Ziling Wan 萬子菱, PhD Candidate (ABD)

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Education

PhD **Department of East Asian Studies, The University of Arizona**   2019-2026
- Dissertation: "Writing Miracle Tales in Early Modern China: Chan Master Huishan Jiexian's (1610-1672) Representation of the Supernatural World"
- Area Specialization: Asian Religions; Buddhism; Digital Humanities; Chan (Zen) Buddhism; Transregional Religious Studies
- Committee: Dr. Jiang Wu (Chair), Dr. Albert Welter, Dr. Dian Li, Dr. Chris Lukinbeal

MS **Geographic Information Systems Technology, The University of Arizona**   2022-2026
- Thesis: "Producing Religious Space through Buddhist Miracle Narratives in Early Modern China: A Case Study of *Miracle Record*"
- Area Specialization: Human Geography; Spatial Analysis; Geospatial Data Visualization
- Advisor: Dr. Chris Lukinbeal

MA **Department of Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University**   2014-2017

BA **Department of Buddhist Studies, Fo Guang University**   2009-2013

Honor and Awards

- Finalist, "Digital Humanities and Popular Culture" category, 2024 ArcGIS StoryMaps Competition (StoryMap title: Regional Religious Systems in Hangzhou, China: Illustrating the Confluence of Buddhist Geography and Culture (618–2022))   2025
- Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America **Archival Digitization** Grant (Collaborative project: Digitization of Translation Notes of Rinzai Roku)   2025
- Khyentse Foundation **PhD** Scholarship   2024-2025
- Young Scholar Award/ Scholarship for Doctoral **Dissertation** Research in Chinese Studies China Times Cultural Foundation   2024
- Taiwan National Science and Technology Council Taiwanese Overseas **Pioneers Grants** (declined offer)   2024-2025
- Khyentse Foundation Buddhist Studies **Doctoral** Fellowship   2024-2025
- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation **Dissertation** Fellowships   2024-2025
- Lingyin Buddhist Studies **Best Paper Award**   2022
- American Association for Chinese Studies Travel Grant   2021
- University of Arizona Graduate & Professional Student Council Travel Grant   2021
- Ruxue Buddhist Culture **Master Theses Award**   2017

Academic Work Experience

Associate Editor. *Encyclopedia of Hangzhou Buddhist Culture.* Brill, forthcoming in 2026. **2024-present**
- Recruit and coordinate with the contributors and publisher
- Develop standardized process on the data entries
- Transform historical sources into datasets and ArcGIS maps
- Editing style and convention, bibliography, and content verification

Archival Manager and Project Coordinator. Collaborative Project: "Digitization of Translation Notes of *Rinzai Roku* (website)"   **2023-present**
- Managing archives and 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
- Projects involved: 1) Online art exhibition: "Celebrating the Legacy of Yinyuan Longqi (Ingen Ryūki) and the Art of Ōbaku" (ingen.arizona.edu); 2) Regional Religious System Map (rrs.arizona.edu); 3) Humanities and Health Wellness
- 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
- Collecting archival data of historical rare books, manuscripts, inscriptions at Archive of the Library of Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (Summer 2022 and Winter 2025)

Data Research Assistant. Center for Buddhist Studies, The University of Arizona   **2019-2023**
- Transformed textual gazetteers into structure datasets for Storymap of Hangzhou Buddhism—finalist in 2024 ArcGIS StoryMaps Competition
- Metadata management (html; Excel; Dublin Core); Raw data cleaning, and processing
- Train and supervise graduates and undergraduates in collection and digitization of Buddhist temple data (couplets, calligraphies, texts) at Kyoto, Japan. Data is published on Frogbear Database of Religious Sites in East Asia (Summer 2023)
- Created map visualizations of water god temples, canals and market towns (Eg. 1, 2, 3) and analyzed geospatial data via ArcGIS Pro
- Managed digital map archives for Regional Religious Systems project (rrs.arizona.edu)
- Gathered aerial photo for Taiwan and Hangzhou for geospatial data at the WWII archive, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (Summer 2022)

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

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

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

Invited Talk

"Mapping the Past and Present: A Digital Humanities Tutorial Using ArcGIS Pro." University of Arizona, Department of East Asian Studies.	Nov. 2024
"Pursuing a PhD in Buddhist Studies in the U.S.: A Young Scholar's Journey." Fo Guang University, Department of Buddhist Studies, Taiwan.	June 2024
"Geo-visualization, Geo-Parsing, and Index Measurement in the Study of Regional Religious Systems." Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (ECAI) Workshop.	Sep. 2022

Publications

Jiang Wu ed., Albert Welter, Jeffrey Liu, **Ziling Wan** (assistant editor). *Encyclopedia of Hangzhou Buddhist Culture*. Brill, forthcoming in 2026.

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

Wan, Ziling and Jeffrey Liu trans. *Reversing Chronic Illness: The Latest Mindfulness Medicine of the 21st Century.* Original in Chinese. Nizhuan manxingbing: 逆轉慢性病：21 世紀最新心念醫學. Hsu, Ruiyun 許瑞云, Xian'an Cheng 鄭先安. Taipei: Tianxia wenhua 天下文化, 2023. Translating, forthcoming in 2027.

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 renjianjingtu 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.

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　　　　　　　　　　　　2015-2016
- 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, AZ
- event promotion and assistance, cleansing cat living place　　　　　　　　2024-present

Volunteered Translator and Editor. Center for International Affairs, Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism, Taiwan   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://foguangpedia.org/the-glossary-of-humanistic-buddhism/.

Volunteered Proofreader. Sutra Editing Center, Fo Guang Shan, Taiwan   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, writing, speaking
Computer Skill:

Digital Tools & Software: Python, GitHub, 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, PostGIS