

POSITION: Buddhism, St. Olaf College

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St. Olaf College, Religion and Asian Studies

Buddhism Tenure Track 2021

Institution Type: [College / University](#)
Location: [Minnesota, United States](#)
Position: [Assistant Professor](#)

The Departments of Religion and Asian Studies at St. Olaf College invite applications for a position in Buddhism with a focus on East Asian religious traditions beginning August 2021. This is a full time tenure-track position, jointly appointed to the Religion and Asian Studies Departments, expected at the assistant professor rank. The successful applicant should be committed to interdisciplinary teaching in the liberal arts and conducting research on Buddhism with a focus on East Asia. Specialists in China, Japan or Korea are welcome.

St. Olaf's Religion and Asian Studies Departments are particularly interested in applicants who can and will advance the College's goals for diversity and inclusion. We request that in the letter of application and other materials, candidates address their potential to contribute to the St. Olaf community that maintains a diversity of people and perspectives as one of its core values. We strongly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented groups in accordance with our [equity goals](#).

Position Description:

Regular teaching responsibilities include courses in Buddhism and East Asian religious traditions that critically interpret and understand religious life through texts, symbols, and practices at all levels from introductory to general education and capstone courses. Examples include national and transnational surveys, topical seminars, and interdisciplinary courses, such as [Asian Conversations](#). In addition to expertise in Buddhism and East Asian religious traditions, we welcome candidates with interests in fields such as comparative religious thought, interreligious dialogue, race and ethnic studies or gender studies. A commitment to experiential learning through study abroad, internships,

and undergraduate student research projects is highly desirable. The normal teaching load is six courses a year divided between the two departments.

Applicants are expected to have completed a Ph.D. by September 1, 2021. The successful candidate will possess a high degree of fluency in Chinese, Japanese and/or Korean. Applicants must submit materials online at <https://stolaf.hiretouch.com/facultypostings>

A complete application includes:

- cover letter outlining your qualifications;
- current curriculum vitae;
- short statement (1 page) describing your approach to teaching;
- short statement (1 page) describing your research agenda;
- writing sample (dissertation chapter or scholarly article);
- unofficial graduate school transcripts;
- the names and email contact information of three professional references who can speak to your abilities in classroom teaching and scholarship. St. Olaf College solicits letters directly.

More information about the Religion and Asian Studies Departments can be found at <https://wp.stolaf.edu/religion/> and <http://wp.stolaf.edu/asianstudies/>.

Founded in 1874, St. Olaf College is a residential, coeducational liberal arts college with approximately 3,000 students and 800 faculty and staff employees. It is located in Northfield, Minnesota, about 45 minutes from Minneapolis and St. Paul with their rich and diverse cultural resources. The college offers an academically rigorous, nationally ranked liberal arts education that fosters the development of the whole person in mind, body, and spirit and emphasizes a global perspective.

A liberal arts college of the Lutheran Church (ELCA), St. Olaf College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and actively seeks diversity in students, faculty, and staff. The college is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity of our community through their teaching, research, and/or service.

To provide a safe and secure educational environment, St. Olaf College verifies the accuracy of all credentials presented by applicants and conducts a criminal background check on every new hire.

St. Olaf College is an equal employment opportunity and voluntary affirmative action employer. The College is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our community. With regard to its hiring and employment practices, the College prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment based upon an individual's legally protected status including race, color, creed, national origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, or status with regard to public assistance.

Application review will begin on February 15, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled.

Questions about the position, department, or college may be directed to: Prof. Greg Walter, chair of the Dept of Religion or Prof. Ka Wong, member of the Dept of Asian Studies

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