptiness: A Critical Philosophical Response.” Conference of the Central Tibetan Institute of Higher Studies, Sarnath, India, March, 1981.
- Respondent on panel, “Specialists of the Sacred.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, November, 1983.
- “Dharmakīrti’s Refutation of Theism.” VIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Bologna, Italy, July, 1985.
- Respondent on panel, “Nāgārjuna and His Successors: Perspectives on Middleism.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, November, 1986.
- “The Buddha as *Pramānabhūta*: Epithets and Arguments in the Buddhist ‘Logical’ Tradition.” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, December, 1987.
- “Roots of Buddhist Atheism” and “Deconstruction and Foundationalism in Buddhist Thought: Nāgārjuna and Dharmakīrti.” Alabama Humanities Commission symposium on Buddhist Art and Culture, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL, April, 1988.
- “The dGa’ ldan bka’ brgyud Tradition of Mahāmudrā: How Much dGa’ ldan? How Much bKa’ brgyud?” IXth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Taipei, Taiwan, July, 1989.
- Respondent on panel, “Reason and Emotion: East and West.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, CA, November, 1989.
- “Sūtra, Tantra and Mahāmudrā.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, November, 1990.
- “Ambiguous Sexuality: Imagery and Interpretation in Tantric Buddhism.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November, 1990.
- Organizer and respondent on panel, “Indian Issues, Tibetan Debates: Three Intersectarian Controversies.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, November, 1991.
- Respondent on panel, “Deity and Deification in the Tantras.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, MO, November 1991.
- Organizer of panel, “Recent Studies in Indo–Tibetan Buddhism.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October, 1995.
- “The Nature and Origins of a Mahāmudrā ‘Corpus,’” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October, 1995.

- “On Geoffrey Samuel's *Civilized Shamans*.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, November, 1995.
- “Tibet: Maintaining a Culture in Exile.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Champaign, IL, October, 1996.
- Respondent on panel, “Buddhist Theology.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November, 1996.
- “Giuseppe Tucci, Fascism, and the Study of Buddhism.” Minnesota South Asia Consortium, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, February, 1997.
- “Atheology and Buddhology in Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika*.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL, November, 1998.
- “Conservatism and Critique Among the Buddhist Siddhas.” XIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Lausanne, Switzerland, August, 1999.
- “Triumphalism and Ecumenism in Thu'u bkwan's *Crystal Mirror*.” Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October, 2003.
- “The Current State of Mahāmudrā/Phyag chen Studies.” Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Königswinter, Germany, August, 2006.
- “Archer Among the Yellow Hats: Uses of Saraha in Geluk Tradition.” XVth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Atlanta, GA, June, 2008.
- “Buddhology, Psychology, Theology: Methodological Intersections in the Work of Luís Gómez.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November, 2008.
- “Borrowed Texts, Fluid Genres, and Performative License: Reflections on a Dge lugs pa Offering Ritual.” Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, BC, Canada, August, 2010.
- “Globalization and the Future of Buddhism.” Panel (with H.H. the Dalai Lama) on “Buddhism in the Modern World,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, May, 2011.
- “Buddhism, the Public Sphere, and the Common Good.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November, 2011.
- “Singing Across the Snow Peaks: *mgur* and its Indian Antecedents in *phyi dar* Tibet.” Conference on Religion and the Literary in Tibet, University of Toronto, April 2012.
- “Mind, Mahāmudrā, and Mysticism: Issues in a Tibetan Contemplative Tradition.” Conference on Mysticism, University of Minnesota, August, 2012.
- “Did Tsong kha pa Teach Mahāmudrā?” 13<sup>th</sup> Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August, 2013.

### Invited Lectures

- “Buddhism, Conversion and Ecumenism.” St. Benedict Center, Middleton, WI, July, 1982.
- “Sino–Indian Doctrinal Controversies in 8th–century Tibet.” Carleton–St. Olaf Asian Studies Symposium, Northfield, MN, May, 1984.
- “Tibetan Buddhism.” American Philosopher Society, Hartford, CT, October, 1986.
- “Graphing the Ghosts and Gods: Tantric Buddhist Images of the Profane and Sacred.” Minnesota Consortium on South Asia, Northfield, MN, June, 1990.
- “Hinduism and Buddhism: Points of Contact, Points of Contrast.” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, September, 1991.
- “Religious Roots of Modern India.” Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, September, 1991.

- “Deconstructing Emptiness: Buddhist and Western Philosophy.” Knox College, Galesburg, IL, September, 1991; Poona University, Pune, Maharashtra, India, August, 1992.
- “Rama, Ravana and the Relic on the Spear: Reflections on Religious Intolerance in South Asia” and “An Embarrassment of Isms: Reflections on Religious Pluralism in South Asia.” Conference of Near East and South Asia overseas school administrators, Colombo, Sri Lanka, November, 1993.
- “Buddhist Views of Death and Dying.” First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, MN, June, 1996.
- “Buddhist Traditions.” University of Wisconsin–River Falls, April, 1997
- “The Symbolism of the Buddhist Stupa.” Northfield Masonic Lodge, April, 1997.
- “The Future of Tibetan Studies.” University of Wisconsin–Madison, May, 1997.
- “Is Tibetan Culture Buddhist?” St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, October, 1997.
- “After Kundun: Recent Tibetan History.” St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis, February, 1998.
- “The Panchen Lama.” College of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, May, 1998.
- “The Background to Tibetan Buddhism.” St. Olaf College, October, 1998.
- “Judaism and Tibetan Buddhism.” Minneapolis, November, 1998.
- “Buddhism in World Affairs.” Minneapolis International Center, Minneapolis, January, 1999.
- “The Many Images of Buddhism.” Minnesota International Center and St. Mary's University, Winona, MN, April, 2000.
- “Living With Crazy Ancestors: Reflections on Some Indian Siddha Songs.” Minnesota Zen Meditation Center, Minneapolis, September, 2001.
- “The History of Buddhism.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, Northfield, MN, 5-week course, spring, 2005.
- “Tibetan Literature and Poetry,” for Bates College Tibet colloquium, Lewiston, ME, April, 2005.
- “‘The Precious Tree of Emptiness Lacks Compassion’: Metaphor and Morality in Some Crazy Buddhist Saints.” Lewis Chair Inaugural Lecture, Carleton College, May, 2005.
- “Five Basic Buddhist Concepts.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, Northfield, MN, 5-week course, spring, 2006.
- “Buddhism South, Buddhism East, Buddhism West” (with S. Horton, Macalester College). Center for Religious Inquiry, Minneapolis, 3-week course, fall, 2006.
- “How to Be a Bodhisattva.” Minnesota Zen Meditation Center, January, 2007; Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, February, 2007.
- “Śāntideva’s *Way of the Bodhisattva*.” Minnesota Zen meditation center, 4-week course, summer, 2007; Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, 5-week course, spring, 2008.
- “Violence and Peace in Buddhism.” Center for Religious Inquiry, Minneapolis, MN, November, 2007.
- “Buddhism and Other Religions.” Eastview High School, Apple Valley, MN, March, 2008.
- “China and India at the Tibetan Court: The Great Buddhist Debate of 792.” University of Minnesota, November, 2008.
- “The Nature of Buddhist Education.” Maitripa College, Portland, OR, January, 2009.
- “Karma: Now You Do It, Now You Don’t.” Common Ground Meditation Center, Minneapolis, MN, August, 2009.
- “Who is the Dalai Lama?” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, March, 2010.
- “Tibetan Buddhism.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, 4-week course, spring, 2010.
- “Amazement Rooted in Azure Sky: Understanding Tibetan Spiritual Poetry.” Swarthmore College, December, 2010.
- “Tibetan Buddhism: Five Perspectives.” St. Olaf College, December, 2010.
- “Who Carved the Great Seal? The Quest for Indian Sources of a Tibetan Meditation Tradition.” Yale University, April, 2011.

- “Studying the Great Seal: Problems, Methods, and Findings.” Renmin University, Beijing, June, 2011.
- “Metta is (Not) All You Need: Love and Compassion in Buddhism.” Common Ground Meditation Center, Minneapolis, August, 2011.
- “Mind, Meditation, Mahāmudrā and MRIs: Some Reflections.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, April, 2011.
- “On Buddhism.” Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN (2 lectures), April, 2012.
- “Why the Dalai Lama Matters.” St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN April, 2012.
- “Mind, Meditation, and MRIs: Some Buddhist Reflections.” Carleton Bay Area Alumni Group, July, 2012.
- “Karma: Now You Do It, Now You Don’t.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, February, 2013.
- “Mind, Meditation, and MRIs: Some Buddhist Reflections.” Numata lecture, McGill University, Montreal, CA, November, 2013.
- “After Buddhist Theology: Further Reflections on the Path to the Middle.” Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal, March, 2014
- “From the Deer Park to Division Street: Situating an American Buddhist Sangha.” Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center, April, 2014.
- “Blown Away: Nibbāna and Its Permutations,” Common Ground Meditation Center, Minneapolis, May, 2014.

ALSO: Monthly class on Buddhist philosophical texts (*Bodhicaryāvatāra*, *Pramāṇavārttika*, *Madhyamakāvatāra*), Gyütö Wheel of Dharma Monastery, Minneapolis, 2002–date.

### **Awards and Honors**

- NDFL Title VI language fellowship, 1976–77 (Tibetan), 1978–80, 1981–82 (Hindi).
- B.K. Roy Essay Prize, for “The Buddhist Sahajiyas.” Dept. of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1977.
- Non–Resident Scholarship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1977–78.
- American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship, Varanasi, India, 1980–81.
- American Council of Learned Societies International Meeting Travel Grant, for conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Bologna, Italy, July, 1985.
- Fairfield University Humanities Institute Grant for “Visiting Scholar Robert Ellwood,” 1986.
- Summer Research Grant for “Mahāmudrā Meditation in the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism,” Fairfield University, 1987.
- Fairfield University Humanities Institute Grant for “Teaching the Introduction to Religious Studies Through Christian–Buddhist Dialogue,” summer, 1987.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections Grant for “Mahāmudrā Meditation and the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism,” for travel to Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, India, December 1988–January 1989.
- Fairfield University Humanities Institute Grant for “Mahāmudrā Meditation and the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism,” for travel to Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, India, December 1988–January 1989.
- Summer Research Grant for “The Poetics of Enlightenment: A Genre Study of Tibetan 'Realization Songs' (mgur),” Carleton College, 1990.

Hewlitt Area Studies grants for course development: “Introduction to India” (with E. Zelliott) and “Symbolism of the Stupa” (with B. Smith), Carleton College, 1991–92.  
 Fulbright–Hays group curriculum development grant, Sri Lanka, summer, 1993.  
 Carleton College Large Grant for “Mind Seeing Mind: Mahāmudrā and the dGe lugs School of Tibetan Buddhism,” 1994.  
 Carleton College curriculum development grant: “Himalayan Buddhism” (with J. Fisher) 1997.  
 Carleton College curriculum development grant: “Teaching the Western Monotheistic Traditions” (with R. Crouter, L. Newman, A. Patrick) 1999.  
 Freeman Foundation Grant for travel to Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, India, 1999.  
 Faculty research awards from Carleton College for work on translation of Thu'u bkwan's *Crystal Mirror of Tenet Systems*. 2001–2002.  
 Elected to American Society for the Study of Religion, 2005.  
 Carleton College grant for study of teaching South Asian studies in small liberal arts colleges (with P. Sengupta and M. Sehgal), 2006–07.  
 Carleton College Large FDE Grant and Targeted Opportunity for “Opening the Great Seal: Mahāmudrā in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism,” 2010.  
 Carleton College Small Faculty Development Grant for participation in Council for International Educational Exchange International Faculty Development Seminar, “Religion, Ecology, and Identity in Tibet,” summer 2011.  
 Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies, McGill University, Montréal, Canada, fall 2013.

### **Languages**

Reading only: classical Tibetan, Sanskrit, Prakrits (including Pāli), Apabhraṃśa, Latin, Spanish.  
 Reading and Speaking: French (very good), Italian (good) Hindi (fair); Sinhala and modern Tibetan (limited).

### **Extended Residence Abroad**

1950–53: London, England  
 1953–56, 1963–65: Rome, Italy  
 1970: Paris, France  
 1973–74: India and Nepal  
 1980–81, 1992: India  
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**OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES VISITED:** Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Thailand, Taiwan, China, Japan, Mongolia