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CURRICULUM VITAE

William P. and Ruth Gerberding University Professor Emeritus, University of  
Washington Professor of Asian Languages (Sanskrit) Emeritus, University of  
Washington  
Director, University of Washington Early Buddhist Manuscripts Project

Fields of research

Sanskrit and Middle Indo-Aryan (Prakrit) language and literature; Gandhāran studies and  
Gāndhārī language and literature; Indian epigraphy and paleography; Buddhist Sanskrit  
and Middle Indo-Aryan languages and texts; Sanskrit poetry (*kāvya*); ancient Indian  
history; world history of writing.

Languages

Primary source languages: Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali, Gāndhārī  
Research and reference languages: German, French, Hindi, Bengali/Bangla, Hebrew  
(reading and speaking knowledge); Latin, Russian (reading knowledge); Classical  
Chinese, Tibetan (limited reading knowledge)

Degrees

B.A. in Oriental Studies (minor in religion), Columbia University, June 1970.  
Ph.D., Sanskrit, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Oriental Studies, 1975.  
Dissertation: "The Sāmānya-praghaṭṭaka of Nārāyaṇa Bhaṭṭa's *Tristhālī-setu*: Critical  
Edition and Translation." Advisor: Prof. Ludo Rocher.

Academic positions

Lecturer, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 1975-6.  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of  
Washington, 1978-79.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of South Asian Studies, University of Minnesota,  
1979-80.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of  
Washington, 1981-85; Associate Professor, 1985-92; Professor, 1992-2018; Professor  
Emeritus, 2018- .

Other positions

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1988-89.  
Visiting Professor, International College for Advanced Buddhist Studies, Tokyo, June-July  
1998.  
Byron and Alice L. Lockwood Professor of the Humanities, University of Washington,  
2000-03.  
Visiting Lecturer, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, October 2002 and March  
2007.  
Visiting Scholar, International Research Institute for Advanced Buddhology, Hachioji,  
2006 and 2008.  
Radhakrishnan Lecturer, Oxford University, February 2007.

University Buddhist Fund lecturer, University of Sydney, September-October 2016.  
Khyentse Foundation Visiting Professor, Chulalongkorn University, January-February 2020.

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2021).

Research grants and administrative positions (partial list)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Individual Research, 1986-87.

John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 1986-87.

Saionji Foreign Area Studies Professorial Award, University of Washington, 1993-94.

University of Washington Royalty Research Fellowship and Professorship, 1995-96.

Henry Luce Foundation, Theology Program research grant, 1999-2002.

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Project grants, 1999-2002, 2002-05, 2005-08, 2008-11, 2011-14.

National Endowment for the Humanities Reference Materials grant, 2007-09.

President, American Oriental Society, 2014-15.

Vice-President, International Association of Buddhist Studies, 2012-15.

President, International Association of Buddhist Studies, 2016-19.

Research publications

Summary: 8 books, 150 + articles, 75 book reviews, etc. (See separate list of publications.)