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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

- 1998 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Yale University.
- 1985 M.A., Chinese Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1982 B.A., Chinese Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Academic Positions

- 2008– Associate Professor of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, Department of Religious Studies.
- 2003–08 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, Department of Religious Studies.
- 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Yale University, Department of Religious Studies (Spring term).
- 2002 Adjunct Instructor, Ripon College, Department of Religion (Fall term).
- 2001–02 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California-Los Angeles, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.
- 1999–01 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia.
- 1998–99 Visiting Assistant Professor, Ripon College, Department of Religion.
- 1995–98 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, Department of Religious Studies.
- 1986–89 Teaching Fellow, Yale University, Department of Religious Studies; Department of Anthropology.

Academic Positions (Secondary)

- 2013– Director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, International Programs, UI.
- 2007–13 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, UI.
- 2004– Zero percent appointment, International Programs, UI.

Study and Research Abroad

- 1993–95 Researcher, Komazawa University, Department of Buddhist Studies Tokyo, Japan.
1982–83 Visiting Scholarship Student, National Taiwan University, Department of Chinese Literature, Taipei, Taiwan ROC.
1980–81 Exchange Student, Nanking University, Department of History, Nanjing, China.
1979–80 Exchange Student, Foreign Language Institute, Peking, China.

Grants, Fellowships, and Prizes

- 2016-19 Principal Investigator, Japan Foundation Institutional Project Support Program Grant in Japanese Studies. Total value ca. \$700,000.
2015 Career Development Award. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The University of Iowa. Spring semester.
2009–10 Fellow at the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies. Fall and Spring semesters.
2009 Career Development Award. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The University of Iowa. Fall semester.
2008–10 Dean’s Scholar. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The University of Iowa. \$10,000.
2000–01 Fellowship. National Endowment for the Humanities. Research on Song-dynasty Buddhism. \$30,000.
1993–95 Fellowship. Society for the Promotion of Buddhist Studies, Tokyo, Japan. Dissertation Research. \$60,000 (approx.).
1985–90 Full Tuition Fellowship. Yale University, Graduate School. Graduate Studies.
1985–86 U.S. Study Grant. Danish-American Foundation. Graduate Studies. \$8000 (approx.).
1985 Recipient of The Danish Queen’s Gold Medal Prize for MA thesis.
1982–83 Tuition and Stipend Fellowship. Ministry of Education, Taiwan, Republic of China. M.A. Studies. \$10,000 (approx.).
1979–81 Tuition and Stipend Fellowship. Ministry of Education, People’s Republic of China. B.A. Studies. \$15,000 (approx.).

Memberships in Academic Organizations

American Academy of Religion
Association for Asian Studies
International Association for Buddhist Studies
Society for Song, Yuan, and Conquest Dynasty Studies
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

Languages

English, Danish, Modern Chinese, German (speaking); Classical Chinese, Japanese, French (reading)

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications (all refereed)

Books

- 2008 *How Zen Became Zen: The Dispute over Enlightenment and the Formation of Chan Buddhism in Song-Dynasty China*. University of Hawai'i Press (Monograph of the Kuroda Institute Studies in East Asian Buddhism 22).
—Indian edition: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2009
—Second printing in paperback, University of Hawai'i Press, 2010.

In prog. *The Evolution of the Platform Sūtra and the Changing Notions of What Zen Should Be*. Under contract, University of Hawai'i Press.

Edited Volume

- 2012 *Readings of the Platform Sūtra*. Co-edited with Stephen F. Teiser. Columbia University Press (Readings of Buddhist Literature series).

Book Chapters

- U. review “The Evolution of the Formless Precepts in the *Platform Sūtra*,” in volume edited by Jinhua Chen, publisher not yet determined.
- In press “Kànhuà (Keyword) Meditation in Chinese Zen,” in Halvor Eifring, ed., *Cultural Histories of Meditation — Practice and Interpretation in a Global Perspective*, University of Hawai'i Press, 2016.
- 2015 “聖體、聖地：中古中國禪宗的禪師與作為神聖居所的身體” (“Holy Body, Sacred Space: Chan Masters and the Body as a Sacred Abode in Medieval Chinese Chan Buddhism”) in Jinhua Chen 陳金華 & Yinggang Sun 孫英剛 eds. *神聖空間：中古宗教中的空間因素 (Sacred Space: The Spatial Elements in Medieval Religions)*, Fudan University Monograph Series on the Studies of Chinese Civilization 1, Shanghai: Fudan daxue chubanshe, 2014, pp. 447-466.
- 2014 “Buddhism in the Digital World,” in Mario Poceski, ed., *Blackwell Companion to East and Inner Asian Buddhism* (Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 505-526.
- 2014 “Textual Criticism and the Turbulent Life of the Platform Sūtra” in Richard VanNess Simmons and Newell Ann Van Auken, eds., *Studies in Chinese and Sino-Tibetan Linguistics: Dialect, Phonology, Transcription and Text* (Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica), pp. 399-427.
- 2012 “*The Platform Sūtra*, Buddhism, and Chinese Religion,” in Morten Schlütter and Stephen F. Teiser, eds., *Readings of the Platform Sūtra*, Columbia University Press (Readings of Buddhist Literature series), pp. 1-24.
- 2005 “Vinaya Monasteries, Public Abbacies, and State Control of Buddhism under the Northern Song (960-1127).” In *Going Forth: Visions of Buddhist Vinaya*, edited by William Bodiford. Honolulu: Hawai'i University Press, pp. 136-160.
- 2004 “The *Record of Hongzhi* and the Recorded Sayings Literature of Song-Dynasty Chan.” In *The Zen Canon*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 181-205.

- 2003 “Kōan” in *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, editor-in-chief Robert Buswell. New York: Macmillan Press, pp. 526-529.
- 2003 “Silent Illumination Chan” in *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, editor-in-chief Robert Buswell. New York: Macmillan Press, pp. 568-569.
- 2000 “‘Before the Empty Eon’ versus ‘A Dog has no Buddha-nature’: Kung-an Use in the Ts'ao-tung Tradition and Ta-hui's Kung-an Introspection Ch'an.” In *The Kōan: Texts and Contexts in Zen Buddhism*, edited by Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 168-199.
- 1999 “Silent Illumination, Kung-an Introspection, and the Competition for Lay Patronage in Sung-Dynasty Ch'an.” In *Buddhism in the Sung*, edited by Peter N. Gregory and Daniel Getz. Honolulu: Hawai'i University Press, pp. 109-147.

Journal Articles

- 2013 “‘Who is reciting the name of the Buddha?’ as Kōan in Chinese Chan (Zen) Buddhism,” *Frontiers of History in China* 8(3): 366–388
- 2007 “Transmission and Enlightenment in Chan Buddhism Seen Through the *Platform Sūtra*,” *Chung-hwa Buddhist Journal*, No. 21 (2007): 379-410.
- 1995 “The Twelfth Century Caodong Tradition as the Target of Dahui’s Attacks on Silent Illumination.” *Annual Report of the Zen Research Institute of Komazawa University*, vol. 6:1-35.
- 1990 “China’s Three Teachings and the Thought of Emperor Xiaozong (r. 1162-1189),” *East Asian Institute Occasional Papers*, vol. 6: 151-161.
- 1989 “A Study in the Genealogy of the *Platform Sutra*,” *Studies in Central and East Asian Religions*, vol. 2: 53-115.

Book Reviews

- 2015 Review of *The Records of Mazu and the Making of Classical Chan Literature* by Mario Poceski (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Studies in Chinese Religions*, forthcoming.
- 2014 Review of *The Record of Linji: A New Translation of the Linjilu in the Light of Ten Japanese Zen Commentaries*, translated by Jeffrey L. Broughton with Elise Yoko Watanabe (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Religious Studies Review*, 40:4, 2014:233.
- 2014 Review of *Dogen: Textual and Historical Studies*, edited by Steven Heine (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Religious Studies Review*, 40:4, 2014:233.
- 2012 Review of *Yongming Yanshou’s Conception of Chan in the Zongjing Lu: A Special Transmission Within the Scriptures* by Albert Welter (New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 2011), in *International Journal of Asian Studies*, 9:2, 2012: 255-257.
- 2011 Review of *Fathering Your Father: The Zen of Fabrication in Tang Buddhism* by Alan Cole, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009), in *History of Religions*, 51:1, 2011: 86-89.
- 2010 Review of *Power of Place: The Religious Landscape of the Southern Sacred Peak (Nanyue 南嶽) in Medieval China* by James Robson (Cambridge, Mass.:

- Harvard University Asia Center, 2009), in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 69:4, 2010: 1210-1211.
- 2010 Review of *The Record of Linji*, translation and commentary by Ruth Fuller Sasaki, edited by Thomas Yuho Kirchner (Nanzan Library of Asian Religion and Culture, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2009), in *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, 37:1, 2010: 160-162.
- 2008 Review of *Zen Ritual: Studies of Zen Buddhist Theory in Practice*, Steven Heine and Dale S. Wright, eds., (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007) in *The Journal of Japanese Studies*, 35:1, 2008: 142-146.
- 2007 Review of *Out of the Cloister: Literati Perspectives on Buddhism in Sung China, 960-1279* by Mark Halperin, (Harvard East Asian Monographs; 272, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Asia Center: Distributed by Harvard University Press, 2006), in *The Chinese Historical Review* 14.1:141-144.
- 2006 Review of *Monks, Rulers, and Literati: The Political Ascendancy of Chan Buddhism* by Albert Welter (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), in *Journal of Chinese Religion* 34:162-164.
- 2001 Review of *Zen's Chinese Heritage: The Masters and Their Teachings* by Andy Ferguson (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2000), in *Journal of Chinese Religion* 29: 353.
- 2000 Review of *Das Yulu des Chan-Buddhismus. Die Entwicklung vom 8.-11. Jahrhundert am Beispiel des 28. Kapitels des Jingde chuandenglu (1004)* by Christian Wittern (Schweizer Asiatische Studien. Monographien; Bd. 31. Bern; New York: P. Lang, 1998), in *Journal of Chinese Religion* 28:177-178.

Lectures and Conference Presentations

Invited Lectures

- 2016 "The Development of Encounter Dialogue (Kōan Dialogue) in Chinese Zen as Seen Through the *Platform Sūtra*." Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Feb. 4.
- 2015 "Gods and God: The New Role of Religion in Contemporary Chinese Society." Theologisk Forening (Theological Forum), Ilisimatusarfik (University of Greenland), Nuuk, Greenland, Feb. 5.
- 2014 "Chinese Zen Meditation: Kōan Contemplation versus Silent Sitting." Center for East Asian Studies, Florida International University. Feb. 7.
- 2014 "Zen and the Art of Formless Precepts in the Evolving Platform Sūtra." Department of History, Florida Atlantic University. Feb. 6.
- 2013 "The Turbulent Life of the *Platform Sūtra*." Center for Buddhist Studies, UCLA. March 1.
- 2013 "Monastics, Lay People, and the Changing Text of the *Platform Sūtra of the Sixth Patriarch* (Liuzu tanjing 六祖壇經)." Institute of Chinese Buddhist Studies, University of the West. March 4.
- 2012 "Buddha-recitation as Koan in Chinese Chan (Zen) Buddhism." Brown University, November 8.
- 2012 "The *Platform Sūtra of the Sixth Patriarch* and the Beginnings of Chan." A series of four lectures given at the University of New Mexico, Summer seminar on East Asian Buddhism. June 4-7.

- 2012 “Silent Illumination versus Kanhua Meditation (Kōan Introspection) in Song-dynasty (960-1279) Chan.” A series of four lectures given at the University of New Mexico, Summer seminar on East Asian Buddhism. June 11-14.
- 2008 “The *Platform Sutra* as Contested Space.” Luther College, March 6.
- 2003 “The Accidental Creation of the Chan School.” Talk at Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Iowa. November 7.
- 2002 “The Many Lives of Chan Texts.” Stanford Center for Buddhist Studies, Stanford University, May 3.

Conference Presentations, Invited

a. International:

- 2013 “Holy Body, Sacred Space: The Creation of the Sacred in Medieval Chinese Chan Buddhism.” Sacred Space and Spatial Sacredness: The Composition and Development of the Spatial Factors in Medieval Chinese Religions, sponsored by the International Center for Studies of Chinese Civilization, Fudan University. Shanghai, China, August 16-17, 2013.
- 2013 “The Evolution of the Formless Precepts in the Platform Sūtra.” Conference on Vinaya Texts and Transmission: New Perspectives and Methods, sponsored by the Peking University Research Center for Buddhist Texts and Arts. Hangzhou, China. August 21-22.
- 2011 “The Use of Buddha-Recitation Motifs in Ming-Dynasty *Huatou* Practice.” Conference on Kanhwa Sōn at the Dongguk Institute of Buddhist Studies Research (Pulgyo Haksurwon), Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea. August 19-22.
- 2011 Symposium on Important Issues in the Study of Chinese Buddhism, Center for Buddhist Studies, Xibei University, Xi’an, China. June 23.
- 2010 “On the Evolution of *Kanhua* Meditation.” Conference on Cultural Histories of Meditation, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway. May 12-16.
- 2009 “Illness, Self-healing, and Dying in Song-dynasty Chan,” Conference on Monks and Medicine, Co-sponsored by the University of British Columbia and People’s University, Beijing, China. December 10-13.
- 2009 “On the Evolution of the *Platform Sūtra*.” Symposium on East-Asian Thought and Buddhist Tradition, Centre for Buddhist Studies, School of Humanities, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China. September 18-20.
- 2008 “Problematizing the Digital: The Use and Misuse of Electronic Text in the Study of Chinese Buddhist History.” Joint International Conference on Digital Buddhist Studies, organized by The Electronic Buddhist Text Initiative and the Chinese Buddhist Electronic Text Association, Taipei, Taiwan. February 15-17.
- 2006 “Transmission and Enlightenment in Chan Buddhism Seen Through the *Platform Sūtra*.” Fifth Chung-Hwa International Conference on Buddhism, Taipei, Taiwan, March 4-6.
- 1995 “State control of Buddhism under the Song: The Institution of Public Abbeys and the Chan school.” Conference on the Buddhist Vinaya in honor of Stanley Weinstein. Fo Kuang Shan Academy of Buddhism, Taiwan. June 22-25.

1989 “On the Genealogy and Evolution of the *Platform Sutra*.” Conference on The Sixth Patriarch’s *Platform Sutra* in Religious and Cultural Perspectives. Fo Kuang Shan Academy of Buddhism, Taipei, Taiwan. January 8-11.

b. National:

- 2015 “Who Wrote the *Platform Sūtra*, When and Why”? Symposium on Text and Context in East Asian Buddhism, Yale University, September 12, 2015.
- 2012 “The Development of Buddha-recitation Motifs in Chan Meditation.” Symposium on Recent Trends in East Asian Buddhist Studies, Yale University, Sept. 15, 2012.
- 2008 “The Literati Role in the Evolution of Chan Ideology as Seen Through the *Platform Sūtra of the Sixth Patriarch*.” Symposium on Literati Buddhism, Center for Buddhist Studies at the University of California, UC-Berkeley, California. April 19.
- 2007 56th Midwest Conference for Asian Affairs. Invited discussant. Washington University, St. Louis. October 19-21.
- 2005 “State, Scholars and Transmission in Chinese Chan Buddhism.” Xilai Conference on Chinese Buddhism, Los Angeles, California. June 10-12.
- 1996 “Meditation and Enlightenment in the Twelfth-century Ts’ao-tung Tradition: Heretical Silent Illumination Ch’an?” Conference on Sung Buddhism, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 19-22.
- 1992 “The Formation of the Early Caodong Lineage.” Conference on Medieval Zen in Cross-Cultural Perspective. Hsi-lai University, Los Angeles, CA. May 13-16.

Conference Presentations, Refereed

- 2014 “How to Read (and How Not to Read) the Dunhuang *Platform Sūtra*.” Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion.
- 2014 “The Literati and the Evolution of Chan Buddhism, 9th - 13th Centuries, Seen Through the *Platform Sūtra*.” International Interdisciplinary Conference on Middle Period China, 800-1400, Harvard University, June 5-7.
- 2013 Response paper, panel: “Around the Edges: Chan Formative Developments, Lineage Challenges, and Attempted Reclamation.” Annual Conference, Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA.
- 2012 “Chan’s Merging of *Gongan* with Pure Land Practice in the Ming Dynasty.” Annual Conference, Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada.
- 2007 “Electronic Resources for the Study of Chinese Religions: Reflections on Current and Future Impact and Directions.” Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion.
- 2005 “Windfalls and Pitfalls: The Use of Digitized Source Material in the Study of Asian Buddhism —Response paper.” Annual Conference, Association for Asian Studies.
- 2002 “The Functions and Meanings of Lineage in Song-dynasty Buddhism.” Annual Conference, Association for Asian Studies.
- 2000 “Inheritance Certificates, Dharma Transmission and the Power of the Abbot.” Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion.
- 1999 “‘Before the Empty Eon’ versus ‘A Dog has no Buddha-nature’: Competition and Fission in Sung-Dynasty Ch’an.” Annual Conference, Association for Asian Studies.

- 1996 “When a Vinaya Monastery is not a Vinaya Monastery: Public and Hereditary Monasteries in the Song Dynasty (960-1279).” Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion.
- 1995 “Caodong Chan Identity and Ideology in Twelfth Century China.” Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion.

SERVICE

Profession

- 2015 – Member of Advisory Board, Chinese Philosophical and Religious works series, Oxford University Press.
- 2015 Served as outside reviewer of tenure case, University of Michigan.
- 2015 Reviewed manuscript for *Target*.
- 2015 Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Chinese Religions*.
- 2014 – Member of editorial board, *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*.
- 2014 Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*.
- 2013 Served on Ph.D. examination committee for Anu Niemi, University of Helsinki.
- 2013 Reviewed book proposal for Oxford University Press.
- 2013 Reviewed manuscript for *Arts Asiatiques*.
- 2013 Reviewed manuscript for *Chung-hwa Journal of Buddhist Studies*.
- 2012 Supervised reissue of, and wrote foreword for, Philip Yampolsky, *The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch* (Columbia University Press, 2012).
- 2012 Organizer of Symposium on Recent Trends in East Asian Buddhist Studies, Yale University, Sept. 15, 2012.
- 2012 Reviewed manuscript for *History of Religions*.
- 2012 Reviewed book manuscript for Harvard University Press.
- 2011 Reviewed book manuscript for Columbia University Press.
- 2011 Reviewed manuscript for *T'oung-pao*.
- 2011 Organized panel and served as chair at the Association of Asian Studies annual meeting, Honolulu, March, 2011.
- 2009 Reviewed book proposal for Oxford University Press.
- 2009 Reviewed manuscript for *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal*.
- 2008 Reviewed book proposal for Columbia University Press.
- 2008 Reviewed manuscript for *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal*.
- 2008 Reviewed book manuscript for the Kuroda Institute at University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2008 Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Chinese Religions*.
- 2007 Reviewed book manuscript for University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2007 Organized panel for the American Academy of Religion's annual meeting.
- 2007 Reviewed book manuscript for Columbia University Press.
- 2006 Reviewed manuscripts for *Asia Major* and *Journal of Chinese Religions*.
- 2005 Organized panel and served as respondent at the Association of Asian Studies annual meeting.
- 2004 Reviewed book manuscript for Hawai'i University Press.

- 2002 Arranged and organized conference on Buddhism and Society in Song-dynasty China, UCLA, May 18, 2002.
- 2001 Reviewed fellowship applications for the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 2001 Reviewed manuscript for *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2000 Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies*
- 1998 Reviewed manuscript for *East Asian History*.

Department

- 2016 Serving on five-year review committee of Michelene Pesantubbee
- 2015 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Gwendolyn Gillson.
- 2015 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Pranav Prakash.
- 2015 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Patricia Johnston.
- 2015 Chaired Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Daniel Amodeo.
- 2014 Chaired Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Daniel Amodeo.
- 2014 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Peter Basel
- 2013 Chaired Ph.D. dissertation committee of Matt Wilhite.
- 2013 Chaired MA committee of Cuma Ozkan.
- 2013 Chaired MA committee of Navid Zarrinnal.
- 2013 Served on MA committee of Lisa Omanson.
- 2012 Chaired Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Matt Wilhite.
- 2012 Served on Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Patricia Johnston.
- 2011 Served on MA committee of John Haman.
- 2010 Served on MA committee of Dustin Eaton.
- 2010 Served on MA committee of Natalija Plamadjala.
- 2009 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Nathan Eric Dickman.
- 2008 Chair of search committee: Japanese Religions and Society Assistant Professor æ.
- 2008 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Calvin Lane.
- 2008 Served on Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Nathan Eric Dickman.
- 2008 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Pankaj Jain.
- 2008 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Michael Baltutis.
- 2008 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Eric Rothgery.
- 2007–13 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, UI.
- 2007 Chaired Ph.D. dissertation committee of Robert Steed.
- 2007 Served on Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Gregory Wilkinson.
- 2007 Development of a website for East Asian religious studies at the UI.
- 2007 One-day seminar for Religious Studies graduate students on dissertation writing and job search.
- 2007 Served on Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Pankaj Jain.
- 2007 Served on Ph.D. dissertation prospectus committee of Pankaj Jain.
- 2006 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Michael Baltutis.
- 2005 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Michael Baltutis.
- 2005 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Patrick Prohaska.
- 2005 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Gregory Wilkinson.
- 2004 Served on M.A. thesis committee for Jill Barnes.
- 2004 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Robert Stephens.
- 2004 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Robert Menzies.

- 2004 Organizational Chair, Ph.D. dissertation committee for Wang Li.
- 2003 Served on Ph.D. comprehensives committee of Gregory Wilkinson.
- 2003 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Xue Yu.
- 2002 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Chan Ju Mun (University of Wisconsin–Madison).
- 2000 Served on Ph.D. dissertation committee of Chang-guen Hwang (University of Wisconsin–Madison).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- 2016 Internal lead member, committee for the review of Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Iowa.
- 2016 Serving on three-year review committee for Kendall Heitzman, Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Iowa.
- 2015–16 Co-organizer with Aron Aji of “Translation in the Humanities,” selected as a 2015-16 Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Working Group.
- 2015 Chair of search committee: C. Maxwell and Elizabeth M. Stanley Family and Korea Foundation Chair in Korean Studies. Ongoing.
- 2014 Chair of search committee: C. Maxwell and Elizabeth M. Stanley Family Chair of Asian Studies. (Search successfully concluded with the hire of Cynthia Gek Hua Chou, Department of Anthropology).
- 2013 Co-chaired search committee: C. Maxwell and Elizabeth M. Stanley Family Chair of Asian Studies. (Search failed)
- 2013 Served on MA committee of Meijie Shen, Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures. Spring.
- 2012 Served on Comprehensive Exam Committee for Aihua Zheng, Department of History, Fall semester.
- 2012 International Studies BA Advisory Committee, Member.
- 2011 – International Studies BA Curriculum Committee, Member.
- 2011 Served on review of the Department of English and the Writers’ Workshop, The University of Iowa, March 21-22.
- 2009 Served on MA thesis committee of Tsering Namgyal. School of Journalism and Mass Communication. April 28.
- 2006 – Member of the Confucius Institute Advisory Board at the University of Iowa.
- 2006 Judge for the 2006 James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference.
- 2006 Served on Department of History Honors Defense committee for Matt Friedel.
- 2005–08 Member of the Faculty Assembly’s Committee on Diversity.
- 2005–08 Department of Religious Studies representative to the Faculty Assembly.
- 2004 “The Cultural Revolution in Context.” Panelist, Kickoff Celebration for The University of Iowa Year of the Arts and Humanities. September 7.
- 2003–05 Member of the Chinese Studies Reading Group at the University of Iowa.

University

- 2016 Lead faculty member, Engagement “pillar” action team, IP Advisory Council Internationalization vision and strategic plan.
- 2015 – International Programs Centers/Programs Steering Committee, Member.

- 2013 – International Programs Advisory Council, Member.
- 2012–15 University Libraries Committee, Member.
- 2010–11 Served on International Programs Undergraduate Affairs Committee.
- 2008–10 Served on the Study Abroad Academic Appeals Committee.
- 2008 Served on the search committee for an Associate Dean for International Programs.
- 2007 Honors Discourses series, talk about science and religion.
- 2007–10 Served on The University of Iowa’s International Programs Committee for Study Abroad.

Community

- 2013 “Introduction to Religions in Asia.” Lecture at UI Center for Asian and Pacific Studies Summer 2013 Teachers’ Workshop. June 27.
- 2013 ““Who is reciting the name of the Buddha?’ as Kōan in Chinese Chan (Zen) Buddhism.” Public lecture at Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple, Rosemead, CA. March 3.
- 2012 “Buddhism as Religion and Philosophy.” Talk at United Methodist Church, Independence, IA. October 7.
- 2009 “What is Buddhism?” Talk at Solon United Methodist Church. October 18.
- 2007 “Philosophy and Religion of China.” Lecture at National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. Seminar on East Asia for Secondary History, Geography and World Literature Teachers, hosted by The University of Iowa. Feb. 3.
- 2006 “My Job.” Talk to first and second-graders at Shimek School, Iowa City. February 7.
- 2006 “Philosophy and Religion of China.” Talk at National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. Seminar on East Asia for Secondary History, Geography and World Literature Teachers, hosted by The University of Iowa. Feb. 4.
- 2005 “The Buddhist Religion.” Talk at Solon United Methodist Church. November 6.
- 2001 “Demystifying East Asian Buddhism: From Cool Philosophy to Boring Superstition?” Demystifying East Asia, Workshop for school teachers, University of Wisconsin-Madison. June 26.
- 2000 “Chinese Perceptions of the United States.” Forum on United States and China, Ripon College. October 24.

March, 2016