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Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Religious Studies

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Buddhist Philosophy: RELIGST 116 (Win)
- Buddhist Tantra: RELIGST 153 (Aut)
- Mantras, Meditations, and Spiritual Bodies: Healing in Tantric Traditions: RELIGST 151 (Win)
- Readings in Tibetan Literature: RELIGST 250, RELIGST 350 (Aut)

2023-24

- Buddhism and Medicine: RELIGST 103 (Aut)
- Ritual and the Senses in Asian Religions: RELIGST 224, RELIGST 324 (Win)
- Translating Religion: RELIGST 210, RELIGST 310 (Win)

2022-23

- Buddha's Brain and the New Science of Mind: RELIGST 14N (Aut)
- Buddhist Philosophy: RELIGST 116 (Win)
- Readings in Tibetan Literature: RELIGST 250, RELIGST 350 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

David Monteserin Narayana

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Palchen Gyal, Julia Hirsch, Oriane Lavole

Master's Program Advisor

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Changing Bodies Seven Times: Padampa Sangyé's Pacifying Tradition and the Birth of the Mani Pill** *REVUE D ETUDES TIBETAINES*
Gentry, J.
2023: 69-153
- **"May it Meet with a Karmically Destined Mahakaru?ika Yogin!"-Ratna Lingpa's Renewal of the Mani-Pill Tradition in Fifteenth Century Tibet(1)** *REVUE D ETUDES TIBETAINES*
Gentry, J.
2023: 94-229
- **THE BUDDHIST BODY IN A PILL Notes Towards a Material History of Tantra in Tibet** *ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF RELIGION AND THE BODY*
Gentry, J.
edited by Greenberg, Y. K., Pati, G.
2023: 320-332
- **Why Did the Cannibal King Fly? Tantric Transformations of an Indian Narrative** *REVUE D ETUDES TIBETAINES*
Gentry, J.
2022: 84-135
- **Arguing over the Buddhist Pedigree of Tibetan Medicine: A Case Study of Empirical Observation and Traditional Learning in 16th-and 17th-Century Tibet** *RELIGIONS*
Gentry, J.
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