

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (Department of South and Southeast Studies), 1995

M.A., University of Washington, Seattle (Department of Asian Languages and Literature), 1988

B.A., University of Zagreb, Croatia (Department of Indology and Department of Comparative Literature), 1979

Postdoctoral study in the Mongolian languages and history at the Pedagogical State University, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, summer, 2000

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

*Associate Professor.* Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2005 - present

*Assistant Professor.* Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001- 2005

*Lecturer.* Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1997-2001

*Visiting Scholar.* Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, 1996-Spring Quarter, 1997

*Research Fellow.* Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Summer Term, 1996

*Research Fellow.* Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1995-1996

*Visiting Lecturer.* Department of Linguistics: Special Language Program, Stanford University, Stanford, 1993-1995

*Teaching Assistant.* Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, 1992-1996

*Visiting Lecturer.* Innovative Academic Courses. Program in Special Undergraduate Education. Stanford University, Stanford, Winter Quarter, 1991

*Teaching Assistant.* Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1990

*Instructor.* University Extension, University of Washington, Seattle, 1987-1988.

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Kālacakrantra: The Chapter on the Individual together with the Vimalaprabhā.* Tanjur Translation Initiative, Treasury of Buddhist Sciences Series. New York: American Institute of Buddhist Studies, co-published with the Columbia University's Center for Buddhist Studies and Tibet House, 2004.

*The Inner Kālacakrantra: A Buddhist Tantric View of the Individual.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

*A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life Bodhicāryāvātāra.* Translated from Sanskrit and Tibetan by Vesna A. Wallace and B. Alan Wallace. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 1997.

*A Textbook for the First Year Intensive Serbo-Croatian.* Co-author. Washington DC, State Department, 1988.

### Book Chapters

"The Methodological Relevance of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship to the Study of Buddhism," in *Buddhist Theology: Critical Reflections of Contemporary Buddhist Scholars*, ed. by John Makransky and Roger Jackson. London: Curzon Press, 1999.

"Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Perspective on the Treatment of Mentally Retarded Children in Latin America," in *Ethics and World Religions: Cross-cultural Case Studies*, ed. by Regina, Wentzel, Wolfe and Christine E. Gudorf. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999.

### Journal and Encyclopedia Articles

"The Provocative Character of the 'Mystical' Discourses on the Absolute Body in Indian Tantric, Buddhism, in *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, Third Series, Number 6, Fall 2004, issued in 2006: 245-257.

"A Generation of Power Through Ritual Protection and Transformation of Identity in Indian Tantric Buddhism," in *Journal of Ritual Studies*, Special Issue on "Ritual and the Ritual Expression of Identity in Asia," Vol. 19, Number 1, 2005: 115-128.

"Kālacakra," in *Encyclopedia of Religion, Second Edition*, Vol. 8. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2005.

"The Buddhist Tantric Medicine in the *Kālacakratantra*," in *The Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies*, New Series, Nos. 11-12 (1995), pp. 155-174, 1995.

### Book Reviews

"Eva Jane Neumann Friedman, *Sacred Geography: Shamanism Among the Buddhist Peoples of Russia*. Bibliotheca Shamanistica, vol. 12. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó, 2004," in *Religion*, Vol. 36, Issue 1, 2006

"Walther Heissig and Klaus Sagaster, eds. *Gedanke und Wirkung. Festschrift für Nikolaus Poppe zum 90. Geburtstag* Asiatische Forschungen: Monographienreihe Zur Geschichte, Kultur und Sprache der Völker Ost-und Zentralasiens, Band 108." Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, 1989, in *Asian Folklore Studies*, Vol. 50(1), 1992, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan

### ***Instructional and Documentary Films***

“Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia: Part 1& Part 2.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2004 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer)

“Shaman in the City: Ulaanbaatar, Outer Mongolia.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2003 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer)

“Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture.” Santa Barbara: Erdene Productions, 2004 (Executive Producer, Researcher, and Narrative Writer)

### **WORK IN PRESS**

*The Kālacakratantra: The Chapter on Sādhana together with the Vimalaprabhā.* Annotated translation from Sanskrit, Tibetan, and Mongolian. New York: American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University

“A Convergence of Medical and Astro-Sciences in Indian Tantric Buddhism,” Warburg Institute, University of London

“The Body as a Text and the Text as the Body: A View from the *Kālacakratantra*’s Perspective.” In the volume *The Kālacakratantra and Other Tantric Systems*, edited by Ted Arnold. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications

“Medicine and Astrology in the Healing Arts of the *Kālacakratantra*.” In the volume *The Kālacakratantra and Other Tantric Systems*, edited by Ted Arnold. Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications

“A Generation of Power Through Ritual Protection and Transformation of Identity in Indian Tantric Buddhism” (previously published in the *Journal of Ritual Studies*) the second publication will appear in the book *Asian Ritual Systems*.

### **SCHOLARLY WORK SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION**

“Mongols’ Resistance to Cultural Hybridity: Re-Creating and Re-imagining the Mongolian Buddhist Identity” (submitted to the *Journal of Asian Studies*)

## SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS

The Critical edition and annotated translation of the first two chapters of the Sanskrit manuscript of the *Smṛtyupasthāna-sūtra*.

*History of Mongolian Buddhist Institutions and Literature*

*Mongolian Buddhism and Law*

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Travel Award for presenting the paper at the Annual National Meeting of the AAR in Washington, DC, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research, November, 2006

Faculty Research Grant for the archival research in Mongolia on Buddhism and law in Mongolia, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate Council on Research and Instructional Resources, July, 2006

The China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Small Grant for preparing the English translation of the Mongolian legal code *Laws and Regulations to Actually Follow (Jinkhene Dagaj Yavakh Khuuly Dürem)*, 2006

Travel Award for presenting the paper at the conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, SOAS, London, August-September, 2005

Faculty Research Grant for summer research in Mongolia, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate Council on Research and Instructional Resources, July, 2005

Travel Award for presenting the paper at the Annual National Meeting of the AAR in San Antonio, TX, November 2004, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research, 2004

Travel Award for present the paper at the Annual National Meeting of the AAR in Atlanta, GA, November 2003, awarded by the UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research, 2003

NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) fellowship awarded for preparing a critical edition and translation of a newly discovered, Buddhist Sanskrit manuscript of the

*Smṛtyupasthānasūtra*, for a nine-months period, beginning with the Spring Quarter, 2002 and ending the beginning of the Winter Quarter, 2003

Humanitarian Award of the Government of Mongolia for establishing educational institutions, scholarship funds, micro-enterprise, and community development in the Gobi district of Mongolia, presented by the Governor of Gobi in Dalangazad on August 11, 2002

Research Grant for the study "The Religious and Cultural Revival in Mongolia," awarded by the Institute of Noetic Sciences, July, 2002

Faculty Research Grant awarded by UCSB Academic Senate Committee on Research for producing a documentary film on the "Religious Revival in Mongolia," June, 2002

Humanities and Arts Research Grant awarded by UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research for producing a documentary film on the "Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture," June, 2002

Overseas Travel Award for attending the international conference on "Symbol, Language, and Metaphor in Esoteric Traditions," University of San Marino, Italy, June, 2002. Awarded by UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Research, University of California, Santa Barbara

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, DC) Advanced Research Opportunity Grant for the field and library research in the Buddhist revival in Mongolia, summer, 2001

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, DC) grant for the intensive study of the Mongolian language at the Mongolian State Pedagogical University in Ulan Bator and for the research in religious revival in Mongolia, summer, 2000

Research grant for writing a book *The Inner Kālacakratantra: A Buddhist Tantric View of the Individual*, awarded by the Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1997-1998

Research grant for writing a monograph on the history of Buddhist methods of investigating consciousness. Awarded by the IONS, Sausalito, California, 1997

American Academy of Religion Western Region's Award for the best student paper "Courtesans in the Context of Buddhist Dharma," 1992

Humanities Graduate Research Grant for dissertation research at the University of Rome and at the Istituto Italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente, Italy. Granted by the University of California, Berkeley, Fall Quarter, 1991

Regents Fellowship, awarded by University of California, Berkeley, 1988-1989

FLAS foreign language fellowship for study of Nepali language, University of Washington, Seattle, 1987-1988

FLAS foreign language fellowship for study of Hindi language, University of Washington, Seattle, Summer Term, 1986

FLAS foreign language fellowship for study of Hindi language, University of Washington, Seattle, 1985-1986

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

“Mongolian Buddhism and Nomadic Culture,” a guest lecture presented in the course on “Silk Road,” UCSB, February, 2007.

“Buddhism and Violence in Mongolia during the Theocratic Period.” Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Washington, DC, November 2006.

“Interlacing Buddhism, Law, and Nomadic Values in Mongolia.” Presented at Stanford University and sponsored by Center for Buddhist Studies and Department of Religious Studies, Stanford, November 2006.

“The Interplay of Buddhism and Law in the Pre-communist Mongolia.” Presented at UC Berkeley and sponsored by Buddhist Studies Center, Berkeley, November, 2006.

“Buddhist Manuscript Culture in Mongolia with Its Diverse Aspects and Realms of Influence.” Presented at the conference “Buddhist Objects: Knowledge, Ritual, and Art,” Arizona State University, October, 2006.

“Buddhism, State, and Law in Mongolia: A Historical Perspective.” Presented at the conference “Mongolia Matters: The Legacy of Chinggis Khan and Mongolia’s Great Empire,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Asia Program, Washington, DC, October, 2006.

“Do Substantial and Procedural Laws in the Vinaya Qualify It as a Legal Text?” Presented at the conference on “Buddhism, Law, and Social Change,” Buffalo University Law School, Buffalo, September, 2006.

“Methodological Concerns in Evaluating Buddhist Revival in Mongolia’s Rural Areas.” Presented in the Colloquie sur le Nomadisme et le Chamanisme Mongols, Mongolian National University and French Cultural Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June, 2006.

“Buddhist Ethical Guidelines for Enterprise and Leadership.” A guest lecture presented in the seminar on Ethics, Enterprise and Leadership, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, April, 2006.

“Buddhism and Legislative Measures on Property, Theft, and Debt in Outer Mongolia.” Presented at the International Conference on Buddhism and Law in Bellagio, Italy, March, 2006.

“A Response to the Papers Presented on the Panel on ‘Dialogues and Debates on Tibetan Medicine, Healing, and Religion.’” Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Philadelphia, November, 2005.

“The Mongols’ Considerations of Mahāyāna Sūtras and Their Functions.” Presented at the conference of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, SOAS, University of London, August, 2005.

“Where the Indian Medicine and Astro-Sciences Meet: A Case of Indian Tantric Buddhism,” presented at the Colloquium on Medicine and Astrology: East and West, Warburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of London, May, 2005.

Three-lecture series “Western Academic Approaches to the Study of Buddhism,” Dehra Dhun, India. Sponsored by the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamsala, India, December, 2004.

“The Body as a Tantric Text: ‘A Buddhist Tantric ‘Genome Project.’” Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Antonio, TX, November, 2004.

“Mongols’ Resistance to Cultural Hybridity: Re-imagining Mongolian Buddhist Identity.” The guest lecture presented in the Department of Inner Asian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, March, 2004.

A panel discussant on “Special Educational Challenges,” held at the conference on “Religious Education: Shifting Educational Paradigms” at Mahidol University, Bangkok, January, 2004.

“Literary Creation of Buddhist Identity and Expressions of Mongolian Ethnicity.”

Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA, November, 2003.

“Who Spoke for Mongolian Buddhists?” Presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA, November, 2003.

“Why Should We Study Jaina Philosophy?” Presented at the conference on Perspectives on Jain Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, May, 2003.

“Idiosyncrasies in the Renewal of Faith: Religious Revival in Mongolia,” a guest lecture, sponsored by the Center for Buddhist Studies and Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles, February, 2003.

“Translation Strategies of the Mongols: The Past and Present,” presented at the Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November, 2002.

“Bridging the Disciplines: Integrative Buddhist Monastic Education in Classical India,” presented at the conference on “Completing the Global Renaissance: The Indic Contributions,” sponsored by the Columbia Center for Buddhist Studies at Columbia University and Infinity Foundation, New York, July, 2002.

“A Provocative Character of the ‘Mystical’ Discourses on the Absolute Body in Indian Tantric Buddhism,” presented at the international conference on “Symbol, Language, and Metaphor in Esoteric Traditions,” University of San Marino, Italy, June, 2002.

“The Problematic Nature of the Contemporary Mongolian Translations of Buddhist Texts,” presented at the 212<sup>th</sup> Annual National Meeting of the American Oriental Society (AOS), Houston, March, 2002.

“The Origins and Development of Buddhist Medicine in India,” a guest lecture presented in the course on “Religion and Healing in Global Perspective,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, January, 2001.

“Buddhist Medicine in Contemporary Tibet and Mongolia,” a guest lecture presented in the course on “Religion and Healing in Global Perspective, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, February, 2000.

An invited discussant at the “Symposium on the New Directions and Methods in Preparing Critical Editions of Sanskrit Buddhist Manuscripts,” hosted by the Institute for Tibetology and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna and by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, March, 2000.

"Buddhist Tantric Embryological Theories and Their Role in Indian Buddhist Medicine," a guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective." Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, October, 1999.

An invited panel discussant at the international conference on the "Role of Scriptures and Images in Buddhism and Christianity," Prato, Italy, May, 1999.

"The *Kālacakratantra*, Science, and Non-duality," a lecture presented at the conference on "Non-duality and Globalizing Philosophy," Columbia University, New York, April, 1999.

"The Vajra Family and Its Three Major Aspects in Tantric Buddhism," Annual National Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Orlando, Florida, November, 1998.

"Medicine and Alchemy in Indian Buddhism," a guest lecture presented in the course on "Religion and Healing in Global Perspective," Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, October, 1998.

"Buddhist Gnosticism in the *Kālacakratantra*," presented at the 35th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies, Budapest, Hungary, July, 1997.

"Indian Buddhist Theories of Consciousness," a guest lecture sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, Stanford University, Stanford, March, 1997.

"The Science of Sounds in Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Tradition." Presented at the Third UC Santa Barbara Conference on "Tibetan Buddhism: The Five Fields of Knowledge in Tibetan Buddhist Culture," University of California, Santa Barbara, November, 1996.

"The Five Fields of Knowledge in Indian Buddhist Monastic Education," presented at the Conference on "Models of Education in the Contemplative Traditions of the East and West," Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan, July, 1996.

"Primordial Wisdom and the Four Bodies of the Buddha in the Anuttara-yoga-tantras." Presented at the 2nd UC Santa Barbara Conference on "Tibetan Buddhism: The Nature of Mind in Tibetan Buddhism," University of California Santa Barbara, May, 1995.

"The Concept of Science in Tantric Buddhism," Annual Western Regional Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Redlands University, Redlands, March, 1995.

"Characteristics of Syncretism in the *Kālacakratantra*," a guest lecture sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, Columbia University, New York, January, 1995.

"The Study of *Kleśas* in the *Kālacakratantra* ," American Academy of Religion Annual National Meeting, San Francisco, October, 1992.

"Karma and Associated Issues in the Second Chapter of the *Kālacakratantra*." International Annual Meeting on Tantra, Stanford, May, 1992.

"Courtesans in the Context of Buddhist Dharma," American Academy of Religion Annual Western Regional Meeting, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, March, 1992.

"Courtesans in the Hindu, Jaina, and Buddhist Dharmas," presented at the South Asia Colloquium on "Gender Studies in South Asia," University of California, Berkeley, June, 1992.

"Philological and Comparative Study of the Notions of Compassion in Jainism and Buddhism," Annual National Meeting of American Oriental Society, Berkeley, March 1991.

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

2006 – June-August in Mongolia – A research on Mongolian Buddhism and law

2005 – July in Mongolia– A research in the contemporary Mongols' usage of Mahāyāna *sūtras*

2004 – June-September in Mongolia–A field research on the development of Buddhist scholarship and relations between the government and Buddhist institutions in the contemporary Mongolia

2002 – September-October – A two weeks long research in the Library of Tibetan Archives in Dharamsala, India

2002 – Summer in Mongolia– A field research for producing two documentary films on the Religious Revival in Mongolia and on the Revival of the Traditional Mongolian Culture

2001 – Summer in Mongolia – A field research on the current development of Buddhism in Mongolia and its interaction with co-existing religious traditions. Sponsored by IREX (International Research Exchanges Board, Washington DC)

2000 – Summer in Mongolia – The postdoctoral study at the State Pedagogical University in Ulan Bator and field research on the religious revival and development of Buddhism in the Outer Mongolia. Sponsored by IREX (International Research Exchanges Board, Washington DC)

1992 - Summer in Central and Eastern Tibet - A research in the Tibetan monastic study and practice of the *Kālacakratantra*. Sponsored by the Academy of Social Sciences, Lhasa, Tibet

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### Services at UCSB

*Undergraduate Students' Advisor*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, 2006-2007

*A member* of the Executive and Curriculum Committees, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, 2006-2007

*A member* of the Curriculum Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, 2006-2007

*A member* of the Graduate Recruitment Fellowship Committee, Graduate Division, University of California Santa Barbara, 2006

*A member* of the Development Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2005-2007

*An acting Undergraduate Students' Advisor*, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, Spring Quarter, 2004 – Fall Quarter, 2004

*A member* of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2003-2004

*A member* of the Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2002-2003, 2005-2006

*A member* of the University of California, Santa Barbara Fulbright Committee, 2001-2006

### Services Outside UCSB

*A member* of the Editorial Committee of the Tibetan Museum Society, Washington, DC, 2006

*A member* of the Editorial Board of the electronic journal *Religion Compass*, Blackwell Publisher, 2006

*A member* of the Board of Directors of the Mongolia Society at Indiana University, Bloomington, 2005 - present

*A member* of the Editorial Board of the series “Treasures of the Buddhist and Indic Sciences” published by the American Institute of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University, 2005 - present

*A member* of the Steering Committee of the Buddhism Section at the American Academy of Religion, 2004-present

*A member* of the Steering Committee of the Mysticism Group at the American Academy of Religion, 2001-2006

### **Reviewing Services**

*A reviewer* for Routledge (*South Asian Buddhism: A Survey*), 2007

*A reviewer* for the Columbia University Press (*The Science, Religion, and Learning: Lessons Learned from the Nālandā Tradition*), 2006

*A reviewer* for SUNY Press (*Karma and the Rise of Buddhism in the West*), 2005

*A reviewer* for Harvard University Asia Center Publications (*Our Great Qing: The Mongols, Buddhism, and the State in Late Imperial China*), 2004

*A reviewer* for AltmaMira Press (*Discovering the Buddha: A Historical, Cross-Cultural, and Thematic Introduction*), 2004

*A reviewer* for the Wellcome Trust, Centre for the History of Medicine, University College, London (Reviewing Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim’s grant application entitled “A Himalayan Melange: Exotic Influences in the Medical Works of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Tibetan Scholar”)

*A review panelist* for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), 2003

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

*A member* of the American Academy of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, 1992-present

*A member of the American Oriental Society, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1991-present*

*A member of the Association for Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1997-present*

*A member of the Mongolia Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, 1992-present*

*A member of the American Center for Mongolian Studies, Houston, 2003-present*

## **PUBLIC LECTURES**

“Buddhism in Contemporary Mongolia,” presented in the series of public lectures  
“Buddhism Throughout Asia,” Faulkner Gallery, Public Library, Santa Barbara, May, 2006

“Consciousness and Compassion in the Early Vedānta,” presented for Sarada Convent, Vedānta Temple, Montecito, June, 2005

“A Cultivation of the Four Divine Attitudes in Indian Buddhism,” presented for the Sarada Convent, Vedānta Temple, Montecito, July, 2003

“Religion and Democracy in Mongolia: New Ideas, Problems, and Directions,” presented for the Amistad International, Palo Alto, September, 2002

“Buddhist Notions of Rest,” presented for the Philosophical Research Society, Los Angeles, February, 2002

“The Fundamental Beliefs and Practices of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism,” presented for the Junior-High school class in the Jewish temple B’nai B’rith, Santa Barbara, November, 2001

A three-lecture series on “Early Development and Comparison of the Theravāda, Mahāyāna, and Vajrayāna Buddhist Traditions,” presented for the Clear Light Sangha in the Trinity Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara, November-December-March, 2001

“The Equivocal Attitude of Buddhism Toward Women,” presented in the UCSB Affiliates’ *Spirituality and Culture* series, Faculty Club, Santa Barbara, March, 2001

A ten-lecture series, entitled “Buddhist Psychology and Methods of Healing,” presented at the Philosophical Research Society, Los Angeles, September, 2000

A two-lecture series on “Buddhist Contribution to the Culture and Art of India,” presented for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, October, 2000

## **PUBLIC AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICES**

*A member* of the Advisory Board of the humanitarian, non-profit organization, Amistad International, Palo Alto, 2001 – present

*Director* of the Nairamdal Project dedicated to socio-economic and cultural development in Mongolia and India, 2001 – present

*A founding member* and a *member* of the Advisory Board of the Dalai Lama Foundation, Palo Alto, 2003 - present

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

#### **A) Lower Division Courses**

“Introduction to Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Introduction to Asian Religious Traditions”: A theme of the course: Personal Identity and the Good Life, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

#### **B) Upper Division Courses**

“Religions of Mongolia,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Religion and Healing in Global Perspective,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Buddhist Tantra,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Indian Philosophy,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Buddhist Ethics,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Religions of India,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

“South Asian Buddhism,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Ceylon Buddhism," Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Socially Engaged Buddhism," Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Hindu, Jaina and Buddhist Ethics." Innovative Academic Courses, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford

### Graduate Seminars

Graduate seminar in Jainism, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate seminar in Theravāda Buddhism, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate seminar in South Asian Buddhist Traditions (Buddhist Philosophy), University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate seminar in South Asian Philosophical Traditions: Constructions of Personal Identity within the Six Darśanas, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate seminar in South Asian Buddhism: Buddhist Hermeneutics, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Graduate Seminar in the “Comparative Study of Foucault and Buddhist Theories of Sexuality and Religious Experience,” Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Sanskrit and Pāli Languages: Advanced Sanskrit Courses and Seminars**

Reading Buddhist Sanskrit Texts, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Jaina Literature in Sanskrit (Selected readings from Jaina Sanskrit Literature),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Buddhist Literature in Pāli (Selected readings from the Buddhist Pāli canonical literature),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the *Yogasūtras* of Patañjali with Vyāsa's Commentary),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading selected texts from Buddhist philosophical literature),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading selected texts from Indian philosophical literature: the  
*Sāṃkhyakārikā* of Īśvarakṛṣṇa and *Upadeśasāhasri* of Śaṅkara), Department of Religious  
Studied, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the selected texts from Buddhist Mahāyāna literature),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Reading Sanskrit Jaina Texts (Reading the selected reading from the Jaina classic,  
*Praśamaratiprakaraṇam* with Haribhadra's commentary), Department of Religious  
Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the selected readings pertaining to the South Asian theories of  
the body from the Major Upaniṣads, *Manusmṛti*, *Bhāgavata Purāṇa*, and Āyurvedic  
Saṃhitās), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the *Bhairavavilāsa* and the selected readings from the  
*Kathāsaritasāgara*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the Hindu tantric text *Rasārṇava*), Department of Religious  
Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Vedic Language (Selected readings from the Vedas, Brāhmaṇas and Śrauta Sūtras),  
Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading selected readings from the works of Aśvaghōṣa), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading Buddhist Tantric works: the *Kālacakratantra* and the *Vimalaprabhā*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Selected readings from the *Major* and *Yoga Upaniṣads*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the *Kulārṇavatāntra*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading the *Yogavasiṣṭha*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading Hindu Philosophical Texts: the *Śiva Sūtras* with Kṣemarāja's *Vimarśinī*), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Advanced Sanskrit (Reading Sanskrit Philosophical Texts: the *Āgamaśāstra* of Gauḍapāda with Śaṅkara's commentary), Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

### **Sanskrit Language: Undergraduate Courses**

First-year Sanskrit. Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1998-2001

Intermediate Sanskrit (Reading the *Bhagavadgīta*). Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall Quarter, 1997

First-year Sanskrit. Department of Linguistics: Special Language Program, Stanford University, Stanford, 1993-1995

Readings in the Sanskrit *Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā*, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Winter Quarter, 1993

### **MA Committees, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB**

Julianne Cordero      2003

Carlos Pomeda	2003
Ami Shah	2004
Holly J. Grether	2005
Alyson A. Prude	2005
Jared Lindhal	2005
Autumn Jacobsen	2005
Aaron Ullrey	2006
Chase Bossart	2006
Nathan McGovern	2006

**Ph.D. Committees, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB**

Mark Elmore	2003, 2005
Arriane Conty	2003
Ellen Posman	2004
Michael Jerryson	2005
Aaron Ullrey	2006
Rahuldeep Singh	2006
Holly Grether	2006

**Teaching Assistantships in Asian Religions**

Teaching Assistant for the course "Introduction to Buddhism, (Prof. Bernard Faure), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Winter Quarter, 1996

Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate seminar "South Asian Thought" (Prof. Frits Staal), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Fall Quarter, 1994

Teaching Assistant for the course "Religious Classics of Asia," (Prof. Carl Bielefeldt), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Fall Quarter, 1993

Teaching Assistant for the course "Introduction to Buddhism," (Prof. Bernard Faure), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Winter Quarter, 1993

Teaching Assistant for the course "Introduction to Buddhism," (Prof. Jan Nattier), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Spring Quarter, 1992

Graduate Student Instructor for the course "India in the Writer's Eye," (Prof. Linda Hess), Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Spring Semester, 1990

Teaching Assistant for the course "Introduction to Zen Buddhism," (Prof. Carl Bielefeldt), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, Spring Quarter, 1996

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### A Course in Serbo-Croatian

First-year Serbo-Croatian. University Extension, University of Washington, Seattle, 1987-1988.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

### Asian Languages:

#### South Asian Languages

#### Years of Study in the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Sanskrit	15 academic years
Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit	1 academic year
Vedic	2 academic years
Pāli	1 academic year
Modern Hindi	6 academic years

Mediaeval Hindi	1 academic year
Nepali	1 academic year

Central Asian Languages

Modern Mongolian	1 academic year, in addition to the intensive summer program in Mongolia
Classical Mongolian	3 academic years, in addition to the intensive summer program in Mongolia
Classical Tibetan	2 academic years, in addition to individual tutoring

**European Languages:**

Serbo-Croatian  
 Russian  
 German  
 Latin