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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018- Professor of Philosophy
Colorado State University
2012-2018 Associate Professor of Philosophy
Colorado State University
2008-2012 Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Colorado State University
2005-2008 Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Muhlenberg College
2003-2005 Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Antioch College
2001-2003 Coordinator of Center for South Asian Studies
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

EDUCATION

1998-2004 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
1996-1998 M.A., Philosophy, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
1993-1995 B.A., Philosophy, Fort Lewis College

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Buddhist Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind
Indian Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Asian Philosophy
Pragmatism
Phenomenology

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Chapters:

- “Virtue, Self-Transcendence, and Liberation in Yoga and Buddhism,” in *Self-Transcendence and Virtue: Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology* (Jennifer Frey and Candace Volger, eds.) London: Routledge, 2019.
- “Physicalism and Beyond: Flanagan, Buddhism, and Consciousness,” in *Naturalism and Asian Philosophy: Owen Flanagan and Beyond* (Eric S. Nelson and Bong Rae Suk), SUNY Press, 2019.

- “Volition, Action, and Skill in Indian Buddhist Philosophy,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Skill and Expertise* (Ellen Fridland, ed.), 2019.
- “Enactivism and Gender Performativity,” with Ashby Butnor, in *Feminism and Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford University Press, 2018.
- “The Yogācāra Theory of Three Natures: Internalist and Non-Dualist Interpretations,” *Comparative Philosophy* 9:1, pp. 18-31, 2018.
- “Buddhism and the Virtues,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Virtue* (Nancy Snow), Oxford University Press, 2017.
- “Luminous Mind: Self-Luminosity versus Other-Luminosity in Indian Philosophy of Mind,” in *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook to Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics* (Joerg Tuske), Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.
- “Dewey, Enactivism, and the Qualitative Dimension,” *Humana.Mente*, 31:1, pp. 21-36, 2016.
- “(Re-) Constructing the Self,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 23: 1-2, pp. 105-124, 2016.
- “Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Constructed Self: A Buddhist Model,” *Asian Philosophy*, 25:3, pp. 275-292, 2015.
- “Radical Transformation in the *Yogavāsiṣṭha*: A Phenomenological Interpretation,” in *Engaged Emancipation: Mind, Morals, and Make-Believe in the Mokṣopāya*, SUNY Press, 2015.
- “Self-Awareness, Intentionality, and Perception in Coseru’s *Perceiving Reality*,” *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 22:9-10, pp. 39-45, 2015.
- “Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds: Reflections on the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 63, pp. 194-212, 2013.
- “Self-Making and World-Making: Indian Buddhism and Enactive Philosophy of Mind,” *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Vol. 13, pp. 14-17, 2013.
- “Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness,” in *Hindu and Buddhist Ideas in Dialogue: Self and No-Self*, (C. Ram-Prasad and J. Ganeri), Ashgate, 2012.

- “Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self,” in *Self, No Self? Perspectives from Analytical, Phenomenological, and Indian Traditions*, (M. Siderits, E. Thompson, and D. Zahavi), Oxford University Press, pp. 239-273, 2011.
- “Enacting the self: Buddhist and enactivist approaches to the emergence of the self,” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, Vol. 9, pp. 75-99, 2010.
- “Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *Contemporary Buddhism*, Vol. 9, pp. 197-207, 2008.
- “Self-Awareness without a Self: Buddhism and the Reflexivity of Awareness,” *Asian Philosophy*, Vol. 18, pp. 245-266, 2008.
- “The Illumination of Consciousness: Approaches to Self-Awareness in the Indian and Western Traditions,” *Philosophy East and West*, Vol. 57, pp. 40-62, 2007.
- “The Five Factors of Action and the Decentering of Agency in the *Bhagavad Gītā*,” *Asian Philosophy*, Vol. 11, pp. 141-150, 2001.

Reviews:

- “Buddhism naturalized? Review of Owen Flanagan, *the Bodhisattva’s brain: Buddhism naturalized*,” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 503-506, 2014.
- “Blue Skies,” review of *Subjective Consciousness: A Self-Representational Theory* by Uriah Kriegel, in *The Times (London) Literary Supplement*, 2011.
- *Ethics and The History of Indian Philosophy* by Shyam Ranganatham, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2006.
- *The Disinterested Witness* by Bina Gupta, in *APA Newsletter on the Status of Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, 2003.
- *Following Form and Function* by Stephen T. Asma, in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* Vol. 13, pp. 84-87, 1999.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book:

Embodied Luminosity: Engaging Enactivism and Buddhist Philosophy

Articles/Chapters:

- “Dual-Aspect Reflexivism in Śāntarākṣita’s Philosophy of Mind” (under review)
- “Cultivating Compassion: Perspectival Flexibility and Empathy in Śāntideva”
- “Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness”

PRESENTATIONS

- “Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness,” Department of Philosophy, Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 2018.
- “Dual-Aspect Reflexivism in Śāntarākṣita’s Philosophy of Mind,” International Association of Buddhist Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 2017.
- “The Yogācāra Theory of Three Natures: Internalist and Non-Dualist Interpretations,” Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, 2017.
- “Luminous Cognizance: Toward a Buddhist Model of Consciousness,” *Reflexive Theories of Consciousness: A Cross-Cultural Workshop*, Centre for Consciousness, Australian National University, Canberra, 2016.
- “Comments on Coseru,” Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, CA, 2015.
- “Comments on Siderits,” Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, 2015.
- “Comments on Albahari,” Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, St. Louis, MO, 2015.
- “Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Constructed Self,” *Self-Awareness and Subjectivity in Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives*, Marquette University, 2014.
- “Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness,” *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Central meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.
- “Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and the Enacted Self,” *Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness Subjectivity and Otherness*, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, 2013.
- “Enacting Selves, Enacting Worlds in Buddhist Philosophy,” *Society for the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, APA Eastern meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2012.
- “Selfless Subjectivity: An Engagement with Dan Zahavi’s Phenomenology of Self,” *Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy*, Rochester, NY, 2012.

- “Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy,” *NEH Institute: Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives*, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2012.
- “Buddhist Concepts of Self,” *Great Conversations Series*, Colorado State University, 2012.
- “Luminosity, Subjectivity, and Temporality: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita Views of Consciousness,” at *First-person Studies of Consciousness*, Center for Creative Inquiry, Berkeley, CA, 2011.
- “Who is I?” Panel Presentation at Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages, Berkeley, CA, 2011.
- “No-Self and Distributive Principles in Mahāyāna Ethics,” *The Tenth East-West Philosophers’ Conference*, University of Hawai’i, Honolulu, HI, 2011.
- “The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Workshop for BodhiMind Center, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.
- “The Co-Arising of Self and World: On the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011.
- “The Co-Arising of Self and World: on the Buddhist Theory of Karma,” Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO, 2011.
- “Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 2010.
- “Luminous Consciousness, Subjectivity, and the Self: An Examination of Buddhist and Advaita views of Consciousness” at *Self: Hindu Responses to Buddhist Critiques*, University of Sussex, UK, 2010.
- “Reflexive Awareness, Temporality, and the Living Present,” *Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion*, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
- “Enacting Wisdom: Phenomenology, Cognitive Science, and Asian Philosophy,” *Mind and Life Summer Research Institute*, Garrison, NY, 2009.
- “Perception, Action, and Conditioning: A Buddhist Phenomenology of Karma,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Pacific Division APA, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2009.
- “Enacting the Self: Buddhist and Enactivist Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2008.

- “The Autopoietic Self: Buddhist and Neurophenomenological Approaches to the Emergence of the Self,” *Cognition: Embodied, Embedded, Enactive, Extended*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2007.
- “The Future of Comparative Philosophy,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
- “Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2007.
- “Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy,” St. Mary’s College of Maryland, MD, 2007.
- “Global Warming: Ethical Issues,” Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, 2007.
- “Exploitation: A Left-Libertarian Perspective,” *The Molinari Society*, Eastern Division American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., 2006.
- “Ontological Deflationism in Madhyamaka,” *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Fordham University, New York, NY, 2006.
- “Karma: Self-Making and World-Making in Buddhist Philosophy,” Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
- “Buddhism and the Metaphysics of Causation,” Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, 2006.
- “Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Eastern Division APA, New York, NY, 2005.
- “Enacting Worlds: Karma and the Construction of the Lifeworld,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2005.
- “The Reflexivity of Consciousness: Some Arguments from the Indian Tradition,” Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, Central Division APA, Chicago, IL, 2005.
- “Education for Liberation,” Distinguished Alumni Panel, *East-West Philosophers Conference*, University of Hawai’i, Manoa, Honolulu, HI, 2005.
- “Buddhism and/as Radical Analysis,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Asilomar, CA, 2004.

- “The Self-Illumination of Consciousness: The Advaita Vedānta Theory of Consciousness and Pure Consciousness Events,” *The Fourteenth International Congress of Vedānta*, Miami University, Miami, OH, 2004.
- “No-Self, Egoism, and Altruism in Buddhist Philosophy,” Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, 2003.
- “Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?,” California State University, San Bernardino, 2003.
- “Does Self-Awareness Require a Self?,” *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2002.

TEACHING

Graduate:

Seminar in Major Philosophical Texts:

M. Merleau-Ponty, *Phenomenology of Perception*

Śāntideva, *Bodhicaryāvatāra*

Seminar in Asian Philosophy:

Subjectivity, Self, and Consciousness in Indian Philosophy

Group Study in Embodied Cognition

Group Study in Indian Ethics

Independent Study in Philosophy of Emotion

Undergraduate:

Buddhist Philosophy

Indian Philosophy

Philosophy of Mind

Seminar in Religious Studies:

Contemplative, Philosophical, and Scientific Approaches to Consciousness

Philosophies of Peace and Non-violence

Issues in the Study of Religion: Religious Experience

World Philosophies

SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Program 2012-

Undergraduate Committee Chair 2012-

Undergraduate Committee 2011-

Scholarship Committee Chair 2012-2013

Dept. Advisory Council 2012-

Program Review Committee 2012

Assessment Committee 2010-

Colloquium Coordinator 2011-2103

Faculty Senate Representative 2009-2012

HONORS AND AWARDS

Nominated for College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching, 2017
Nominated for Best Teacher 2011, Colorado State University
G. J. and Ellen Watumull Foundation Scholarship for Study in India, 2002
Infinity Foundation Grant 1997-98

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Professional Activities:

Global Teaching Scholar for Semester at Sea, Fall 2018
Participant, "Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives," *NEH Summer Institute*, Charleston, SC 2012
Senior Research Investigator, "Neuroscientific and Contemplative Views of the Self"
Mind and Life Summer Research Institute, Garrison, NY, 2009
Visiting Scholar, *Nitārtha Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies*, Bellingham, WA, 2009

Professional Societies:

American Philosophical Association
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

Editorial Board:

Critical Inquiries in Comparative Philosophy, Rowman & Littlefield International

Journal and Manuscript Referee:

Oxford University Press
Routledge
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Monograph Series
Philosophy East and West
Asian Philosophy
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Mind and Language
Sophia