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## **EDUCATION**

- Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion, Ph.D. (2000)
- Harvard University, The Divinity School, M.T.S. (1994)
- Trinity College, Asian Studies, B.A. (1991)

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University, 2016 – Present.
- Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University, 2007-16.
- Assistant Professor Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University 2000-2007.

## **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Seattle University

Theilene Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair in the Humanities, 2016-2018  
Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, 2016 - Present  
Associate Professor, 2007-16  
Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, 2010-2017, Spring 2018.  
Assistant Professor, 2000-2007  
Director, Academic Salons Program, 2009-2011  
Director, Asian Studies Program, 2004-2008  
Affiliated faculty: Asian Studies, International Studies, Women and Gender Studies,  
Film Studies

Religion Section, Association of Asian American Studies  
Co-chair, 2014-2017

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative  
Managing Board co-chair, 2011-Present.

North American Religions section, American Academy of Religion  
Steering committee co-chair, 2012-2016.

Asian North American Religions, Cultures, and Society, Amer. Academy of Religion  
Steering committee member, 2012-2016.

The Mugen Project Web Resource for Study of Buddhism  
Faculty advisory board, 2011-2014

Pew Research Center- Religion & Public Life  
Asian American Religions Faculty Advisory Board, 2011-13

Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University  
Research Consultant, Fall 2006-2010

## BOOKS

- *Occupy This Body: A Buddhist Memoir*. Sumeru Press, 2019.
- *Silver Screen Buddha: Buddhism in Asian and Western Film*. Bloomsbury Press, 2015.
- *Being Buddhist in a Christian World: Gender and Community in a Korean American Temple*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2004.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Suh, Sharon A., “We Interrupt Your Regularly Scheduled Programming to Bring You This Very Important Public Service Announcement . . .”: aka Buddhism as Usual in the Academy,” in Emily McCrae and George Yancy, eds., *Buddhism and Whiteness: Critical Reflections* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019).
- Suh, Sharon A., “Buddhism and Film,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, eds. Richard K. Payne and Georgios Halkias (Oxford University Press, 2018).
- Suh, Sharon., “Buddhist Meditation as Strategic Embodiment: An Optative Reflection” in *Flashpoints for Asian American Studies*, ed. by Cathy Vials-Schlund. (Fordham University Press, 2017).
- Suh, Sharon. A., “Buddhism and Gender” in *Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism*, ed. by Michael Jerryson. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016):635-649.
- Suh, Sharon A., “Buddhism, Rhetoric, and the Korean American Community: The Adjustment of Korean American Buddhists to the United States” in Richard Alba, Albert J. Raboteau, and Josh DeWing, eds., *Immigration in America: Comparative Historical Perspectives*. (New York: New York University Press, 2009):166-190.
- Suh, Sharon A., “Roots/Routes: Transmitting the Buddhadharma across Time and Place: Challenges and Implications for Contemporary Buddhist Women” in *Buddhist Women in a Global Multicultural Community* ed. by Karma Lekshe Tsomo. (Malaysia: Sukhi Hotu Publications, 2008): 3-9.
- Suh, Sharon A., “Asserting Buddhist Selves in a Christian Land: The Maintenance of Religious Identity Among Korean Buddhists in America,” in David K. Yoo and Ruth H. Chung, eds., *Religion and Spirituality in Korean America* ). (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2008): 40-59.
- Gutiérrez, Baldoquín, Hilda Ryūmon, Suh, Sharon, Weisman, Arinna, “Race, Ethnicity, and Class,” in Peter Gregory and Susanne Mrozik, eds., *Women Practicing Buddhism: American Experiences*. (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2007): 141-157.
- bell hooks, Suh, Sharon, and Karma Lekshe Tsomo, “Women Changing Buddhism: Feminist Perspectives,” in Peter Gregory and Susanne Mrozik, eds., *Women Practicing Buddhism: American Experiences* (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2007): 67-90.
- Suh, Sharon A., “To be Buddhist is to be Korean: The Rhetorical Use of Authenticity and the Homeland in the Construction of Post-Immigration Identities,” in Spickard and Iwamura, eds., *Revealing the Sacred in Asian and Pacific America* (Routledge Press 2003):177-191.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Suh, Sharon A., “Women in Asian/Asian North American Religions: Whose Asian/North America? Whose Religion,” in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 31.1, Spring 2015:137-142.
- Iwamura, Jane, Joshi, Khyati, Suh, Sharon, Wong, Janelle, “Reflections on the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life’s *Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths* Data and Report,” in *Amerasia Journal: Asian American Religions in a Globalized World*. Volume 40, Number 1. (2014):1-16.
- Suh, Sharon A., “A Review of Carolyn Chen’s *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*” in *Pastoral Psychology* (19 April 2011):583-592.
- Suh, Sharon A., “Women in American Buddhism: Whose Buddhism, Whose America?” in *Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, Religion and Science*, Volume 13, (FALL/WINTER 2006 Numbers ¾): 247-265.

## REVIEW ESSAYS

- Suh, Sharon A., “Review Essay of Joseph Cheah’s *Race and Religion in American Buddhism: White Supremacy and Immigrant Adaptation* in *Amerasia Journal* (Volume 38/Number 3/2012):164-168.
- Suh, Sharon A., “Book review of Carolyn Chen’s *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*” in *Politics and Religion*. Volume3 / Issue01 / (April 2010):185-188.

## FORTHCOMING

Suh, Sharon A., “Taking Refuge in the Body to Know the Self Anew: Buddhism, Race, and Embodiment,” *Embodying Knowledge: Asian and Asian American Women’s Contributions to Theology and Religious Studies*, ed. by Kwok Pui Lan (Palgrave MacMillan).

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

*Text Writer*- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience exhibit entitled, *Bojagi: Unwrapping Korean American Identities*, opening November 13, 2014 through March 10, 2014. Shaped narrative themes through consultation with community advisory committee and wrote text panels for the exhibit on Korean Americans in the Pacific Northwest

*Text Writer and Curator*- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience exhibit entitled, *Sacred Seattle...* Curated exhibit and wrote text panels for New Dialogues Exhibit on religion and spirituality in the Asian Pacific American communities of the Pacific Northwest. Exhibit ran 9/16/2010 through 3/11/11.

## SELECTED CONFERENCES & INVITED PAPERS

- Nov 2019 “Trauma and Mindfulness: Embodied Healing” presentation at the Compassionate Leadership Summit, University of Washington.
- March 2019 “Buddhism and Whiteness---a Buddhist Feminist Killjoy’s Take,” Religious Studies Symposium, Ohio State University. 3.28.19.

- “Film as Sutra” lecture presentation, Seattle Buddhist Temple, Seattle, WA.3.17.19.
- JUL 2018 Workshop Facilitator, “Mindful Eating-Conscious Living” at the Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative Conference, Claremont School of Theology, July 19, 2018.
- NOV 2017 Panelist, “The Buddhist Killjoy: What’s a Bad Buddhist to Do,” on *Power, Privilege and Identities in American Buddhism* panel, American Academy of Religion.
- JUL 2017 Invited Participant in the 2017 Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Mid-Career Asian/Asian North American Religion and Theology Faculty at the Claremont School of Theology, 7.17.17-7.20.17.
- APR 2017 Panelist, “Interdisciplinary Panel on Asian American Health Practices,” Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Association of Asian American Studies Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- Panelist, “Wellness at Disciplinary Crossroads: Responding to AALR’s \*Open in Emergency: A Special on Asian American Mental Health,” Friday April 14, 2017 at the Association of Asian American Studies Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- Invited lecturer for the Founders Annual Lecture in Comparative Religion and Contemporary Life, April 6, 2017. Theme: Occupy This Body: Buddhist Meditation as Recuperative Strategy.
- Sept 2016 Invited Keynote Speaker, Federation of Western Buddhist Women’s Association annual conference, September 26, 2016.  
Silver Screen Buddha book talk at the Federation of Western Buddhist Women’s Association annual conference, September 26, 2016.
- JULY 2016 Invited Participant in the 2016 Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Mid-Career Asian/Asian North American Religion and Theology Faculty at the Claremont School of Theology, 7.16.16-7.22.16.
- APR 2016 Delivered the Annual Paul Ingram Lecture in Religion, Pacific Lutheran University, April 5, 2016.
- MAR 2016 Invited external reviewer and lecture discussion for Professor Duncan William’s manuscript, A Buried Treasure, University of Southern California Manuscript Review Project, March 11, 2016.
- JAN 2016 Seattle Asian Art Museum Film Introductions and Talk on Korean Buddhist film, Gardner Center for Asian Art and Ideas. 1/24/16 and 1/28/16.
- JAN 2016 Silver Screen Buddha invited book talk at Reed College, February 25, 2016

- APR 2015 "Author Meets Critics Book Panel: *Silver Screen Buddha: Buddhism in Asian and Western Film*." Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.
- MAR 2015 Visioning Retreat Participant and Consultant for the Asian American Center at the Claremont School of Theology, March 20-22, 2015.
- APR 2014 "Reimagining the Pathologization of Female Sexuality as the Eroticization of Attention in Pan Nalin's Buddhist film *Samsara*." Association of Asian American Studies, San Francisco, CA.
- NOV 2013 "Re-Suturing Disrupted Selves: The Use of Koan in Buddhist Film." American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- NOV 2012 "Locating Jane Iwamura's *Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions in American Popular Culture* within Cultural Criticism and Gesturing toward the Future." American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL.
- NOV 2012 "Buddhism, Race, and the Political." 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dharma Academy of North American (DANAM) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- NOV 2012 "Model Minority and Perpetual Foreigner: The more things change, the more they remain the same—Asian Americans and Religious Affiliation." American Academy of Religion, Chicago-IL.
- SEPT 2012 "Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women." *Keynote Speaker and Workshop Facilitator*- The Seattle Buddhist Temple Fall Conference, Seattle Buddhist Church, Nishi Hongwanji-ha and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association, Seattle, WA.
- APR 2012 "Film as Sutra." Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- MAR 2012 Working Conference on Race, Politics, and Religion University of Pennsylvania.
- NOV 2011 "New Euro-American Dharma Protectors: Jodoshinshu in Transition." Association of the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- APR 2011 "Sacred Seattle...: Mapping Religious Identities in the Pacific Northwest." Association of American Geographers Annual Conference Seattle, WA.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture Summer Research Grant

2016-18 Theiline Pigott McCone Endowed Chair in the Humanities  
2016 Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture Summer Research Grant  
2013 Endowed Mission Fund: Religion, Race, and Public Life  
2012 Seattle University Provost's Summer Faculty Fellowship  
2009 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship  
2006 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship  
2005 Seattle University Endowed Mission Fund Grant  
2004 Seattle University College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Scholarship Award  
2003 Faculty Summer Technology Institute  
2002 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship  
2002 Center for the Study of Justice in Society, Seattle University  
2002 Endowed Mission Fund, Seattle University

### **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

2018-Present Seattle University University Rank and Tenure Committee  
2017-Present Bias Prevention and Climate Working Group  
2015-Present Interreligious Dialogue Initiative Committee  
2016-17 Matteo Ricci College Task Force  
2008-2009 Seattle University CAS Rank and Tenure Committee  
2004-2010 Seattle University Premedical and Pre-dental Advisory Board  
2003-2005 Seattle University Core Assessment Group  
2002-2004 Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Events Committee  
2002-2004 Seattle University Asian Studies Program Committee

### **MANUSCRIPT REFEREE**

#### JOURNALS

*Journal of Asian American Studies*

### **MANUSCRIPT REFEREE**

#### ACADEMIC PRESS

Routledge/Taylor & Francis Press  
University of Washington

### **TENURE REFEREE**

Northwestern University  
University of California-Riverside  
Rutgers State-American Studies Department

### **EXTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWER**

Loyola Marymount University- Theological Studies Department

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

Loyola University Maryland, Pastoral Counseling

## **FACULTY MENTOR**

Mentor for junior faculty member through the Louisville Fellowship. September 2018-June 2020.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative  
American Academy of Religion  
Association of Asian American Studies

## **NONPROFIT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Yoga Behind Bars, Seattle, WA. Board of Directors  
Yoga Behind Bars, Seattle, WA. External Affairs Committee  
Korean Women's Association, Tacoma, WA. Board of Trustees.  
Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience, Community Advisory Committee

## **ADDITIONAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

200 hour RYT, Yoga Alliance  
Trauma Informed Yoga for Survivors of Sexual Assault, online training.  
Y4T (Yoga for Trauma) online training.  
Level II Certification, Mindful Eating: Conscious Living, UCSD Center for Mindfulness.  
2-year Jodoshinshu Correspondence Course Certification, Buddhist Churches of America.