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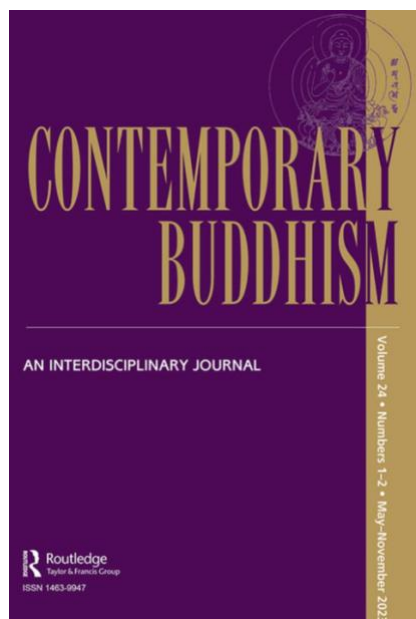
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## 1. **Home Page**

I am an anthropologist of religion, specializing in Himalayan tribes, the Tibetan diaspora and global Buddhism. Originally from the USA, I lived in India for eight years, where I studied at the University of Hyderabad and conducted PhD fieldwork through a Fulbright grant. Starting in 2015, I began teaching and working in Japan and Vietnam. The core of my research is about how minority religions engage with the state. I am currently co-Lead on the John Templeton Foundation project “New Religiosity and the Digital Study of Eudaimonia”, which quantitatively studies 400 religious groups in five global areas combining archival data, digital humanities, ethnographic fieldwork and a citizen science paradigm. It will produce the world’s largest, open-access database of new religiosity. In addition to research, I have taught over 1,000 students in nine universities around the world and provide freelance academic editing to clients all over the world.

## **BUTTON (Full CV)**



## **Education**

2018 Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology & South Asian Studies, Syracuse University, New York  
Advisors: Susan Wadley and Ann Gold

2013 M.A. Cultural Anthropology, Syracuse University, New York, USA

2006 B.A. Cultural Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA (summa cum laude) Advisor: Joseph Alter

## **Editorships**

2024–2029 co-Editor-in-Chief, Contemporary Buddhism

2018–Present Asia Editor, The Database of Religious History (DRH), University of British Columbia  
Edit entries for South Asia; publicly represent DRH; subgrant for quantitative data management

2023–2024 Editor-in-Chief, Ecology Matters Research Blog  
Created and manage an externally reviewed blog on South Asian ecologies at the Uni. of Copenhagen

2024 co-Editor-in-Chief, Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies  
Managed the journal with Drs. Beata Switek and Elena Meyer-Clement

## **Post PhD Grants and Fellowships**

2025-27 Project co-Lead, John Templeton Foundation (project #63357)  
“New Religiosity and the Digital Study of Eudaimonia”  
Quantitative study of 400 religious groups in five global areas combining archival data from Inform (King’s College London), the infrastructure of the Database of Religious History (University of British Columbia), ethnographic fieldwork and a citizen science paradigm to produce the world’s largest, open-access database of new religiosity. Co-lead with Suzanne Newcombe (Open University).

2024-25 Visiting Research Fellow  
International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), Kyoto, Japan  
Quantitatively studied Japanese new religions and published articles.

2022-24 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellow (project #101025661)  
“The Value of Refugees: The Impact of Inter-Asian Tibetan Buddhist Patronage Networks”

Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (ToRS), University of Copenhagen,  
Denmark

Researched Tibetan Buddhism in Vietnam, hosted conferences and supervised MA students.

2019 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellows

Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), Kyoto University, Japan

Researched the Tibetan diaspora in Japan, gave colloquia lectures and mentored MA students.

### **Conference/Workshop Organizer**

“‘New Religiosity Poll’ Creation Workshop.’ Co-organized with Suzanne Newcombe at King’s College London (KCL), London (April 1-3, 2025).

‘Utilizing Quantitative Data in Religious Therapy Associations.’ Co-organized with Suzanne Newcombe at King’s College London (KCL), London (March 31 , 2025).

‘Ethnographic Methods: Bridging South Asia and the World.’ Co-organized with Sanghmitra S. Acharya at the School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi (June 1, 2024).

‘Waste temporalities and practices in India and Japan.’ Co-organized with Paulina Kolata at the Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 16, 2023).

‘Sacred Canopies: LGBT+, Buddhism and Economics in Vietnam.’ Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 2, 2023).

‘Tribal Ecologies in Modern India.’ Centre for Applied Ecological Thinking, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (December 7-9, 2022).

‘The Market Economy and Ritual Discards.’ Center for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 2, 2022).

‘Tibetan Landscapes.’ Co-organized with Trine Brox at The Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 16, 2018).

### **Panel Organizer**

‘Fundamentalism, Hindu Nationalism and Reservation Politics among Himalayan Tribes.’ Annual Conference of the South Asian Studies Association (SASA), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA (March 1-3, 2024).

‘Migration, gender and fluid love in contemporary Japan.’ European Association for Japanese Studies (EASJ), Ghent, Belgium (August 17-20, 2023).

‘Tribal Ecologies in Modern India.’ Annual Conference of the South Asian Studies Association (SASA), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA (March 20-23, 2023).

‘Policing Alliances.’ Kinship and the Caste Frontier Workshop. Center for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Göttingen, Germany (November 8, 2018).

## **Workshops**

“Changing Gendered Tribal Spirituality in the Western Himalayas.” Panel: Trans in Religious Nationalisms. Trans/Religion in South Asia (May 28-30, 2025).

“Writing Culture: Navigating the Journey from Fieldwork to Publication.” Anthropos India’s Online Workshop on Academic Writing, Delhi. (November 12-13, 2024).

“The Indian State and Gaddi Pastoralism in the Western Himalayas.” Climate Change Security Beyond the Nation-State, The Swedish Institute for International Affairs, Stockholm. (November 24, 2023).

“Sacred Canopies: LGBT+, Buddhism and Economics in Vietnam.” With Helle Rydström, An Ngoc Hoang, Nguyen Thu Huong, Duong Tran and Kirsten Thisted. Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (November 2, 2023).

“How can we best understand spiritual alternativty?” With Ioannis Gaitanidis and Tim Rudbøg. Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (May 3, 2023).

“State Reservation and Indigenous Ecological Knowledge Systems.” Tribal Ecologies in Modern India, Centre for Applied Ecological Thinking, University of Copenhagen (December 7-9, 2022).

“A Japanese Spiritual Business Imagines Tibet.” The Market Economy and Ritual Discards, Center for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (November 2, 2022).

“Everyday Esotericism in Japan.” Center for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (October 28, 2022).

“A Suspicious Tibetan Temple in Nagoya.” European Association for Japanese Studies’ Publication Workshop, University of Zurich (October 6-8, 2022).

“Empirical Research on Tribal Dalits.” Workshop on Measuring Social Exclusion, Discrimination and Inequality: Issues related to Concepts, Indicators and Methods. Ambedkar Summer School, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Delhi (August 29-31, 2022).

“Shamans, Dalits, Tribals: Sippi Liminality.” Locating Gaddis in 21st Century India, South Asia Institute, SOAS University of London (July 18, 2022).

“The Pragmatic Rightward Drift of Support of Tibetans in Japan.” Engineering Buddhism: Infrastructure and Soft Power in Asia and Beyond, Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (June 23-24, 2022).

Tibetan Materialities Workshop, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen (May 12-13, 2022).

“Presentations of New Researchers.” Asian Dynamics Initiative Retreat, Comwell Borupgaard, University of Copenhagen (April 21-22, 2022).

“Tibetan Buddhism and a Global ‘Spiritual Business’.” Humans and their Materials in Contemporary Buddhism, Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen (March 18, 2022).

“Studying Tribes/Adivasis as Indian Minorities.” Sociology of Margins: Epistemology of Studying Dalits, Tribes and Minorities in India, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, India (December 20-21, 2021).

“Rightward Pragmatic Drift among Tibetans in Japan.” Modern Japan History Workshop, Tokyo University (September 10, 2021).

Reconceptualizing Cold War Workshop Roundtable, National University of Singapore (July 31, 2021).

“Exceptional Aryans and State Misrecognition of Himachali Dalits.” Book discussion of Caste, COVID-19, and Inequalities of Care. Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Delhi (July 13, 2021).

“The Exclusions of Diasporic Cosmopolitanism in Dharamsala.” Tibetan Exile Society at a Turning Point: Between the Rise of China and India. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (January 26, 2020).

MSCA Master Class. Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen (May 27–29, 2019).

“Toponymic Contestation in Dharamsala.” Tibetan Landscapes. Co-organized with Trine Brox at Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen (November 16, 2018).

Transform your dissertation into a book. Madison South Asia Conference, sponsored by American Institute of Indian Studies, USA (October 10–11, 2018).

## **Conferences**

“A Digital Humanities Database of Japanese New Religions.” The 18th Annual International Conference. Religions in Japan: Heritage of the Past and Contemporary Challenges, University of Warsaw, Poland (October 14-16, 2024).

“Changing Dynamics of Himalayan Tribal Spirituality: A Mixed Data Model Approach.” Annual Conference of South Asian Studies Association (SASA), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA (March 1-3, 2024).

“Vietnamese Vajrayana: Corporate Religion and Environmental Renewal.” British Association for the Study of Religions, University of Cambridge, UK (September 11-13, 2023).

“A Mixed-Methods Study of Japanese Minority Religions.” Japan: Pre-modern, Modern and Contemporary, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania (September 1-3, 2023).

“Healing and Desire between Tibetan Men and Japanese Women.” European Association for Japanese Studies, Ghent, Belgium (August 17-20, 2023).

“Computationally Driven Analysis of New Religions.” Twenty-first International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Sorbonne University, France (June 28–30, 2023).

“Japan and ‘Western’ Esotericism: A Case Study of the Modern Mystery School.” 9th Biennial Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, Malmö University, Sweden (June 26-28, 2023).

“Exploring the Cultural Evolution of Religion through Contemporary Practice: A Large-scale Study of New Religions.” Thirteenth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece (June 21-22, 2023).

“Gaddi Women and Oral Narratives.” Co-presenting with Reeta Purhaan. Tell Me Your Story, Tribal Literature and Tribal Representation in Literature, University of Victoria (June 11, 2023).

“‘Connect closely with unspoiled nature’: Glamping at the Drikung Kagyu spiritual tourist resort in Da Lat, Vietnam.” Buddhist, Spiritual, Esoteric and Ecological Movements in the 21st Century: A Dynamic Legacy. Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS) and the Copenhagen Centre for the Study of Theosophy and Esotericism (CCSTE), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (May 22-23, 2023).

“The Business of Spiritual Self-Branding in a Japanese New Religion.” Business Spirits: Contested Terrains of Trade Models and Religious Value. Centre for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (May 4-5, 2023).

“Large-Scale Cultural Databases: The Challenges Ahead.” Cultural Evolution Society Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark (September 21–23, 2022).

“A Global Spiritual Business: Modern Mystery School.” Annual Conference of the Japanese Association for Religious Studies (JARS), Tokyo, Japan (September 9–11, 2022).

“The Japanization of a Global ‘Spiritual Business’: The Modern Mystery School.” Japan Anthropology Workshop (JAWS), Barcelona Spain (July 6–9, 2022).

“Spiritualizing Dalit Reclassification: Halis of Himachal Pradesh.” SCRIPTS’ panel on Mobilizing Sacred Texts: Reception, Iconicity, and Performativity, The European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Cork, Ireland (June 27–July 1, 2022).

“As Above, So Below: Female Self-Transformation and Healing in a Global Spiritual Business.” The Twelfth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, University of Cordoba, Spain (June 9–10, 2022).

“Priestly Purity: Tribal Claims near the Touchability Line.” Annual Conference of the South Asian Studies Association (SASA), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA (March 11–13, 2022).

Panel Chair. “Migration, Transnationalism and Diaspora Formations: South Asia.” International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Kyoto, Japan (August 27, 2021).

“Female Misfits, Tibetan Diasporans, and the Future of Japanese Multiculturalism.” International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Kyoto, Japan (August 25, 2021).

“Fantastical and Transformative Engagements with Diasporic Tibetan Buddhism in Japan.” Anthropology of Japan in Japan Annual Meeting, Temple University, Tokyo (December 5–6, 2020).

“Tibetan Diasporic Buddhism in Japan.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Michigan State University, USA (October 16–18, 2020).

“Japanese Support of Tibetans: From Tokyo to Dharamshala.” Annual Conference of Japanese Association for South Asian Studies, Keio University, Tokyo (October 6, 2019).

“Aspirational Dalits in the Tribal Margins: State Exclusions in the Western Himalayas.” Imagining Radical Futures: Anthropological Potentialities, Princeton University, USA (October 5, 2018).

“Postcolonial ethnography: Reflections on methodology.” International Conference for Southeast Asia, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (January 19, 2018).

“Modernity, Affirmative Action, and the Pursuit of Inclusion among Gaddi Tribal Dalits.” Annual Conference of American Anthropology Association (AAA), Minneapolis, USA (November 20, 2016).

“Protestant Promises among Gaddi Dalits.” Conference on South Asia, Madison, USA (October 23, 2016).

“Geography of Difference: Dharamshala Gaddi Villages.” Fulbright Conference, Chennai, India (March 10, 2014).

“Gaddi Resentment due to Exclusion from Tibetan Refugee Economies.” Syracuse Graduate History Conference: Violence and Resistance, Syracuse University, New York, USA (March 29, 2013).

“The Resurgence of Patronage: Sponsorship of Tibetan Refugees in South Asia.” SUNY New Paltz New York Conference on Asian Studies, New Paltz, USA (September 28–29, 2012).

“Ambiguous Agency among Queer Gaudiya Devotees.” Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA (May 6–7, 2011).

“Is Gaudiya’s suppression of LGBT devotees proliferating subversive interpretative strategies?” Humble Body, Humble Mind Conference, Columbia University Department of Religion, New York, USA (April 1, 2011).

“Neturei Karta: Jews Against Israel.” Common Concepts Conference, University of Pittsburgh, USA (August 10–12, 2005).

## **Colloquia**



“Cultural Politics of the Tibetan Diaspora in Japan: Spiritual Alternativity and Rightist Patronage.” Nichibunken Forum, International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), Kyoto (May 22, 2025).

“Journal of Vietnamese Studies: Special Issue Launch” Co-hosted by Fulbright University Vietnam and Lund University’s Department of Gender Studies, Ho Chi Minh City and Lund (February 14, 2025).

“Ethnography of Contemporary Vietnamese Vajrayana.” With Hoang Ngoc An. Institute of Religious Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi (February 28, 2024).

“Queer Tibetan Buddhism in Vietnam.” AsiaLab Colloquia, University of Copenhagen (November 27, 2023).

“HIMALAYA: Special Issue Launch.” Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Webinar (October 12, 2023).

“HIMALAYA: Special Issue Launch.” South Asia Institute, SOAS University of London, UK (October 4, 2023).

“Ushering in the New Shambhala: Imagining Tibet in a Japanese New Religion.” Not So Secret Club, Copenhagen Centre for the Study of Theosophy and Esotericism (CCSTE), University of Copenhagen (May 30, 2023).

“Japanese Liberative Erotics in Manga Depictions of Tibetan Monks.” Tibetan History and Philology Seminar, The French School of the Far East (EFEO), Paris (November 9, 2022).

“Eroticization/Politicization of Tibetans in Japanese Manga.” INALCO, Paris (November 7, 2022).

“Gendered Capitalism in a Japanese Spiritual Business.” AsiaLab Colloquia, University of Copenhagen (October 13, 2022).

“Critical Ethnographies of Affirmative Action: India and Thailand.” Indian Studies Center, Chiang Mai University, Thailand (July 20, 2022).

“Contrasting Reservation ‘Irregularities’ between the Indian Northeast and Western Himalayas.” Institute of Tribal Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India (May 13, 2022).

“Tribes and the Indian State: The Ho of Jharkhand and Gaddis of Himachal Pradesh.” With Sanghmitra Acharya and Jay Prakash Sharma. Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, New York (April 26, 2022).

“COVID-19 and Marginalised Groups: Health Status, Impact and Policy Safeguards.” The Association for Social and Economic Equality (ASEE), Delhi (March 20, 2022).

“How Many Scheduled Tribes in India have Excluded Tribal Dalits?” B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture Series, Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi (December 1, 2021).

“Pathways in and out of Dharamsala.” Centre for Buddhist Studies, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu University, Nepal (November 30, 2021).

“DRH Qual/Quant Strategies.” Cultural Evolution of Religious Research Consortium, University of British Columbia, Canada (December 8, 2020).

“Tribal Life in Troubling Times: Gaddis of Himachal Pradesh and COVID-19.” Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi (October 12, 2020).

“The Pragmatism of Leftist Love and Conservative Contributions among Tibetans in Japan.” Tibetan Graduate Studies Seminar, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, U.K. (June 18, 2020).

“Healing Cultures and Nationalist Politics.” Nepal and Himalayas Studies Seminar, Kyoto University, Japan (January 27, 2020).

“Ethnic Minorities in Japan.” Evening Seminar, Semester at Sea, USA (January 18, 2020).

“Tibetan Diaspora Politics in Japan.” Global Japan Studies, University of Tokyo, Japan (December 17, 2019).

“State of Indeterminacy: Dalit Recognition within Himalayan Tribes.” School of Social Sciences, The University of the South Pacific, Fiji (October 3, 2019).

“Contested Cosmopolitanism: Tibetan and Tribal Sociality in Dharamshala.” Graduate School of Humanities, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan (June 7, 2019).

“The Mandala of Exclusion: Tibetan Place-making Practices in the Western Himalayas.” Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Studies, University of Bremen, Germany (December 18, 2018).

“Making Place and Creating Distance.” Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany (December 5, 2018).

“Tribal Casteism or Multiculturalism?” Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany (November 7, 2018).

“Qualitative Research Strategies for Folklorists.” Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, Hanoi (May 29, 2018).

“Critique of the Spirit: Dalit Faith in the Western Himalayas.” Institute of Cultural Studies, Hanoi (April 26, 2018).

“Tibetan Refugees in North India: Impact on Tribal Identity.” Vietnam National University Anthropology Symposium, Hanoi, Vietnam (April 6, 2018).

“Tribal Dalits and the Struggle for State Recognition.” Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Delhi, India (Dec 5, 2017).

“Spiritual Disneyland and Gaddi Identity.” Landour Lecture Series, Mussoorie, India (October 10, 2017).

“Fractured Caste Consciousness and the Problem of State Recognition in Himachal Pradesh.” Nepal and Himalayan Studies Seminar, Kyoto University, Japan (June 26, 2017).

“Tribal Cosmos: Gaddi Modernization in Dharamshala.” South Asia Center, Syracuse University, New York (October 18, 2016).

“Taal: A New Perspective on McLeod Ganj.” Tibet Society, London, UK (July 16, 2015).

“The Pursuit of Tribal Recognition of Himalayan Dalits.” Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India (July 30, 2014).

“मेरा व्यक्तिगत हिंदी का अनुभव” [My Personal Experience with Hindi].” Delhi World Book Fair, India (Feb 22, 2014).

“Cartesian Assumptions about Gender.” Beijing Normal University, China (January 5, 2007).

### **Academic Service**

2019–Present Reviewer, *Ethnopolitics*; *Culture and Religion*; *Journal of Contemporary Asia*; *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*; *Religions*; *HIMALAYA: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*; *Journal of the Tribal Intellectual Collective India*; *Springer Nature*; *Acta Asiatica Varsoviensia*; *Implicit Religion*; *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of*

Southeast Asia; South Asian Studies; International Seminar of Young Tibetologists; Ecology Matters; Journal of Vietnamese Studies; Brill's Tibetan Studies Library; Contemporary Buddhism; South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies

2025 Funding Evaluator, John Templeton Foundation

2023 Graduate Advisor, Asian Studies at the University of Copenhagen

2018 Consultant, Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (iSEE), Hanoi, Vietnam

2016–2018 Teaching Mentor, Fulbright Program

2013 Committee Member, Fulbright Selection Board, Delhi

2012–2013 Committee Member, Academic Integrity Board, Syracuse University

### **Volunteer Service**

2025–Present Advisory Board Member, Anthropos India

2022–Present Mentor, Project EduAccess  
Mentoring cohort of first-generation Dalit and tribal graduate student applicants

2022 Member, Students for a Free Tibet (Denmark)

2019–2020 Member, Students for a Free Tibet (Japan)

2013–2014 Teacher, Lha Charitable Trust

2012–2013 Teacher, Syracuse University Program for Refugee Assistance (SUPRA)

### **Teaching**

Spring 2025 Appalachian State University, USA (asynchronous)

ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class

Fall 2024 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class

Spring 2024 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class

Fall 2023 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class

ANT 1415-104: Understanding Culture

Summer 2023 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class  
 ANT 1415-104: Understanding Culture  
 Spring 2023 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class  
 Fall 2022 ANT 2420: Gender, Race, and Class  
 ANT 1415-104: Understanding Culture  
 ANT 1415-304: Understanding Culture  
 Spring 2022 ANT 2430: Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion

Summer 2021 Denki-Tsushin University, Japan  
 Graduate Seminar: Academic Writing

Summer 2021 Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan  
 Area Studies Seminar: Anthropology of India  
 Graduate Seminar II: Social Science Methodologies  
 Fall 2020 Graduate Seminar II: Contemporary Anthropological Theory  
 Area Studies Seminar: Modern South Asia

Spring 2020 Semester at Sea, USA  
 ANT 100: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
 ANT 322: Anthropology of Religion  
 ANT 329: Cultural Change

Fall 2018 University of Bremen, Germany  
 ANT 300: Forced Flight and Migration

Spring 2018 Vietnam National University, Hanoi  
 Graduate Seminar: Ethnographic Writing in Western Anthropology

Fall 2017 Pitt in the Himalayas, Mussoorie, India  
 ANT 1737: Tribal Identity in the Himalayas  
 ANT 1750: Tibetan Culture and the Tibetan Diaspora

Fall 2016 Syracuse University, New York  
 ANT 200: Diversity in the Modern Himalayas

Fall 2013 Syracuse University, New York  
 ANT 111: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Teaching Assistant, 2 sections)

2006–2007 Beijing Normal University, China  
 Graduate Seminar I: Introduction to Rhetoric  
 Graduate Seminar: Argumentative Writing I

## 2. Teaching

### Designed Syllabi

I began teaching at 21-years-old at Beijing Normal University. Since then, I have taught 30 courses (each for three credits over 15-week semesters) at nine universities in six countries to over 1,000 students. The courses span religious studies, anthropology, area studies, research methods and academic writing. They range from small PhD seminars to large BA survey courses, in person, online, asynchronous, floating in the ocean (Semester at Sea) and studying abroad (India, Vietnam, Japan and Mauritius).

**TIBETAN CULTURE AND THE TIBETAN DIASPORA.** I taught this course as part of a study abroad semester called Pitt in the Himalayas, owned by the University of Pittsburgh (USA). This was a four-month program housed at the Hanifl Centre for Outdoor Education and Environmental Study in Mussoorie, India. The syllabus focused on Tibetan refugees. I led students on treks and Tibetan Buddhist temple visits in Ladakh, on Tibetan Buddhist monastic schooling tours in Dehradun and to Tibetan refugee sites in Happy Valley. The syllabus closely integrated my own ethnographic fieldwork with Tibetans over the past 20 years.

**ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION.** I taught this course on Semester at Sea, a floating university owned by Colorado State University (USA). I designed the syllabus to follow our route around the world visiting 11 countries. Half of the course focused on Buddhism in Japan, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Thailand, Mauritius and Vietnam. We surveyed everything from Buddhist new religiosity to queer Buddhist cinema to Buddhist political resistance.

**MAGIC, WITCHCRAFT AND RELIGION.** I taught this asynchronous course at Appalachian State University in the USA. The syllabus focused on Buddhist and Hindu traditions in South Asia, in the diaspora and in the online cultic milieu. I drew on my own ethnographic material about witchcraft torment among the Gaddi tribe and conversion to Protestantism to combat spiritually-malign forces.

**ANTHROPOLOGY OF INDIA.** I taught this undergraduate course while a visiting lecturer at Tokyo Metropolitan University. I also taught a weekly Area Studies Seminar called **MODERN SOUTH ASIA**. Both courses were designed as overviews of anthropological aspects of South Asian life, including Himalayan ecologies, popular culture, Dalit politics, Buddhist conversion and affirmative action politics.

**RACE, GENDER AND CLASS.** I have taught this asynchronous course seven times at Appalachian State University in the USA. I designed the syllabus and revised it each semester to reflect the new scholarship and contemporary social issues. The course is designed as a broad survey

that introduces critical themes and topics related to race, gender and class, including Japanese maid cafes and affective economy, Indian caste dynamics, and Vietnamese queerness.

**UNDERSTANDING CULTURE.** I have taught this asynchronous course three times at Appalachian State University in the USA. I designed the syllabus and revised it each semester to reflect the new scholarship and contemporary social issues. I taught a related similar course, **INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**, at both Syracuse University (USA) and on Semester at Sea, a floating university owned by Colorado State University (USA). These courses are designed to be introductory classes for students with no previous background in anthropology.

**RESEARCH ENGLISH.** I have taught several courses on academic writing and grant writing. As a Bachelor's student, I studied English composition in addition to anthropology. Given the pressures of the academic job market, in the classroom I emphasize to students the importance of clear argumentative writing (for publications) and persuasive grant writing (for survival). In Japan, at Denki-Tsushin University in Tokyo, I taught the capstone undergraduate course. In China, at Beijing Normal University, I taught three graduate seminars of **RHETORIC AND ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING**. While most of my students were Han Chinese, some were Tibetan and it was through learning about their experiences that I decided to study the Tibetan diaspora in India and pursue a PhD in anthropology.

**ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS.** I have taught several courses on social science and ethnographic methods. In Japan, at Tokyo Metropolitan University, I taught this course at the Master's level. In Vietnam, at Vietnam National University, I taught an MA/PhD seminar called **ETHNOGRAPHIC WRITING IN WESTERN ANTHROPOLOGY**. In both classes, students learned both theoretical issues in conducting fieldwork and practical applications of specific note-writing and data collection techniques by doing limited fieldwork outside of class. In some cases, I accompanied students into their field sites (for example, Loving Hut restaurants associated with Supreme Master Ching Hai). These classes were designed as interactive workshops. Every semester I invite at least one of my research partners (either from Japan, Vietnam or India) and we co-lecture on the possibilities and difficulties of collaboration.

**ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORY.** I taught this course to MA/PhD students at Tokyo Metropolitan University. I designed the syllabus to be theoretical interventions into their research projects. As such, each week we studied theory relevant to a specific student's project. Readings encompassed ritual theory, martial arts studies, phenomenology, ethno-sexual frontiers and religious waste, among others.

**CULTURAL CHANGE.** I taught this course on Semester at Sea, a floating university owned by Colorado State University (USA). I designed the syllabus to follow our route around the world visiting 11 countries. The focus was on globalization and transnationalism. The largest unit focused on Buddhist ethnopolitical violence (the Gorkhas of Darjeeling) in their multi-decade pursuit for political recognition as animist tribal people deserving of affirmative action rights. Other units

similarly considered Buddhism in other contemporary contexts: for example, Japanese religious change in the context of anomie, social isolation, shrinking demographics and natural disasters; and Vietnamese queer Buddhism. The course was designed to survey various aspects of cultural change pertaining to our study abroad experience.

**FORCED FLIGHT AND MIGRATION.** I taught this course at the University of Bremen in the Department of Anthropology. It focused on how displacement produces both human suffering and new possibilities of subjectivity and ethnic consciousness; new modes of sociality; and new modes of structural accommodation and resistance amidst heightened precarity. The course almost entirely focused on Buddhist refugee groups: Tibetans in India, Lhotshampa (Bhutanese) refugees in Nepal, Vietnamese refugees in Germany and Laotian Hmong refugees in the USA.

**TRIBAL IDENTITY IN THE HIMALAYAS.** I taught this course as part of a study abroad semester called Pitt in the Himalayas, owned by the University of Pittsburgh (USA). This was a four-month program housed at the Hanifl Centre for Outdoor Education and Environmental Study in Mussoorie, India. The syllabus focused on tribal groups in Ladakh and the Western Himalayas and included several ethnographic visits that I organized and led so that students could have firsthand experiences.

**DIVERSITY IN THE MODERN HIMALAYAS.** I taught this course at Syracuse University (USA). I built this syllabus while a late-stage PhD student. It surveyed the pluralism of Buddhist and Hindu populations in the contemporary context of migration, ethnic violence, the state, ritual change, rightwing populism, ecological degradation and changing pastoral livelihoods.

### 3. Publications

For an updated list of publications and PDFs of most publications, check out my [Academia](#) page.

#### Edited Book

2022. *Caste, COVID-19, and Inequalities of Care: Lessons from South Asia*. Edited by Sanghmitra S. Acharya and Stephen Christopher. Delhi: Springer. (Chapter contributors: Stephen Christopher, Nimisha Thakur, Payal Hathi, Nikhil Srivastav, Sobin George, Aditi Paranjpe, Prajwal Nagesh, Sunita Reddy, Firdaus Fatima Rizvi, Arindam Roy et al.)

#### Special Issues



2025. *Queerness in Contemporary Vietnam: Activism, Economics and Spirituality*. Edited by Stephen Christopher and Helle Rydstrom. *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*, 20(1). (Article contributors: Helle Rydstrom, Duong Tran, Yen Hoang Ha, Ann Marie Leshkowich, Stephen Christopher and Hoang Ngoc An).

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## **4. Research**

### **1. New Religiosity and the Digital Study of Eudaimonia**

Between 2025-27, I am a co-PI (along with Suzanne Newcombe) on a John Templeton Foundation-funded, 1.6-million-euro grant called "New Religiosity and the Digital Study of Eudaimonia" (project # 63357). The project explores a range of key variables relating to religion and wellbeing in a global comparative context. By compiling the world's largest, most diverse data set on new religiosity, the aim is to make quantitative inferences between ethnographically- and historically-granulated variables and individual eudaimonia, societal flourishing, and new religiosity beyond self-reporting individual affect. We aim to enliven debates about what counts as new religiosity and what underlying structures are correlated with prosocial personal, financial, and societal outcomes. My role is to collect ethnographic data from 200 scholars of East-, Southeast- and South Asian new religions. I also use a citizen science paradigm to collect data via religious group members with 'insider' expertise within specific new religions that are not currently represented in scholarship. As part of this project, we will publish an ethnographic film, museum exhibition and research catalog.

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### **2. Dalits within Tribes**

This doctoral research examines the social life of affirmative action categories in the Western Himalayas. In particular, I examine the grassroots mobilization of five Scheduled Caste groups

which self-identify within the Gaddi ‘tribe’ but remain unrecognized by the state and therefore unable to avail themselves of Scheduled Tribe recognition. I explore this double subalternity from the perspective of spirituality, ritual change, pilgrimage, religious conversion and spirit possession. This project was funded by a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Fellowship.

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### **3. Tibetan Diaspora Politics in India**

Dharamsala is so strongly associated with the Dalai Lama and Tibetans that its origin as a Gaddi pastoral stopover in the Dhauladhar Mountains is hardly known. This project analyzes the Gaddiness of a ‘tribal’ Dharamsala and explores the fraught relationship between Tibetans and Gaddis over the past several decades. I stress the importance of understanding Dharamsala as ‘Talu’, the original Gaddi name and the most intensely global, capitalistic, politicized area anywhere in the Gaddi world. I also argue that Buddhist cosmopolitanism functions as symbolic capital and structures sociality between Tibetan refugees and Gaddi tribal neighbors in Dharamsala.

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### **4. Cultural Politics of the Tibetan Diaspora in Japan**

This postdoctoral research explores Japanese engagement with the Tibetan diaspora through art, activism, politics and spirituality. I argue that unique features of Japanese history and culture have led to pragmatic rightward drift among Tibetans and Tibetan-aligned institutions in Japan. This project was funded by a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship hosted at Kyoto University.

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### **5. Japanese Alternative Spirituality**

This project focuses on the Modern Mystery School (MMS), variously described as a spiritual path, a spiritual business, and a spiritual lineage. It was founded in 1997 by an Icelander and is headquartered in Toronto, Tokyo and London. MMS emerged in Japan at the height of the ‘spirituality boom’ and the proliferation of spiritual therapeutic techniques that are often associated with the eclectic categories of Western esotericism or New Age. Of particular interest is the centrality of Tibet and Shambhala in their teachings. This project was funded by a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship hosted at Kyoto University.

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## 6. Tibeto-Vietnamese Vajrayana

Between 2018-24, as part of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Postdoctoral Fellowship (project #101025661) at the University of Copenhagen and while teaching at Vietnam National University, I conducted 15 months of fieldwork on the spread of Tibetan Buddhism in Vietnam—what I call “Tibeto-Vietnamese Vajrayana”. Vietnam is arguably the fastest growing country in the world for Tibetan Buddhism. I analyze transformations in Buddhist patronage (generally away from the West and towards inter-Asian patronage networks), queer sanghas, post-socialist regulative frameworks on ‘foreign’ Buddhism in Vietnam, syncretistic Tibetan Buddhist groups through a lens of lived religious practice, pop culturalization, Buddhist corporate and business ventures, and the rise of Jambhala (the Tibetan wealth deity) among Vietnamese elites.

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## 5. Services

### 5a. Grants and Scholarship Application Editing

I’ve received over 2.1 million USD in personal research grants: Templeton, Marie Curie, Fulbright and others. I’ve also taught graduate courses on grant writing and broken it down to a science. Let me help you edit your grant proposal and research application! I generally edit proposals within the social sciences and humanities. I give special attention to matching your proposal and application materials to the exact requirements and norms of the grant you are applying for.

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3. Copyediting (correcting mistakes in grammar, formatting, style and punctuation)
4. Proofreading (carefully reading and re-reading the manuscript with an eye to mistakes in typesetting, mechanical errors and any last-second English mistakes or ambiguities)



## 5b. Graduate School Application Editing

I fully understand the complexities of navigating applications for graduate school. Research proposals, CV, personal statements, recommendation letters, timelines, budgets...it can feel overwhelming. How to personalize each proposal to the faculty and resources at that specific university and department? There is a fine line to balance between being academically precise and having a personal touch that can touch the emotions of burned-out committee readers. I've helped many people get into their dream program and I can help you, too!

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## **Testimonials**

### **Graduate Programs:**

Stephen closely edited my research proposal, writing sample and statement of purpose for a Ph.D. program in Philosophy at The State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY). My project is about Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and Stephen was able to make it sound really contemporary and interesting! He worked quickly and efficiently offering me revisions to various drafts. Thanks to his help, I got into the program and am now studying in New York! -- Kanika from India

After doing my MA in anthropology in Vietnam, I really wanted to go into a PhD program abroad. I tried for several years and failed every time. I started a PhD in Vietnam but kept trying. After meeting Stephen in 2018, he edited my full graduate application. I mean everything: CV, proposal, personal essay, writing sample. And that year I got accepted not to one but to two PhD programs: in Singapore and Australia. Now I'm in the last year of my PhD in Australia and I couldn't be happier! -- Duong from Vietnam

When I applied for a DPhil at Oxford University, Stephen edited my proposal and gave me a lot of positive criticism and outside suggestions that ultimately made my ideas and writing clearer. With the revised proposal, I got into the DPhil (and actually just graduated recently and started my first post-MPhil job in Vienna). -- Daniel from Germany

### **Grants:**

I am among the first people in my family to receive a higher education. After getting my BA from a local university in Canada, Stephen helped me to apply for a DAAD grant in Germany to pursue a MA degree in public health. DAAD is the German Academic Exchange Service and provides free tuition and a living stipend for a MA program. Stephen edited my proposal several times. He refined my research questions and helped me write a compelling narrative. And I got in! Now I've graduated with my MA and live and work in Germany! Thanks to the DAAD scholarship I had no debt coming out of my MA. -- Rachel from Canada

Thanks to Stephen's amazing editing skills, I got a Fulbright scholarship to teach and study at the University of Texas at Austin. I didn't have any experience applying for international grants and Stephen helped edit all my documents. By the end, my research proposal was really tight and my writing sample had correct flow and logic. I highly recommend working with Stephen to get that big grant you've always wanted! -- Nidhi from India

Stephen edited my documents and helped me to get a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA) at Yale University in the USA. It was a dream come true. I am the first person in my family to study outside of India. Thank you! I highly suggest working with Stephen to make your application as strong as possible! He will help with all aspects of the application, from thesis and ideas to flow and structure and CV. -- Reeta from India

With Stephen's editing help, I was selected for a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA). He spent so much time helping me to refine my proposal and personal statement. Thank you! -- Madhu from India

While studying in the UK, Stephen edited my proposal for a grant for student entrepreneurship. He helped me to reimagine the project and more strongly articulate its core goal. After editing it, I got the grant and was able to start a small business! -- Lucy from Australia

### **Articles and Books:**

Stephen edited my recent article for *The Journal of Vietnamese Studies*. He read it with a lot of care and attention to details. He also helped me to strengthen my thesis and evidence. Overall, his editing really brought the article together. I suggest working with Stephen to improve your writing and ideas before submitting an article to a journal! -- Yen from Vietnam

As a PhD student, Stephen edited my chapter draft in a Springer book. He greatly improved the readability and flow of the book chapter. He made complex ideas more readily accessible to the general reader. Try to work with him! -- Jay from India

Stephen edited my first ever research article. It is about the mixing of Islam and Shintō in Japan. He gave me amazing advice that ended up being super useful. For example, he flagged my use of 'religious syncretism' and warned that it might create problems for the external reviewer. And that's exactly what happened! In that way and other ways, he provided fantastic edits that greatly improved the final product. Thank you! -- Sasha from France

Last year I was hospitalized around the same time as an article deadline. Stephen helped me to edit the paper through several rounds of revisions. He made the article really clear and flow really nicely! He worked fast and efficiently. If you get the chance for sure work with him! -- Mahesh from India

I worked with Stephen over six months to edit my book about studying medicine under occupation. He transformed my book into a real page-turner for a general audience! Highly suggested. -- Dr. Chun from South Korea

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