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## Academic Appointments

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<b>Assistant Professor, Religious Studies</b> University of Missouri (MU), Columbia, MO	<b>08/2024-Present</b>
<b>Visiting Instructor, Religious Studies</b> Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA	<b>08/2023-05/2024</b>
<b>Summer Teaching Associate, Religious Studies</b> Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, AZ	<b>07/2021-08/2024</b>

## Education

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<b>Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Arizona State University</b>	<b>05/2024</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: "Seeking Magnificence: Material Enchantment and the Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the Myanmar-China Border."</li><li>• Major field: Buddhist Studies</li><li>• Minor fields: Anthropology of Religion, Material Culture Studies, Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia</li><li>• Dissertation committee: Dr. Juliane Schober, Dr. Huaiyu Chen, Dr. James Rush</li></ul>	
<b>M.A. in Religious Studies, New York University</b>	<b>05/2013</b>
<b>B.A. in Philosophy, Fudan University, China</b>	<b>07/2011</b>

## Publications

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### *Peer-reviewed research articles*

Deng, Beiyin. "Reimagining a Buddhist Cosmopolis: Conveying Marble Buddhist Images from Burma to China, 1890s-1930s." *Journal of Global Buddhism*. vol. 24, no. 1, May 2023, pp. 25-46.  
<https://www.globalbuddhism.org/article/view/3382>

### *Book reviews*

Deng, Beiyin. Review of *Political Theologies and Development in Asia: Transcendence, Sacrifice, and Aspiration*, edited by Giuseppe Bolotta, Philip Fountain, and R. Michael Feener. *Asian Ethnology*, vol. 80, no. 1, July 2021, pp. 243-245. <https://asianethnology.org/articles/2335>

Deng, Beiyin. Review of *The Buddha's Wizards: Magic, Protection, and Healing in Burmese Buddhism*, by Thomas Nathan Patton. *Journal of Dharma Studies*, vol. 3, no. 3, 2020, pp. 429-431.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s42240-020-00081-z>

### *Manuscript in progress*

Deng, Beiyin. "Engendering Magnificence: Polishing and the (In)visibility of Female Religious Labor in Contemporary Theravada Buddhist Material Culture."

## Invited Talks and Discussions

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### *Discussions*

Curator's Workshop: "Burma to Myanmar and Beyond." **British Museum** 01/2024

## Conferences

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### *Presenter*

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH (Proposed)** 03/2025  
"Jade Buddhas from Myanmar: Transnational Material and Labor Flows and the Construction of the Post-Mao Buddhist Revival in China."

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA** 03/2024  
"Buddhist Jade from Myanmar': Categorizing *Sakyin Kyauk* in the Contemporary Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the Myanmar-China Border."

**"Global China in a Religious World" Conference, HKU and ARI-NUS, Online** 08/2023  
"The Way to Magnificence: *Dāna* (Generosity), *Mettā* (Loving-kindness), and Trans-ethnic Patron-client Relationship in the Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the China-Myanmar Border."

**Theravada Civilizations Project Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA** 06/2023  
"Seeking Magnificence: Material Enchantment and the Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the Myanmar-China Border."

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Boston, MA** 03/2023  
"Engendering Magnificence: Polishing and Burmese Female Artisans in the Marble Buddhist Image Trade across the Myanmar-China Border."

**Theravada Studies Group, AAS Annual Conference, Boston, MA** 03/2023  
"From Efficaciousness to Magnificence: Buddhist Craftsmanship in the Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the Myanmar-China Border."

**European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (Euro-SEAS) Annual Conference, Paris** 07/2022  
"A Stone Buddha Misunderstood: Interweaving Multiple Epistemologies in the Study of Buddhist Material Transactions from Myanmar to China."

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Online** 03/2022  
"Reimagining a Buddhist Cosmopolis: Conveying Marble Buddhist Images from Burma to China, 1890s-1930s."

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Online** 03/2021  
"From 'Burmese Marble' to 'Burmese White Jade': Aesthetic Appreciation and Transnational Material Marketing in the Contemporary Sino-Burmese Buddhist Image Trade."

**AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop 2020: "Borders, Migration, and Transnational Flow"** 03/2021  
"Trading Buddhas: Circulating Marble Buddhist Images across the Sino-Burmese Border."

**SSRC InterAsia Academy: “Integration and Disintegration,” ARI-NUS, Online** 02/2021  
“Buddhas Beyond Borders: The Contemporary Trade of Marble Buddhist Images across the China-Myanmar Border.”

**Southeast Asia Program (SEAP) Graduate Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY** 03/2020  
“From ‘Burmese Marble’ to ‘Burmese White Jade’: The Cultural Repertoires Behind the Trade of Marble Buddhist Images from Myanmar to China.”

*Discussant*

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH (Proposed)** 03/2025  
Roundtable: “Fieldwork in Theravada Buddhist World”

**Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA** 03/2024  
Roundtable: “Transforming Fieldwork in (Post-)Pandemic Asia.”

*Presider*

**Academic Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA** 11/2024  
Roundtable: “Social Media and Social Movements within Myanmar and its Diasporas”

## **Honors and Awards**

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*External Fellowships and Awards*

China Times Young Scholar Award	2023-2024
Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Burma Studies Group Travel Award	2023
Association for Asian Studies (AAS) International Exchange Grant	2022
Social Science Research Council (SSRC) InterAsia Academy Fellow	2021
Association for Asian Studies-East and Inner Asia Council (AAS-EIAC) Small Research Grant	2021
AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop Fellow	2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison SEASSI Tuition Scholarship	2017

*ASU Fellowships and Awards*

ASU The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Excellence Awards	2022-2024
ASU Graduate College Travel Award	2023-2024
ASU Graduate College Completion Fellowship	2022-2023
ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Independent Research Grant	2021
ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Terminal Research Grant	2020
ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Fall Research Grant	2018-2022
ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Spring Research Grant	2017-2022
ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Individual Travel Grant	2017-2023

## **Teaching Experience**

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**Instructor of Record, University of Missouri, Columbia**

REL_ST 2330 Buddhism, Money, and Capitalist Economy	Spring 2025
REL_ST 2110 Global Religions	Spring 2025
REL_ST 3250 Buddhism in East Asia	Fall 2024

**Instructor of Record, Grinnell College**

REL 295 Buddhism and Politics in Modern Asia	Spring 2024
REL 295 Buddhism, Money, and Capitalist Economy	Spring 2024

REL 105 Studying Religion: East Asia	Spring 2024
REL 105-01 Studying Religion: East Asia	Fall 2023
REL 105-02 Studying Religion: East Asia	Fall 2023

**Instructor of Record, Arizona State University**

REL 351 Buddhism	Summer 2024
REL 351 Buddhism	Summer 2023
REL 351 Buddhism	Summer 2022
REL 101 Religion, Culture, and Public Life	Summer 2021

**Curricular Development Funding**

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**Instructional Support Committee Curricular Development Funds, Grinnell College 2024**

Course-embedded Community Engagement Project: “The Myanmar Buddhist Diaspora Community in Marshalltown, Iowa”

**Public Scholarship**

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*Public Exhibitions*

<b>Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA</b>	<b>04/2024</b>
“The Myanmar Buddhist Diaspora Community in Marshalltown, IA”	

*Guest Lectures*

<b>Asian Studies Club, Central High School, Phoenix, AZ</b>	<b>03/2024</b>
“Food, Merit, and Community: Burmese Buddhist Diaspora in Iowa, US.”	

**Service and Other Professional Activities**

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Treasurer, Burma Studies Group, Association for Asian Studies (AAS)	2024-Present
Ad hoc Committee for Burma Studies Group Designated Panel Selection, AAS	2024
Ad hoc Committee for Burma Studies Group Designated Panel Selection, AAS	2023

**Languages**

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Cantonese (native proficiency)  
Mandarin Chinese (native proficiency)  
Classical Chinese (work proficiency)  
Burmese (professional work proficiency)  
English (professional work proficiency)

**Professional Affiliations**

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Association for Asian Studies (AAS)  
American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
Theravada Civilizations Project