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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016–present: Sheng Yen Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Religion, Florida State University
- 2015 (fall). Instructor at City College of New York, for the sixteen-week course *Asian Studies 20200: Contemporary Asia*.

### EDUCATION

- 2016. Princeton University, Department of Religion, PhD degree.
- 2012–2013. Visiting PhD Fellow, Institute of World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, China
- 2007–2009. PhD Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, Group in Buddhist Studies
- 2006. Harvard University, Regional Studies East Asia program, MA degree
- 2000–2001. Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies, Taipei, Taiwan
- 1996–1997. Mandarin Training Center, Taipei, Taiwan, language training
- 1996. Washington University, East Asian Studies department, BA degree

### HONORS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2016-18: Sheng Yen Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Religion, Florida State University
- 2014-15: ACLS/Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies
- 2013–14: Religion and Culture Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion (CSR), Princeton
- 2012–13: Fulbright-IEE scholarship for research in China
- 2011–12 and 2014-16: Religion and Public Life Fellowship, CSR, Princeton
- Princeton University Funding: Full tuition plus stipend for five years (2009-2014)
- Summer fieldwork in China funded through the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies and the Princeton East Asian Studies Program, 2009, 2010, and 2012.
- UC Berkeley Funding: Full funding plus Townsend Fellowship
- Lien Scholarship for Social Sciences: Full tuition plus stipend for study at Washington University

### PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES)

- 2014. “The Chinese Buddhist Ritual Field: Common Public Rituals in PRC Monasteries Today.” *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies* 27, 59-127.
- 2006. “Flesh Bodies, Stiff Corpses, and Gathered Gold: Mummy Worship, Corpse Processing, and Mortuary Ritual in Contemporary Taiwan.” *Journal of Chinese Religions* 33, 1-37.
- 2005, as first author, with Marcus Bingenheimer. “Buddhist Mummification in Taiwan: Two Case Studies.” *Asia Major* Third Series, Vol. 15, Part 2, 87-127.

### PUBLICATION (EDITOR-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE)

- 2014. “Xifang xueshuji dui chanzong ‘dongshan famai’ de yanjiu” (A review of Anglophone scholarship on the Chan East Mountain Lineage). *Foxue Yanjiu* (Buddhist Studies) 22, 350-58. (in Chinese)

## **PUBLICATIONS (TRANSLATED AND EDITED BOOKS)**

- 2010, as translator. *The Mind Dharma of the Sixth Patriarch*, by Sheng Yen (Dharma Drum Publications; 47 pages).
- 2007, as main translator, with Otto Chang. *Orthodox Chinese Buddhism*, by Sheng Yen. A translation of *Zhengxin de fojiao* (North Atlantic Books; 278 pages). This book by a leading Chinese monk and consultant to Taiwanese presidents and prime ministers includes numerous quotations from classical Chinese Buddhist scriptures, histories, and commentaries.
- 2007. Annotations, front matter, preface, appendixes, glossary, and other back matter in *Orthodox Chinese Buddhism*, a translation of Sheng Yen's *Zhengxin de fojiao* (North Atlantic Books).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS**

- 2016. "Seminaries and the Academic Study of Buddhism." Presented at the International Forum on Modern Chinese Buddhism, at Princeton University.
- 2015. "Between Buddhism and Academia: Seminaries as Sites for Negotiation between Differing Norms of Inquiry." Presented (in Chinese) at the Research Forum on Modern and Contemporary Chinese Buddhism, in Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2014. "The Development of Buddhist Seminaries in the PRC since 1980." Presented at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) annual conference, San Diego.
- 2013. "The Cultural Ontology of the Chinese Monastic." Printed in *Vinaya Texts and Transmission History: New Perspectives and Methods*, and presented in Hangzhou, China.
- 2012. "A Review of Anglophone Scholarship on the Chan East Mountain Lineage." Printed in *Disan jie Huangmei Chan'zong wenhua gaofeng luntan lunwenji, shang* (The third Huangmei conference on Chan school culture, part one), and presented (in Chinese) in Hubei, China.
- 2011. "The Reintroduction and Diffusion of Mummification Practices in Taiwan, 1959-2011." Conference paper for the Fourth Congress of the *Réseau Asie & Pacifique*, presented in Paris.

## **OTHER TRANSLATION WORK (CHINESE-ENGLISH, SELECTED)**

- 2009 (summer). Interpreter for Western undergraduate and graduate students for the Woodenfish Buddhist Studies Program during visits to Chinese Buddhist and Daoist sites.
- 2009 (April). Interpreter for Shi Yongxin, abbot of Shaolin Monastery, China, during his visit and lecture at the University of California, Berkeley.
- 2001–2003. Personal interpreter for the Buddhist monk Sheng Yen and other religious leaders in Taipei, Kyoto, and Moscow at meetings, conferences, a lecture series, and a meditation retreat.
- 2000–2003. Translation of numerous booklets, film subtitles, pamphlets, academic articles, speeches, web pages, etc., on Buddhism, while employed by Dharma Drum Foundation, Taipei.
- 1999. Subtitles for the movie *Horizons of a Young Couple*, directed by Yang Ming-hui.
- 1998. *The Second ROC Modern Ink Painting Exhibition: Perspective of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (National Taiwan Arts Education Institute).
- 1997. Script for the movie *Not One Less*, directed by Zhang Yimou.

## **ONLINE PUBLICATION**

- 2008–. Personal webpage (<http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~dmgildow/>), including descriptions of research and coursework, as well as ethnographic film clips.

## **LECTURES**

- 2015. "Buddhist Education in China since Reform and Opening." Presented (in Chinese) at the Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts, Taiwan.

- 2015. “Fieldwork on Chinese Religions in China.” Presented at Temple University.
- 2014. “The Contemporary Relevance and History of the ‘Eight Schools’ in Chinese Buddhism.” Presented for the AAR Woodenfish reception, San Diego.
- 2013. Four lectures for the Woodenfish Buddhist Studies Program, in Wenzhou, China: “The Pizza Effect in Chinese Buddhism,” “Return of the Chinese Mummies,” “Chinese Buddhist Death Rituals,” and “Four Vectors, Four Mountains, and the Formation of Chinese Buddhism.”
- 2013. Two lectures on contemporary Western Buddhism, presented (in Chinese) in two Buddhist seminars, in Henan Province, China.
- 2012. “Chinese Buddhism and Wutaishan.” Institute of World Religions, CASS, Beijing.
- 2012. Two lectures for the Woodenfish Program, in Foguang University, Taiwan: “Whole-Body Relics in Taiwanese Buddhism” and “Buddhist Death Practices.”
- 2012. “The Regulation of Religion in Imperial and Post-Imperial Chinese States.” For Stephen F. Teiser’s course at Princeton University, Religion 226: *Religions of China*.
- 2012. “The Chinese Imperial State and Religion.” For Stephen F. Teiser’s course at Princeton University, Religion 226: *Religions of China*.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2012 (spring). Teaching assistant, for Stephen F. Teiser’s Princeton University course, *Religions of China*. I also completed the Princeton University teacher training program.
- 2010–11. Student coordinator for Princeton International Buddhism, Daoism, and Chinese Religions Conference (October 2010) and Buddhist Studies Workshop (Spring 2011)
- 2009 (spring). Teaching assistant, for Robert Sharf’s UC Berkeley course, *Thinking about Not Thinking: Approaches to Buddhist Meditation*. I also completed UC Berkeley teacher training.
- 2008 (summer). Research assistant, for Penny Edwards, Chinese-Cambodian relations (1970-1978)
- 2005–2007. Editor (freelance), Dharma Drum Publications
- 2000–2003. Translator and interpreter (Chinese-English), Dharma Drum Foundation, Taiwan
- 1997–2007: Freelance translation (Chinese-English, English-Chinese, and Spanish-English)
- 1996-1999: Assistant Director and Instructor, The Princeton Review, Taiwan (management, teacher training, marketing, and instruction in all subject areas for various examinations)

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Mandarin Chinese, Classical Chinese, Spanish, French, Japanese, and Taiwanese

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
 Association for Asian Studies (AAS)  
 Society for the Study of Chinese Religions (SSCR)  
 International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)

### **REFERENCES**

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