MATTHEW D. MILLIGAN

Curriculum Vitae

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D.O.B: 1-21-1985 (Age 27)

Research Interests: History of Indian Buddhism, Indian Buddhist material culture (art, archaeology, and epigraphy), Buddhist Studies, Sanskrit and Pali literature, Indian economic history

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (ABD, exp. May 2015) Asian Cultures and Languages, University of Texas at Austin.

- Dissertation supervised by Oliver Freiberger and Janice Leoshko
  - Tentative Title: **"Of Rags and Riches: Indian Buddhist Patronage Networks in the Early Historic Period"**
    - Additional committee members: Patrick Olivelle, Joel Brereton, Jason Neelis (Wilfrid Laurier University)
- Portfolio in the Study of Religion
- Comprehensive Examinations:
  - Early Mahayana Buddhism in India with Oliver Freiberger
  - "Between the Empires" - India 300 BCE to 300 CE with Patrick Olivelle
  - Sanskrit Drama and Society with Joel Brereton
  - Early Indian Material Culture with Janice Leoshko

M.A. (August 2010) Asian Cultures and Languages, University of Texas at Austin.

- Thesis: *A Study of Inscribed Reliefs within the Context of Donative Inscriptions at Sanchi*, supervised by Oliver Freiberger and Janice Leoshko

B.A. (May 2006) Religious Studies, Anthropology, Albion College.

- Cum Laude and Departmental Honors in Religious Studies
- Thesis: *Early North Indian Buddhism: Epigraphy and Architecture in the Extant Record*, Supervised by Selva J. Raj and Lars Fogelin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant:

History of Religions in Asia for Oliver Freiberger, Spring 2013
History of Indian Buddhism for Oliver Freiberger, Fall 2012
Introduction to Buddhism for Oliver Freiberger, Spring 2012
History of Religions in Asia for Joel Brereton, Fall 2011
First Year Sanskrit for Edeltraud Harzer, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010
Goddesses in World Religions and Cultures for Dr. Martha Selby, Fall 2008

Supplemental Instruction Leader:

History of Religions in Asia, Spring 2013
Introduction to Buddhism, Spring 2012

History of Religions in Asia, Fall 2011

Grader:

Introduction to Japan for Michael Shapiro, Spring 2012
Second Year Sanskrit for Edeltraud Harzer, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010
Senior Seminar in Asian Studies for David Sena, Spring 2009

Invited Talks:

"Donative Inscriptions and Inscribed Reliefs at Sanchi" - Fall 2010, *Oslo Buddhist Studies Forum*, two separate talks

Guest Lectures at the University of Texas:

"Tibetan Buddhism" - Spring 2012
"Early Indian Buddhism" - Fall 2011
"The Buddha's Presence at Indian Stupa Sites" - Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2012
"Women and Gender in Early Buddhism" - Fall 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate School:
(Nominated) Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, University of Texas, 2013
Ward Endowed Fellowship (for dissertation research), University of Texas, 2013
FLAS Fellowship (Hindi) (2), University of Texas, 2009-2011
Professional Development Award (4), University of Texas, 2008-9, 2011-12
Summer FLAS Fellowship (Hindi), University of Texas, 2009 (Declined to study Prakrit)
Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship (LAGR), University of Texas, 2009
Mossiker Fellowship, University of Texas, 2009
Richard and Janis Lariviere Graduate Fellowship (2), University of Texas, 2007-9

Undergraduate:
Best Paper Prize, Midwest American Academy of Religion, 2006
John and Willimay Cheek Award, Albion College, 2006
DeVinney Scholar Award, Albion College, 2006
Presidential Scholarship, Albion College 2003-6

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Applied: 2013, "Reading Between Inscribed Reliefs: Material and Written Evidence for Economic Ritual Patronage in Early Indian Buddhism," at the **Reading Outside the Lines: A Workshop on the Intersection of Buddhist Art and Texts**, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, München, Germany

Upcoming: 2013, "Causing to Construct: Donative and Installation Formulae in Early Indian Buddhist Sources," at the **223rd Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society**, Portland, Oregon

Upcoming: 2013, "Religious Titles for 'Ascetics' and 'Monks' in Early Indian Buddhist Epigraphy," at the **1st Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference in Religious Studies**, University of Texas, Austin

Upcoming: 2013, "Material Evidence for Donation as Ritual in the Epigraphic Habit of Early Indian Buddhists" at the **3rd Annual Graduate Student Symposium** at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, California

2012, "Circulating Commodities: Networks of Patronage in Early Indian Buddhism," at the **41st Conference on South Asia**, the University of Wisconsin, Madison

2011, "A Study of Inscribed Reliefs within the Context of Donative Inscriptions at Sanchi," at the **40th Conference on South Asia**, the University of Wisconsin, Madison

2009, "Towards a Grammar of Representation: Buddhist Stupa Architecture in the Sanchi Reliefs," at the **38th Conference on South Asia**, the University of Wisconsin, Madison

2009, "Reliquaries of the Buddha? Buddhist Stupa Imagery in Relief Art from Central India," at the **Southwest Conference on Asian Studies**, University of Texas, Austin

2008, "The Presentation of Buddhist Donative Epigraphy at Sanchi," at the **Southwest Conference on Asian Studies**, Sam Houston State University

2008, "Recluse or Socialite? An Archaeology of Early Ascetic Buddhism," at the **Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, University of Texas, Austin

2006, "The Presentation of Epigraphy at Sanchi," at the **Midwest American Academy of Religion**, Dominican University

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Co-Editor-in-Chief for *SAGAR: A South Asian Graduate Research Journal*, Fall 2009 - Present

Committee Member on the Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship Evaluation Committee, University of Texas, Fall 2009

LANGUAGES

Reading: **Sanskrit**, **Pali**, **Prakrit**, **Hindi**, **French**

FIELDWORK

Summer 2009, India: Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra. Researched ancient Buddhist stupas in central India. Funding provided by the LAGR Fellowship

Fall 2005, India: Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh. Researched ancient and modern Buddhist pilgrimage sites in north India.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association for Asian Studies (since 2008)
American Oriental Society (since 2012)
American Academy of Religion (since 2012)
International Association of Buddhist Studies (since 2012)