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University Positions

- Professor, Saint Mary's University (2016-present)
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies (2013-present), Saint Mary's University
- Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Sport and Health, Saint Mary's University (2019-present)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dalhousie University (2018-present)
- Coordinator, Asian Studies Program (2010-2013), Saint Mary's University

Academic Qualifications

2000 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Anthropology. Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (RSPAS), The Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia.

Dissertation title: *The Buddha's Blessing: Gender and Buddhist Practice in Hanoi.*

Topic: The dissertation explores connections between religious practice, gender discourses, identity and power. It starts with an examination into how gendered positions influence perceptions of religion by participants and non-participants. It then examines how men and women tend towards different religious practices and view their participation differently. Their views relate to gender discourses and make specific power claims within the contexts of community and family.

1994 Master of Arts (MA), History and Philosophy of Religion. Concordia University, Montréal, Canada. Concentration in Hinduism and Buddhism.

Thesis title: Gender and Division of Labour in a Vietnamese-Canadian Buddhist Pagoda.

Topic: The thesis explores how, in the absence of traditional precedents for dealing with monks and nuns residing in one pagoda, existing gender structures from the family have shaped the division of labour and power within a Vietnamese Buddhist organisation in Montréal.

1991 Bachelor of Arts (BA), Honours Religion with distinction. Concordia University, Montréal, Canada. Concentration on Asian religions. Honours thesis written on religion in Taiwan.

1988 Diplôme d'études collégiales (DEC), Social Science. John Abbott College, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, Québec.

Research Projects

1. **Vietnamese Buddhism in Canada:** Using ethnographic research methodologies I have worked with the Vietnamese Buddhist communities in Canada.
2. **Vietnamese Buddhism in Hanoi:** Using ethnographic research methodologies I have conducted research on Vietnamese religion in northern Vietnam (mainly Buddhism, but also on spirit mediumship, séances, communal house rituals and other cultural practices).

3. **Religious Diversity in Halifax, Canada:**

- a. In 2005-06 I conducted interviews with different Buddhist groups and Chinese Christians in Halifax as part of a departmental project funded by Heritage Canada.
- b. Research on the Buddhist communities in Halifax has continued on and off since that time.

4. **Vietnamese Zen:** This project looks at the rise of Zen in northern Vietnam in the context of the globalisation of Buddhism. The central thesis is that the globalisation of Buddhism has led to a rise in the popularity of Zen while marginalizing localized beliefs and practices. The modernist discourses of this new Zen can be traced back to the Buddhist Reform Movement of the 1920s-40s, where Buddhism first started to change as a result of French colonialism, and Western imperial hegemony through Asia, more generally.

5. **Vietnamese Buddhist Transnationalism:** This has been a long-running and large-scale set of research that has involved looking at transitions and international connections. It has involved fieldwork and interviews conducted since my M.A. research, and has included participant observation and interviews with the Vietnamese Buddhist communities in: Canada (1992-94, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013); Vietnam (1997-98, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015); Australia (1997, 2011); Germany (2012); Austria (2014); France (2015, 2016); the United States (2015); Britain (2016); and Norway (2016), so far.

6. **Death, Ghosts, Mortuary Rituals:** I have been doing this research on and off since 1997.

7. **Re-enchantment:** Beyond the resumption of religious activity in post-socialist Vietnam, I have started to investigate how re-enchantment relates to the collapse of Modernity.

8. **Thích Nhất Hạnh:** During the Covid-19 pandemic I have been doing text-based research on this influential and world-renowned Buddhist leader. He is a figure that has been central to the Engaged Buddhist movement as well as mindfulness practices. This research seeks to contextualize him within the developments of Buddhism in Vietnam in the twentieth century, brought about through globalization. It is currently funded by a SSHRC Insight Development grant.

9. **Bicycle Culture:** This is a new research project. I have applied for grants from SSHRC and CLARI.

Teaching Experience

2005- Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have developed and taught the following courses:

- 1st year: Introduction to Asian Religions
- 2nd year: The Buddhist Religious Tradition; Hinduism; Chinese Religious Traditions; Vietnamese Religious Traditions
- 3rd year: Anthropology of Religion; Field Research on Religions; Ghosts: A Cultural Approach
- 4th year/graduate: Religion and Globalisation; Re-enchantment

Language Training

2020- Studying Korean independently

1997-98 Studied Vietnamese at the Centre of Cooperation for Vietnamese Studies, University of Hanoi.

1996 Tutored lessons in Hue (Central) Vietnamese dialect.

1996 Beginner and intermediate Vietnamese, The Australian National University.

1994-96 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese, (one year cumulative). College of Foreign Languages, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan.

1992-94 Mandarin Chinese. McGill University, (Montréal, Canada).

Proficiency:

English: native

French: working knowledge
Vietnamese: working knowledge
Mandarin Chinese: intermediate
Korean: Beginner

Grants, Awards and Distinctions

- 2021 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada scholarship (SSHRC), Insight Development Grant. "Thich Nhat Hanh in Context." Value: \$61,724.
- 2021 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$3,000
- 2020 (Co-applicant). Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada scholarship (SSHRC), Partnership Engagement Grant. "COVID-19: Mapping Canada's potential to shift to a cycling nation post-pandemic through a Canada-Wide, coordinated bike count." Partnership with Vélo Când Bikes. Value: \$25,000.
- 2020 Citizen Action Lab Research Initiative Grant. "Understanding Cycling Culture in Halifax." \$8,000
- 2019 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$3,000
- 2015 Saint Mary's Supplementary International Conference Participation Fund. \$1000
- 2015-16 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$3,000
- 2013-18 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant (in collaboration with John Harding, U Lethbridge, and Victor Hori, McGill). Project title: *The Modernization of Buddhism in Global Perspective*. Value: \$261,159.
- 2013 Saint Mary's Aid to Publication Grant. Value: \$1000.
- 2013 Saint Mary's Supplementary International Conference Participation Fund. \$1000.
- 2013-14 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$2,000.
- 2012-13 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$2,000.
- 2011-12 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$2,000.
- 2010-11 Saint Mary's University grant for resubmission of SSHRC application. Value: \$5,000.
- 2010-11 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$2,000.
- 2008-09 Saint Mary's University Internal Research Grant for Established Faculty. Value: \$1,900.
- 2005-06 Collaborator in project funded by Heritage Canada, The New Religious Diversity in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Value: \$73,891.
- 2005-06 Saint Mary's University Start-Up Grant. Value: \$5000.
- 1997-99 Australian National University PhD. Scholarship. Value: AU\$15,637 per annum for two years with six-month extension.
- 1996-99 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada scholarship (SSHRC), Canadian Federal award. Value: Cdn\$15,000 per annum for two years with a two year extension.
- 1995 Fonds pour la Formation de Chercheurs (FCAR) grant, Québec provincial award. Offered but not accepted because of a conflict with the SSHRC scholarship. Value: Cdn\$13,000 per annum for two years.
- 1993-94 Fonds pour la Formation de Chercheurs (FCAR) grant. Québec provincial award. Value: Cdn\$7,000 per annum for two years.
- 1994 Graduated, B.A. Honours, with Distinction.
- 1989 Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute stipend to attend an Indian Studies programme at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Value: Travel expenses, accommodations and small stipend.
- 1988 John Abbott College Academic Honour Role, Winter.
- 1987 John Abbott College Academic Honour Role, Autumn.
- 1987 John Abbott College Academic Honour Role, Winter.
- 1986-87 City of Pierrefonds Bursary, Québec, Canada.

Publications

Books & Theses:

- In Progress *The Modernization of Buddhism in Global Perspective* [working title] (co-writing with John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori)
- Forthcoming *Zen Conquest: Buddhist Transformations in Contemporary Vietnam* [working title]. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2020 *Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West*. London: Bloomsbury Academic. (co-edited with John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori).
- 2014 *Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. (co-edited with John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori).
- 2012 *The Buddha Side: Gender, Power and Buddhist Practice in Vietnam*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2010 *Wild Geese: Studies of Buddhism in Canada*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. (co-edited with John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori).
- 1999 The Buddha's Blessing: Gender and Buddhist Practice in Hanoi. Ph.D. Dissertation. The Australian National University.
- 1994 Gender and Division of Labour in a Vietnamese-Canadian Buddhist Pagoda. M.A. Thesis. Concordia University.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- In Progress "Thích Thiên Ân and the Re-imagining of Vietnamese Buddhism." To be submitted to *Journal of Asian Studies*.
- Forthcoming "Thích Nhất Hạnh in the Context of the Modern Developments of Vietnamese Buddhism." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, ed. Anne Blackburn. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020 *Introduction: Alternate Buddhist Modernities*, for a special volume on Buddhism and Modernity, *Journal of Global Buddhism*. Co-written with John Harding and Victor Hori. 21: 1-10. <http://www.globalbuddhism.org/jgb/index.php/jgb/article/view/345/258>.
- 2020 "Women and Vietnamese Buddhist Practice in the Shadow of Secularism." In *Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West*, John S. Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.), pp. 56-68. London: Bloomsbury Press.
- 2020 "Introduction." In *Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West*, John S. Harding, Victor Sogen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.), pp. 1-7. London: Bloomsbury Press. (co-written with John S. Harding and Victor Sōgen Hori.)
- 2017 "Global Flows of Vietnamese Zen." In Jørn Borup and Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger(eds.) *Eastspirit: Transnational spirituality and Religious Circulation in East and West*, pp.149-171. Brill Publishing.
- 2017 "A Reappraisal of Vietnamese Buddhism's Status as 'Ethnic'." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* (Special Issue on Globalizing Vietnamese Religions) 12(2): 20-48
- 2016 "Vietnamese Traditions." In Michael Jerryson (ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism*, pp. 177-195. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2016 "Constructing Modern Zen Spaces in Vietnam." In Michael Dickhardt and Andrea Lauser (eds.) *Religion, Place and Modernity: Spatial Articulations in Southeast and East Asia*, pp. 125-145. Leiden: Brill Publishing.
- 2014 "Course Design in Religious Studies: An Experiment in Metacognitive Education." *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*. 44(1): 91-105. (co-authored with Shelagh Crooks)
- 2014 "Thầy Phổ Tịnh: A Vietnamese Nun's Struggles in Canada." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada*, pp. 333-354. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press.

- 2014 "Buddhist Globalism and the Search for Canadian Buddhism." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada*, pp. 25-52. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- 2014 "Introduction." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada*, pp. 3-24. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. (co-authored with John Harding and Victor Hori)
- 2014 "The Buddha and the Birch Tree: The Great Pine Forest Monastery and the Localization of Vietnamese Buddhism to Canada." *Contemporary Buddhism: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 15(2): 373-393.
- 2014 "Wedding Invitations and Relationship Management in Hanoi, Vietnam." *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 15(2):141-157.
- 2013 "Outpost Buddhism: Vietnamese Buddhism in Halifax." *The Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* 9: 107-28. <https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/cjbs/article/view/20928>
- 2013 "Altered Space for a New Zen in Vietnam." *Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA) Working Papers*. <http://www.dorisea.de/de/dorisea-working-papers>
- 2012 "Buddhism in Canada." In Aasanga Tilakaratne (ed.) *2600 Years of Sambuddhatva: Global Journey of Awakening*. Columbo, Sri Lanka: The Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka. (co-authored with John Harding and Victor Hori).
- 2011 "Gender and Voice in Vietnamese Buddhist Practice." In John Harding (ed.) *Studying Buddhism in Practice*, pp. 39-50. Routledge.
- 2010 "Mời cưới ở Hà Nội và Quản lý các mối quan hệ" [Wedding Invitations and Relationship Management in Hanoi.] In Lương Văn Hy, Ngô Văn Lê, Nguyễn Văn Tiệp and Phan Thị Yến Tuyết (eds.) *Hiện Đại và Đông thái của Truyền thống ở Việt Nam: Những Cách tiếp cận Nhân học, Quyển 1*. [Contemporary Dynamics in Vietnamese Traditions: Anthropological Approaches, Vol. 1], pp. 377-396. Ho Chi Minh City: Nhà Xuất Bản Đại Học Quốc Gia Thành Phố Hồ Chí Minh.
- 2010 "Introduction." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Wild Geese: Buddhism in Canada*, pp. 3-10. McGill-Queens University Press. (co-authored with John Harding and Victor Hori).
- 2010 "Conclusion." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Wild Geese: Buddhism in Canada*, pp. 400-406. McGill-Queens Press. (co-authored with John Harding and Victor Hori).
- 2010 "Asian Reformers, Global Organizations: An Exploration of the Possibility of a 'Canadian Buddhism'." In John Harding, Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy (eds.) *Wild Geese: Buddhism in Canada*, pp. 39-60. Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press.
- 2009 "Language, Orthodoxy and Performances of Authority in Vietnamese Buddhism." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 77(2):348-371.
- 2007 "Nationalism, Globalism and the Re-establishment of the Trúc Lâm Thiền Buddhist Sect in Northern Vietnam." In Philip Taylor (ed.) *Modernity and Re-enchantment: Religion in Post-revolutionary Vietnam*, pp. 342-370. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2006 "变革之活力在异乡的寺庙——蒙特利尔越南人的佛教活动" [Chinese Translation of The dynamics of change in an exiled pagoda: Vietnamese Buddhism in Montréal, *Canberra Anthropology*] *Thinking* 32(5):82-89.
- 2006 "Consuming *Lộc* – Creating *Ơn*: Women, Offerings and Symbolic Capital in Vietnam." *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 35(1):107-131.
- 2003 "Pilgrims and Pleasure Seekers." In Mandy Thomas and Lisa Drummond (eds.) *Consuming Urban Culture in Contemporary Vietnam* pp.125-137. New York: Routledge.
- 2001 "Romantic love and gender hegemony in Vietnam." In Susan Blackburn (ed.) *Love, Sex and Power: Women in Southeast Asia*. pp. 31-42. Clayton, Vic: Monash Asia Institute.
- 2000 "The Problem with Key Informants." *Anthropological Forum* 10(2):179-199.

- 2000 "Vietnamese Warriors, Vietnamese Mothers: State Imperatives in the Portrayal of Women." *Canadian Woman Studies/ les cahiers de la femme, special issue: Women in Conflict Zones* 19(4):121-126.
- 1999 "Masculinities and Buddhist symbolism in Vietnam." In Katherine Biber, Tom Sear and Dave Trudinger (eds) *Playing the Man: New Approaches to Masculinity*. pp. 123-134. Sydney: Pluto Press.
- 1996 "The Dynamics of Change in an Exiled Pagoda: Vietnamese Buddhism in Montréal." *Canberra Anthropology* 19(2):29-45.
- 1993 "The Role of Women at the Tam Bao Pagoda, Montréal." *Journal of Religion and Culture* Spring (8):57-72.

Review Articles:

- 2000 "Women's Bodies Women's Worries / Health and Wealth in Vietnam/ The Vietnamese Family in Change." A review article of *Women's Bodies, Women's Worries: Health and Family Planning in a Vietnamese Rural Community*. By Tine Gammeltoft; *Health and Wealth in Vietnam: An Analysis of Household Living Standards*. By Dominique Haughton et.al., and; *The Vietnamese Family in Change: The Case of the Red River Delta*. By Pham Van Bich. In *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 1(2):138-141.
- 1999 "Modernity and Reform in India: A Book Review Article." *Canberra Anthropology* 21(2):87-91.

Edited Special Focus Journal Volume

- 2020 "Alternate Buddhist Modernities." *Journal of Global Buddhism*. Vol. 21.
<http://www.globalbuddhism.org/jgb/index.php/jgb/index>

Non-refereed Publications and Reports:

- 2020 "Easy Ride Project Demographic Survey: Summary of Results" Co-written with Sara Kirk. Report for the Easyride Project, done in collaboration with the Ecology Action Centre.
- 2020 "Easy Ride Project Interviews: Summary of Results" Co-written with Sara Kirk. Report for the Easyride Project, done in collaboration with the Ecology Action Centre.
- 2019 *Rock Climbing Nova Scotia (The Complete Guide to Rock Routes in Nova Scotia)*. (co-authored with Todd Foster). Halifax: Self-published with support from Climb Nova Scotia.
- 2017 *Report on Desira Narada Image*. 20 February. Consultant's report for a case being tried by Sedgwick - Sedgwick LLP, Los Angeles.
- 2005 World Bank Spending on Tuberculosis, for RESULTS International.
- 2004 The World Bank's Response to Malaria, for RESULTS Canada.
- 2004 Improve it, don't scrap it: Microcredit no panacea, but it is helping many poor women, The CCPA Monitor – The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives March 10(9): 28-29.
- 2001 Adolescent reproductive health campaign in Viet Nam, Dispatches: News from UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund Dec.2000/Jan.2001 (44):3-4.
- 2000 Umbrella Project: The Alliances project (RAS/98/P56), EC/UNFPA Initiative for Reproductive Health: Annual Report 2000 P.19.
- 2000 Vietnamese youth view a future for ARH, UNESCO Adolescent Education Newsletter December 3(2):19.
- 1999 Bringing in the New Year: Buddhist practice in northern Vietnam, Amida Magazine 5(4):13.

Reviews:

- Forthcoming Be the Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhists. Chenxiang Han. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*.
- 2014 Cambodian Refugees in Ontario: Resettlement, Religion, and Identity. Janet McLellan. *Canadian Ethnic Studies*. 46(2):162-164.
- 2010 The Making of a Savior Bodhisattva: Dizang in Medieval China. Zhiru. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 39(1):120-121.

- 2009 Possessed by the Spirits: Mediumship in Contemporary Vietnamese Communities. Karen Fjelstad and Nguyen Thi Hien. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 38(1): 169
- 2008 Wandering Souls. (film) By Boris Lojkine. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 37(3-4): 561-562.
- 2008 Glenafooka: The Glen of the Ghosts. (film) Black Witch Film Productions. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 37(2):379-380.
- 2007 The Lotus Unleashed: The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam, 1964-1966. Robert J. Topmiller. *Religious Studies and Theology*.
- 2007 Arukihenro: Walking Pilgrims. (film) Tiger Toda Films. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*. 8(4): 363-365
- 2006 Buddhism and Science: Breaking New Ground. B. Alan Wallace (ed.) *Ecotheology*. 11(3): 379-380.
- 2006 Searching for Vietnam: Selected Writings on Vietnamese Culture and Society. A. Terry Rambo. *Anthropological Forum*. 16(2):205-207.
- 2006 Establishing a Pure Land on Earth: The Foguang Buddhist Perspective on Modernization and Globalization. Stuart Chandler. *H-Buddhism On-Line Book Review*. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.cgi?path=152591136821850>.
- 2005 Images in Asian Religions: Texts and Contexts. Phyllis Granoff and Koichi Shinohara (eds.) *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 34 (3-4): 583-584.
- 2005 Action Dharma: New Studies in Engaged Buddhism. Christopher Queen, Charles Prebish and Damien Keown (eds.) *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 12. <http://jbe.gold.ac.uk/12/soucy-review.pdf>.
- 2005 Print and Power: Confucianism, Communism and Buddhism in the making of modern Vietnam. Shawn Frederick McHale. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 34(2): 286-287.
- 2005 Culture, Ritual and Revolution in Vietnam. Shaun Kingsley Malarney. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 34(2): 283-284.
- 2005 Window on a War: An Anthropologist in the Vietnam Conflict. Gerald C. Hickey. *H-War On-Line Book Review*, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=80991121185878>.
- 2004 The Sociology of early Buddhism, Greg Bailey and Ian Mabbett (eds.) *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 33(3-4):440-442.
- 2004 Sweet and Sour: Life-Worlds of Taipei Women Entrepreneurs. Scott Simon. *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology On-Line Book Reviews*, <http://www.csaa.ca/BookReview/ReviewsList.htm>.
- 2001 Masculinities: Football, Polo and the Tango in Argentina. Eduardo P. Archetti. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 2(1).
- 2001 Other Modernities: Gendered Yearnings in China After Socialism. Lisa Rofel. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 2(1).
- 2001 Margaret Mead, Gregory Bateson, and Highland Bali: Fieldwork Photographs of Bayung Gede, 1936- 1939. Gerald Sullivan. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 2(1).
- 2001 Reimagining Culture: Histories, Identities and the Gaelic Renaissance. Sharon Macdonald. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 2(1).
- 2000 Between Tradition and Modernity: India's Search for Identity. Fred Dallmayr and G. N. Devy (eds). *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 1(2).
- 2000 Religion, Dress and the Body. Linda B Arthur (ed.) *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 1(1):130-131.
- 2000 The Ritual Process: Structure and Anti-structure (1st Aldine paperback edition). Victor Turner. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology* 1(1):152.
- 2000 The Politics of Ritual and Remembrance: Laos Since 1975. Grant Evans. *Canberra Anthropology* 22(2):107-109.

- 1999 Malinowski's Kiriwana: Fieldwork Photography 1915-1918. Michael W. Young. *Canberra Anthropology* 22(1).
- 1999 Social Change in Rural Vietnam: Children's Work and Seasonal Migration. Nguyen Van Chinh. *Canberra Anthropology* 22(1).
- 1998 Unruly Gods: Divinity and Society in China. Meir Shahar and Robert P. Weller (eds.) *The Australian Journal of Anthropology* 9(1):120-121.

Selection of Publications in Canadian and International Media

- 2020 "Climate right for accelerating cycling in Canada, but political leadership is needed." Op-ed, *The Hill Times*, 24 Feb. (co-written with Sara Kirk.) Available at: <https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/02/24/the-climate-is-right-for-accelerating-cycling-in-canada-but-political-leadership-is-needed/236665>.
- 2004 (with Bob Dickson) saving Children, *Calgary Herald* 28 February.
- 2003 (with David Suzuki) AIDS Fund Needs Canada's Support, *Peace and Environment News* 11 November.
- 2004 (with Bob Dickson) Malaria Toll Devastating, *The Epoch Times*. 4 November.
- 2003 World Tuberculosis Day [TV interview] *The New RO* 25 March.
- 2003 Canada Should Do Much More to Fight Malaria & Poverty in Third World [Radio commentary] Commentary – *CBC Radio One* 7 January.
- 2002 Lifesaving Development *International Herald Tribune* 31 December.
- 2002 (with Bob Dickson) Tuberculosis is in Control, Not Us, *Vancouver Sun* 28 October.
- 2002 We Must Continue to Fight TB, *Hamilton Spectator* 28 September.
- 2002 CIII Must be Extended, *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* 11 August.
- 2002 Immunization is the World's Greatest Health Bargain, *Kitchener Waterloo Record* 9 August.

Media Appearances

- 2021 Interviewed by Alexander Johnson at *The Signal* for their radio show, about the Easyride Project.
- 2021 Interviewed by Philip Moskovitch for an article on bicycle infrastructure and equity in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Forthcoming in *The Halifax Examiner*.
- 2020 Interviewed about bicycle infrastructure and slow streets in Halifax on The Todd Veinotte Show on News 95.7 in Halifax. 8 Aug. Available at: <https://www.news957.com/2020/08/08/the-todd-veinotte-show-hosted-by-matt-brand-9-a-m/>
- 2020 Interviewed and photographed as part of "Winter Bike Week Shows Halifax How Cyclists Beat the Cold." *The Signal*, by Ethan Lycan-Lang. 15 Feb. Available at: <https://signalhfx.ca/winter-bike-week-shows-halifax-how-cyclists-beat-the-cold/>.
- 2020 Interviewed and featured on *CBC Nova Scotia News* February 12, 2020 17:02. "Winter Cycling. Available at: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/cbc-nova-scotia-news-february-12-2020-1.5461936>.

Presentations

- 2021 *Thich Nhat Hanh in Context*. 11th EuroSEAS Conference – EuroSEAS Conference 2021 in Olomouc, Olomoucký kraj, Czech Republic. 7-10 September. (attended virtually)
- 2019 *Bicycle Culture in Halifax*. Recreation, Sport and Social Health: Local, International, and University Perspectives, international symposium at Saint Mary's University, 4 October. (presented with Dr. Sara Kirk, Dalhousie University.)

- 2019 *Understanding Vietnamese Buddhism Today Through Bourdieu's "Fields" and Luhmann's "Function Systems"*. 10th EuroSEAS Conference – Humboldt University, Berlin. 10-13 September.
- 2019 [invited] *Re-enchanted Modernities: The Reassertion of the Supernatural in Vietnamese Buddhism*. The Multiplicity of Asian Buddhist Modernities, University of California, Berkeley 15-17 February.
- 2018 *Globalisation and Re-enchantment in Vietnamese Buddhism*. Association of Southeast Asian Studies-UK, University of Leeds, 5-7 September.
- 2017 *The Modern Dead: Funerals and Orthodoxy in Truc Lam Zen*. 9th EuroSEAS Conference – Oxford University, UK. 16-18 August.
- 2017 *Discussion of Book Under Development—“Global Buddha: Flows and Forms of Buddhist Modernity”* (with Victor Hori and John Harding). Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, 29 May.
- 2016 *Policing the Boundaries of Orthodoxy: Power, Gender and the Globalization of Buddhism*. Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West, University of British Columbia, 10-12 August.
- 2016 *Translating Vietnamese Buddhism: Bodhgaya and the Construction of Buddhism as a "World Religion"*. Translating Buddhism Conference, York St John University, UK, 30 June – 2 July.
- 2016 [invited] *Meditators vs Magicians: An Exploration of the Globalisation of Buddhism*. Ateliers Anthropologie comparée du bouddhisme. Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Centre d'études himalayennes and Centre Asie du Sud-Est. Paris, France, 24 May.
- 2016 *The Invention of Zen: Globalisation and the Sectarianisation of Buddhism in Contemporary Vietnam*. Religious Studies Departmental Seminar. Saint Mary's University, 1 April.
- 2016 [invited] *Drawing Lines: The Modern Creation of Vietnamese Buddhist Sects*. Oslo Buddhist Studies Forum, University of Oslo, 22 March.
- 2015 [invited] *Women in Vietnam Practicing Buddhism in the Face of Power*. Vietnam National University, Faculty of Anthropology, 9 November.
- 2015 *Thích Thiên Ân and the Presentation of Vietnamese Zen to the West*. 8th conference for the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), University of Vienna, 11-14 August. [panel convenor]
- 2015 *Buddhism for Youth: Zen and the Modern Individual in Vietnam*. XXI Quinquennial International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Erfurt, Germany, 23-29 August. [panel co-convenor, with Victor Hori and John Harding]
- 2015 [invited] *Methodological Issues in Studying a Globalised Buddhism*. Numata Workshop on Ethnography of Buddhism. University of Toronto. 2-3 May.
- 2015 [invited] *Superstitious Spaces: The Buddhist Field and Gendered Practice in Vietnamese Buddhism*. Ateliers Anthropologie comparée du bouddhisme 2013-2014: Le champ religieux. Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Centre d'études himalayennes and Centre Asie du Sud-Est. Paris, France. 30 January.
- 2015 [invited] *The Problem of Calling Vietnamese Transnational Buddhism "Ethnic"*. Transpacific Re-Orientations: Religion, Spirituality and the Invisible Connections between Asia and the Americas. University of Southern California, Center for Transpacific Studies. Los Angeles. 23-34 January.
- 2014 [invited] *Zen Conquests: Buddhist Transformations in Contemporary Vietnam*. Syracuse University. 8 October.
- 2014 *Neo-Zen and Buddhist Identity in Contemporary Northern Vietnam*. XVIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies University of Vienna, Austria, 18-23 August.
- 2014 [invited] *Building Temples for Vietnam: Buddhism, Nationalism and the Spratly Islands Dispute*. Buddhism and Politics in the Twenty-First Century. University of British Columbia 6-7 June.

- 2013 *Pushing the Boundaries of the Buddhist Field: Political Activism in Vietnam*. Religious Studies Departmental Seminar. Saint Mary's University, 11 October.
- 2013 *Political Monks for the State: New Buddhist Nationalism in Vietnam*. 7th EuroSEAS Conference 2013 School of Social and Political Sciences – ISCSP University of Lisbon - Lisbon, 2-5 July.
- 2013 *Collaborative Research on Buddhism in Canada: The Modernization of Buddhism in Global Perspective Project*. Religious Diversity in Atlantic Canada: Building Collaborative Research Capacity for the Present and the Future. Saint Mary's University, 28-29 May.
- 2012 [invited] *Altered Space for a New Zen in Vietnam*. Religion, Place and Modernity in East and Southeast Asia: Comparative Perspectives on the Placing of Religion in the Context of Modernity (DORISEA-Workshop). University of Göttingen, Germany, 19-22 September.
- 2012 *Global Zen/National Zen: Transformations in Buddhist Practice in Northern Vietnam*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University, 26-29 May.
- 2012 [invited] *Religion and Transnational Connections: Reflections on How to Approach the Study of Religions and Ethnicity in Canada*. Keynote address. The Study of Religion in Atlantic Canada: Diverse Disciplines, Theories, Methods, and Contexts. Saint Mary's University, 23 May.
- 2011 [invited] *Zenning Vietnamese Buddhism: Discourses and Orthodoxies of Global Vietnamese Buddhism*. 60 Years of Anthropology at the Australian National University. Australian National University, 25-28 September.
- 2010 *Revitalisation and Nostalgia: Forces of Change in Diasporic Vietnamese Buddhism*. Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program Conference: Buddhism in Canada: Global Causes, Local Conditions. University of British Columbia, 15-17 October.
- 2010 [invited] *Outpost Buddhist Practice: Vietnamese Buddhism in Halifax*. The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Conference: Buddhism and Diaspora. University of Toronto, Scarborough. 14-16 May.
- 2010 *Learning about Learning: The Curriculum Design Project*. With Dr. Shelagh Crooks. Learning Outside the Classroom. Dalhousie University Conference on University Teaching and Learning. Dalhousie University, April 28.
- 2009 *From Bodhi to Birch Tree: The Great Pine Forest Monastery and the Nativisation of Vietnamese Buddhism to Canada*. American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. Montreal, November 9.
- 2009 [invited] *Of Vampires and Teenage Girls: A Discussion of Liminality in the Film Twilight*. Presented as part of the Pollok Lectures 2009: Forbidden Territory: Theology and Religious Studies in Conversation in the panel Vampires and Werewolves: what the disciplines of Theology and Religious Studies say about bridging the divide between religion and popular culture, Atlantic School of Theology, October 22.
- 2009 *Asian Reformers, Global Organisations: An Exploration of the Possibility of a Canadian Buddhism*. AST-Saint Mary's Colloquium in Theology and Religious Studies, April 10.
- 2009 [invited] Presentation of my work (no title). Numata Symposium on Buddhist Studies in Canada. University of Calgary. April 4.
- 2008 *Conspicuous Devotion: Competition in the Pagoda*. Sixth Euroviet Conference, University of Hamburg, Germany, June 6-8.
- 2007 [invited] *Wedding Invitations and Relationship Negotiation in Hanoi*. The Anthropology of Vietnam, Binh Chau, Vietnam, December 14-18.
- 2007 *The Contested Authority of a Canadian-Vietnamese Buddhist Nun*. AAR Eastern International Regional Meeting, University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, ON, May 4-5.
- 2006 *Past Politics: Group Affiliations and Divisions in the Vietnamese-Canadian Buddhist Communities*. Canadian Asian Studies Association 2006 Conference, Montréal, November 9-12.

- 2006 *American Buddhists in Canada: An Exploration of Buddhism as Cultural Baggage*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, York University, Toronto, May 28-31.
- 2005 [invited] *Nationalism, Globalism and the Re-establishment of the Truc Lam Thien Buddhist Sect in Northern Vietnam*. Vietnam Update 2005, Not by Rice Alone: Making Sense of Spirituality in Reform Era Vietnam, Australian National University, August 11-12.
- 2005 *The Re-invention of Vietnamese Zen*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, May 28-31.
- 2005 *Buddhism in Canada*. Discussant in the Roundtable on Religion and Ethnicity in Canada, Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, May 28-31.
- 2004 *Consuming Loc Creating On*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual conference, University of Manitoba, May 28-June 1.
- 2004 [invited] *Making a Media Impact*. Stop TB Canada World TB Day Conference: Two diseases, one person: Advocacy and collaboration for TB and HIV Ottawa, March 24-25.
- 2003 [invited] *The Importance of Advocacy*. Presented at the Stop TB Canada World TB Day Conference Reducing the global impact of TB: Canada's fair share, Ottawa, March 23-24.
- 2001 [invited] *The Language of Authority: Gender and Religious Practice in Hanoi*. Inaugural lecture of the series: New Research on Gender, Society and Religion, Concordia University, Department of Religion and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Montréal, November 29.
- 2000 [invited] *18 by invitation*. Presented at the Donour Group Meeting on Gender, Hanoi, June 30.
- 1999 *Romantic Love and Gender Hegemony in Vietnam: A Preliminary Exploration*. Workshop on Southeast Asian Women, Monash University, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Melbourne, September 30.
- 1999 *The Problem with Key Informants*. The Australian Anthropological Society annual conference, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, July 10-13.
- 1999 *The Ritual Experts: Language, Orthodoxy and the Assertion of Authority in Vietnamese Buddhism*. Joint Anthropology Seminar Series, The Australian National University, March 31.
- 1998 *Di Choi and the Religious Practice of Hanoian Youths*. Vietnam Update 1998 Urban Tiger! Everyday Life and Cultural Change in Urban Vietnam, The Australian National University, December 3-4.
- 1998 *Masculinities and Buddhist Symbolism in Vietnam*. Playing the Man: A Postgraduate Conference on Approaches to Masculinity, University of Sydney, November 13.
- 1998 *Where Have All the Young Men Gone? Men, Women and Religious Practice in Hanoi*. Joint Anthropology Seminar Series, The Australian National University, October 28.
- 1998 *Women's Culture Written: State Imperatives and Vietnamese Feminism*. The Australian Anthropological Society conference, The Australian National University, October 1-3.
- 1998 *Gendered Practice and Interpretation in Vietnamese Buddhism*. The Asian Studies Association of Australia conference: Asia in Global Context, University of New South Wales, September 28-October 1.
- 1996 *Loose-Tongued Women and Men Who Side with Their Wives Against Their Parents: Representations of Gender in Chinese Hell*. The Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference, Charles Sturt University, Albury, Australia October 2-4.
- 1996 *Baths of Blood: Men and Women in Taiwanese Depictions of Hell*, Graduate Program in Anthropology Seminar Series, The Australian National University, September 13.
- 1996 *Gender, Identity and Buddhist Practice in Vietnam*, Graduate Program in Anthropology Seminar Series, The Australian National University, August 16.
- 1996 *Shifting Gender Ideologies: A Case Study of a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple in Montréal*, The Thai-Yunnan Project Conference, Disenchantment and Re-enactment: Southeast Asian Religion Today, The Australian National University, 14 and March 15.

- 1994 *Gender Structure and Temple Tasks in a Vietnamese Buddhist Pagoda*. The American Academy of Religion, Eastern Region Annual Conference, l'Université de Québec a Montréal, April.

Editorships

- 2020- Member of the Editorial Board for *The Journal of Global Buddhism*.
2015- Member of the Executive Editorial Committee for the *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*.
2011- Member of the editorial board for *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*.
2004- Online review editor for the *H-Buddhism* academic discussion forum.
2007-09 Film review editor for *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
1999-00 Review editor for *Canberra Anthropology: an Australian Journal of Anthropology*.
1993-94 Editor of *The Journal of Religion and Culture*. Published by the Department of Religion, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec.

Seminars, Panels and Conferences Organised

- 2021 Co- Organised a panel, "Legacy of Colonialism in Southeast Asian Buddhism" at the 11th conference for the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS),
2019 Co- Organised a panel, "(Re)-engaging with Religion in Southeast Asia" at the 10th conference for the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin from 10-13 September.
2017 Co- Organised a panel, "From heaven to the ends of the Earth: Vietnamese Buddhism, Modernity and Globalization" at the 9th conference for the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), Oxford University, 11-14 August.
2016 Co-Organised the conference "Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West." UBC, 10-12 August.
2015 Organised a panel, "Contemporary Research on Vietnamese Buddhism" at the 8th conference for the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), University of Vienna, 11-14 August.
2015 Co-organised a 2 session panel, "Buddhism as a Religion for the Individual" XXI Quinquennial International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Erfurt, Germany, 23-29 August.
2010 Co-organised the conference "Buddhism in Canada: Global Causes, Local Conditions," UBC in October 2010.
2007 Co-organised a public lecture by Soto Zen Abbott Rev. Zenkai Taiun Elliston Roshito, entitled Toward a Rational Religion; Toward a Spiritual Science; the Place of Zen in Today's Debate with joint sponsorship of the Department of Religious Studies and the Atlantic Soto Zen Centre.
2006 Organised for Muhammed Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, to speak at Saint Mary's University, November 14.
2006 Co-organised 2 sessions on Asian Religion in Canada at the Canadian Asian Studies Association 2006 Conference, Montréal, November 9-12.
2006 Organised movie showings on February 6-8 in conjunction with the Japanese Film Conference Through the Lens: The Moving Image in Japanese Culture, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada. March 10-11.
2004 Breakfast for Parliamentarians and Journalists to mark World Tuberculosis Day. On behalf of Stop TB Canada, March 24.
2003 Organised the National Conference for RESULTS Canada in Ottawa, Canada. Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

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- 2000 Organised the Gender and Development Working Group meeting for Oxfam Great Britain. Hanoi, Vietnam. March.
- 1999 Co-organised a session for the Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference, entitled: The Agony and the Ecstasy: Anthropology and the Numenous. University of New South Wales, Sydney, July 9-10.
- 1999 Organised a fieldwork workshop for postgraduates in the Graduate Programme, Anthropology, The Australian National University, May 27.
- 1999 Organised the Postgraduate Seminar Series in Anthropology, The Australian National University, March - July.
- 1999 Organised the thesis-writing workshop for the Graduate Programme in Anthropology, The Australian National University, January - July.
- 1998 Organised a workshop as part of the Vietnam Update Conference at The Australian National University, December 5.

Related Experience

- 2005- Board Member of Global Poverty Solutions (a development education organisation)
- 2013-14 Member of the School Advisory Council for Fairview Junior High School
- 2005-10 Board member of the Just Us Development and Education Society (promoting ethical purchasing and Fair Trade)
- 2006 Member of the Local Host Committee for the Global Microcredit Summit, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 2004-05 External Examiner for the World Bank's malaria program review, at the request of The World Bank.
- 2002-05 Member of the Stop TB Canada Steering Committee.
- 2002-05 National Coordinator. RESULTS Canada. (Lobbying, mediawork and advocacy on foreign policy/development).
- 2001-02 Documentationist. The Non-European Architecture Documentation Project, funded by the Getty Institute. Centre Canadien d'Architecture/Canadian Centre for Architecture. Montréal, Canada. (Research and documenting 19th century photographs of East and Southeast Asia).
- 2000-01 Consultant to the World Population Foundation and United Nation Population Fund. Resident Advisor for the EC/UNFPA Alliances Project for Adolescent Reproductive Health, Hanoi, Vietnam. (International development programming).
- 2000 Programme Co-ordinator for the Vietnam-Australia Training Project. (Organised technical training courses for Vietnamese Government officials).
- 1999 Consultant to the Department of Anthropology, RSPAS, The Australian National University. (Administrative duties).
- 1998-99 Student Liaison to the selection committee for new appointments.
- 1992-94 Assistant undergraduate academic adviser for The Department of Religion, Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

Professional Memberships (Past and present)

- American Academy of Religion
- Australian Anthropological Society
- Canadian Anthropological Society
- Canadian Asian Studies Association
- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion

European Association for Southeast Asian Studies
International Association of Buddhist Studies
International Association for the History of Religions
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Vietnam Studies Association of Australia