

Tibetan Studies

Collection Development and Services:

Celebrating 10 Years of Partnership



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Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 PM

**Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, 8th Floor, Robarts Library,
University of Toronto**

130 St. George Street, Toronto

Join us in celebrating a decade of collaboration as the University of Toronto Libraries and Columbia University Libraries mark the 10th anniversary of the Tibetan Collection Development and Services partnership! Enjoy a keynote talk by Professor Rory Lindsay, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, and a special viewing of "Murals of Tibet," a SUMO-sized Collector's Edition signed by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, showcasing life-size depictions of Tibetan Buddhist culture for profound spiritual insight and artistic richness. The reception will follow.



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The event is free, but space is limited. Registration is required. Please RSVP via the QR or the URL on the right side to get the event link. For inquiries, please send an email to eal.events@utoronto.ca.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Rory Lindsay

Assistant Professor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto

TALK TITLE

Holding Community: The Social Impact of Tibetan Literary Archives in Canada and the USA

This talk addresses the importance of Tibetan literary collections in university libraries in the USA and Canada, focusing on the ongoing partnership between the University of Toronto Libraries and Columbia University. It explores the social significance of these libraries' holdings, beginning historically with the role that Tibetan texts have played as repositories of knowledge, ritual actors, and even community members. The talk argues that these collections are essential for the preservation of Tibetan literary heritage and for communities of readers both local and global.



Rory Lindsay is Assistant Professor in the Department for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto. He is also an editor at 84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha and a visiting scholar at the Buddhist Texts Translation Initiative at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His forthcoming book *Saving the Dead: Tibetan Funerary Rituals in the Tradition of the Sarvadurgatipariśodhana Tantra* (Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und Buddhismuskunde, 2023) examines the history of Kunrik funerary practices in Tibet and the intersecting forms of agency—human, nonhuman, and material—that are described in Kunrik ritual manuals. His second book, co-authored with Tibetan scholar Khenpo Tashi Dorje, will examine the life and writings of the twentieth-century master Drayab Lodrö Gyaltsen.