

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2008 Doctor of Philosophy, Princeton University. Major: Asian Religions. Chinese Buddhism. Advisor: Stephen F. Teiser.
- Jimmy Yu. (2008). *Bodies and Self-Inflicted Violence in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century China*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Princeton University.
- 2006 Master's Degree, Princeton University. Major: Asian Religions. Chinese Buddhism. Supervisor: Stephen Teiser.
- 2004–2008 Student, Advanced Language Training, East Asian Studies, Advanced Classical Chinese, Princeton University.
- 2004–2008 Student, Advanced Language Training, East Asian Studies, Advanced Modern and Classical Japanese, Princeton University.
- 2004 Student, Intermediate Language Training, Intensive Summer French Reading Program, Princeton University.
- 2004 Student, Third International Seminar on Dunhuang Art and Society, Princeton University and the Dunhuang Seminar.
- 2003 Student, Princeton in Ishikawa Program (Ishikawa Province, Japan), Princeton University. Intensive Japanese language study.
- 2002 Master's Degree, University of Kansas. Major: Asian Religions. Chinese Buddhism. Advisor: Daniel B. Stevenson.
- Jimmy Yu. (2002). *Death, Afterlife, and Rebirth in the Pure Land Tradition: A Historical-Critical Study of Two Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Tracts on Deathbed Salvation*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of

Kansas.

- 1999 Monastic Training, Institute of Chung-Hwa Buddhist Culture, New York. Major: Chan/Zen studies and Buddhist doctrine. Supervisor: Venerable Dr. Sheng Yen.
- 1991 BFA, School of Visual Arts, New York City. Major: Fine Arts. Painting and Sculpture. Supervisor: Marilyn Minter. Cum Laude.

Academic Appointments

- 2011–present Sheng Yen Assistant Professor of Chinese Buddhism and Religion, Religion, Florida State University.
- 2008–2011 Assistant Professor, Religion, Florida State University.

Professional Experience

- 2009–present Consultant on acquisition and ongoing development of Lib. Coll, Library Consultant to Strozier, FSU, Florida State University.
- 1998–present Co-Organizer and M.C, Wisdom Teachings with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and Venerable Master Sheng Yen, Roseland, NY. organizer and Master of Ceremony.
- 2006–2008 Assistant Editor for the Book: *Readings of the Lotus Sūtra*, Columbia Readings of Buddhist Literature, Columbia University Press. My jobs included copy editing, researching data, creating a bibliography, and indexing.
- 1997 Co-organizer and Interpreter, Peace is the Name of God XI International Meeting and Religions, The Vatican, Rome, Italy. Co-organizer and Interpreter.

Visiting Professorship(s)

- 2013 National Chengchi University Summer Visiting Professorship in Chinese Buddhist Studies 2013.

Publications

Book

Yu, J. (2012). *Sanctity and Self-Inflicted Violence in Chinese Religions, 1500-1700*. Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles

Yu, J. (2014). "A New Chan (Zen) School in Taiwan: Dharma Drum Lineage" *Oxford Handbooks Online in Religion*, 45 pages.

Yu, J. (2013). "Revisiting the Notion of *Zong*: Contextualizing the Dharma Drum Lineage of Modern Chan Buddhism" *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal*, 26, 1-39. Retrievable at http://www.chibs.edu.tw/ch_html/index_ch00_07.html

Yu, J. (2011). "Contextualizing the Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Chan/Zen Narratives: Steven Heine's Academic Contributions to the Field" *Religious Studies Review*, 37 (3), 165-176. Retrievable at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2011.01523.x/pdf>

Yu, J. (2011). "Sheng Yen fashi yu Chanzong zhi xiandaihua jiangou" (Venerable Sheng Yen and the Modernization of Chan Buddhism 聖嚴法師與禪宗之現代化建構). *Humanity*, 321-322, 324-30, approx. 40.

Yu, J. (2010). "A Tentative Exploration into the Development of Master Sheng Yen's Chan Teachings" *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal*, 23, 415-426. Retrievable at http://www.chibs.edu.tw/eng_html/eng03_03.html

Book Chapters

Yu, J. (in press). "Pure Land Devotion in East Asia" In Mario Poceski (Ed.), *Blackwell Companion to East and Inner Asian Buddhism* (35 pages). Blackwell Companion to East and Inner Asian Buddhism.

Yu, J. (2012). "Self-Inflicted Violence" In R. L. Nadeau (Ed.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Chinese Religions* (pp. 461-480). Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

Yu, J. (2010). "Venerable Sheng Yen's Thought and His Scholarship on Late Ming Buddhism" In C. Yu (Ed.), *Studies of Master Sheng yen Vol. 1* (pp. 415-426). Dharma Drum Publications.

Reviews

Yu, J. (2014). "Zen Buddhist Rhetoric in China, Korea, and Japan" *Religious Studies Review*. (forthcoming)

Yu, J. (2013). "A Pure Mind in a Clean Body: Bodily Care in the Buddhist Monasteries of Ancient India and China" *Journal of Chinese Religions*, vol. 41, issue 2 (November

- 2013): 151-154. Retrieval at:
<http://www.maneyonline.com/doi/full/10.1179/0737769X13Z.00000000006>
- Yu, J. (2013). "Adamek, Wendi L. The Teaching of Wuzhu: Zen and Religion of No-Religion" *Religious Studies Review*, 39 (1), 51-52. Retrieval at:
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rsr.12020/full>
- Yu, J. (2010). "True to Her Words: The Faithful Maiden Cult of Late Imperial China" *Religious Studies Review*, 36 (2), 171-172. Retrieval at:
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2010.01435_2.x/full
- Yu, J. (2010). "Zongmi on Chan" *Religious Studies Review*, 36 (2), 172. Retrieval at:
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2010.01436_1.x/full
- Yu, J. (2009). "Enlightenment in Dispute: The Reinvention of Chan Buddhism in Seventeenth-Century China" *Religious Studies Review*, 35 (2), 146. Retrieval at:
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2009.01352_10.x/full
- Yu, J. (2009). "The Shaolin Monastery: History, Religion, and the Chinese Martial Arts." *The Journal of Religion*, 89 (3), 457-459. Retrieval at:
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/600286>

Nonrefereed Publications and Translations

- Yu, J. (2014). "Silent Illumination". *Insight Journal, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies*, 1, 18. Retrieved from: <http://www.bcbsdharma.org/2014-1-15-insight-journal/>
- Yu, J. (2013). "Commentary: Newtown and the Three Poisons." *Buddhadharma: The Practitioner's Quarterly, Spring*, 7. Retrieval at:
<http://www.thebuddhadharma.com/web-archive/2013/2/14/commentary-newtown-and-the-three-poisons.html>
- Yu, J. (2013). "Wei Hanchuan fojiao bu yitiao lu zo" (Providing a Path for Chinese Buddhism 為漢傳佛教鋪一條路走). In Sheng Yen Education Foundation Scholarly Department (Ed.), *An Affinity in this Life with the Teacher (Jinsheng yu Shifu youyue 今生與師父有約)* (pp. 12). Taipei, Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (2012). "You are Already Enlightened." *Buddhadharma: The Practitioner's Quarterly, Winter*, 38-43. Retrieval at:
<http://www.thebuddhadharma.com/web-archive/2012/11/8/you-are-already-enlightened.html>
- Yu, J. (2012). *Essence of Chan: A Practical Guide to Life and Practice according to the Teachings of Bodhidharma*. Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications. Retrieval at:
<http://www.shambhala.com/the-essence-of-chan.html>
- Yu, J. (2011). "Discovering More Questions and Receiving More Answers: Reflections on the 16th IABS Conference" (Faxian genduo wenti, dedao genduo da'an 發現更多問題, 得到更多答案). *Humanity Magazine* 336, 26-29.

- Yu, J. (2010). "Analyzing Sheng Yen's Chan Teaching from a Historical Perspective" (Conglishi gaodian tantao Shengyan chanfa yanbian 從歷史高點探討聖嚴禪法演變). *Humanity* 323, 26-35.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (2009). *Shattering the Great Doubt: The Chan Practice of Huatou*. Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (2008). *Method of No-Method: The Chan Practice of Silent Illumination*. Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (2006). *Attaining the Way: A Guide to the Practice of Chan Buddhism*. Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications.
- Yu, J. (2006). "Clouds and Water: Memories of My Monastic Years" In S. Loundon (Ed.), *Buddha's Apprentices: More Voices of Young Buddhist* (pp. 115-122). Boston, MA: Wisdom Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (2002). *There is No Suffering: A Commentary on the Heart Sutra*. Berkeley, CA: North Atlantic Books.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (2000). *Setting in Motion the Dharma Wheel: Talks on the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism*. NY: Dharma Drum Publications.
- Yu, J., H. H. the 14th Dalai Lama, & Master Sheng Yen. (1999). *Meeting of Minds: A Dialogue on Tibetan and Chinese Buddhism*. NY: Dharma Drum Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (1999). *Complete Enlightenment: Commentary on the Sutra of Complete Enlightenment*. Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (1998). *In the Spirit of Chan*. NY: Dharma Drum Publications.
- Yu, J., & Sheng Yen. (1996). *Dharma Drum: The Life and heart of Chan Practice*. NY: Dharma Drum Publications.

Conferences and Presentations

- Yu, J. (accepted). "Liminality, Historicity, and the Possibility of Rebirth in the Pure Land." Paper to be presented at The Pure Land in Buddhist Cultures: History, Image, Praxis, Thought, University of British Columbia, University of British Columbia.
- Yu, J. (presented 2013, March). "The Formation of Dharma Drum Lineage of Chan and Reconsidering Notions of Zong." Paper presented at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), San Diego, CA.
- Yu, J. (presented 2012). "What is the Significance of 'Zong'" in the Formation of Dharma Drum Lineage (Fagu zong)?" Keynote presentation at IV International Sheng Yen Education Foundation Buddhist Studies Conference, Sheng Yen Education Foundation, Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies, Taiwan University, Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (presented 2011, November). "Reflections on Blood Writing, Agency, Pain, and the Body." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Francisco, CA.

- Yu, J. (presented 2011, June). "The Doctrinal Synthesis of Master Sheng Yen's Chan." Paper presented at 16th Congress of the IABS, International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS), Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (presented 2011, April). "Preserving Orthodoxy through Self-Inflicted Violence: Representation as Embodied Practice." Paper presented at the AAS, Hawaii.
- Yu, J. (presented 2010, May). "The Evolution of Master Sheng Yen's Chan Teachings." Paper presented at The 3rd International Sheng Yen Education Foundation Conference, Sheng Yen Education Foundation, Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (presented 2009, May). "Buddhists at the End of Life." Presentation at Patricia and Rowland Rebele Conference: Buddhists at the End of Life, University of California Santa Cruz, University of California Santa Cruz.
- Yu, J. (presented 2008, November). "The Power of Women as Vengeful Revenants: The Practice of Female Chastity." Paper presented at the AAR, Chicago.
- Yu, J. (presented 2008, May). "Venerable Sheng Yen's Thought and His Scholarship on Late Ming Buddhism." Paper presented at The 2nd International Sheng Yen Education Foundation Conference, Sheng Yen Education Foundation, Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (presented 2006, November). "Piety, Passion, and Blood Writing in the Late Ming." Paper presented at the AAR, Washington DC.
- Yu, J. (presented 2003, April). "A Critique of Pure Land Rebirth Motif." Paper presented at The Fifth Annual Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Michigan, University of Michigan.

Invited Workshops and Lectures

- Yu, J. (2013, June). "Venerable Sheng Yen and the Founding of Dharma Drum Lineage 聖嚴法師與法鼓宗的建設." Delivered at National Chengchi University, Center for the Study of Chinese Religions, National Chengchi University, Taiwan.
- Yu, J. (2013, January). "Buddhist Blood Writing and Agency in Early Modern China." Delivered at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN.
- Yu, J. (2011, October). "Visualizing Self-Inflicted Violence in late Imperial Chinese Religions." Delivered at Department of Art History at the University of Chicago, Department of Art History at the University of Chicago.
- Yu, J. (2010, April). "Embodying the Text through Blood Writing." Delivered at University of Central Florida, University of Central Florida.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

FSU Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, Provost's Faculty Travel Grant Committee (2013). (\$1,000).

National Chengchi University Summer Research Grant for the Study of Chinese Buddhism,
National Chengchi University, Taiwan (2013). (\$6,000).

Faculty Research Library Materials Grant (FRLMG), FSU (2012). (\$9,000).

Sheng Yen Education Foundation Book Grant, Sheng Yen Education Foundation (2011).
(\$10,000).

Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS), FSU (2010). (\$14,000).

Faculty Research Library Materials Grant (FRLMG), FSU (2010). (\$9,493).

First Year Assistant Professor Summer Award (FYAP), FSU (2009). (\$17,000).

FSU Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, Provost's Faculty Travel Grant Committee (2008). (\$500).

Princeton University. Graduate Fellow. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
(2008).

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, Government through University of Kansas
(2002). (\$7,000).

Friends of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas (2001).

Zelma Edna McIlvain Scholarship in Religion, University of Kansas (2001).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)

Teaching

Courses Taught

Buddhist Traditions (REL 3340)

Chinese Historiography (REL 5319)

Modern Buddhism in China (REL 5906)

Pure Land Buddhism (REL 4359)

Pure Land Buddhism (REL 5346)

Religions of Japan (REL 4304/5)

Seminar: History of Religions (REL5305)

The Buddhist Tradition (REL3340)

Tutorial in Classical Chinese Religious Texts (REL5319)

Undergraduate History of Religions Seminar (REL4304)

Chinese Buddhist Studies (REL4359/53)
Chan Zen Buddhism (REL3345)
Chinese Buddhist Monasticism (REL5354)
Pure Land Buddhism (REL4359)
Religions of East Asia (REL2350)
Special Topics in Religion (REL3936)

New Course Development

Chinese Buddhism (2011)
Tutorial in Classical Chinese Religious Texts (2009)
Religions of East Asia (2008)
Chan/Zen Buddhism (2008)

Service

Florida State University

FSU University Service

Key negotiator, Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Professorship (2013).
Key negotiator, Student Exchange Program with National Chengchi University in Taiwan (2012–present).
Advisor, FSU Buddhist Student Association (2011–present).
Key negotiator, Sheng Yen Education Foundation Graduate Fellowship (2011–present).
Key negotiator, Sheng Yen Education Foundation Professorship (2011–present).

FSU Department Service

Member, Executive Committee (2013–present)
Representative for HER track, Graduate Student Committee (2012–present).
Member, History of Text Technologies (HoTT) Committee (2011–present).
Website Liaison, Maintain Department Website (2011–present).
Member, Graduate Students Committee (2012–2013).

Panel Respondent, 12th Annual Religion Graduate Student Symposium (2013).

Member, Faculty Search Committee (2012–2013).

Member, Chair Committee (2011–2012).

Department Website Liaison, Department Website Liaison (2011–2012).

Advisor and judge for the award, Faculty Advisor and judge for the Leo Sandon Best Paper Award (2011).

Panel Respondent, 9th Annual Religion Graduate Student Symposium (2010).

Panel Respondent, 8th Annual Religion Graduate Student Symposium (2009).

Consulting students, Committee Member. Undergraduate Studies (2008–2009).

The Profession

Editor, *Chung-Hwa Buddhist Journal* (2012–present).

Guest reviewer, *Religious Studies Review* (2009–present).

Reviewer, Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies Graduate Fellowship. Grant reviewer (2010–present).

Reviewer, Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies. Book monograph grant reviewer (2010–present).

Reviewer, The Sheng Yen Education Foundation Grant for PhD. Dissertation Research on Modern Chinese Buddhism (2008–present).

Service to Other Universities

Doctoral Dissertation Supervisory Committee Member for Kendall Marchman, University of Florida, Gainesville (2011–2013).

The Community

Founder and Teacher, Ongoing public talks and workshops, Tallahassee Buddhist Group, DDMBA Tallahassee (2009–present).

Invocator, Leon County Commission Meeting, Leon County Commission (2013).

Consultation

CNN. CNN Interview on Japan's Earthquake/Tsunami Disaster in the Religion Blog (2011).