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### **UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Ph.D.** (1999) Committee for the Study of Religion. Dissertation: "Foundations of Dharmakīrti's Philosophy: A Study of the Central Issues in his Ontology, Logic and Epistemology with Particular Attention to the *Svopajñavṛtti*."

**A.M.** (1988) Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies. Thesis: "Candrakīrti's Commentary on the Sixteenth Chapter of the *Catuhśataka*."

**Amherst College**, Amherst, Massachusetts

**A.B.** (1984) English Literature.

**United States Air Force Academy**, Colorado Springs, Colorado (1979–1981)

### **UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**, Madison, Wisconsin.

Fall 2015 – Present Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures

Fall 2015 – Present Distinguished Professor of Contemplative Humanities,  
Center for Healthy Minds

**Emory University**, Atlanta, Georgia.

2007 – Present Associate Professor, Department of Religion

2005 – 2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Religion

**Aarhus University**, Aarhus, Denmark.

May, 2012 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Culture & Society

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**, Madison, Wisconsin.

2000 – 2005 Assistant Professor, Languages and Cultures of Asia

1999 Visiting Assistant Professor

**Université de Lausanne**, Lausanne, Switzerland

1997 – 1999 Research Fellow

**Antioch University**, Yellow Springs, Ohio

1994 Lecturer, Buddhist Studies Abroad Program, Bodh Gaya, India

**Harvard University**, Cambridge.

1987 – 1994 Various appointments as a Teaching Fellow and tutor

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2011-14 **John Templeton Foundation**. Principal Investigator for the Mind and Life Contemplative Studies Fellowship program to support interdisciplinary scholarship in the developing field of Contemplative Studies. (\$750,000)
- 2011-12 **Hershey Family Foundation**. In support of research on mindfulness. (\$50,000)
- 2006 **Emory Encyclopedia of Contemplative Practices**. Received through Emory's Strategic Planning Committee under the general theme of "Religions and the Human Spirit." Current plans involve integrating this project with a parallel effort at the University of Virginia. (\$155,000)
- 2006 & 2007 **Hershey Family Foundation**. To support the work of the EECF. (\$10,000 each year)
- 2003 – 2005 **National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant**. Principal Investigator on a collaborative project dedicated to a translation and study of Candrakīrti's *Prasannapadā*, a Buddhist philosophical work. (\$118,000)
- 2003 – 2005 **Hershey Family Foundation Grant**. A matching grant for the *Prasannapadā* collaborative project. (\$15,000)
- 2004 – 2005 **South Asian Language Resource Center Development Grant**. Principal Investigator on a collaborative project to develop and implement an online primer for first-year study of the Tibetan language. (\$22,500)
- 2004 **Graduate School Research Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. In support of the *Prasannapadā* collaborative project. (\$11,000)
- 2003 – 2005 **DoIT TLT Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Principal Investigator on a project entitled, "Buddhatopia: a 3-D Knowledge Space for the Study of Buddhism." (\$25,000)
- 2003 **DoIT WebGrant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. For development of multimedia instructional materials.

- 2002 **Graduate School Research Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. In support of work on *Foundations of Dharmakīrti's Philosophy*. (\$5,000)
- 2001 **Gere Foundation Grant**. Seed grant for the *Prasannapadā* project. (\$11,000)
- 2000 – **Hilldale Research Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison. To support collaborative research with an undergraduate researcher.
- 1997 – **Research Fellowship**, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland. Appointed to the Elisabeth de Boer Fellowship for the study of Buddhism.
- 1999

#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY SERVICE

- 2009 – **Mind and Life Institute** (<http://www.mindandlife.org>), Program and Research Council. Responsibilities include evaluation, initiation and support of scientific and humanities-based research on contemplative practices.
- 2011
- 2007 – **Mind and Life Institute** (<http://www.mindandlife.org>), Board of Directors. Responsibilities included overall governance and strategic planning.
- 2009
- 2004 – **Mind and Life Summer Research Institute**, Planning Committee and Faculty Member. In collaboration with other members of the Institute (<http://www.mindandlife.org>), plan and implement a weeklong seminar on the neuroscientific study of meditation for research scientists and clinicians.
- 2008
- 2004 – **Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library**, Advisory committee.
- present
- 2005 – **American Academy of Religion**, Co-founder and Co-chair, Buddhist Philosophy Group. Duties involved overall responsibility for the unit, including the selection of panels and the appointment of steering committee members.
- 2010
- 2002 – **American Academy of Religion**, Steering Committee, Buddhism Section. Responsibilities included review and selection of panels for the National Meeting of the AAR.
- 2005
- 1998 – **American Academy of Religion**, Yogācāra Seminar Steering Committee. Duties included selection of papers for Seminar sessions.
- 2002

Various Dates **Scholarly Peer Review** provided for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds (FWF), *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, *Journal of Indian Philosophy and Religion*, *Consciousness and Cognition*, *Sophia*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*, *Emotion*, *Mindfulness*, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, Blackwell Companions, Wisdom Publications, Snow Lion Publications, John Templeton Foundation, *PLoS One*, *Religions*, Yale University Press, University of Virginia Press, *Journal of Religious Ethics*

#### **BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS**

2004 *Foundations of Dharmakīrti's Philosophy*. Studies in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism, T.J.F. Tillemans, Series Editor. Boston: Wisdom Publications. ISBN 086171184X. (467 pages)

#### **EDITED VOLUMES**

2015 *In Vimalakīrti's House: A Festschrift in Honor of Robert A. F. Thurman on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*. Edited by C. Wedemeyer, J. Dunne & T. Yarnall. New York: The American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University.

#### **TRANSLATIONS**

1997 *The Precious Garland: An Epistle to a King—A Translation of Nāgārjuna's Text from the Sanskrit and Tibetan*. With Sara McClintock. Boston: Wisdom Publications. ISBN 0861711327 [Limited edition prepared for a public event at the University of California–Los Angeles]

#### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

Under preparation "How the mind creates emotion: Parallels in Buddhist philosophy and Western psychology." With P. Condon & L.F. Barrett. Target journal: *American Psychologist*.

Accepted "Reflexivity in Buddhist Epistemology: Implications for Cooperative Cognition." To appear in the series, *Perspectives on Process Organization Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2016 "Comments on Waking, Dreaming, Being by Evan Thompson." *Philosophy East & West* 66, no. 3: 934–42.

2016 "Buddhist Philosophical Traditions." In *Philosophy: Sources, Perspectives, and Methodologies*. Edited by D. Borchert. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA: 175–189.

2015 "Investigating the Phenomenological Matrix of Mindfulness-related Practices from a Neurocognitive Perspective." With A. Lutz, C. Saron & A. Jha. *American Psychologist* 70/7: 632–58.

- 2015 "When Mindfulness is Therapy: Ethical Qualms, Historical Perspectives." With Anne Harrington. *American Psychologist* 70/7: 621-31.
- 2015 "Buddhist Styles of Mindfulness: A Heuristic Account." In *Handbook of Mindfulness and Self-Regulation*. Edited by B. Ostafin, M. Robinson & B Meier. New York: Springer Publishing: 249-270.
- 2015 "What is Inner Science?" In *In Vimalakīrti's House: A Festschrift in Honor of Robert A. F. Thurman on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*. Edited by C. Wedemeyer, J. Dunne & T. Yarnall. New York: The American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University: 319-344.
- 2015 "First Thoughts Toward Buddhist Economics." In *Altruism and Compassion in Economic Systems*. Proceeds of Mind and Life XX. Edited by T. Singer and M. Ricard. New York: Picador: 85-96.
- 2012 "Contemplative Practices and Mental Training: Prospects for American Education." With R. Davidson et al. *Child Development Perspectives* 6/2: 146-153.
- 2011 "Toward an Understanding of Non-Dual Mindfulness." *Contemporary Buddhism* 12/1: 71-88.
- 2011 "Mādhyamika in India and Tibet." In *Oxford Handbook of World Philosophy*. Edited by J. Garfield and W. Edelglass. Oxford: Oxford University Press: 206-221.
- 2011 "Key Features of Dharmakīrti's Apoha Theory." In *Apoha: Buddhist Nominalism and Human Cognition*, edited by M. Siderits, T. Tillemans & A. Chakrabarti. New York: Columbia University Press: 84-108.
- 2010 "Compassion, Knowledge and Power: A Tibetan Approach to Politics and Religion." In *Theology and the Soul of the Liberal State*. Edited by L. Kaplan & C. Cohen. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books: 341-362.
- 2008 "Attention Regulation and Monitoring in Meditation." With A. Lutz, H. Slagter, & R.J. Davidson. *Trends in Cognitive Science* 12/4: 163-169.
- 2007 "Meditation and the Neuroscience of Consciousness: an Introduction." With A. Lutz & R. J. Davidson. In *Cambridge Handbook of Consciousness*. Edited by E. Thompson, M. Moscovitch & P.D. Zelazo. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 497-550.
- 2006 "Realizing the Unreal: Dharmakīrti's Theory of Yogic Perception." *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 34/6: 497-519.
- 2005 "Mahāyāna Philosophical Schools of Buddhism." In *Encyclopedia of Religion*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Edited by L. Jones, et al. New York: Macmillan Reference: 1203-1213.
- 2005 "Buddhist Epistemology." In *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Edited by D.M. Borchert, et al. New York: Macmillan Reference: 753-758.
- 2005 "Nāgārjuna." In *Encyclopedia of Religion*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Edited by L. Jones, et al. New York: Macmillan Reference: 6390-6394.
- 2003 "Dharmakīrti"; "Dignāga"; "Buddhist Logic" [Three articles, totaling 1250 words]. In *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*. Edited by R. Gimello, et al. New York: Macmillan.

- 1999 "On Essences, Goals and Social Justice: an Exercise in 'Buddhist Theology.'" In *Buddhist Theology*. Edited by R. Jackson & J. Makransky. Surrey, England: Curzon Press: 275–292.
- 1998 "Buddhist Doctrine of Nominalism." *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Edited by Edward Craig. Vol. 7. London: Routledge: 23–27.
- 1996 "Thoughtless Buddha, Passionate Buddha." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 64/3: 525–556.

#### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 "Science & Buddhism: What and Why?" Keynote presentation. 10<sup>th</sup> Rangjung Yeshe Institute Symposium—Transnational Buddhism: Philosophical, Anthropological and Historical Perspectives. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2016 "Antidote or Suspension? Two Theories of Philosophical Practice." National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Session A20-121).
- 2016 "The Transdisciplinary Study of Contemplative Practices: Challenges and Opportunities. 2016 International Symposium for Contemplative Studies.
- 2016 "Dharmakīrti & his Followers on Nonduality and the Nature of the Mind." Center for Buddhist Studies, Kathmandu University / Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu.
- 2016 "Two Paradigms of Buddhist Contemplative Practice." Mind & Life–Europe, Summer Research Institute. Chiemsee, Germany.
- 2016 "Self, Desire, and Virtue in Romantic Relationships: A Novel Integration of Buddhist Philosophy and Relationship Science." With P. Condon and C. Wilson-Mendenhall. 2016 Conference of the Self, Motivation and Virtue Project, University of Notre Dame.
- 2016 "Buddhist Theories of Mindfulness: the Voices of South Asian Traditions." Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 2016 "An Exploration of Buddhism and Neuroscience (Personal) Reflections on Contemplative Science." Contemplative Studies Program, Texas Christian University.
- 2016 "Neuroscience & the Humanities: the Problematic & the Promising." Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California–Santa Barbara.
- 2016 "A Phenomenological Model of Mindfulness." Interdisciplinary Affective Science Laboratory. Northeastern University.
- 2015 Respondent to paper session, "Siddha-Scholars and Scholar-Siddhas: Tantra and Philosophy in Indian Buddhism." National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Session A23-218).
- 2015 Discussant, "Mindfulness Working Group II." University of Miami.
- 2015 "Consciousness, Reflexivity and Subjectivity: Perspectives from Asian Philosophy." Conference on Cortex, Consciousness and Anesthesia." University of Wisconsin–Madison.

- 2015 “Understanding Mindfulness: Heuristic Accounts.” Perspectives on Mindfulness. Center for Mind and Brain, University of California–Davis.
- 2015 “Mindfulness: A Case Study in Transdisciplinarity.” Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 “Understanding Mindfulness.” Department of Religious Studies and Contemplative Science Center, University of Virginia.
- 2015 “Self-Transcendence, De-Reification & Flourishing.” With P. Condon. Interdisciplinary Moral Forum. Self, Motivation and Virtue Project. Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2015 Response to *Waking, Dreaming, Being: Self and Consciousness in Neuroscience, Meditation and Philosophy* by E. Thompson. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (G2D). Vancouver, BC.
- 2014 “Bad Good Translations: the History of the Tibetan Interpretation of *Pramāṇvārttika* 1.2.” Translation and Transmission Conference. Keystone, CO.
- 2014 “Scientific Research on Meditation and the Cognitive Science of Religion: Anything Shared?” Workshop on Cognitive Science and Religion. Center for Mind, Brain & Culture, Emory University.
- 2014 “The Scientific Study of Buddhist Contemplative Practices.” Conference on Buddhism, Mind and Cognitive Science. Center for Buddhist Studies, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2014 Panelist for “Roundtable on Jonathan Gold’s *Paving the Great Way: Vasubandhu’s Unifying Buddhist Philosophy*.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A23-215).
- 2014 “Investigating the Phenomenal and Neurocognitive Matrix of Mindfulness-Related Practices.” With C. Saron, A. Jha & A. Lutz. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium for Contemplative Studies. Boston, MA.
- 2014 “Key Features of Nondual Styles.” 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium for Contemplative Studies. Boston, MA.
- 2013 “Buddhism and Science: ‘Specialness,’ Modernity and its Dangers.” Central Tibetan Administration, Tibetan Policy Institute, Dharamsala, India.
- 2013 རིག་གཞུང་པན་རྒྱུ་ལྟོས་ཀྱི་ལོ་རྒྱུ་དང་ཚད་མའི་ཉམས་ཞིབ་ [“Cultural Relativism, Historical Relativism and Research on Buddhist Epistemology”]. Institute for Buddhist Dialectics, Dharamsala, India [Talk presented in Tibetan].
- 2013 མཐོང་བའི་ལས་ལེན་གྱི་ཉམས་ཞིབ་ཀྱི་ཉམ་མཐོང་ [“Avoiding Hidden Assumptions: A Crucial Component of Research”]. Tibetan Medical and Astrological Institute, Dharamsala, India [Talk presented in Tibetan].
- 2013 “Advayavajra on Nondual Awareness.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Session A23-316).

- 2013 “Complexities of Mapping the Mind: the Problem of Theory-Driven Data.” Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison, NY.
- 2012 “A Buddhist Perspective on Emotions: the Abhidharma and Beyond.” Interdisciplinary Affective Science Laboratory, Northeastern University.
- 2012 “The Living Dead? The Ethical Ambiguities of Tibetan Death Meditation.” For “Zombies and Zombethics,” Emory University Center for Ethics.
- 2012 “Unmaking & Remaking Worlds: Emotion Regulation in Mindfulness.” For “New Horizons in Emotion Regulation and Resilience.” National Cancer Institute, Rockville, MD.
- 2012 “Neurophenomenological Data: First-Person Reflections.” Neuropheno 2.0: Exploring First, Second And Third Person Perspectives.” Interacting Minds Centre, Aarhus University.
- 2012 “The Relevant and the Possible: Religion and Mental Time Travel.” Center for Contemporary Religion, Aarhus University.
- 2012 “Perennialism, Mindfulness and Buddhism.” Department of Culture & Society, Aarhus University.
- 2012 “The Role of the Humanities in Contemplative Neuroscience.” Tibetan Medicine and Meditation Symposium. University of Virginia.
- 2012 “Derealizing Self: Frontiers of Contemplative Neuroscience.” Root Lecture Series, Washington and Lee University.
- 2012 “Resources for the Study of *Svasaṃvitti* in Ultimate Contexts.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Session A19-304).
- 2012 “No Thought? Concepts and Mindfulness.” International Symposia for Contemplative Studies. Denver, CO. (Video at [http://events.powerstream.net/008/00189/2012\\_ISCS/](http://events.powerstream.net/008/00189/2012_ISCS/)).
- 2011 “Buddhist Meditation: A Case in Point for Collaborative Research.” Symposium on Neuroscience and Religious Contemplation. Lubar Institute for the Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2011 “Opening the Black Box of Meditation.” Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison, NY.
- 2010 “The Nature of Mindfulness: Dual, Nondual, Both or Neither?” Department of Philosophy, Oregon State University.
- 2010 “Buddhism as Science?” Researching Buddhism and Modernity: Conceptual and Methodological Issues. Buddhism and Modernity: Global Dynamics of Transmission and Translation Research Group, University of Aarhus, Denmark.
- 2010 “Focused Attention, Open Monitoring and Open Presence: Three Styles of Meditation and their Relevance for the Study of Consciousness.” Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness XIV. Toronto, Canada.



- 2010 "Briefly on Nondual Mindfulness." Integrating Clinical and Neuroscience Perspectives on Mindfulness Training In Health and Disease. Center for Investigating Healthy Minds. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 Response to Paper Session, "Mind in Modern Yoga" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A31-230).
- 2009 "The Impact of How It Feels: Neurophenomenology and the Cognitive Science of Religion." American Academy of Religion Online Video Conference: New Scientific Approaches to the Study of Religious Experience.  
([http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Videoconference\\_Meeting/default.asp](http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Videoconference_Meeting/default.asp))
- 2009 "Bitter Blueberries & Objectifying Epistemology: Problems for Phenomenology?" Symposium on Self-No-Self. Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen.
- 2009 "Contemplative Transformation and Buddhist Models of Mind." Conference on Definitions of Compassion. Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education (CCARE), Stanford University. (Video at <http://ccare.stanford.edu/content/john-dunne>).
- 2009 "The Science of Meditation? Findings, Problems and Future Potential." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (session A7-116).
- 2009 "Mental Causation and Agency: a Buddhist Perspective." Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison, NY.
- 2008 "Mindfulness: Authority, Translation and Practice." Presented at the Sixth Annual Ranjung Yeshe Institute Symposium on Buddhist Studies. Kathmandu, Nepal. (Video at <http://www.shedra.org/videos/symposium-2008.htm>).
- 2008 "Reflexive Awareness as non-Egological: the case of Dharmakīrti." The Reflective Self: Egological versus non-Egological Approaches to Consciousness. Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy, Columbia University.
- 2008 "Attention in Buddhist Theory of Mind." Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison Institute. Garrison, NY.
- 2007 "Meditation and Spirituality in Modernity." NCCAM-sponsored Conference on Meditation and Spirituality: Scientific, Conceptual Applied Perspectives. Indiana State University.
- 2007 "Buddhist Education as Perceptual Transformation." Fifth Annual Ranjung Yeshe Institute Symposium on Buddhist Studies. Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2007 "Mindfulness and Buddhist Contemplative Theory." Keynote address. Integrating Mindfulness-Based Approaches and Interventions into Medicine, Health Care and Society—5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Clinicians, Researchers and Educators. Center for Mindfulness, UMass Medical School.
- 2007 "Tantric Blends and Mindfulness." Perry Lecture, Northwestern University.
- 2007 "Contemplative Studies: Practical and Theoretical Issues." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (session A19-102).

- 2007 "More on the Buddhist Cognitive Model." Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison Institute. Garrison, NY.
- 2006 "Mixing Concepts, Mixing Minds: Two Strands of Buddhist Mysticism." Lecture Series on Persuasion: Rhetoric and Practice. Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University.
- 2006 "Cognition and Consciousness in Buddhist Epistemology." Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY.
- 2006 "Thinking Without Ether: *Apoha* as Cognitive Model." Conference on *Apoha* Semantics and Human Cognition. Crêt-Bérard, Switzerland.
- 2006 "The Neuroscientific Study of Tibetan Contemplative Practice: Methodological Issues and Details of Practice" (plenary paper). Toward a Science of Consciousness 2006. Tucson, Arizona.
- 2005 "On the Buddhist Concept of the Person." Department of Philosophy and Department of Religion, University of Iowa.
- 2005 "*Yogipratyakṣa*: the Perception of Universals?" Fourth International Dharmakīrti Conference. Vienna, Austria.
- 2003 "Real Hallucinations: Buddhism, Experience and the Study of Religion." Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University.
- 2003 "Does Nāgārjuna Have Something to Say?" Department of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.
- 2002 "A Justification for Violence: Aum Shinrikyo, Tibetan Buddhism and Beyond." UW-Madison 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Reflection.
- 2002 "On Zombies and Cyborgs: Interpreting Tibetan Buddhism." Conference on the Future of Tibetan Studies. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2002 "Buddhism, Politics and Modernity: a Contemporary Tibetan Voice." Conference on the Place of Theology in the Liberal State and the Globalized World. Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School.
- 2001 "*Svabhāvapratibandha*, Yet Again." International Conference on Argument and Reason in Indian Logic. Oriental Institute, Warsaw University. Warsaw, Poland.
- 2001 "On Interpreting Emptiness: A Critical Appraisal of Burton's Emptiness Appraised." 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2000 "Instrumentality in Dharmakīrti." Philosophy of Religion Series. University of Chicago.
- 2000 "Is Dharmakīrti Foundationalist?" 36<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Asian and North African Studies (ICANAS).
- 2000 "Licensed to Kill: Ethics, Authority, and the Bodhisattva Assassin in Tibet." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 2000 "Literature as Philosophy in Indian Buddhism." American Academy of Religion, Regional Conference.

- 2000 “Dharmakīrti and the ‘Buddhi-s’ on *Antarjñeyavāda*.” Yogācāra Seminar. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 2000 “*Apoha*.” Philosophy of Religion Series. University of Chicago.
- 1999 “Vasubandhu’s *Trisvabhāvanirdeśa*.” Panel Participant, Yogācāra Seminar. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 1997 “Overcoming Confusion: An Interpretation of Dharmakīrti’s View of External Objects.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 1997 “Buddhism and Healing.” Presentation on a panel entitled *Religion and/as Healing*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 1996 “The Centrality of *Arthakriyā*.” Conference on Buddhist Studies in Honor of Masatoshi Nagatomi. Harvard University.
- 1996 “Towards a Buddhist Theory of Social Justice.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 1995 “Obsessions and Holy Truths: The Ultimate as Conventional in Dharmakīrti.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- 1994 “The Iconic Canon: On Reference and Meaning in the Translation of Buddhist Texts from Sanskrit to Tibetan.” National Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies.

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#### **BOOKS IN PROGRESS**

*Understanding Mindfulness: an Exploration of Buddhist Contemplative Practice*. This book is a study of meditation practice inspired by the emergence of contemporary modes of mindfulness practice and their relationship to classical Buddhist theory and practice. Key themes include: 1) divergent Buddhist models of mind and its dysfunction; 2) the role of conceptuality and affect in contemplative practice; 3) competing interpretations of mindfulness that emerge from dualistic and nondual contexts; and 4) the role of cultural context in the formation of contemplative practices. Estimated completion: August, 2016.

#### **EDITED VOLUMES IN PROGRESS**

*Ecology, Ethics and Interdependence*. Proceedings of Mind and Life XXIII. Co-edited with Daniel Goleman.

#### **ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN PROGRESS**

“The Natural and the Supernatural in the Study of Meditation.” For *Buddhist Studies and the Scientific Study of Meditation*. Edited by D. McMahan & E.C. Braun. Estimated completion: November, 2015.

“Dharmakīrti’s Account of Reflexive Awareness (*svasaṃvitti*) and the Notion of the Ultimate *Pramāṇa*.” Target publication: *Journal of Indian Philosophy*. Estimated completion: June, 2016.

### **TRANSLATIONS IN PROGRESS**

*Candrakīrti's Prasannapadā: Clear Words on Nāgārjuna's Wisdom—Annotated Translation with a Critical Introduction.* Draft translation of Nāgārjuna's verse text, *Wisdom*, has been completed along with portions of Candrakīrti's commentary. Estimated completion: August, 2018.

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

- 2011 The Cultivation of Compassion. Emory University, Atlanta. Co-Chair, Planning Committee.
- 2011 Mind and Life XXIII — Ecology, Ethics and Interdependence. Co-Chair, Planning Committee. Dharamsala, India.
- 2010 International Conference on Tibetan Buddhism. Emory University, Atlanta. Planning committee.
- 2010 The Science of Compassion: a Dialog with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Emory University, Atlanta. Planning Committee.
- 2010 Mind and Life XX — Altruism and Compassion in Economic Systems: A Dialog at the Interface of Economics, Neuroscience and Contemplative Sciences. Zurich, Switzerland. Planning Committee.
- 2010 Mind and Life XXII — Contemplative Science: The Scientific Study of the Effect of the Contemplative Practice on Human Biology and Behavior. Co-Chair, Planning Committee. New Delhi, India
- 2008 XVth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies. Emory University, Atlanta. Co-Chair and Convener for this triennial conference of the main academic society for Buddhist Studies.
- 2007 Mind and Life XV — Mindfulness, Compassion and the Treatment of Depression. Co-Chair, Planning Committee. Emory University, Atlanta.
- 2007 – 2009 Mind and Life Summer Research Institute. Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY. Co-Chair, Planning Committee.

### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED**

James B. Apple. (2001). *Twenty Varieties of the Saṃgha: Tson kha pa's Soteriological Exegesis.* University of Wisconsin-Madison. [Associate Professor of Religion, University of Calgary].

Edward R. Falls. (2010). *Tsong kha pa and the Foundations of Rationality.* Emory University. [Pursuing second PhD in Philosophy at University of Tennessee].

- Constance Kassor (2014). *Thinking the Unthinkable / Unthinking the Thinkable: Conceptual Thought, Nonconceptuality, and Gorampa Sonam Senge's Synopsis of Madhyamaka*. Emory University. [Lecturer in Religion, Smith College]. Co-directed with Sara McClintock.
- David Saunders. (2015). *Self and No-Self in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*. Emory University. [Resident in Psychiatry, Yale University].
- Brendan Ozawa-deSilva. (2015). *Becoming the Wish-Fulfilling Tree: Compassion and the Transformation of Ethical Subjectivity in the Lojong Tradition of Tibetan Buddhism*. Emory University. [Associate Professor of Psychology, Life University].
- Brooke Dodson-Lavelle. (2015). *Against One Method: Toward a Critical-Constructive Approach to the Adaptation and Implementation of Buddhist-based Contemplative Programs in the United States*. Emory University. [Program Officer, Mind & Life Institute]. Co-directed with Sara McClintock
- Catherine Prueitt (2016). Working title: "Carving Out Conventional Worlds: Reality and Concept Formation in Kaśmiri Śaivism and Buddhist Epistemology." Emory University.
- Daniel McNamara. (Spring, 2018). Working title: "Certainty and Freedom: Reflexive Awareness (*svasaṃvedana*) in 11<sup>th</sup>-century Indian Buddhism." Emory University.

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**PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: SELECTED ACTIVITIES**

- 2017 "Belief, Unbelief and Motivation: Integrating Meditation, Compassion and Insight." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharmataalks>).
- 2016 "Bodhidharma Through Himalayan Eyes." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharmataalks>).
- 2016 Zen Brain: The Extended Mind—Perspectives from Buddhism and Cognitive Science." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharmataalks>).
- 2015 "Four Aspects of Concept Formation in the Buddhist Epistemological Tradition." Mind and Life XXX: Perception, Concepts and Self. Sera Monastery, Bylakuppe, India (<https://youtu.be/tqXXMXlCy3I>).
- 2015 "Health, Stress and Habitual Thinking: Insights from a Mindful Perspective." Flourish Foundation, Sun Valley, Idaho.
- 2015 "Emptiness is Compassion." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM. (Podcast available at <https://www.upaya.org/2015/05/emptiness-is-compassion-series-all-8-parts/>).
- 2015 "Zen Brain: The Embedded Mind—Perspectives from Buddhism and Cognitive Science." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharmataalks>).

- 2014 "Delusion or Compassion? World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy, Practice and Art." Carlos Museum, Emory University.
- 2014 "Zen Brain: Consciousness, Complex Systems and Transformation." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharmataalks>).
- 2014 "The Way of a Bodhisattva." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM. (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/2014/02/way-bodhisattva-series-6-parts/>).
- 2013 "The Great Heart: 2013 Maitripa College Buddhism and Science Symposium." For details see [http://www.maitripa.org/event\\_dunne\\_symposium\\_2013.html](http://www.maitripa.org/event_dunne_symposium_2013.html).
- 2013 "Revealing Nāgārjuna." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (multi-part Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/john-dunne-07-18-2013-revealing-nagarjuna-part-1/>).
- 2012 "Mindfulness and Stress Relief: Perspectives from Science & Buddhism." Øsal Ling Tibetan Buddhist Center, Aarhus.
- 2012 "Awakening to Buddha Nature." Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (18-part Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/>).
- 2012 "Emotions, Equanimity and Equanimity: a Buddhist Perspective." Presented at Zen Brain VII, Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/>).
- 2011 "Ecology, Ethics and Interdependence." With Daniel Goleman. Organized and moderated this week-long seminar with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and various scientists, theologians and philosophers (Video available at <http://dalailama.com/webcasts/post/210-ecology-ethics-and-interdependence---mind-and-life-xxiii>).
- 2011 "Mind and Meditation: the Self Beyond Thought." Upaya Zen Center (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/>).
- 2011 "Consciousness and the Nature of Mind: a Buddhist Perspective." Presented at Zen Brain V, Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/>).
- 2010 "Mind and Life XXII: Contemplative Science: The Scientific Study of the Effect of Contemplative Practice on Human Biology and Behavior." Co-organizer and moderator. (<http://www.mindandlife.org/dialogues/past-conferences/ml22/>).
- 2010 Extended interview for the Godspeed Institute (<http://godspeedinstitute.podbean.com/2010/09/30/buddhist-philosophy-with-professor-john-dunne/>).
- 2010 "Altruism, Compassion and 'Buddhist Economics.'" Presented at Mind and Life XX: Altruism and Compassion in Economic Systems. Zurich, Switzerland. Co-sponsored by the University of Zurich and the Mind and Life Institute.
- 2010 "Selflessness and Non-Duality." Presented at Zen Brain III, Upaya Zen Center, Santa Fe, NM (Podcast available at <http://www.upaya.org/dharma/>).

- 2007 “Science, Religion and Contemplative Practice.” With Fr. Thomas Keating and Dr. Richard J. Davidson. Symposium organized by the Impact Foundation. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI.
- 2007 “Understanding Depression from a Buddhist Perspective.” Presented at Mind and Life XV: Mindfulness, Compassion and the Treatment of Depression. Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 “The Mindful Body.” Podcast with Drs. Chuck Raison and Lobsang Tenzin Negi for the Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University.
- 2007 “Buddhist Theories of Cognition in a Neuroscientific Context.” Presented at Mind and Life XIV: A Dialogue on *The Universe in a Single Atom*. Dharamsala, India.
- 2006 “Knowing Why Knowing Needs to be Known.” Public lecture on Buddhist epistemology presented at the Drepung Loseling Institute. Atlanta, GA
- 2005 Introductions and Responses to “Wheel of Time” (directed by Werner Herzog) and “What Remains of Us” (directed by François Prévost and Hugo Latulippe) for the Wisconsin Film Festival. Madison, WI.
- 2005 Panelist on “Reflections from Diverse Faith Perspectives,” Fourth Annual International Bioethics Forum — “Biotechnology and the Brain: From Therapy to Enhancement.” Promega Corporation. Fitchburg, WI.
- 2004 Panelist on “Genetic Testing: Reflections from Diverse Faith Perspectives,” Third Annual International Bioethics Forum — “Genetic Testing: Who Knows? Who Should Know?” Promega Corporation. Fitchburg, WI.
- 2003 Expert witness affidavit filed at the request of Swans, Martin & Bell on behalf of Samten Choedon in support of an asylum case.
- 2003 Panelist on “Responding to New Technologies: Reflections from Diverse Faith Perspectives,” Second Annual International Bioethics Forum — “Who Decides?” Promega Corporation. Fitchburg, WI.
- 2002 “The Buddhist Tradition.” One hour interview on “The University of the Air,” hosted by Norman Gilliland and Emily Auerbach of Wisconsin Public Radio. Broadcast on November 10.
- 2002 Featured speaker at the “Gandhi Day of Service” organized by Students Action for Indian Volunteerism & Aid (SAIVA) of UW-Madison.
- 2001 Expert witness affidavit filed at the request of Debevoise & Plimpton on behalf of Gellek Jimpa in support of an asylum case.
- 2001 Provided a translation of the “Heart Sūtra” (*prajñāpāramitāhṛdaya*) for use by H.H. the Dalai Lama in a series of public talks in Mountain View, California.
- 2000 “Buddhist Fundamentalism.” Public lecture for the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Chicago, IL.
- Ongoing Translator for various organizations in the United States devoted to the study and practice of Buddhism. These include Buddhist groups, university student groups, public gatherings at museums and so on.

