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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA

Fall 2014-Present

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies

ABD, Expected Spring 2021

Dissertation: "Yogic Perception across Indo-Tibetan Traditions"

M.A. in Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies

June 2018

Thesis: "Ghosts, Pus, and Falling Hairs: Tibetan Buddhist Polemics on Epistemology"

GPA: 4.0

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE

Fall 2011-Spring 2014

Master of Sciences *with Distinction*, Kinesiology, Dance Concentration

May 2014

Thesis: "Identity Fluidity: A Novel Explanatory Construct for Flow and Dissociation."

GPA: 4.0 – *with Distinction*

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Fall 2003-Spring 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy

May 2007

Certificate in *Ethics, Law, and Society*

Thesis: "The Limits of Our Beliefs: A Look at the Relationship between Morality and Coercion"

GPA: 3.6 – *Magna Cum Laude*

Awards and Fellowships

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| ◆ UCSB Graduate Humanities Research Fellowship | 2020-2021 |
| ◆ Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (finalist) | 2020 |
| ◆ The Professor R. Ninian Smart Memorial Award: Excellence in Philosophy of Religion | 2019-2020 |
| ◆ American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship: India, 6 months. | 2019 |
| ◆ Ludo and Rosane Rocher Research Fellowship in Sanskrit Studies | 2019 |
| ◆ Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship: India, 9 months. | 2018-2019 |
| ◆ Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award | 2018-2019 |
| ◆ NEH: Summer Institute Self-Knowledge in East. and West. Philosophies (alternate) | 2018 |
| ◆ UCSB Religious Studies Departmental Summer Travel Award | 2018 |
| ◆ Graduate Advisor's Exceptional Service Award | 2018 |
| Extraordinary efforts on behalf of the UCSB Religious Studies Grad Program | |
| ◆ Ostad Elahi Fellowship Award | 2017-2018 |
| ◆ 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 |
| ◆ Tufts Summer Scholar (Fellowship with R.F.K. Memorial Foundation) | 2006 |

Publications – all monographs, journal articles, and translations peer reviewed

The Yakherds (José Cabezón, Ryan Conlon, Thomas Doctor, Douglas Duckworth, Jed Forman, Jay Garfield, John Powers, Geshe Yeshe Thabke, Sonam Thakchoe, and Tashi Tsering). *Knowing Illusion: Madhyamaka and Epistemology in Tibet*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

Forman, Jed. "What is The World? Neckties, Ghosts, Falling Hairs, and Celestial Cities in a Coherentist Epistemology." *Philosophy East and West* 70, no. 4: 906-931 (October 2020).

—. "The Problem of Universals in Yogic Perception and Tsongkhapa's Solution." *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines* 55: 161-181 (July 2020).

—. "Dissenting Yogis: The Mīmāṃsaka-Buddhist Battle for Epistemological Authority." *International Journal of Religion* 1, no. 1: 121-134 (November 2020).

- “Double Hiddenness: Governmentality and Subjectivization in Gelug Buddhism.” *Critical Research on Religion*. Accepted for publication.
- “Polemical Paths: How A Gelug-Sakya Debate is More than Just a Detour.” *Pacific World*. Under Peer Review.
- “Out of Sight: Yogic Perception, Extramission, and Intellectual History.” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*. Under Peer Review and Guest editor.
- “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.
- “The Noble Mahāyāna Sūtra ‘Surata’s Questions.’” In *The Kangyur*. Translated from the Tibetan by Erdene Baatar Erdene-Ochir, Jed Forman, and Michael Ium. New York: 84,000. Forthcoming.
- Forman, Jed. “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.

Book Reviews

- Forman, Jed. “Review of The Selfless Ego: Configurations of Identity in Tibetan Life Writing.” *Tibetan Literature, Arts, and Humanities Journal*. In progress. Solicited by journal.
- “Review of The Wisdom Chapter: Jamgön Mipham's Commentary on the Ninth Chapter of The Way of the Bodhisattva.” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the America Academy of Religion*. October 4, 2018.
- “Review of Madhyamaka and Yogācāra: Allies or Rivals?” *Reading Religion: A Publication of the America Academy of Religion*. February 27, 2018.
- “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.

Conference Presentations

- Forman, Jed and Lobsang Donyo. “Debates on Translation: How to Translate Tibetan Debate.” Presentation at the International Seminar of Young Tibetologists, University of Virginia, August 9-13, 2021.
- Forman, Jed. “Is the Stain the Cloth? Pañchen Lobsang Chökyi Gyeltsen’s Rebuttal to Taktsang Lotsawa.” Presentation at the International Association for Buddhist Studies, Seoul National University, August 16-20, 2021. (Delayed due to COVID-19).
- “Let’s Get This Clear: Toward a Phenomenology of Yogic Perception.” Presentation at the International Association for the History of Religions, Dunedin, New Zealand, Aug 23-29, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “Is *yin* ‘is’? The Logic of the Tibetan Copulative.” Presentation at the Oxford University Symposium for Visiting Scholars, Oxford, England, February 27, 2020.
- “An Introduction to Yogic Perception.” Presentation at the American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellows Annual Conference, New Delhi, India, December 27, 2019.
- “Out of Sight: Yogic Perception and Extramission.” Presentation at the American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2019.
- “The Cookie Crumbles over Crumbs: High Stakes on Small Issues in Sakya-Gelug Polemics.” Presentation at the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Paris, France, July 13, 2019.
- “Yogic Perception: Theorizing the Ineffable.” South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference, Kochi, India, February 26, 2019.
- “Not Just Any Dream Will Do: Tsong kha pa on Yogic Perception.” Presentation at the International Seminar of Young Tibetologists, St. Petersburg University, September 3, 2018.

- “Seeing Bones: Yogic Perception and Indian Mysticism” Presentation at The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC, March 22-25, 2018.
- “Pus and Nectar: Mixing Pramāṇa with Madhyamaka.” Presentation at the American Academy of Religion National Conference, Boston, MA, November 19, 2017.
- “Ghosts, Pus, and Falling Hairs: Tibetan Buddhist Polemics on Epistemology.” Presentation at the International Association for Buddhist Studies, Toronto, ON, August 21, 2017.
- “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.

Peer Review and Editorial Work

Peer Reviewer: <i>Critical Research on Religion</i> .	2020
Erhard, Franz Xaver; Moskaleva, Natalia; Forman, Jed; Wojahn, Daniel; Smirnova, Maria. <i>New Currents on the Neva River. Papers Presented at the Fifth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists</i> . Potsdam: Edition Tethys.	2020
Editor: <i>Journal of Cognitive Historiography</i> . Special issue in progress.	2020
Copy Editor: <i>Journal of Global Buddhism</i>	2020-present

Instructor of Record at UCSB

RGST 18: <i>Comparing Religions</i>	Summer, 2020
DANCE 43C: <i>Intro to Street Dance</i>	Spring, 2017

Teaching Assitantships at UCSB

RGST 35: <i>Religion and Politics</i>	Fall 2016 & 2017
RGST 12: <i>Religious Approaches to Death</i>	Winter 2017
RGST 4: <i>Intro to Buddhism</i>	Winter 2017
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

Research Assitantships at UCSB

The Exception Afforded Religious Liberty: Sacred Distancing During the Covid-19 Pandemic NVivo. UCSB Institute for Social, Behavioral, & Economic Research: Social Science Research Grant Program.	2020
Correlations between Islamophobia on Twitter and Alt-Right Events Crimson Hexagon and DiscoverText. Doctor Kathleen Moore, Project Lead	2018

Service

Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, Cognitive Sci. of Religion Unit	2020-Present
Editor for <i>Dalai Lama's Heart: A Debate Course</i> , Sera Jey Monastery, Bylakuppe, India	2019
English Instructor at <i>Sera Jey Monastery Secondary School</i> , Bylakuppe, India	2019
English Tutor at <i>Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies</i> , Sarnath, India	2018-2019
Volunteer Dance Instructor: Varanasi, New Delhi, Ahmedabad in India	2018-2019
UCSB Religious Studies Graduate Liaison	2017-2018
UCSB Religion, Experience, and Mind Lab Group (Dr. Ann Taves) Treasurer	2017-2018
UCSB Gaucho Street Dance Club, Teacher	2015-2018
UCSB Buddhist Meditation and Discussion Group, President	2014-2017
Amy Biehl Foundation Volunteer, Cape Town, South Africa	Fall 2002-Winter 2003

Languages

Tibetan: Fluent in conversation, competent in debate. Immersion in India.

Hindi: Conversationally fluent. Level 9 on the ALTA scale.

Urdu: Intermediate reading. Conversationally fluent.

French: Conversationally fluent. Immersions in Talloires and Grenoble.

Sanskrit: Advanced. Academic studies in US and India.

Pali: Intermediate. Self-study.

German: Written. 1 year.

Comprehensive Exams

❖ José Cabezón: <i>Tibetan Buddhism</i>	High Pass
❖ Vesna Wallace: <i>Indian Buddhism</i>	High Pass
❖ Ann Taves: <i>Cognitive Science of Religion</i>	High Pass
❖ Elliot Wolfson: <i>Phenomenology</i>	High Pass