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Education

- PH.D. 1997 **University of Chicago**, The Divinity School
PH.D. AREA: Religion and the Human Sciences
SECONDARY AREA: History of Religions
DISSERTATION: "Why Do Americans Practice Zen Buddhism?"
DISSERTATION ADVISOR: Peter Homans
- M.A. 1988 **Graduate Theological Union**, Berkeley, California
AREA: History and Phenomenology of Religion
THESIS: "Contexts for Conversion, the Spiritual Exercises
of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Modern Rinzai *Sesshin*"
- B.A. 1985 **University of California, Berkeley**, Field Major in the Humanities

Teaching Competence

PRIMARY: Buddhism; Comparative Religion; Psychology,
Anthropology, and Sociology of Religion; Religion in America
SECONDARY: Asian Religions; Native American Religions;
Conversion; Depth Psychology; Mysticism; Abrahamic Religions

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR: California State University Los Angeles, 1998-
RELS 200: Introduction to Comparative Religions
RELS 325: Themes of Adulthood in the World's Religions
RELS 335: Gender in the Diversity of World Religions
INSTRUCTOR: Loyola University Chicago, Fall Semester 1990
Theology 277: Eastern Religions

Professional Experience

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, WESTERN REGION: President,
2011-2012
WESTERN COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION: Board Member
2011-2013
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION, WESTERN REGION: Vice-President
and Program Chair, 2010-2011
PSYCHOLOGY, CULTURE, & RELIGION UNIT: Western Region Chair,
2006-2013
PSYCHOLOGY, CULTURE, & RELIGION GROUP: National Steering
Committee Co-Chair, 2000-2003; Committee Member, 1997-2003
OFFICE FOR PROGRAMS IN COMPARATIVE RELIGION: Graduate
Theological Union, Editor/Researcher, 1987-1988
THIRD INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE CONFERENCE:
Assistant to Coordinator, 1987

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- Books**
- Being Buddha at Work: 108 Ancient Truths on Change, Stress, Money, & Success*, Berrett-Koehler Press, 2012
- Just Add Buddha: Quick Buddhist Solutions for Hellish Bosses, Traffic Jams, Stubborn Spouses, & Other Annoyances of Everyday Life*, Ulysses Press, 2004
- Buddha in Your Backpack: Everyday Buddhism for Teens*, Seastone Press, 2002
- What Would Buddha Do at Work? 101 Answers to Workplace Dilemmas*, co-authored with BJ Gallagher Hateley, Seastone Press and Berrett-Koehler Press, 2001
- What Would Buddha Do? 101 Answers to Life's Daily Dilemmas*, Seastone Press, 1999
- Chapters and Articles**
- "Buddhism in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA," in the *Blackwell Companion to South and Southeast Asian Buddhism*, in press, with Sally McAra and Anna Halafoff
- ["Buddhist Views of Childhood,"](#) Oxford Bibliographies Online, January 2014, with Vanessa Sasson
- "The Value of Western Society for Buddhism," *Bridges*, F/W 2006
- "Illusions of the Self in Buddhism and Winnicott," in *Buddhism and Psychotherapy in the 21st Century*, Wisdom Publications: Boston, 2006
- "An Object-Relations Psychology of Zen Practice," in *From Ancient India to Modern America: Buddhist Studies in Honor of Charles Prebish*, RoutledgeCurzon: London, 2006
- "The Encounter of Buddhism and Psychology," in *Westward Dharma: Buddhism Beyond Asia*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002
- "Buddhism and Psychology: a Perspective at the Millennium," in *Religious Studies Review*, Fall 2001
- "Zen in the West," in *Buddhist Spirituality: Ch'an, East Asian, Contemporary*, New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1999
- Editorial**
- Special issue of the *Journal of Global Buddhism*, "Buddhism and the Family," co-edited with Vanessa Sasson, in press 2015
- Journal of Global Buddhism*: founding book review editor, 2000-
- H-Buddhism: co-editor, advisory board, review editor, 2001-
- Forge Guild of Spiritual Leaders and Teachers: newsletter editor, 1999-2009
- Association of Educational Therapists: editor, *Directory*, 1997
- A Bibliographic Guide to the Comparative Study of Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 1991, editorial associate
- Reviews**
- Most recently Wilson, [Mindful America](#) (2015); Bulkeley and Bulkeley, *Children's Dreams* (2012); and Wilson, *Mourning the Unborn Dead* (2011). Many others stretching back to 1993.

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**Honors
and Awards**

Dissertation approved with distinction, 1997
Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship, alternate, 1996
Doctoral examinations passed with distinction, 1993
University of Chicago Divinity School Continuing Fellowship
in Ph.D. Studies, 1990-1991
University of Chicago Divinity School Entering Fellowship
in Ph.D. Studies, 1988-1989
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley Scholarship, 1987

Papers and Talks

"Shallow Practice/Fundamental Practice," Pilgrim Place,
Claremont, CA, February 2015
"Our Buddhadharma, Our Buddhist Dharma," Numata Lecture
and commencement address for the Institute of Buddhist Studies,
Berkeley, May 2012
"Why We Write," Presidential Address, American Academy of
Religion, Western Region Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, March 2012
"The Borderless Borders of the White Plum Asanga," "Buddhism
without Borders" conference, Berkeley, March 2010
"Illusions of the Self in Buddhism and Winnicott," "Buddhism and
Psychotherapy" conference, Boston, September 2004
"A Winnicottian Transpersonal Theory," American Academy of
Religion Annual Meeting, November 2003
"Peace and Harmony, Then and Now," Los Angeles Buddhist
Federation Hanamatsuri Commemorative Lecture, April 2003
"Buddhism and Psychology: A Personal View of the Field and Its
Implications," AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, April 2000
"Attachment and Religion," AAR Western Region Annual
Meeting, April 1999
"Toward a Cultural Psychology Grounded in Object Relations,"
AAR Annual Meeting, November 1997
"'We Think Your Behavior is Harming the Buddhadharma', a Zen
Intervention," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious
Research Association Annual Meeting, November 1997
"On the Irrelevance of Mysticism for Zen Practitioners," Forge
Institute Annual Meeting, October 1996

Memberships

American Academy of Religion, 1990-present
Forge Guild of Spiritual Leaders and Teachers, 1996-present
Founding member, Workshop on Psychotherapy and Religion,
University of Chicago