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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA Fall 2014-Present

M.A./Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies
The Professor R. Ninian Smart Memorial Award: Excellence in Philosophy of Religion 2015-2016
Confucius Institute Travel Grant 2017
Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee – UCSB Graduate Student Association 2016-2017
GPA: 4.0

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE Fall 2011-Spring 2014

Master of Sciences *with Distinction*, Kinesiology, Dance Concentration May 2014
GPA: 4.0 – *with Distinction*

TUFTS UNIVERSITY Fall 2003-Spring 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Certificate in *Ethics, Law, and Society* May 2007
Tufts Summer Scholar Summer 2006
(Fellowship to develop ethical investment policy with R.F.K. Memorial Foundation)
Dance Studies Award (Given annually to one senior by Dance Department) 2007
French Immersion *Talloires, France* Summer 2004
GPA: 3.6 – *Magna Cum Laude*

Publications

“Victory through the Ultimate Dharma Sutra.” In *The Kangyur*. Translated from the Tibetan by Erdene Baatar Erdene-Ochir, Jed Forman, and Michael Ium. New York: 84,000, forthcoming.

Forman, Jed. “The Body Incantatory: Spells and the Ritual Imagination in Medieval Chinese Buddhism – By Paul Copp.” *Religious Studies Review* 43, no. 2 (2017): 201.

—. Theologically Incorrect (A Response to C. White on Theological Incorrectness). *The Religious Studies Project*, February 6, 2016.
<http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2016/02/06/theologically-incorrect/>.

—. “Objectivism.” *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development*, edited by George W. Scarlett and Elizabeth M. Dowling, 325-326. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc., 2006.

Paper Presentations

Forman, Jed. “Ghosts, Pus, and Falling Hairs: Tibetan Buddhist Polemics on Epistemology.” Presentation at the International Association for Buddhist Studies, Vancouver, BC, August 20-25, 2017 (forthcoming).

—. “Pus and Nectar: Mixing Pramāṇa with Madhyamaka.” Presentation at the American Academy of Religion National Conference, Boston, MA, November 18-21, 2017 (forthcoming).

- “The Self and the Non-Other: The Individual and Power in Tibetan Buddhism.”
Presentation at the American Academy of Religion Western Regional Conference,
Rosemead, CA, March 17-19, 2017
- “No Data for Religion? The Interdependence of Method and Object.” Presentation by
proxy reader at the International Association for the History of Religions, Erfurt,
Germany, August 23-29, 2015.
- “Stakeholders in Ethical Investing for the Norwegian Petroleum Fund.” Presentation at
the Tufts University Summer Scholars Conference, Medford, MA, October, 27, 2006.

Theses

- Forman, Jed. “Ghosts, Pus, and Falling Hairs: Tibetan Buddhist Polemics on Epistemology.”
Master’s thesis, University of California Santa Barbara, 2017.
- “Identity Fluidity: A Novel Explanatory Construct for Flow and Dissociation.”
Master’s thesis, California State University Northridge, 2014.
- “The Limits of Our Beliefs: A Look at the Relationship between Morality and Coercion.”
Ethics, Law, and Society thesis, Tufts University, 2006.

Lectures at UCSB

- Forman, Jed. “Buddhist Ethics.” RGST 154: *Ethics, Enterprise & Leadership*, April 18, 2017
and May 9, 2016.
- “Serene Insight: The Phenomenology of Tsongkhapa’s Non-Conceptual Perception.”
Religious Experience and Mind Lab, February 2, 2016.
- “Tibetan Buddhism and Politics.” RGST 35: *Religion and Politics*, November 11, 2016.
- “Gelug Practices.” RGST 31: *Tibetan Religions*, April 21, 2015.

Teaching Assitantships at UCSB

RGST 12: <i>Religious Approaches to Death</i>	Winter 2017
RGST 4: <i>Intro to Buddhism</i>	Winter 2017
RGST 35: <i>Religion and Politics</i>	Fall 2016
RGST 154: <i>Ethics, Enterprise & Leadership</i>	Spring 2016 & 2017
RGST 31: <i>Tibetan Religions</i>	Spring 2015
RGST 20: <i>Indic Civilization</i>	Winter 2015
RGST 21: <i>Zen Buddhism</i>	Fall 2014 & 2015
DANCE 43C: <i>Intro to Street Dance</i> , Instructor of Record	Spring, 2017

ESUKHIA – *Choklamsar, Ladakh, India* Summer 2016
One month, 8-hour/day Tibetan language immersion with homestay

AMY BIEHL FOUNDATION – *Cape Town, South Africa* Fall 2002-Winter 2003
Four month volunteer stay working on after-school programs on HIV prevention

Languages – Tibetan (spoken and written) 4 years, Sanskrit 4 years, French (spoken and
written) > 8 years, German 1 year

Research – Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Epistemology, Gelug Philosophy, Cognitive Science
Study of Religion, Continental Philosophy