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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY <i>Ph.D.</i> , Sociology	EXPECTED JUNE 2009 Cambridge, Massachusetts
HARVARD UNIVERSITY <i>A.M.</i> , Sociology	NOVEMBER 2006 Cambridge, Massachusetts
HOPKINS – NANJING CENTER FOR CHINESE AND AMERICAN STUDIES <i>Certificate</i> , Chinese Studies Graduate-level program conducted entirely in Mandarin Chinese. Course work included China's culture, modern history and society.	JUNE 2000 Nanjing, P.R. China
POMONA COLLEGE <i>B.A.</i> , Asian Studies, Sociology minor, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	MAY 1998 Claremont, CA

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

“Building a Harmonious Society: Buddhism in Urban China Today.” Ph. D. dissertation research in progress.

“Studying the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector from the Bottom Up.” with Christopher Winship. Under review for special issue of the *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

“Zen and the Art of Boundary Maintenance: towards a Conceptual Framework of Boundary Work in Religious Organizations.” MA thesis in preparation for journal submission.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Jones, Alison Denton and Christopher Winship. “Studying the Nonprofit Voluntary Sector from the Bottom Up,” annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Regular Session on “Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations,” August 2008.

Jones, Alison Denton and Christopher Winship. “Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Studies: Taking Measure of a Research Field,” Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium, Brown University. “Politics and Organizations,” panel, April 2007.

Jones, Alison Denton. “Strictness, Subcultural Identity, and Skillful Means: Strategies of Boundary Work in Religious Organizations,” annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion Section panel: “Religious Markets and Religious Organizing,” August 2006.

Jones, Alison Denton. “Zen and the Art of Boundary Maintenance: Explaining Religious Growth in Taiwan’s New Buddhist Organizations,” annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 2005.

AWARDS AND HONORS

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW Fellow in Residence during PhD dissertation research year Institute for International Research at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China	2007 – 2008
J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT CULTURAL EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP Supporting PhD dissertation research in P. R. China	2007 – 2008
FREDERICK SHELDON TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP Supporting PhD dissertation research in P. R. China Harvard University, Committee on General Scholarships	2007 – 2008
SHUM FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ON CONTEMPORARY CHINA For PhD dissertation research in P. R. China (declined) Harvard University, Fairbank Center	2007 – 2008
PEKING UNIVERSITY-HARVARD YENCHING FELLOWSHIP FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH IN CHINESE STUDIES For PhD dissertation research in P. R. China (declined) Harvard University, Harvard-Yenching Center	2007 – 2008
YOUNG SCHOLARS IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION Invitation-only conference for promising new scholars in Sociology of Religion Center for the Study of Religion at Notre Dame	May 2007
REPUBLIC OF CHINA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP Supported MA thesis research on Buddhist Organizations in Taiwan Harvard University, Asia Center	Summer 2004
HASSENFELD SCHOLARSHIP Full academic scholarship to support study at the Hopkins – Nanjing Center	1999 – 2000
FREEMAN FOUNDATION ASIA FELLOWSHIP Full year support for independent research on trends in contemporary Chinese and Taiwanese Buddhism.	1998 – 1999
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST; HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN	Spring 1994

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese

Speaking: near fluency; reading and writing: proficient. Five years of language study, over three years of residence in Taiwan and Mainland China.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND THE HAUSER CENTER
FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS 2006 to
present
- PROFS. CHRISTOPHER WINSHIP AND MARK MOORE
- Project: Pilot Survey of the Boston Area Nonprofit Sector*
- Collected and coded data on Boston non-profits
 - Literature reviews
 - Consulted on development of survey questionnaire
 - Designed sampling procedure and questionnaire for follow-up interviews
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND THE HAUSER CENTER
FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS 2003-06
- PROF. CHRISTOPHER WINSHIP
- Project: Taking the Measure of the Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector in American Life*
- Literature reviews
 - Assessed existing data sources
 - Co-developed conceptual arguments
 - First author of paper
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY 2004-05
- M.A. THESIS
- Project: Zen and the Art of Boundary Maintenance: Taiwan's New Buddhist Orgs.*
- Writing several articles on the basis of the research
 - Two months of participant-observation in two Taiwanese Buddhist organizations and related activities
 - In-depth interviews in Mandarin Chinese with 40 lay Buddhists
- FREEMAN FOUNDATION ASIA FELLOW
- INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT 1998-1999
- Project: Chinese Monastic Buddhism Approaches the 21st Century*
- Investigated trend toward "Socially Engaged" Buddhism in Taiwan and Mainland China
 - Visited, lived and worked in twelve monasteries and other Buddhist institutions
 - Interviewed leaders, nuns, monks, and lay Buddhists
 - Participant-observation in religious practice, social work, and academic conferences

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY:

- Research for Nonprofits* (Instructor) Spring 2006
Prof. Christopher Winship (Department of Sociology) and 2007
- Planned syllabus, grading scheme, invited weekly guest speakers
 - Designed and taught segments on Research Methods and Ethics; Sociological Theories of the Organization
 - Extensive ongoing feedback on student research projects and presentations
 - Assisted evaluation of course and planning for changes
 - Maintained course web site
 - Graded assignments and final projects

- China's Two Social Revolutions* (Head Teaching Fellow) Fall 2005
Prof. Martin K. Whyte (Foreign Cultures Core)
- Planned and led one weekly discussion section for 10 undergraduate students
 - Coordinated work of all Teaching Fellows
 - Advised on student term papers.
 - Initiated and designed student project to engage course material with multi-media and web technology
 - Maintained and expanded resources on course web site
 - Assisted development of exam questions
 - Graded papers and exams
- Committee on the Study of Religion* (Senior Thesis Primary Advisor) Feb-Dec 2005
"The Next Generation of Chinese Buddhism in the US" by Pippi Kessler
- Advised undergraduate in all aspects of thesis process: problem definition, methodology, literature review, research grant applications, conceptualization, and writing
 - Commented on multiple drafts of 100-page thesis
 - Participated in thesis defense as one of 3 examiners
 - Provided written comments and assessment of thesis for honors determination (*Magna Cum Laude*)
- Research for Nonprofits* (Teaching Fellow) Spring 2005
Prof. Christopher Winship (Department of Sociology)
- Coordinated weekly guest speakers
 - Graded papers
 - Advised student research projects
 - Assisted evaluation of course and planning for changes
 - Maintained course web site
- Paradigms of Social Inquiry* (Teaching Fellow) Fall 2004
Prof. David Gibson (Department of Sociology)
- Planned and led two weekly discussion sections for 30-40 second year Sociology concentrators
 - Designed and evaluated weekly reading response assignments
 - Met with students to guide the development of research proposals
 - Graded papers and exams

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

— Sections: Sociology of Religion; Sociology of Culture; Asia and Asian Americans; Organizations, Occupations, and Work

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Religious Research Association

Association for Asian Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

PEER REVIEWER <i>Review of Religious Research, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Sociology Compass, Sociological Spectrum</i>	ongoing
PANEL ORGANIZER AND DISCUSSANT “Religious Mobilization in Modern China and Taiwan” <i>16th Annual Graduate Conference on East Asia, Columbia University</i>	FEB. 2007
COORDINATOR, Workshop on Institutions & Organizing <i>Harvard University, Department of Sociology</i>	2006 - 2007
MODERATOR AND DISCUSSANT, Asia and Asian Americans Section roundtable on “Gendered Identities” <i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC</i>	AUG. 2006
COORDINATOR, Graduate Student Organization <i>Harvard University, Department of Sociology</i>	2005-2006
NON-RESIDENT TUTOR, Sociology and East Asia <i>Quincy Undergraduate House, Harvard University</i>	2005 to present
MODERATOR AND DISCUSSANT, Open Refereed roundtable on “Liberty and Religion” <i>American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA</i>	AUG. 2005
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, Graduate Student Organization <i>Harvard University, Department of Sociology</i>	2004-2005
RAPPORTEUR, “The Politics of Religion in Contemporary China” Conference <i>Stanford University, Centers for East Asian Studies and Buddhist Studies</i>	April 2004
COORDINATOR, Chinese Language Table <i>DudleyHouse Graduate Center, Harvard University</i>	2002-2005
CONFERENCE ASSISTANT, “7th International Conference on Buddhist Women” <i>Sakyadhita International, Taipei, Taiwan</i>	July 2002