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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHINESE HISTORY & RELIGION • RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
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### RESEARCH INTERESTS & SPECIALIZATIONS

**Medieval China (200–1000 CE)** (cultural history, entombed epigraphy, everyday life, memory, religions, rituals, Tang Dynasty (618–907)); **Chinese Religions** (Buddhist practices, classical rituals, Daoism, popular religions); **Women and Gender** (childbearing, magico-medicine, religiosity, social history, soteriology)

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (TT ONLY)

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2018— Associate Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Faculty of Global Medieval Studies Program  
Associate Faculty of Department of Art History and Department of Religion

2012–18 Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Faculty of Medieval Studies Program

2008–12 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Doctoral Faculty of History and Religious Studies  
Affiliated Faculty of Women's & Gender Studies

2006–08 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Villanova University  
Affiliated Faculty of East Asia Studies

### EDUCATION

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2009 Ph.D. East Asian Studies, Princeton University

2003 M.A. East Asian Studies, Princeton University

1998 M.A. East Asian Studies, University of Toronto

1997 B.A. History and Psychology, University of Rochester

### AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS (SINCE FALL 2009)

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2022–23 International Collaborative Research Grants, Rutgers University [\$8,000]

2019–22 The Collaborative International Research Grant, The American Academy of Religions [Co-recipient: \$5,000]

2019 Fellowship, The Morphomata Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Cologne (The Käte Hamburger International Centre in the Humanities, Germany) [€34,800]

2018–19 Scholar Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange [\$25,000]

2017 Book Subvention, Tang Research Foundation, for *Inscribing Death: Burials, Representations and Remembrance in Tang China, 618–907 CE*, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, Forthcoming July 2022 [\$6,000]

2017 Book Subvention, Tang Research Foundation, for "The Study of Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaphs," [Co-PI: \$5,000]

2014— Conference Grant, "New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China" series, Tang Research Foundation [Co-PI: \$110,000+]

2012 Course Development Grant, Confucius Institute, Rutgers University [\$1,000]

2012 Visiting Scholar, Academia Sinica, Institute of History and Philology.

2012 Research Grant for Foreign Scholar in Chinese Studies, Center for Chinese Studies, Taiwan, ROC [NT\$ 124,000]

2011–12 University of Missouri Research Board Grant [\$14,600]

2009–12 University of Missouri Kansas City Friends of Library Annual Gift (Book Grant)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### MONOGRAPH

2022 *Inscribing Death: Burials, Representations, and Remembrance in Tang China*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press., 2022.

### CO-EDITED BOOKS

2017 *Tales from Tang Dynasty China: Selections from the Taiping Guangji*. Edited by Alexei Kamran Ditter, Jessey J.C. Choo, and Sarah M. Allen. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co., [xlii, 176 pp.].

2014 *Early Medieval China: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Wendy Swartz, Robert F. Campany, Yang Lu, and Jessey J.C. Choo. New York: Columbia University Press., [xxi, 720 pp.]; A Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2014 and *Library Journal* Best Reference title of 2014].

### ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

Forth-coming "Exemplary Deaths of Buddhist Lay Practitioners in Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions (*Muzhiming*)," *Hualin International Journal of Buddhist Studies*.

2021 With Alexei K. Ditter. "In Plain Sight: A New Approach to Reading *Muzhiming*, Using Shangguan Wan'er 上官婉兒 (664–710) as a Case Study," *T'oung Pao* 107 (2021): 319–376.

2015 "Shall We Profane the Service of the Dead?—Burial Divination and Remembrance in Late Medieval *Muzhiming*," *Tang Studies* 33 (2015): 1–37.

2012 "That 'Fatty Lump': Discourses on the Fetus, Fetal Development, and Filial Piety in Early Imperial China." *Nan Nü: Men, Women and Gender in Early and Imperial China* 14.2 (2012): 177–221.

### BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

2017 With Alexei K. Ditter and Sarah M. Allen. "General introduction." In *Tales from Tang Dynasty China*. Edited by Alexei Ditter et al., 1–30. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.

2017 "The Record of Master Shenxiu's Predictions." In *Tales from Tang Dynasty China*. Edited by Alexei K. Ditter, et al., 43–48. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.

2017 "Tang Xuan." In *Tales from Tang Dynasty China*. Edited by Alexei K. Ditter, et al., 76–85. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.

2017 "Vice Magistrate of the Liuhe County." In *Tales from Tang Dynasty China*. Edited by Alexei K. Ditter et al., 109–112. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.

2017 "Dong Guan." In *Tales from Tang Dynasty China*. Edited by Alexei K. Ditter, et al., 112–117. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.

2015 "Yiwen Leiju (Collection of Literature Arranged by Subjects)." In *Early Medieval Chinese Texts: a bibliographical guide*. Edited by Alan Berkowitz, Cynthia Chennault, Albert Dien and Keith Knapp., 454–464. Berkeley & Los Angeles: Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California Press.

2014 With Wendy Swartz and Robert F. Campany. "General introduction." In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 1–16. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 "Part I Introduction: The North and The South." In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 11–16. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 "Return to the North?—The Debate on Moving the Capital Back to Luoyang." In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 17–31. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 "Between Imitation and Mockery: The Southern Perspectives on the Northern Cultures." In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 60–76. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 "Part V Introduction: Everyday Life." In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 429–433. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 "Adoption and Motherhood: *The Petition Submitted by Lady [neé] Yu.*" In *Early Medieval China*. Edited by Wendy Swartz et al., 511–529. New York: Columbia University Press.

2013 "Destiny and Healing." In *Chinese Medicine and Healing: An Illustrated History*. Edited by T. J. Hinrichs and Linda Barnes, 70. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Forth-coming Patricia Buckley Ebrey, Ping Yao, Cong Ellen Zhang (eds.). *Chinese Funerary Biographies: An Anthology of Remembered Lives*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2020. *Journal of American Oriental Society*.

2015 Jinhua Jia, Xiaofei Kang, and Ping Yao (eds.). *Gendering Chinese Religion: Subject, Identity, and Body*, edited by Albany: State University of New York Press, 2014. *Journal of Chinese Religions* 42.2 (2015): 206–208.

#### TRANSLATIONS

2005 Takashi Watanabe. "A Re-examination of the Recruiting System in 'Military Provinces' in the Late Tang— Focusing in the Composition of Personnel in Ancillary Posts in Huainan 淮南 and Zhixi 浙西." *Toyoshi Kenkyu* 東洋史研究 64.1 (2005): 1–73. [Japanese to English]

2004 Denis Twitchett and Janice Stargardt. "Chinese Silver Bullions in a Tenth-Century Indonesian Wreck." *Tang Yanjiu* 唐研究 10 (2004): 383–432. [English to Chinese]

#### WORKSHOP REPORTS

2018 With Alexei K. Ditter, "'On Commemorative Inscription': Fourth Workshop of the New Frontiers in the Study of Medieval China, Reed College, May 17–19, 2018." In *Tang Studies* 36.1 (2018): 150–154.

2016 With Alexei K. Ditter, "'On Muzhiming': Second Workshop of the New Frontiers in the Study of Medieval China, Reed College, May 23–24, 2016." In *Early Medieval China* 22 (2016): 75–80.

2015 With Alexei K. Ditter, "'On Muzhiming': New Frontiers in the Study of Medieval China, Inaugural Workshop, Rutgers University, May 15–16, 2015." In *Tang Studies* 33 (2015): 129–134.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

##### MONOGRAPH

- 1 "From Damnation to Transcendence: Childbearing and Women's Salvation in Chinese Religions."
- 2 With Alexei K. Ditter. "Immortalized in Stone: Memory Making in Late Medieval China."

##### CO-EDITED BOOK

With Alexei K. Ditter. "The Study of Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaphs."

ARTICLE

"There is a Talisman for It: Daoist Rituals for Protecting Pregnancy," *Asian Medicine*, special issue

Book  
Chapter

"Beliefs and Rituals," *A Cultural History of Pregnancy and Childbirth in the Middle Ages (600-1500)*, London: Bloomsbury Academic [under contract]

**CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (SINCE FALL 2009)**

2023 "Tomb Quelling Stones in Tang Imperial Burials," Daoism on Cliffs, in Caves, and Inscriptions: Religious Interactions in Traditional China, Elling Eide Center, TBA.

2023 "The Marvelous Scripture on the Six-*jia* Apposition Talismans for Securing Pregnancy and Protecting Lives Explicated by Most High [Lord Lao] 太上說六甲直符保胎護命妙經" and "Repudiating Various Buddhist Absurdities 闢釋氏諸妄," Making and Unmaking of Home Conference, Elling Eide Center, April 20–23.

2022 "Narrating Salvation in Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions of Lay Buddhists," Intersections of Literature and Religion in Premodern China, Elling Eide Center, October 21–22.

2022 "The Marvelous Scripture on the Six-*jia* Apposition Talismans for Securing Pregnancy and Protecting Lives Explicated by Most High [Lord Lao] 太上說六甲直符保胎護命妙經," Religion, Medicine, and Childbirth in Premodern East Asia, Ghent University, Belgium, September 27–29.

2022 "Narrating Salvation in Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions of Lay Buddhists," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Hawai'i, March 24–27.

2021 "Actualizing Memories: Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions from Late Medieval China (500–1000 CE)," Totenfürsorge – Perspektiven einer lebendigen Praxis, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Germany, October 27–29.

2021 "Muzhiming for Pei Fumin, Countess of Hedong Commandery 河東裴郡君夫民墓誌," The Virtual Mini-Workshops of the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China Series, July 10 & 31.

2021 "Daoist Rites & Scriptures for Safeguarding Childbirth," Religion, Medicine, and Women's Health in Premodern East Asia Workshop, April 23.

2020 "Parturition and the Regeneration of the Maternal Body in the Daoist Rituals for Deliverance from the Blood Lake Hell," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, March 19–22. [cancelled]

2019 "Exemplary Deaths of Buddhist Lay Practitioners in Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions (*Muzhiming*)," International Conference on the Production, Preservation and Perusal of Buddhist Epigraphy in Central and East Asia, Oxford, UK, August 20–21.

2019 "Missing Persons: Writing the Biographies of Wartime Cannibals in Medieval China," *Contrast and Complementary Figures for Portraiture and Biography*, The Morphomata Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Cologne, July 1–3.

2018 "Heroic Cannibals?—A Case Study of the State Commemoration and Popular Remembrance of War Dead in Mid-Eighth Century China," Delaware Valley Medieval Association, Winter Meeting: Recent Research on Medieval Cultures Across the Globe, Princeton University, December 8.

2018 "Unfaithful Husband, Crazy Wife, and Necrophobia in a Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph," Ultimate Concern: Death and Afterlife in the Buddhist Tradition, Guangzhou, June 8–10.

2018 "Muzhiming of Madame Zheng (Qiong) of Yingyang 榕陽鄭夫人墓志銘," The Fourth Workshop of the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China Series, Reed College, May 17–19.

2018 "Daoist Talismanic Surgery on the Childbed Dead from The *Golden Writings for Deliverance by the Sect Leader of the Numinous Treasure Tradition*" (*Lingbo lingjiao jidu jinshu* 靈寶領教濟度金書)," Gender and Religion in China: The Third Text Reading Workshop, George Washington University, February 2–4.

2017 "Remembered by a Cheating Husband: Madame Zheng Qiong's Agoraphobia, Thanatophobia and Wifely Virtues," International Symposium: Textuality and Materiality in Medieval China, the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China series, Peking University, October 17–18.

2017 "A Cheated Life: Divination, Necrophobia, and the Unfaithful Spouse of Madame Zheng Qiong," *The Way and the Words: Religion and Poetry in Medieval China, a Conference in Honor of Professor Stephen Bokenkamp*. Princeton University, October 6–7.

2017 "Whence Came the Childbed Dead: Healing in Daoist Blood Lake (*xuehu* 血湖) Rituals," Workshop on "Illness, Healing, and Ritual in Chinese Religion," Harvard University, April 7.

2017 "The Complete Collection of the Great Zhai Rituals of the Blood Lake" 血湖大齋科品全集, Gender and Religion in China: The Second Text Reading Workshop, George Washington University, February 3–4.

2016 "Muzhi of the Late [Lady] Zhangsun, the Wife of Wang Meichang, the Late Prefect of Runzhou of the Great Zhou" 大周故潤州刺史王美暢夫人故長孫氏墓志 and "Niche Inscription with Preface of Madame Liu of Pengcheng, the Wife of Master Huang, the Late Administrator of the Anxiang Commandery of the Great Tang" 大唐故安鄉郡長史黃府君夫人彭城劉氏龕銘并序, The Second Workshop of the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China Series, Reed College, May 23–24.

2016 "Naked Bodies and Feral Dogs: Buddhist Laywomen's Practice of Exposing the Corpse in Medieval China," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, March 31–April 3.

2015 "The wife of Lord Xu of Donghai, the late Duke of Kuaiji Commandery, Grand Master of Imperial Entertainments with Silver Seal and Blue Ribbons, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Personnel and Mentor of Prince Peng, [Posthumously] Bestowed Junior Preceptor of the Heir Apparent 唐故銀青光祿大夫吏部侍郎彭王傅贈太子少師會稽郡公東海徐府君夫人," the Inaugural Workshop of the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China Series, Rutgers University, May 15–16.

2015 "Femme Fatale or Long-suffering Wife and Stepmother?—Lady Houmochen Remembered in the Tang Official Histories and Entombed Epitaph (*muzhi*)," at To Remember, Re-member, and Disremember: Instrumentality of Traditional Chinese Texts, Arizona State University, April 10–11.

2014 "Riding a Guilt Trip to Heaven: The Mother of the Buddha and Women's Salvation in Medieval China," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 22–25.

2014 "What We Care to Recall: The Houmochen Clan and the Art of Collective Amnesia in Late Medieval Epitaph Writing," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 27–30.

2014 "Shall We Profane the Service of the Dead?—Burial Divination and Remembrance in the Case of Mrs. Zheng Gao 鄭高 (née Cui)," Commemoration by Commission: Buying and Selling Memory in Late Medieval China, China Humanities Seminar, Rutgers University, February 21.

2013 "Concerning the Marvelous Scripture for the Pardon of Sins and Deliverance from the Blood Lake [by the power of] the Jade Calendar of the Numinous Treasure in the Cavern [penetrating] Mysteries Most High 太上洞玄靈寶玉曆血湖度命赦罪妙經," Gender and Religion in China Workshop, George Washington University, November 8–9.

2013 "The Forgotten Ancestors of the Houmochens: A Late Medieval Family's Collective Amnesia of its Glorious Recent Past," American Oriental Society Western Branch, Victoria, Canada, October 3–5.

2013 "The Presence of Absence: Remembrance and the Lay Practice of Exposing Corpse (*lushizang* 露屍葬) in Medieval China" Death Ritual, Ancestor Worship, and Memory in Medieval China, China Humanities Seminar, Rutgers University, April 26.

2013 "The Agency in the Practice Operation of the Everyday," Thinking Through Women's Agency in Buddhism: A Roundtable, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 21–24.

2012 "The Debtors' Prison—The Daoist Construction of the Blood Lake Hell for Women" at the "Gender, Sex, and Pollution in Buddhist Discourse" workshop, Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at University of Southern California, February 3–4.

2011 "The Missing Body and Summoned Soul in Mortuary Rituals and Culture of Remembrance in Medieval China," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 19–22.

2011 "'The Dew on the Grass' or 'the Yogurt Little Lump': Medieval Chinese Conceptualization of Fetus and Fetal Development," Workshop on Birth and Women's Health in Pre-Modern Societies, Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context", Heidelberg University, Germany, November 4–5.

2011 "The Will of the Oracle: The Practice and Significance of Burial Divinations as Reflected in *Muzhiming*," Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Honolulu, March 31–April 3.

2010 "Last Words: Deathbed Instructions on Burial Arrangements in Late Medieval China," the 1st Annual Late Medieval China Workshop, University of Kansas, April 30.

2009 "A Life Inscribed: The Ritualization of Life and Death in Tang *Muzhi*," T'ang Studies: The Next Twenty-Five Years —An International Conference to Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the T'ang Studies Society, University of Albany, May 7–9.

#### **PUBLIC LECTURE & PRESENTATIONS (SINCE FALL 2009)**

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2022 "Conspicuous Suffering: Burial Repatriation and Remembrance in Tang Dynasty Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions," China Colloquium Series, Yale University, December 8.

2022 "There is a Talisman for It: Daoist Rituals for Protecting Pregnancy," Ghent University, Belgium, September 29.

2022 "The Loquacious Dead: Burial and Agency in Late Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaphs," The End of Life and What Comes Next: Perspectives from Healthcare, History, Anthropology, and Religion, Ohio State University, March 31–April 1.

2021 ICC-IAHR Roundtable Session "International Collaboration in the Time of COVID-19 and Post-Pandemic Future," American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, November 20–23.

2021 "Medieval Chinese Burial Practices," Future of the Ancient Working Group, Rutgers University, October 29.

2021 "Body and Soteriology: Daoist Talismans for Regenerating Internal Organs," *The Body, Global Medieval Studies Workshop Series*, Rutgers University, September 22.

2021 "Medieval China," Remote Communities, A Faculty Roundtable, Interuniversity Doctoral Consortium Medieval Studies Conference, Rutgers University, April 9.

2021 "The Men in Women's Hell: Gender in Daoist Blood Lake Soteriology in Premodern China," CEAS Humanities Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March 18.

2020 "Muzhiming of Madame Zheng (Qiong) of Yingyang 榮陽鄭夫人墓志銘," International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, November 11.

2020 "Virgin Mothers and Hell-bent Sons: Daoist Rituals for Delivering Mothers from Blood Lake Hell," International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, November 4.

2019 "The Accounts of Exemplary Deaths of Buddhist Lay Practitioners in Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaph Inscriptions (Muzhiming)" Philadelphia Area Buddhist Studies Workshop, La Salle University, September 27.

2019 With Alexei K. Ditter. "How to Read *Muzhiming* Revisited," University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, July 17.

2019 With Alexei K. Ditter. "Memory Making in Late Medieval China: A Case Study of the Female Chief Minister to China's Only Woman Emperor," Morphomata Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, April 15.

2018 "Putting Asunder What the Rites Had Joined—Rhetoric and Representation of Spousal Burials in Late Medieval China (500–1000 CE)," University of Macau, China, October 24.

2018 "Getting a Divorce After Death in Late Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaphs" EASC Colloquium, East Asian Studies Center, Indiana University Bloomington, April 20.

2017 "Posthumous Divorce: Buddhism, Filial Piety, and Spousal Disjoint Burial in Late Medieval Chinese Entombed Epitaphs," Buddhist Studies Seminar, Columbia University, February 16.

2016 "Chasing Oblivion—Buddhist Laywomen's Practice of Exposing the Corpse in Late Medieval China 追逐寂滅—中古晚期佛教俗家婦女的露屍葬修行," A Dialogue Across Disciplines and Periods in Chinese Studies [Rutgers-National Taiwan University Workshop], Rutgers University, May 5. [Delivered in Chinese]

2015 "Blood, Death & Memory — A Cultural History of Commemoration in Late Medieval China, 600–1000 CE 血、死亡與記憶—中古晚期紀念儀式的文化史," A Dialogue Across Disciplines and Periods in Chinese Studies [Rutgers-National Taiwan University Workshop], Rutgers University, April 4. [Delivered in Chinese]

2012 "The Burial of the Summoned Soul and the Culture of Remembrance in Medieval China 中古時期的招魂葬與追思文化," Center for Chinese Studies, National Central Library, Taiwan, June 27. [Delivered in Chinese]

2012 "The Trial of Mothers: The Blood Lake Hell and Women's Salvation in Late Medieval China 母親的試煉—血湖地獄與中古晚期女性的救贖," The Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, June 15. [Delivered in Chinese]

2012 "The Tortoises and the Yarrow Stalks Disapprove —Burial Divination and Burial Deferment in Medieval China 龜筮不從:淺談中古時期的占墓與久喪不葬之現象," Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, May 18. [Delivered in Chinese]

2012 "Riding a Guilt Trip to Heaven: Buddhist Childbed Practices and Women's Salvation in Medieval China," Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, Rutgers University, February 14.

2011 "Divination and its Discontents: Burial Deferment in Late Medieval China," Karl Jaspers Centre, Heidelberg University, Germany, November 3.

2011 "'The Dew on the Grass' or 'the Yogerty Little Lump': Medieval Chinese Conceptualization of Fetus and Fetal Development," Asian Studies Speaker Series, University of Arkansas, October 20.

2011 "The Will of the Oracle: The Practice and Significance of Burial Divinations in late Medieval China," Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, February 18.

2010 "Last Words: Deathbed Instructions on Burial Arrangements in Late Medieval China," New Historical Research Series, University of Missouri-Kansas City, December 3.

2010 "Last Words: Deathbed Instructions on Burial Arrangements in Late Medieval China," China before Print Workshop Series, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, April 9.

2009 "A Mother's Hell: Women's Afterlife and Salvation in Medieval China," New Historical Research Series, University of Missouri-Kansas City, December 4.

#### **TEACHING (SINCE FALL 2009)**

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##### **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEW BRUNSWICK • DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

UNDERGRAD Chinese Classics and Thought: Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism  
Interdisciplinary Topics in East Asia: The Dawn of East Asia  
Introduction to Chinese Civilization  
Major Traditions in Chinese Thought (Daoism)  
Pre-modern East Asian Civilization  
Religious Themes in East Asian Literature  
Seminar on East Asian Societies (undergraduate capstone)

GRADUATE Pro-Seminar I: Approaches to East Asian Studies  
Pro-Seminar II: Research Methodology  
Early "China" in the "World": Cosmography, Epistemology & Encountering the Strange  
Silk Road: A History of Cultural and Material Exchanges  
Women and Gender in East Asian Religiosity  
Women in Premodern China

##### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY • DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

UNDERGRAD China's Imperial Past  
History of Chinese Religion  
Japanese Civilization to 1868  
Religions on the Silk Road  
Religion and Religiosity in East Asia  
World History to 1600  
Historiography & Methods

GRADUATE Women in Pre-modern East Asia

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

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2014      National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar in Daoist Literature, University of Colorado, Participant.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICES (SINCE FALL 2009)

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### RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

#### AT LARGE

2020—     Faculty Senator

#### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

2021—     Member of the Executive Council

#### SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

2021—     Member of the Advisory Committees on Appointments and Promotions

#### PROGRAM IN GLOBAL MEDIEVAL STUDIES

2021—     Member of the McDonnell Committee

#### DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

2022      Search Committee (NTT)

2021–22    Search Committee (TT)

2014      Search Committee (NTT)

2013      Search Committee (NTT)

2012–15    Course Scheduling Coordinator

### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – KANSAS CITY

#### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

2010–11    iPhD Program Committee

2008–10    Master's Program Committee

### OUTREACH

2013      Discussant, "The White Snake," adapted and directed by Mary Zimmerman, McCarter Theatre. Princeton, NJ. October 20.

2009      Discussant, "Together" a film directed by Chen Kaige. Chinese Film Festival. Kansas City, MO. March 21.

### ACADEMIA

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2020—     Tang Studies Society

#### COMMITTEES

2020—     Member, Steering Committee of the Global Daoist Studies Forum

2017—     Co-Chair, Daoist Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion

2013–19    Member, Steering Committee of the Chinese Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion

2013–17    Member, Steering Committee of the Daoist Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion

#### PANELS & EVENTS [SINCE FALL 2009]

2023 Co-organizer, The Fifth Workshop of the “New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China” series, Elling Eide Center, May 19–20.

2022 Panel Respondent, “Barbarians, Women, and Disciples: Inscribing Social Authority in Medieval Daoism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, Denver, November 19–22.

2021 Panel Organizer and Presider, “Teaching Daoism Beyond Lao-Zhuang: A Hands-On Workshop,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, November 20–23.

2020 Panel Organizer and Presider, “Renegotiating Unseen Realms: Studies on the Ritual Reinvention among Late-Imperial and Contemporary Daoists,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 29–December 10.

2019 Panel Organizer and Presider, “The ‘Dao’ in the World: How Daoism Became Daoism in the Age of Globalization,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 23–26.

2019 Panel Presider, “Disaster and Calamity in Chinese Religions from the Medieval to the Modern Era,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 23–26.

2018 Panel Presider, “Death, (Re-)Birth, and Time: Transformative Bodies in Chinese Religious Traditions,” the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, November 17–20.

2018 Co-organizer, The Fourth Workshop of the “New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China” series, Reed College, May 17–19.

2017 Co-organizer, International Symposium: Textuality and Materiality in Medieval China, the New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China series, Peking University, October 17–18.

2016 Co-organizer, The Second Workshop of the “New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China” series, Reed College, May 23–24.

2015 Co-organizer, The Inaugural Workshop of the “New Frontiers in the Studies of Medieval China” series, Rutgers University, May 15–16.

2014 Panel Respondent, “Daoist Women Crafting Alternative Spaces and Practices, from Tang to Contemporary Times,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 22–25.

2014 Panel Discussant, “Daoist Institutional Change and Local Religious Culture,” Inaugural Rutgers Daoist Studies Symposium, Rutgers University, November 14–15.

2014 Organizer, “Commemoration by Commission: Buying and Selling Memory in Late Medieval China,” China Humanities Seminar, Rutgers University, February 21.

2013 Organizer, “Death Ritual, Ancestor Worship, and Memory in Medieval China,” China Humanities Seminar, Rutgers University, April 26.

2013 Panel Moderator, “Happiness and Compassion in Comparative Ethics,” 1st Annual Rutgers Workshop on Chinese Philosophy, Rutgers University, April 4–5.

2011 Panel Organizer, “Bodies Present and Absent in Premodern Chinese Religious Practice” for American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 19–22.

2011 Panel Organizer, “Tales from the Crypt: Medieval Chinese *Muzhiming* in Five Perspectives” for Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai’i, March 31–April 3.

2010 Co-organizer, Late Medieval China Workshop, University of Kansas, April 30.

#### MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

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