

Alexander Howard Atkins

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Education:

Duke University, Durham North Carolina August 2020-Present
 Religious Studies PhD track
 East Asian Buddhism
 Primary Advisor: Richard Jaffe

Duke University, Durham North Carolina December 2023
 Religious Studies MA
 East Asian Buddhism

Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal Summer 2020 – Winter 2020
 Sanskrit Studies

North Carolina State University, Raleigh North Carolina May 2020
 Bachelor of Arts, Foreign Languages and Literatures
 Asian Language Concentration
 Summa Cum Laude

Study Abroad

Junior, Second Semester	Sichuan University , Chengdu China	March 2019 – July 2019
Junior, First Semester	University of Malaysia , Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	September 2018 – January 2019
Sophomore	Sophia University , Tokyo Japan	September 2017 – August 2018

Field Research:

Foguangshan	Taiwan and Japan	September 2023
Foguangshan	Los Angeles, CA	June 2023
Foguangshan	Raleigh, NC	Spring 2022-Present

University Service:

Library Graduate Worker	Duke EAC	Summer 2023-Present
Graduate Researcher	Duke AMAR	September 2021-2022
Teaching Assistant	Duke GPR	August 2021-May 2024
Research Assistant	Duke GPR	August 2020-May 2021

Recent Honors and Awards:

Duke Summer Research Fellowship 2021-2024

Lectures:

100 Years of Chinese Buddhism: How Renjian Buddhism affects Modern Politics	Duke Alexander Hamilton Society	April 2024
History of Renjian Buddhism at the IAS Gallery	Duke University Library	April 2024
Modern Foguangshan	Duke APSI	November 2023
Master Taixu and Modern Buddhism	Duke Religious Studies	Spring 2022

SGI Buddhism

Duke Religious Studies

Fall 2021

Conference Activity:**Papers (Accepted and Presented)**

Chinese Buddhists Abroad: Japanese Buddhism and the Chinese Esoteric Buddhist Revival
AAR Chinese Religions Unit November 2024

One if by Land, Two if by Web: Foguangshan's Community Building in the New Digital-Age
AAR
November 2023

Papers (Turned Down)

Chinese Buddhists Abroad: Japanese Buddhism and the Chinese Esoteric Buddhist Revival
AAR Japanese Religions Unit November 2024

Library Exhibits:

Renjian Buddhism Duke University Library 2024

Grants and Fellowships:

Duke Conference Travel Award November 2024 \$750

Duke Gurney Harriss Kearns Fellowship Summer 2024 \$9,650

Duke Conference Travel Award November 2023 \$750

Duke Gurney Harriss Kearns Fellowship Summer 2023 \$8,415

AMAR Research Trip Funding Summer 2023 \$4,242

APSI Summer Research Fellowship Summer 2023 \$1,000

AMAR Research Fellowship, Duke Humanities Unbounded Lab 2022-2023 \$1850

APSI Language Scholarship Summer 2022 \$5,000

Duke Graduate Special Awards Arts & Sciences Summer 2022 \$8250

AMAR Research Fellowship, Duke Humanities Unbounded Lab 2021-2022 \$1850

Duke Graduate Special Awards Arts & Sciences Summer 2021 \$6499

Professional Affiliations:

American Academy of Religion

Languages (On a scale of proficiency):

Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Classical Chinese