



## **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese (five years of formal instruction; sixteen years research experience).

Classical Chinese (two years, including one year working with Buddhist texts).

French (three years).

## **COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT**

<b>100-level</b>	Buddhism First-Year Form Introduction to Cultural Anthropology Religion and Conflict Religions of the World
<b>200-level</b>	Atheism and Agnosticism Morality and Community Virtual Communities Virtual Religion
<b>300-level</b>	Fantasy and Social Values Ghosts and Ghostbusters Globalizing Asian Religions Magic, Witchcraft, and Divination (the Anthropology of Religion) Religion in Chinese Society Religion and Social Change Self and Society in Contemporary China Socially Engaged Buddhism Women and Gender in Buddhism
<b>400-level</b>	Religion and Globalization in East Asia Religion in Contemporary China Witchcraft
<b>Graduate</b>	Buddhism, Culture, Modernity Daoism Religion after Socialism Religion in Contemporary China The Anthropology of Religion The Ethnography of Religion The Lotus Sutra Writing Religions and Cultures

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- 2019 Zhe Ji, Gareth Fisher, André Laliberté, eds. *Buddhism after Mao: Negotiations, Continuities, and Reinventions*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2014 *From Comrades to Bodhisattvas: Moral Dimensions of Lay Buddhist Practice in Contemporary China*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

### **Journal Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- 2020 "Editorial: Chinese Buddhism from Holmes Welch to the Present." *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 7(1): 1-5.
- 2020 "From Temples to Teahouses: Exploring the Evolution of Lay Buddhism in Post-Mao China." *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 7(1): 34-61.
- 2019 With Ji Zhe and André Laliberté. "Introduction: Theorizing Buddhism in Post-Mao China." In *Buddhism after Mao: Negotiations, Continuities, and Reinventions*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Pp. 1-20.
- 2019 "Places of Their Own: Exploring the Dynamics of Religious Diversity in Public Buddhist Religious Space." In *Buddhism after Mao: Negotiations, Continuities, and Reinventions*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Pp. 271-89.
- 2017 "Lay Buddhists and Moral Activism in Contemporary China." *Review of Religion in Chinese Society* 4(2): 247-70.
- 2016 "Mapping Religious Difference: Lay Buddhist Textual Communities in the Post-Mao Period." In *Recovering Buddhism in Modern China*. J. Brooks Jessup and Jan Kiely, eds. New York: Columbia University Press. Pp. 257-90.
- 2016 "Losing the Neighborhood Temple (Or Finding the Temple and Losing the Neighborhood): Transformations of Temple Space in Modern Beijing." In *Place / No-Place in Urban Asian Religiosity*. Joanne P. Waghorne, ed. Singapore: Asian Research Institute Springer Series. Pp. 109-29.
- 2015 "A Buddhist Lay Leader: Jiang Xiuqin." In *Figures of Buddhist Modernity*. Jeffrey Samuels, Justin McDaniel, and Mark Rowe, eds. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. Pp. 128-30.
- 2015 "The Flexibility of Religion: Buddhist Temples as Multiaspirational Sites in Contemporary Beijing." In *Handbook of Religion and the Asian City: Aspiration and Urbanization in the Twenty-First Century*. Peter van der Veer, ed. Berkeley: University of California Press. Pp. 299-314.

- 2012 "Religion as Repertoire: Resourcing the Past in a Beijing Buddhist Temple." *Modern China* 38(3): 346-76.
- 2012 "Buddhism in China and Taiwan." In *Buddhism in the Modern World*. David L. McMahan, ed. New York: Routledge Press. Pp. 68-88.
- 2011 "In the Footsteps of the Tourists: Buddhist Revival at Museum-Temple Sites in Beijing." *Social Compass* 58(4): 511-24.
- 2011 "Morality Texts and the Re-Growth of Lay Buddhism in China." In *Religion in Contemporary China: Tradition and Innovation*. Adam Yuet Chau, ed. New York: Routledge Press. Pp. 53-80.
- 2010 "Fieldwork on East Asian Buddhism: Toward A Person-Centered Approach." *Fieldwork in Religion* 5(2): 236-50.
- 2008 "The Spiritual Land Rush: Merit and Morality in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 67(1): 143-70.
- 2003 "Resistance and Salvation in Falun Gong: the Promise and Peril of Forbearance." *Nova Religio* (6)2: 294-312.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2018 Two months of ethnographic fieldwork on new Buddhist temples in Hebei, Shandong, and Jiangsu provinces, China; and informal Buddhist groups in Beijing and Shanghai.
- 2017 Six months of ethnographic fieldwork on new Buddhist temples in Hebei, Shandong, and Jiangsu provinces, China; and informal Buddhist groups in Beijing and Shanghai. Sponsored by an Association for Asian Studies small grant.
- 2010-13 Four months of fieldwork on new Buddhist temples in Hebei and Jilin provinces, China. Continued follow-up fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing. Sponsored by the Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.
- 2002-04 Twenty-two months of ethnographic fieldwork among Buddhist lay practitioners in Beijing. Sponsored by Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays fellowships.
- 2001 Two months of summer field research on contemporary Buddhist practice in urban mainland China. Sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation distributed through the University of Virginia.
- 2000 One month of summer field research on groups of Falun Gong practitioners in Hong Kong. Sponsored by an Ellen B. Weedon East Asia travel grant.

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2018 “Temples and Teahouses: Changing Dimensions of Buddhist Sociality in Xi Jinping’s China.” Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany. June 1.
- 2017 “Mindful China: How Chinese Zen Traveled around the World and Came back Again.” Invited Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, St. Mary’s University, Halifax, NS, Canada. October 27.
- 2015 “Single-sited or multi-sited? 人类学研究方法的问题 [Single-sited or multi-sited? Exploring some Methodological Questions in Anthropology].” Fudan University, Shanghai, China. July 10.
- 2015 “The Chosen Ones: Negotiating Social Change and Religious Promise at a Beijing Buddhist Temple.” Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, France. May 21.
- 2015 “The Search for a Balanced Heart: Social Inequality and Moral Purpose in the Revival of Chinese Buddhism.” University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands. May 19.
- 2015 “Being a Buddhist in Beijing: Religious Revival in a Secular City.” Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. March 11.
- 2012 “(Dis)organized Chaos: Religious Pluralism at a Beijing Buddhist Temple.” Claire M. Lintilhac Lecture in Asian Studies, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. November 12.
- 2012 “All the Books in Indra’s Net: Textual Communities and Buddhist Religious Diversity in Contemporary China.” Confucius Institute, University of Leipzig, Germany. May 14.
- 2011 “Bonded to the Buddha: A Religious Subculture in Contemporary China.” Oldenborg Center, Pomona College, Claremont, CA. April 28.
- 2010 “Dangdai Zhongguo de Fojiao: Yi Ge Xiandai Shehui de Fumei.” [Buddhism in Contemporary China: The Re-enchantment of a Modern Society]. Institute for Anthropology, Peking University, Beijing, China. May 25.
- 2009 “Building Up and Writing Down: Temples, Texts, and the Growth of Lay Buddhism in Contemporary China.” East Asia Fairbank Center, Harvard University. December 10.

- 2008 “Seeking Order from Chaos: Lay Buddhist Revitalizations in Contemporary China.” University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. November 20.
- 2007 “The Buddhist Revival in Mainland China: Religious Responses to Cultural Change.” Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. July 7.
- 2006 “Comrade Buddha: Lay Buddhist Groups in Modern Beijing.” The Society for the Study of Asian Religions, Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 26.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT INVITED SYMPOSIA**

- 2021 “From Spiritual Crisis to Personal Crisis: Comparing Two Groups of Buddhists.” Conference on Spiritual Crisis and Moral Transformation in Contemporary China. University of Rochester (NY). December 9-10.
- 2018 “The Evolution of a Buddhist Public Sphere under Urban Change in Beijing, 1972-2017.” Symposium on Chinese Religions in the Age of Massive Urbanization. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany. June 7.
- 2018 “The Buddhist Public Sphere and State-led De-secularization.” Workshop on Secularization, De-secularization and the Buddhist Public Sphere. Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen. Keynote Speaker. June 4.
- 2018 “From Temples to Teahouses: Exploring the Evolution of Lay Buddhism in Post-Mao China.” Conference on Chinese Buddhism: From Holmes Welch to the Present. Center for the Study of Religion in Chinese Society, Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. April 28.
- 2018 “Mindful Buddhists: Global Flows, Cosmopolitan Identities, and Political (Re)Negotiation in Contemporary Urban China.” Conference on the Rise of Religions in Asia, Boston University, Boston, MA. March 19-20.
- 2016 “Who Needs Key Informants? What I Learned from the Monk who kept Saying No.” Conference on Buddhism, Humanities, and Ethnographic Methods. University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. April 30.
- 2015 “美国战争和北极熊:在北京佛寺分析保护环境的社会意识 ‘American Wars and Polar Bears’: Exploring the Social Consciousness of Environmentalism at a Beijing Buddhist Temple.” Conference on Anthropology in China, Peking University, Beijing, China. June 28.
- 2015 “Innovations in Lay Buddhism and the Category of Lay Buddhist in Mainland China.” Workshop on Lay Buddhism, Comparative Anthropologies of Buddhism, CNRS, Paris, France. May 22.

- 2015 “Morality and Ethics in Fieldwork on Buddhism.” Workshop on the Anthropology of Buddhism, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. May 2.
- 2014 “From Top to Bottom and Back Again: Exploring the Popularization of Buddhism in Twenty-First Century China.” For conference on *Buddhism after Mao: Exploring Models of Religious Production*. Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientale (INALCO), Paris, France. October 10.
- 2012 "Underground Temples? Exploring the Expansion of Lay Buddhist Spaces in 2010s Beijing." Workshop on Chinese Religions, East Asia Fairbank Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December 14.
- 2012 “Chinese Buddhists and the Creation of a New Moral Order: Resistance or Accommodation?” Symposium on Religion and Politics in Greater China, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. October 26.
- 2012 “Media Sharing and the Building of Discursive Groups: Toward a Typology of Buddhist Practice in Post-Mao China.” Workshop on Buddhism in Contemporary China: Fields, Methods, Sources, Taipingyan Temple, Xiamen, China. July 15.
- 2012 “Mapping Religious Difference: Textual Communities and the Geography of Lay Buddhism in the Post-Mao Period.” Workshop on Buddhists and Buddhism in the History of Twentieth Century China, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. May 30.
- 2011 “The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Buddhism: Exploring a Factor of Buddhist Revival in China Today.” Conference on Buddhist Revival in Asia, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. December 15.
- 2011 “Karmic Consequence and Buddhist Affinity: A Cultural Analysis of Lay Buddhist Personhood in Contemporary China.” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany. September 27.
- 2010 “In the Footsteps of the Tourists: Buddhist Revival at Temple Museum Sites in Beijing.” Conference on Buddhist Sociability in Contemporary China: Exploring Critical Issues, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique. Paris, France, May 17.
- 2009 “Losing the Neighborhood Temple (or finding the temple and losing the neighborhood): Transformations of Beijing Temple Space since the Communist Revolution.” Symposium on Place / No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity, Syracuse University. October 2.
- 2008 “Temples, Texts, and Textual Communities: The Emergence of Lay Buddhist Networks in Contemporary Mainland China.” Triangle East Asia Colloquium on Buddhist Practice in Contemporary East Asia, Duke University. September 20.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 “Buddhist Religious Activity Sites: The Evolution of State-Controlled Religious Space in China.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. November 30. Online.
- 2019 “Mapping the Sacred in a Secular Land: The Emergence of Buddhist Tourism in China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 22.
- 2019 “Bringing the Buddha back to China: Cultural and Ethical Impacts of Returning College Graduates.” New York Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, State University of New York, New Paltz, NY. October 5.
- 2019 “Re-signifying Time: Agency, Temporality, and Destiny among Buddhists in China.” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biannual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 21.
- 2019 “Finding Chinese Buddhism in the United States (and Bringing it Back to China): A Story of Three Students.” American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada. April 13.
- 2018 “From Alter-Nations to Alterations: Evolutions in Buddhist Engagement with Nation-Building in China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. November 17.
- 2017 “From Temples to Teahouses: Buddhist Conversion as Declining Category in Late Secular China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 1.
- 2016 “A ‘Buddhism’ of Their Own: The Category of Buddhism and Popular Religious Identity in Contemporary China.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. November 21.
- 2015 “A Teaching of Their Own: The Spread of Buddhist Textual Communities in China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 18.



- 2014 “The Labor-Merit Relationship: Creating a Space for Religion in China Today.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November 20.
- 2013 “The Buddha as Bully? The Politics of Displacement in Chinese Buddhist Revival.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. March 24.
- 2012 “Do Chinese Buddhist Laypersons need Monastics? Exploring the Dynamics of Sangha-Laity Relations in Contemporary China.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 19.
- 2011 “State-of-the-Field Roundtable: Ethnographic Approaches to Buddhism.” Roundtable Participant. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 20.
- 2010 “‘Joining Fates’: Buddhist Exchange in Globalizing China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November 19.
- 2010 “Mao as Bodhisattva: The Latest Incarnation of the Great Helmsman.” Association for Asian Studies Northeast Regional Meeting, Burlington, VT. November 6.
- 2010 “In Another Lifetime: Buddhist Laywomen’s Perspectives on Marriage Failure in Contemporary Beijing.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. March 27.
- 2009 “Bringing Back the Buddha: Lay Buddhist Contestation of Tourist Temple Space in Beijing.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. November 7.
- 2008 “Searching Inward, Pushing Out: Buddhism as Alternative Modernity in Contemporary China.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. March 26.
- 2008 “The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy of Risk: The Ethnography of a Schizophrenic Lay Buddhist and the Panoptical Chinese State.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 20.
- 2008 “Wandering Souls in Chaotic Courtyards: Toward a Person-Centered Approach to the Study of Chinese Buddhism.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. April 6.

- 2007 “Inhabiting Flexible Worlds: Chinese Buddhist Responses to Globalization.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 1.
- 2007 “Buddhism as Social Critique.” Annual Meeting of the World History Association, Milwaukee, WI. June 30.
- 2006 “What’s in a Name? The Glocalization of Buddhism in China.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. November 16.
- 2006 “The Buddhist Revival in Mainland China: Religious Responses to Cultural Change.” American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Baltimore, MD. March 17.
- 2005 “The Spiritual Land Rush: Morality, Possession, and Place in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. November 17.
- 2005 “Down with the New: Magic and Mao in a Beijing Temple.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 3.
- 2004 “Framing Emotional Distress: Comparing Religious, Psychiatric, and Chinese Medical Approaches to Healing in Beijing.” (co-presented with Sonya Pritzker). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. December 15.
- 2004 “Mao and the Lotus: New Interpretations of the Sutra in Modern Beijing.” Sixth Annual Conference on the Lotus Sutra, Toronto, Canada. August 6.
- 2002 “You’ve Got Mail: Gender and Sex Roles in Chinese Cyberspace.” Paper Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Southeast Meeting, Chattanooga, TN. January 20.
- 2000 “Falun Gong Fever: Resistance and Salvation in Urban China.” Paper Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. November 17.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2020            Guest Editor, *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 7(1). Chinese Buddhism from Holmes Welch to the Present.
- 2019            Panel Organizer. *Translocal Interactions in Contemporary Chinese Religious Life*. American Academy of Religion Eastern International Region Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. April 13.
- 2018            Panel Discussant, “What is a Temple?” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2018            Symposium Organizer, “From Holmes Welch to the Present: Chinese Buddhism Since the 1980s.” Center for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, Purdue University.
- 2014            Panel Organizer, Chair, and Discussant. *Opening up through Religion: Exploring Religious Networks and Flows in Globalizing China*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013            Panel Organizer. *Emplacement / Displacement: The Making and Unmaking of Place through Religion in Cross-Cultural Asian Settings*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2010            Panel Organizer. *The Cultural Politics of Marriage in the Contemporary PRC and Taiwan: Tradition and Change*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009            Symposium Co-Organizer. *Place / No Place: Spatial Aspects of Urban Asian Religiosity*. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, October 2-4. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- 2009            Panel Co-organizer. *Making Money, Making Meaning, Making Merit: Exploring the Fit between Tourism, Development, and the Buddhist Revival in China Today*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 7.
- 2008            Panel Organizer. *New Directions in Fieldwork on Chinese Buddhism: Comparing Approaches from Religious Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 6.
- 2005            Panel Organizer. *Bringing Chinese Religious Pasts into the Present*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3.

2003- Member, Board of Editorial Consultants, *Nova Religio*

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2013-16; 2019 - Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Religion, Syracuse University.

2010-11; 2013- Director of Chinese Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

2020 Member, Small Courses COVID Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

2019- Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Religion Scholars' Association

2018- Faculty Advisor, Chinese Student Dance Association.

2018-19 Future Professoriate Program Director, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.

2017-19 Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.

2012-18 Lower-Division Advisor and First-Year Forum Leader, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

2015-16 Faculty Representative, University Accreditation Committee.

2012-13 Representative to Humanities Division Council, Chinese Studies and Religion, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

2009-13; 2017-18 Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

2008-13 Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2017 Association for Asian Studies short-term research grant.
- 2011-14 Emergences Fieldwork Grant, Group Religions, Sociétés, Laïcités, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.
- 2011-12 Research Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2006-07 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
- 2003-04 U.S. Dept. of Education Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.
- 2002-03 U.S. Dept. of State Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship.