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### Special Fields:

Buddhism  
Hinduism

### Education

Ph.D.	1998	Harvard University, Committee for the Study of Religion
M.Div.	1986	Harvard Divinity School
B.A.	1982	Colgate University

### Honors and Fellowships

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1993.  
American Institute of Indian Studies Research Grant, 1993.  
Resident Member of the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions, 9/87-8/89.  
BA: *magna cum laude*, Honors in Religion, Phi Beta Kappa, ranked 12 of 657, 1983.  
Colgate University India and China Study Group Scholarships, 1981.

### Doctoral Dissertation

The Circle of Compassion: An Interpretive Study of Karuṇā in Indian Buddhist Literature

### Areas of Teaching Competence

Buddhist Philosophy, Tibetan Religions, Indian Religions, Hindu Philosophy, Sanskrit, Japanese Religions, Chinese Religions, The Euro-American Encounter with Asian Religion.

### Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Humboldt State University. 2003 to present,  
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Humboldt State University. 1998-2003.  
Faculty Director, Friends World Comparative Religion Program. 1996/97  
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 23 courses. 1984-1996.

### Professional Experience

Chair HSU Religious Studies Department, 2003/04.  
CSU statewide Academic Council for International Programs, [ACIP] 1999 to Spring 2004.  
Chair CSU ACIP Academic & Fiscal Affairs Committee [oversees and develops international programs for the 400,000 students of the CSU System.] 2003/04.  
Co-Director HSU Summer Field Program in Tibet, 2002.  
Chairman HSU International Programs Screening Committee, Spring 1999 to Spring 2004.  
Faculty Director Friends World Comparative Religion Program, 1996/97. [A year long, intensive program in comparative religion conducted in Kyoto, Bangalore, and Jerusalem.]  
Advisor Taishō University Hōnen Research Project, 1994-97.  
Associate Director Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum, 1989/90, 91/92.

## Research Travel

India:	8/82-12/82,	Colgate Study Group, University of Madras.
China:	1/83-2/83,	Colgate Study Group.
Pakistan:	1/89-3/89,	Archaeological tour of ancient Buddhist sites.
India:	10/93-9/94,	U. Madras and Library Tibetan Works Archives, Dharamsala.
Sri Lanka:	2/93,	Independent travel.
Nepal:	5/93,	Independent travel;
Japan:	2/95-3/95,	Taishō University;
Japan:	9/96-11/96,	Kyoto, as program director.
India:	1/97-3/97	Bangalore, as program director
Nepal:	3/97,	Kathmandu, as program director
Israel:	3/97-5/97,	Jerusalem, as program director.
Tibet:	6/02-8/02,	Gyalthang to Lhasa, Lhasa to Repkong as program director.
India:	12/04-11/05	Central Institute Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath; LTWA, Dharamsala.

## Talks & Publications

"Do Bodhisattvas Relieve Poverty?: The Distinction Between Economic and Spiritual Development and Their Interrelation in Indian Buddhist Texts, in *Action Dharma: New Studies in Engaged Buddhism*," ed. Chris Queen, RutledgeCurzon, Critical Studies in Buddhism, 2003.

"Popcorn for *Prasādam*: Contemporary Cinema as a Ritual Space for Penetrating Maya," 2002 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Toronto, 11/25/02

"Beyond Nirvāṇa," *Journal of Vaiṣṇava Studies*. Volume 10, Number 2, Spring 2002, a Felicitation Volume in Honor of Professor John Braisted Carman.

"Continuity and Contrast in Indian Buddhist Medical Metaphor and Practice," 2001 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Denver.

"Compassion and Ethical Nihilism: The Problem of the Ontological Referent of Compassion in Indian Buddhism" University of Wisconsin Conference on Religion in South Asia, Oct. 18-21, 2001, Madison Wisconsin.

"Black Ships, Blavatsky, and the Pizza Effect: Critical Self Consciousness as a Thematic Foundation," in *Teaching Buddhism in the West: From the Wheel to the Web*, Curzon Press, ed., Victor Hori, 2002.

"Two Oceans of Compassion: Parallels and Reciprocal Appropriations in Śrīvaiṣṇava and Indian Buddhist Conceptions of Compassion," Conference on Religion in South India, Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, (June 17, 2001).

*Compassionate Violence in Indian Buddhist Literature*, 2000 AAR Annual Meeting.

*Problems in the Interpretation of Buddhist Compassion*, Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum, Harvard University, 4/12/99.

*The Problem of Compassion and Emptiness in Indian Buddhist Literature*, 1995 AAR Annual Meeting

**Research Languages:** Tibetan, Sanskrit, Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit, Pāli, French, German.

## References

Jay Garfield (Smith College)

Donna Schafer (Humboldt State University)