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EDUCATION:

- 2011 Ph.D., History of Religions, University of Virginia
- 2005 M.A., Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2003 B.A., English, Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

- University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, dual appointment in History and Religious Studies
 - 2011–2017, Assistant Professor
 - 2017–present, Associate Professor

PUBLICATIONS:

- Mountain Dharma: A Study of Meditation in Tibet.* In preparation
- “Hagiography: Definition and Typology.” Article in preparation
- 2016 *The Life of the Madman of Ü.* Oxford University Press. Translation of the yogin’s biography, written in Tibetan, in 1494 and 1537
- 2015 *The Holy Madmen of Tibet.* Oxford University Press. Winner of the 2017 Robert A. Jones and Mary B. Jones Award for Research in the Humanities, UW–Milwaukee
- 2015 “Re-animating the Great Yogin: On the Composition of the Hagiographies of the Madman of Tsang.” *Revue d’Etudes Tibétaines* 30 (April 2015): 25–49
- 2014 Review of *Making Sense of Tantric Buddhism: History, Semiology, and Transgression in the Indian Traditions*, by Christian K. Wedemeyer. *Religions of South Asia* 8.3 (2014): 369–71

- 2013 Review of *Theos Bernard, The White Lama: Tibet, Yoga, and American Religious Life*, by Paul Hackett. *Journal of Buddhist Ethics* 20 (2013): 654–61
- 2013 “Buddhism and Hinduism,” entry for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Culture and Intellectual History*
- 2012 “Chasing Tibet’s Demons: A Review,” discussing five Tibetological books. *Religious Studies Review* 38.2 (2012): 61–8

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2017 Robert A. Jones and Mary B. Jones Award for Research in the Humanities at UW–Milwaukee, for *The Holy Madmen of Tibet*
- 2013 Graduate School Research Committee Award, UW–Milwaukee, for summer research in Nepal and Mongolia
- 2010 Dissertation Acceleration Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2009 Junior Fellowship, American Institute for Indian Studies, for dissertation fieldwork in India
- 2003, 2004–2006, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, for Tibetan and Sanskrit language study at the University of Virginia, the University of Chicago, and Tibet University
- 2003–2004, 2006–2008, 2010, Presidential Fellowship, University of Virginia, for master’s and doctoral coursework

INVITED LECTURES:

- 2018 “Embodying Enlightenment: Relationality in Yanggönpa’s *Mountain Dharma*,” University of Virginia
- 2016 “Sacred Persistence: Toward a Redescription of Yogism,” University of Chicago, South Asia Seminar Series, April 14
- 2016 “Mandalas: Portals to Enlightenment,” Carroll University, lecture accompanying the building of a sand mandala by Tibetan monks of Drepung Loseling monastery, March 28
- 2013 “Tibetan ‘Madmen’ in the Marketplace” (short version), Leipzig University, international conference titled *Challenging Consensus: Religious Non-conformism and Cultural Dynamics*, February 1–3

- 2012 “Tibetan ‘Madmen’ in the Marketplace,” University of Wisconsin–Madison, Center for South Asia lecture series, October 25; also delivered at Rubin Museum of Art/Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, New York, April 26, 2011
- 2011 “China and Tibet: A History of Exploitation,” Greater Milwaukee United Nations Association, October 8
- 2009 “*grub thob smyon pa’i skor* [On Holy Madmen],” lecture given in Tibetan to the Advanced Tibetan Studies Seminar, Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, India, June 9; and to the annual Intensive Translation Training Workshop, LTWA, August 7

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

- 2017 Presenter, workshop titled “Comparative Hagiology: Cross-cultural Approaches to Religious Life Writings,” at the meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 18–21
- 2016 “On *The Life of the Madman of Ü*,” paper given at the Fourteenth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Bergen, Norway, June 19–25
- 2014 Response to Christian K. Wedemeyer’s *Making Sense of Tantric Buddhism*, as part of a panel discussion of the book, at the meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 22–25
- 2013 “How to Become a *Siddha* in Tibet: A Case Study,” paper given at the meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 23–26
- 2013 “Who was Drukpa Künlé?” paper given at the Thirteenth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July 21–27
- 2010 “‘Holy Madness’ as Self-Representation: Tsangnyön Heruka and Chögyam Trungpa,” paper given at the meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, October 30–November 1
- 2010 “The Mad Saint of Tsang: A Tibetan Iconoclast and Icon,” paper given at the Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, University of Virginia, September 23–24
- 2010 “The Madman of Tsang (1452–1507): Eater of Brains, Fundamentalist, Saint,” paper given at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, August 15–21
- 2008 “A New Direction in the Study of Tibet’s Holy Madmen,” paper given at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ, March 12–15

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Buddhism Across Asia (Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
Tibetan Buddhism (Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)
Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2016)
Theories of Religion (Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
Saints and Sainthood (Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
Marx and Religion in Tibet (graduate; Spring 2015)

g-MEO Study Abroad, Chengdu, China

Buddhism in the Contemporary World (Summer 2017)
Introduction to World Religions (Summer 2017)

University of Virginia

Tibetan Buddhism (Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2011)
Tantric Buddhism (Fall 2008)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION:

- 2017 Book manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press
- 2017 Book manuscript reviewer for the University of Virginia Press
- 2017 Article manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press
- 2017 Article manuscript reviewer for the journal *Religions*
- 2014 Co-organized with John Nemece a panel discussion of Christian Wedemeyer's *Making Sense of Tantric Buddhism: History, Semiology, and Transgression in the Indian Traditions* at the 2014 meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Diego (November 22–25), sponsored by the Buddhism Section, Tantric Studies Group, Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group, and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group. Other participants include Wedemeyer, Gudrun Bühnemann, David Gordon White, and Ronald Davidson
- 2010 Organized panel titled "'Holy Madmen' (*grub thob smyon pa*) from a Variety of Perspectives" at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Vancouver, August 15–21

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Chair, Religious Studies Steering Committee, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017
Religious Studies Steering Committee, 2011 to present
Peace Studies Advisory Committee, 2013 to present

History Department, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2013–2015
History Department, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2012–2013, 2015–2017
History Department, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2011–2012

LANGUAGES:

Colloquial Tibetan – fluent, able to teach
Classical Tibetan – highly advanced reading and translation abilities, able to teach
Sanskrit – reading ability, ability to teach at the introductory level
French – reading ability

FIELDWORK:

Tibet, India, Nepal, Mongolia: 24 months

- 2017 Tibet, 2 weeks. Travel in Tibetan cultural areas of Sichuan and Qinghai provinces, time spent with Lama Ngadrup and other lamas of Bengen monastery, for the purpose of research on contemporary practice of meditative retreat
- 2013 Nepal and Mongolia, 6 weeks. Examined the Tibetan literature collections of the national archives of Nepal and Mongolia, and interviewed Tibetan lamas in Kathmandu, as exploratory research for research project on the practice of long-term meditative retreat; supported by UWM Graduate School Research Committee Award
- 2009 India, 9 months. Fieldwork for dissertation; read extensive materials in classical Tibetan and conducted interviews with many Tibetan lamas and laypeople; supported by American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Fellowship
- 2005–2006, Tibet, 9 months. Intensive language study and pre-dissertation fieldwork at Tibet University (Lhasa); studied advanced Tibetan literature and conversation; ethnographic research expedition to Kham, eastern Tibet; lived and studied in Bengen monastery; supported by Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant
- 1999 India, Nepal and Tibet, 4 months. The School for International Training's Tibetan Studies program, undergraduate semester abroad, focused on engaging with local culture; independent research project titled "The Legacy of Jamgön Kongtrul," which evaluated the influence of a groundbreaking nineteenth century Tibetan scholar on the practices of a Buddhist monastery today