

## BLAYNE HARCEY

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### EDUCATION

Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies <b>Ph.D. Religions of Asia</b>	<b>Doctoral Candidate</b>
Iliff School of Theology <b>M.A. Comparative Religion</b> Thesis: <i>"Relics, Traces, and Indexes: The Politics of Territory and the Construction of Memory in Encounter at Adam's Peak"</i>	<b>2016</b>
Colorado State University <b>B.A. Philosophy, Certificate in Religious Studies</b> Areas of Concentration: Philosophy of Religion, Buddhist Philosophy	<b>2010</b>

### RESEARCH FUNDING

FLAS Fellow, Dissertation Research - Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University	<b>2021-22</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Fall 2021</b>
Friends of the Center Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, ASU	<b>Summer 2021</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Spring 2021</b>
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellow	<b>2020-21 (Deferred 2022)</b>
FLAS Fellow, Dissertation Research - Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University	<b>2020-21</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Spring 2020</b>
FLAS Fellow, Advanced Nepali - Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University	<b>2019-20</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Grant	<b>Fall 2019</b>
FLAS Fellow, Intermediate Nepali - Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University	<b>Summer 2019</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Spring 2019</b>
FLAS Fellow, Intermediate Sanskrit - Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University	<b>2018-19</b>
FLAS Fellow, Beginning Nepali - South Asian Program, Cornell University	<b>Summer 2018</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Spring 2018</b>
Arizona State University Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>Fall 2017</b>

### PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

#### REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

"Restoring Lumbini: Theravāda Buddhism and Heritage on the Nepal Frontier" (Under Review)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS AND NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

"Multiple Trajectories in the Study of Buddhism, Pedagogical Reflections on John Strong's *Buddhisms: An Introduction*" *Religious Studies Review* 47, no. 1. Special Pedagogy Section "On Pedagogy: using Buddhist Textbooks in the Classroom." 2021.

#### REVIEWS

William M. Gorvine. *Envisioning a Tibetan Luminary: The Life of a Modern Bönpo Saint*. *Religious Studies Review* 45, no. 3 (2019): 408-9.

Thomas N. Patton. *The Buddha's Wizards: Magic, Protection, and Healing in Burmese Buddhism*. *Religious Studies Review* 45, no. 2 (2019): 250.

Daniel Veidlinger. From Indra's Net to Internet: Communication, Technology, and the Evolution of Buddhist Ideas. *Religious Studies Review* 45, no. 2 (2019): 249.

## TEACHING

### GUEST LECTURER

- "Reclaiming the Buddhist 'Holy Land': The Materialization of Buddhism in Modernity" **Oct. 2, 2019**  
(e-lecture) Department of Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University
- "Pilgrimage, Commodification, and UNESCO: Case Studies from Across Asia" **March 12, 2019**  
(e-lecture) Department of Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University
- "Encountering Pilgrimage at UNESCO World Heritage Sites in South and Southeast Asia" (e-lecture) Department of Philosophy and Religion, Western Kentucky University **Sept. 11, 2018**

### PROFESSOR OF RECORD

- REL 351- Buddhism (Arizona State University) **Summer 2021**  
REL 201- Religion and the Modern World (Arizona State University) **Spring 2021**  
REL 100- Religions of the World (Arizona State University) **Fall 2020**  
REL 351- Buddhism (Arizona State University) **Summer 2020**  
REL 207- Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (Arizona State University) **Spring 2020**  
REL 207- Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (Arizona State University) **Fall 2019**  
REL 351- Buddhism (Arizona State University) **Summer 2019**

### GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

- REL 100- Religions of the World **Spring 2019, Fall 2018**  
REL 101- Religion, Culture, Public Life **Spring 2018**  
REL 202- Religion and Popular Culture **Spring 2018**  
REL 320- American Religious Traditions **Spring 2017, Fall 2018**  
REL 321- Religion in America **Fall 2017**  
REL 351- Buddhism **Fall 2017**

### PUBLIC LECTURES

- "Sacred Geography: Reclaiming the Buddha's Birthplace in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," **May 23, 2021**  
Lumbini in Motion Series, The Lumbini Museum
- "Locating Lumbinī: Theravāda and Modernity on the Frontier of Nepal," **March 5, 2021**  
Graduate Research Seminar, Center for Asian Research ASU

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "The Rise of Lumbinī: Theravāda and Modernity on the Frontier of Nepal" **March 2020**  
[Selected for presentation to the Association for Asian Studies general conference, Boston, MA]
- "A Coalition for World Peace: Buddhist Ecumenicism, Landscape, and Ideology" **Nov. 2019**  
[Presented to the "Space, Place, and Religion" section at the American Academy of Religion general conference, San Diego, CA]
- "Manufacturing the Birthplace of the Buddha: U Thant and the Dream of a Pan-Buddhist Pilgrimage Centre" [Presented at the **March 2019**

Association for Asian Studies general conference, Denver, CO]

*"The Search for Buddhist Origins: Constructing Lineage at Lumbini, Nepal"* **Nov. 2017**  
[Presented to the "New Work in Buddhist Studies" section  
at the American Academy of Religion general conference, Boston, MA]

*"The Search for Buddhist Origins: Constructing Lineage at Lumbini, Nepal"* **March 2017**  
[Presented at the American Academy of Religion Rocky Mountain-Great  
Plains regional conference, Boulder, CO]

*"Relics, Traces, and Indexes: The Politics of Territory and the Construction  
of Memory in Encounter at Adam's Peak"* **Nov. 2016**  
[Presented to the  
"Space, Place and Religion: Mountaineering Religion in Asia & Beyond" section at  
the American Academy of Religion general conference, San Antonio, TX]

*"Moments of Mercy: A Buddhist Commitment to Compassion and Social Justice"* **April 2016**  
[Presented at Forum "East to West-A Catholic/Buddhist Dialogue in the Year of Mercy"  
Regis University, Denver, CO]

*"Relics, Traces, and Indexes: The Politics of Territory and the Construction  
of Memory in Encounter at Adam's Peak"* **March 2016**  
[Presented at the American  
Academy of Religion Rocky Mountain-Great Plains regional conference, Denver, CO]

*"Mapping Interpretive Borders: The Indian Commentarial Tradition and the Rise  
of Mahāyāna"* **Nov. 2014**  
[Presented to the "Buddhism Beyond Borders" section of the  
American Academy of Religion general conference, San Diego, CA]

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Excellence Award, Arizona State University	<b>2020-21</b>
Distinguished Student Leader, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ASU	<b>2020-21</b>
Distinguished Student Leader, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ASU	<b>2018-19</b>
Outstanding Achievement in the M.A. Program, Iliff School of Theology	<b>2015-16</b>
Outstanding Achievement in the M.A. Program, Iliff School of Theology	<b>2014-15</b>
Outstanding Achievement in the M.A. Program, Iliff School of Theology	<b>2013-14</b>

#### MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion  
Theravada Buddhist Civilizations  
Association for Asian Studies  
Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

#### SERVICE

Graduate Student Association Religious Studies, President	<b>2019-20</b>
ASU Graduate Professional Student Association, Travel Grant Reviewer	<b>2019-20</b>
Graduate Student Association Religious Studies, Vice President	<b>2018-19</b>
ASU Graduate Professional Student Association, Travel Grant Reviewer	<b>2018-19</b>
Religious Studies Review, Sub-editor, Reviewer	<b>2018-19</b>
Oxford University Press Pakistan, Manuscript Reviewer	
Journal of Religion, Media, and Digital Culture, Manuscript Reviewer	

#### LANGUAGES

Sanskrit: reading and writing proficiency

Nepali: speaking, reading, and writing proficiency