



The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholars

Position Title:	Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholar
Organization:	Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library, University of California, Los Angeles
Location:	Los Angeles, CA
Remote work:	Onsite work during the fall, winter, and spring quarters Option of remote work from mid-June to mid-September
Start date:	September 2023

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

With a core collection of early scrolls, manuscripts, sūtras, and printed books in a variety of languages and formats alongside new acquisitions of modern, multi-media archives documenting the arrival to and building of Buddhist traditions on the west coast of the United States, the UCLA Library holds one of the world's best Buddhist Studies collections outside of Asia. However, this collection is little known and the UCLA Library lacks the capacity and expertise to better enable it for public and scholarly use. Working within the Richard C Rudolph East Asian Library (EAL) and in cooperation with the Center for Buddhist Studies at UCLA, the Buddhism Public Scholar will lead the effort to explore, interpret, and document the EAL's remarkable collection in order to make it more accessible to teachers, students, Buddhist congregations, and members of the public.

WEBSITE

<https://www.library.ucla.edu/location/east-asian-library-richard-c-rudolph>

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Support Instruction & Outreach

- Partner with UCLA Library Instructional Teams to support the teaching of Buddhist studies courses through the collection
- Create teaching guide for the archives of Buddhism in Los Angeles
- Work with the Center for Buddhist Studies on raising awareness about the collection through public-facing events and platforms such as blog posts, social media campaigns, colloquia, or workshops that engage relevant communities in Southern California
- Collaborate with UCLA Library and Los Angeles community partners and stakeholders to advertise the collection for scholarly and community use.

Research & Document

- Research and document the uncatalogued and undescribed parts of the Buddhist Studies collection held by the EAL
- Present findings to the East Asian studies communities on and off the UCLA Campus
- Compile a comprehensive annotated bibliography for Buddhist Studies collection including rare and unique holdings
- Identify Buddhist Studies materials for preservation and conservation
- Perform other duties as assigned

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REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences
- Expertise and academic training in Buddhist knowledge and traditions
- Advanced reading ability in *either* the Japanese or Chinese language, classical and modern forms.
- Some experience in undergraduate course instruction

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced reading ability in *both* the Japanese and Chinese language, classical and modern forms.
- Able to identify Tibetan-language materials and work with UCLA faculty for further analysis
- Some experience in working with archival materials
- Some experience in organizing seminars or conferences

SUPERVISOR:

The scholar will report to Su Chen (suchen11@library.ucla.edu), Head of the Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library, Distinctive Collections, UCLA Library

MENTOR:

Dr. Stephanie Balkwill (balkwill@humnet.ucla.edu), Associate Director of the Center for Buddhist Studies, Assistant Professor of Chinese Buddhism, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, UCLA

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