

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EMPLOYMENT

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL  
Assistant Professor in Tibetan and East Asian Religions, Department of Religion  
(2005–)

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Lecturer, Departments of East Asian Studies (1999–2004)

KWANTLEN UNIVERSITY  
Lecturer, (1997-98)

L'UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL (UQAM)  
Chargé de cours (lecturer) (1994-95)

## EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, The Institute for Asian Research. (2004)

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
Ph.D., Department of East Asian Studies (2002)

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
M.A., Department of East Asian Studies (1994)

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
B.A., First Class Honors in East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies  
(1991)

COLLEGE OF CHINESE TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND CULTURAL  
CMD., Professional Doctorate in Chinese Traditional Medicine (1997)

COLLEGE OF CHINESE TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND CULTURAL  
Diploma in Acupuncture (1983)

## PUBLICATIONS

*Le sūtra de la Mahāmāyūrī : rituel et politique dans la Chine des Tang (618-907).* (The sūtra of Mahāmāyūrī : ritual et politics in Tang China (618-907) Presses de l'Université Laval (PUL), Québec, Canada. (Forthcoming)

*La religion tibétaine du Bön* (The Tibetan religion of Bön). Montréal, Paris: Editions Namparaz. (Forthcoming 2011)

"The Records of Tshul khri mchog rgyal on the Black Phur pa Cycle of the Tibetan Bonpos," in *Journal of the International Association of Tibetan Studies*. 6. (2010)

"Tibetan Religions in British Columbia," in *Asian Religions in British Columbia*, Daniel Overmyer and Larry de Vries, (Eds.) Vancouver: The University of British Columbia Press. (2010)

"Rites of the Deity Tamdrin (Rta mgrin) in Contemporary Bön: Transforming Poison and Eliminating Noxious Spirits with Burning Stones." *Tibetan rituals*, José Cabezon, (Ed.) Oxford University Publications, Chap. 8: 187-205. (2009)

"Bon Institutions in Contemporary Tibetan Territories and the Dynamics of Religious Authority", *East and West*, volume 59: 1-4, 2010, dedicated to the memory of Professor D. L. Snellgrove.

"Chine Répression d'état; "Business as usual", À *Babord: revue social et politique*, No 27 - déc. 2008 / jan. 2009.

« La difficile relation Chine-Tibet », *Journal Alternatives*, Volume 14 - No. 08 – Mai jeudi 1er mai 2008.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

2010

"The Re-Opening of the White Cliffs Mountains of Nyag-rong (Eastern Tibet) or New Bön Reinventing Tradition. The Case of gSang sngags gling pa." The 12th Seminar of International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS) meeting. The University of British Columbia, Vancouver. August 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. (2010)

"Contemporary Bön and the dynamics of renewal in Eastern Tibet and Amdo," Numata Lecture at the University of Toronto Graduate Conference. April 10 (2010)

2009

"The "re-opening" of the White Cliffs Mountains in Nyag-rong (Eastern Tibet) or New Bön reinventing tradition: The case of Sang nga ling pa." American Academy of Religion (Montreal), Sacred Space in Asia Panel: Pilgrimage and Globalization. November 7-10

### **Seminars Series on Esoteric Buddhist Texts** (City University of Hong Kong)

Seminar 1: "A key text in the formation of Esotericism in China, the Buddhist Mahā-māyūrī-vidyā-rājñī sūtra." June 15

Seminar 2: "Bön minority religion in China: A once majority religion now resurfacing minority religion from the brink of extinction." June 22

Seminar 3: "Bön Tantrics Scriptures and Practices: Understanding Bön Traditions in the Tibetan context." August 5

Seminar 4: "The New Bön Traditions and the hybridization of religious dogma: The case of Tshewang Poyüma." August 19

2008

“Bön institutions in the Contemporary Tibetan Territories and the Dynamics of Religious Authority.” International Conference on Bön the indigenous sources of Tibetan Religion and Culture, June 23-25 2008, Blou, France.

« Table ronde : La crise au Tibet : causes et contexte », Panel on Contemporary Tibet during the Tibetan crisis in 2008 organized collaboratively by Le Centre d'études de l'Asie de l'est (CETASE) and the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales of the Université de Montréal. April 10, 2008. Can be viewed online at: <http://www.cerium.ca/>

2007

“Bön Institutions in Contemporary Tibetan Territories and the Dynamics of Religious Authority,” Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group Sunday Nov 16, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference November 17-20, 2007 San Diego, California, USA.

“Exorcism in Contemporary Bön: Rta mgrin and the ritual of the White Stones (rdo dkar).” Conference on Tibetan Ritual, University of California in Santa Barbara May 10-13, Santa Barbara, California, USA.

“The Mother Tantra of Tibetan Bön: Geography and Sacred Space,” Lecture on Religion, March 7, McGill University, Montreal. Faculty of Religious Studies of McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

2006

“Tibetan Bonpo Exorcistic Ritual and the Shared Tantric Landscape of Kham.” Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation and Tantric Studies Consultation, Monday Nov 21, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Washington, DC, USA.

“The Records of Tshul khri mchog rgyal on the Black Phur pa Cycle of the Tibetan Bonpos,” Panel 6 Emerging Bon: The Formation of Bon Traditions in Tibet at the Turn of the First Millennium AD. Eleventh Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Sunday 27th of August to Saturday 2nd of September 2006 at the Hotel Maritim in Königswinter, Germany.

2004

“Ritual strategies crossing lineage boundaries in Tibetan religion.” Conference hosting the 14th Dalai Lama on Contemporary Tibet, Institute of Asian Research, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, April 19-20.

“Four strategies for survival: Four Bonpo communities in Western Tibet,” Lectures on Asia, Department of Asian Studies, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

2003

“Introduction to the Tibetan Bön Tradition,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary.

“Tibetan Shamanism,” Public Lectures of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary.

2001

“China: Past and Present: Six lectures on contemporary cultural China,” Elder College, North Vancouver.

2000

"China, the slow moving dragon with decisive steps," Club Kiwanis, North Vancouver.

"The Cult of the Great Peacock and the Evolution of the Buddhist Tantras," Asian Studies  
Noon Lecture Series, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

## TEACHING

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (selection)

RELI 226 Introduction to Buddhism  
RELI 349 Religions of China and Japan  
RELI 350 Theravada Buddhism  
RELI 364 Mahayana Buddhism  
RELI 385 Women and Buddhism  
RELI 398J Chinese Buddhism  
RELI 398R Chinese Religions  
RELI 398P Tibetan Religions  
RELI 398Z Religions of Japan

### GRADUATE COURSES (selection)

RELI 616R The Great Perfection in Tibetan Buddhism  
RELI 498/616T Chan/Zen Buddhism  
RELI 617 Religions of Tibet  
RELI 630/498 Daoism and Chinese Popular Religions  
RELI 616P/498H Advanced Topics in Mahayana Buddhism