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Currently Researching in India

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA

Fall 2014-Present

M.A./Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies

GPA: 4.0 – ABD

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

May 2007

Certificate in *Ethics, Law, and Society*

French Immersion Talloires, France

Summer 2004

GPA: 3.6 – *Magna Cum Laude*

Awards and Fellowships

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| ❖ <i>Fulbright-Nehru Grant</i> | 2018-2019 |
| ❖ <i>Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award</i> | 2018-2019 |
| ❖ <i>American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship</i> | 2019 |
| ❖ <i>Ludo and Rosane Rocher Research Fellowship in Sanskrit Studies</i> | 2019 |
| ❖ <i>NEH: Summer Institute Self-Knowledge in East. and West. Philosophies (alternate)</i> | 2018 |
| ❖ <i>UCSB Religious Studies Departmental Summer Travel Award</i> | 2018 |
| ❖ <i>Graduate Advisor's Exceptional Service Award</i> | 2018 |
| Extraordinary efforts on behalf of the UCSB Religious Studies Grad Program | |
| ❖ <i>Ostad Elahi Fellowship Award</i> | 2017-2018 |
| ❖ <i>The Professor R. Ninian Smart Memorial Award:</i> | 2015-2016 |
| Excellence in Philosophy of Religion | |
| ❖ <i>Confucius Institute Travel Grant</i> | 2017 |
| ❖ Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee – <i>UCSB Graduate Student Assoc.</i> | 2016-2017 |
| ❖ <i>Tufts Summer Scholar (Fellowship with R.F.K. Memorial Foundation)</i> | 2006 |

Publications

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*. In progress.

“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.

“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.

Reviews

- Forman, Jed. "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 American Academy of Religion*. October 4, 2018
<http://readingreligion.org/books/wisdom-chapter>
- "Review of Madhyamaka and Yogācāra: Allies or Rivals?" *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. February 27, 2018.
<http://readingreligion.org/books/madhyamaka-and-yogacara>
- "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.

Conference Presentations

- 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, South Korea, Aug 16-21, 2020. (forthcoming).
- "Out of Sight: Yogic Perception and Extramission." Presentation at the American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Diego, CA, November 23-6, 2019. (forthcoming).
- "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, Russia, 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.
- "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. "Tibetan Buddhism and Politics." RGST 35: *Religion and Politics*, November 2, 2017 and November 11, 2016.
- . "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.
- . "Gelug Practices." RGST 31: *Tibetan Religions*, April 21, 2015.

Research Assitantships at UCSB

- Correlations between Islamophobia on Twitter and Alt-Right Events 2018
Crimson Hexagon and DiscoverText. Doctor Kathleen Moore, Project Lead

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
DANCE 43C: <i>Intro to Street Dance</i> , Instructor of Record	Spring, 2017

Service

Editor for <i>Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines</i> of ISYT (above) proceedings (forthcoming)	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: *Written* 6 years (José Cabezón). *Spoken*: 5 years, 6 hr/week Esukhia Lang. School Immersion intensives in Leh, Dharamshala, and the US.
- Hindi: 3-month intensive (Varanasi) and ongoing daily lessons in India.
- French: spoken and written over 8 years. Immersions in Talloires and Grenoble.
- Sanskrit: written 6 years with teachers in India (Ramashankar Tripathi and Pradeep Gokhle) and US (Vesna Wallace and David White).
- 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