

Ziling Wan 萬子菱, PhD Candidate

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Education

- PhD Department of East Asian Studies, The University of Arizona 2019-present**
- PhD advisor: Dr. Jiang Wu (Buddhism)
 - Dissertation: “Writing Miracle Tales in Late Imperial China: Chan Master Huishan Jiexian’s (1610-1672) Representation of the Supernatural World”
 - Major Fields: Chinese history and religion, Buddhist miracle stories, digital humanities, Buddhist archives
 - Minor advisors: Dr. Dian Li (Literary theory and translation), Dr. Chris Lukinbeal (Geographic Information Systems Technology)
- MS Geographic Information Systems Technology, The University of Arizona 2021-present**
- Obtained a PGIST (Professional Geographic Information Systems Technology Certificate) in 2023
 - Selected Outstanding Courses (GPA 4.0):
 - Vector Spatial Analysis
 - Web GIS
 - Geographic Information Systems Programming and Automation (Python)
- MA Department of Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University 2014-2017**
- MA thesis: “A Study of the Recorded Sayings of Chan Masters Nanquan, Zihu and Changsha.”
 - Selected Outstanding Courses (over 90%):
 - Catalogue and Canonization of Buddhist Texts
 - Historical Sources and Methods in Religion
 - Buddhist Philology
- BA Department of Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University 2009-2013**

Honor and Awards

- Translation Project Grant from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) America 2025
(Collaborative project: [Digitization of Translation Notes of Rinzai Roku](#))
- Khyentse Foundation PhD Scholarship 2024-2025
- Young Scholar Award/ Scholarship for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Chinese Studies from China Times Cultural Foundation 2024
- Taiwan National Science and Technology Council Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (declined the offer) 2024-2025
- Khyentse Foundation Buddhist Studies Doctoral Fellowship 2024-2025
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Dissertation Fellowships for ROC Students Abroad 2024-2025
- Lingyin Buddhist Studies Best Paper Award 2022
- American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) Travel Grant 2021
- University of Arizona Graduate & Professional Student Council Travel Grant 2021
- Chan Master Ruxue Buddhist Culture Scholarship for Doctoral Dissertations and Master Theses 2017

Academic Work Experience

Assistant Editor. *Encyclopedia of Hangzhou Buddhist Culture*. Brill, forthcoming in 2025.

- Contributing about 30 entries.
- Editing style and convention, bibliography, and checking sources.
- Coordinating the submission and revision of contributors' entries.

Archival Manager and Project Coordinator. Collaborative Project: “Digitization of Translation Notes of *Rinzai Roku* ([website](#)),” 2023-present

- Managing archives, creating metadata, and developing website.
- Coordinating project meetings and digitizing training session.
- Writing grant proposal. Recently received grant from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) America for archival digitization in 2025.

Graduate Assistant Program Coordinator. Center for Buddhist Studies, The University of Arizona, 2022-present

- Coordinating academic events of 3 international conferences and 14 lectures
- Managing [website](#), social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X/Twitter](#)), backstage statistics and marketing platform (Mailchimp)
- Editing newsletters and designing graphics of posters and social media posts
- Holding hybrid events (in-person/Zoom) and setting up equipment

Data Research Assistant. Center for Buddhist Studies, The University of Arizona, 2019-2023

- Collected and digitized historical sources; created map visualizations (Eg. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)) and analyzed geospatial data via ArcGIS Pro
- Managed digital map archives for Regional Religious Systems (rrs.arizona.edu) (2023)
- Collected Buddhist temple data (couplets, calligraphies, texts) at Kyoto, Japan. Data is available on [Frogbear Database of Religious Sites in East Asia](#) (Summer 2023)
- Gathered aerial photo for Taiwan and Hangzhou for geospatial data and mapping at the WWII archive, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (Summer 2022)
- Collected archival data of historical rare book, manuscript, inscriptions at Archive of the Library of Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (Summer 2022)
- Gathered data for [Storymap of Hangzhou Buddhism](#) (2019)

Project Coordinator. Language Education Center, Fo Guang University 2017-2018

- Managed and coordinated 4 English and Chinese Language Learning Projects, cooperated with the Ministry of Education in Taiwan. Designed a classroom by simulating real-world scenario for English learning (see [online news](#))
- Coordinated over 25 language and cultural events (summer camps, lectures, and field trips)

Research Assistant. Center for Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University 2015-2016

- Digitalized and catalogued archives of Buddhist scriptural rare texts under the project of “Rare Buddhist Manuscripts from the Ming and Qing Dynasties”

- Coordinated academic event of “Workshop and Forum on East Asian Buddhism and Texts”
- Proofread the *Fo Guang Journal of Buddhist Studies*
- Assisted with the grant annual reports sent to Taiwan National Science and Technology Council

Publications

Liu, Jeffrey and **Ziling Wan** trans. *Mindfulness for Self-Healing: Breaking away from the mental approach of Chinese and Western medical practitioners*. Original in Chinese. Julia Xu 許瑞云, Xianan Zheng 鄭先安. *Xinnian ziyuli: tupo Zhongyi Xiyi de xinlaiofa* 心念自癒力: 突破中醫、西醫的心療法. Taipei: Tianxia wenhua 天下文化, 2020. Translating.

Jiang Wu ed., Albert Welter, Jeffrey Liu, co-ed., **Ziling Wan** (assistant editor). *Encyclopedia of Hangzhou Buddhist Culture*. Brill, forthcoming in 2025.

Liu, Jeffrey and **Wan, Ziling**. “The Making of a Sacred Landscape: Visualizing Hangzhou Buddhist Culture via Geoparsing a Local Gazetteer the *Xianchun Lin’an zhi* 咸淳臨安志.” In George Hong ed., *Digital and Spatial Studies of Religions*, 2023, pp. 75-92.

Ziling Wan edited and trans.. “An interview with American art historian Dr. Patricia Graham 美國藝術史家派翠西亞·格拉罕博士座談錄.” *Journal of Studies on Fujianese Entrepreneurs Culture Supplement* 閩商文化研究, Special Issue: Huangbo (Ōbaku) Studies 黃檗學特刊 (2023): 145-153.

Liu, Jeffrey and **Ziling Wan**. “The Making of a Sacred Landscape: Visualizing Hangzhou Buddhist Culture via Geoparsing a Local Gazetteer the *Xianchun Lin’an zhi* 咸淳臨安志.” *Religions* 13. 8 (2022): 711. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13080711>.

Miao Guang ed., **Ziling Wan** (one of volunteer editors). *The Glossary of Humanistic Buddhism* 中英人間佛教詞彙選, Taiwan: Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism, 2019.

Charles Jones 周文廣. **Ziling Wan**, Xiumei Zeng trans. “Taixu yu renjianjintu zuixin zhi pingshu 太虛與人間淨土最新研究之評述.” Miaofan 妙凡, Menghua Tsai 蔡孟樺 ed., *Humanistic Buddhism: Journal, Arts, and Culture* 人間佛教學報·藝文 20 (2019): 18-27. Kaohsiung: Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism.

Ziling Wan. “A Study of the Recorded Sayings of Chan Masters Nanquan, Zihu and Changsha.” MA Thesis. Fo Guang University, 2017.

Ziling Wan. A Dialogue Between Buddhism and Science: The Influences upon Buddhist Dissemination.” BA Thesis. Fo Guang University, 2014.

Invited Talk

“Pursuing a PhD in Buddhist Studies in the U.S.: A Young Scholar’s Journey” Fo Guang University, Department of Buddhist Studies **June 2024**

“Geo-visualization, Geo-Parsing, and Index Measurement in the Study of Regional Religious Systems.” Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (ECAI) Workshop. **Sep. 2022**

Conference Presentations

“The Making of a Sacred Landscape: Visualizing Hangzhou Buddhist Culture via Geoparsing a Local Gazetteer the *Xianchun Lin'an zhi* 咸淳臨安志.” 64th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS), Denver.

Oct. 7-9, 2023

“The Making of a Sacred Landscape: Visualizing Hangzhou Buddhist Culture via Geoparsing a Local Gazetteer the *Xianchun Lin'an zhi* 咸淳臨安志.” Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) Annual Conference, The University of Arizona.

Sep. 16-18, 2022

“Mapping Spatial Pattern of Water God Cults and Market Towns in a Locality: A Case Study of the Qing Dynasty Hangzhou Region.” (See [poster](#)) Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) Annual Conference, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Sep. 27-29, 2021

Teaching Experience

Department of East Asian Studies/Department of Religious Studies **2019-2021**

- East Asia and Global Capitalism (EAS 444/544)
- The World of Buddhism (EAS 160)
- Gods, Goddesses, and Demons: Divinity in South Asia (RELI 160)
- Yoga (RELI 367)
- Religion and Film (RELI 227)
- Religion in American Experience (RELI 220)
- Zen/Chan Buddhism (RELI/EAS 222)

Department of Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University **2015-2017**

- History of Chinese Buddhism
- Capstone Project

Center for Humanistic Buddhism, Nanjing University **2014**

- The Second Workshop on Chinese Buddhism for Junior Researchers

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer. Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary, Tucson.

- event promotion and assistance, cleansing cat living place

2024-present

Volunteered conference/lecture assistant. Center for Buddhist Studies, The University of Arizona

- “Jiangnan Buddhist Traditions in Context: The Early Modern Period” (Online) **2021**

- Lingyin/Puyin Lecture Series

2019 -2021

Volunteered Translator and Editor. Center for International Affairs, Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism

Aug. - Sep. 2018

- translated English academic articles into Chinese

- Volunteer Editor. Miao Guang (ed.) 2019, *The Glossary of Humanistic Buddhism* 中英人間佛教詞彙選, Taiwan: Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism, <https://foguangepedia.org/the-glossary-of-humanistic-buddhism/>.

Volunteered Proofreader. Sutra Editing Center, Fo Guang Shan

July 2017

- proofread Chinese academic articles & original scriptures from CBETA

International summer volunteer, Hangzhou, China

July-Aug. 2012

- transported goods to remote temples in mountain

International summer volunteer, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

July-Aug. 2011

- accompanied the elders in local nursing homes

- assisted the charity events in several branch temples of Fo Guang Shan

Language

Chinese: Native

English: Proficient

Japanese: Academic reading; elementary writing, speaking

Computer Skill

Digital Tools & Software: Mailchimp, iMovie, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook, OneNote, Google sheet, Google Doc, Google Form

GIS Platforms: ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, QGIS, ESRI Storymap, Tableau, Google My Map