

SBCS Board Meeting Sheraton Downtown-Director's Row H, Friday, November 18

Zoom Record

9:00 - 12:00 Morning Session

9:00 - 9:15 Mark Unno: President's remarks, Welcome new Board Members
9:15 - 9:50 Intl Advisors Reports: Elizabeth Harris & Kunihiko Terasawa
9:50 -10:20 Carolyn Medine: Program Rep./Discuss: SBCS-AAR 2022 & 2023
10:20 -10:45 John Sheveland: Treasurer's and Membership Report
10:45 -11:05 Sandy Kunz: Board Membership Report
11:05 -11:20 Break
11:20 -11:35 Vote on New Board Members
11:35 -12:00 Leo Lefebure: ICCGC & other activities Report
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 3:30 Afternoon Session

1:00 - 1:25 Kristin Largen, Thomas Cattoi: Journal Report
1:25 - 1:40 Peter Feldmeier: Streng Book Award Report
1:40 - 2:00 John Becker: Newsletter Report
2:00 - 2:15 Jason VonWachenfeldt: Book Review Report
2:15 - 2:30 Break
2:30 - 3:00 Jonathan Seitz, Chera Jo Watts, Alaina Keller:
Social Media Website
3:00 - 3:20 Discussion: Requirements for Board Members -
Travel and Zoom in the wake of the pandemic
John Sheveland rotating off as Treasurer
3:20 - 3:30 Group Photo

Dr. Elizabeth Tyler is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at McDaniel College. She received her Ph.d. from the University of Oregon in 2014 and specializes in East Asian philosophy and 20th century Continental philosophy with a special interest in feminist philosophy and philosophical psychology. My research focuses on relational models of the self.

My recent research projects include: 1) how relational theories of the self and an investigation of historical discourses of femininity can shed light on the phenomenon of intimate partner violence, 2) how the first person experience of PTSD can be illuminated by employing concepts from Buddhist philosophy, and 3) how women's internalized perceptions of bodily weakness – at least when it comes to comparisons with men – affect women's overall feelings of autonomy and competence. Her recent publications include: *The Logic of Ambiguity: A Buddhist Perspective on the Experience of Time in PTSD*, ed. John Pauley (February 2020) and "Reading Nishida through Shinran: Absolute Nothingness, Other Power, and Religious Consciousness," *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*, ed. Gereon Kopf, 2, (2016).

Rev. Dr. Grace Song is Department Chair of Won Buddhist Studies at the Won Institute of Graduate Studies. She received her Ph.D. in Won Buddhist Studies from Wonkwang University in 2018 and holds a Master's Degree in East Asian Philosophy from Seoul National University (2011). She writes and lectures on a wide range of topics dealing with contemporary Buddhist practice such as Mindful Journaling and Deep Listening, Deep Hearing in Asian and Western contexts. She is a frequent contributor to such Buddhist journals as *Tricycle* and Buddhist sites such as Buddhistdoor.net. Her writings include the "Threefold Practice of Won Buddhism," *Tricycle* (June 2021), "The Power of Mindful Journaling," *Tricycle* (January 2022), and "Deep Listening as a Way to Create Spaces of Belonging," Buddhistdoor.net (March 2022).

Dr. Jason VonWachenfeldt is the Assistant Dean of Faculty at The Lawrenceville School (Lawrenceville, NJ). He has been there since 2014, where he has also served as co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and Chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department. He still teaches in the Religion and Philosophy department on subjects ranging from Introduction to Religious Studies to various courses in global ethics, western philosophies, and Tibetan Buddhist philosophies. In 2021 he published his first book *Religious Epistemology Through Schillebeeckx and Tibetan Buddhism* (T&T Clark), which examines the influence of modernism on the religious epistemologies of the Catholic theologian Edward Schillebeeckx and the Tibetan Buddhist philosopher Gendun Chopel as a source for comparative interreligious and philosophical understanding.

Dr. Anh Tran is Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology and Director of the Asia Project at the Graduate Theological Union. He received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in 2011. He not only works in interreligious dialogue but also in cross-cultural theology, missiology, Christology, Asian theology and other related fields. His publications include "Gods, Heroes, and Ancestors: An Interreligious Encounter in Eighteenth-Century Vietnam, Oxford University Press, 2017," "Experience Seeking Faith: From Theology of Religions to Interreligious Theology," in *Christian Mission, Contextual Theology, Prophetic Dialogue: Essays in Honor of Stephen B. Bevans*, ed. Dave Irvin and Peter Phan (Orbis Books, November 2018), and "Jesus Beyond the West: Christological Conversations in World Christianity" in Jonathan Y. Tan and Anh Q Tran, eds., *World Christianity and Global Theologizing: Perspectives and Insights* (Orbis Books, 2016), 182-203.

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Becoming Buddhist; Becoming Christian: Religious Formation in a Buddhist Christian Context

Dr. Carolyn Chen, is a faculty member in the Dept of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley. She specializes in Asian American Religion, Ethnicity, Immigration, and Sociology of Work.

At UC Berkeley, Professor Chen is Co-Director of the Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, a member of the Center for Chinese Studies, and the Religious Diversity Cluster at the Othering and Belonging Institute, and an affiliate in the Department of Sociology. She is author of *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience* (Princeton 2008) and co-editor of *Sustaining Faith Traditions: Race, Ethnicity and Religion among the Latino and Asian-American Second Generation* (NYU 2012).

Dr. Alison Marshall, Brandon University

Dr. Alison R. Marshall teaches and researches Chinese Canadian history, religion and culture, and Asian migration at Brandon University. Professor Marshall is the author of three monographs in the field of Asian religion and history including *The Way of the Bachelor: Early Chinese Settlement in Manitoba* (2011) Winner of the 2015 Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Book Prize and the Manitoba Day Award, Her third book, *Bayanihan and Belonging: Filipinos and Religion in Canada* (University of Toronto Press) written in 2018, examines the history and cultures of migrants from the Philippines from 1880 to 2017.

Dr. Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia (Peter Pham)

Dr. CAROLYN MEDINE is the inaugural All Shall Be Well Professor in Religion and the Director of the Institute for African American Studies, and Vice President of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies. She will be presenting a paper by Professor Peter C. Phan who is the inaugural holder of the Ignacio Ellacuria Chair of Catholic Social Thought in the Georgetown University Department of Theology and Religious Studies and a faculty fellow at the Berkley Center. His research deals with the theology of icons in Orthodox theology, patristic theology, eschatology, the history of Christian missions in Asia, and liberation, inculturation, and interreligious dialogue. He is the first non-Anglo to be elected president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and president of the American Theological Society. In 2010 he received the John Courtney Murray Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Catholic Theological Society of America for outstanding achievement in theology.