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## Education

### University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Ph.D., Philosophy (in progress)*  
Estimated graduation—2019  
Advisor: Kristina Gehrman

### Emory University

*Ph.D., Religion*  
December 2010  
Dissertation: "Tsongkhapa and the Foundations of Rationality"  
Examination Committee: John D. Dunne (chair), Sara McClintock,  
Mark Risjord, and Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi

### University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Master of Arts, Languages and Cultures of Asia*  
May 2005  
Thesis: "Buddhist Mereological Analysis in the *Milindapañhā*, Vasubandhu's *Twenty Verses*, and  
*Śāntideva's Bodhicaryāvatāra*"  
Advisor: John Dunne

### *Ph.D., A.B.D., Philosophy*

Passed Preliminary Exams: December 2001  
Advisor: Terry Penner

### *Master of Arts, Philosophy*

May 1999  
Advisor: Terry Penner

### University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Bachelor of Arts*  
August 1997  
Majors: Philosophy, Medieval Studies  
Minors: English, Religious Studies  
Graduated cum laude  
Advisor: John Nolt

## Publications

### Books

*Solutions Manual for John Nolt's Logics*. With John Nolt and Scott Nixon. Wadsworth Publishing Company: Boston, Detroit, etc. (1997).

### Scholarly Articles

"Tsongkhapa and the Myth of the Given." *Journal of Buddhist Philosophy*. SUNY: 2016.

## Reviews

Review of *Empty Words: Buddhist Philosophy and Cross-Cultural Interpretation* by Jay L. Garfield (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), in *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 25 (2005): University of Hawai'i Press.

## Presentations

October 2015—McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Invited lecture in connection with the museum's Himalayan Art Exhibit.  
"Deity Yoga and Metaphysics in Tantric Buddhism"

2012 AAR—Chicago  
Buddhist Philosophy Group  
"Why Can't Ultimate Analysis Refute Conventional Things?"

2011 AAR—San Francisco  
Buddhist Philosophy Group  
Panel: Dialetheism in Buddhist Philosophy  
"Tsongkhapa's Use of Parameterization"

2008 AAR—Chicago  
Buddhist Philosophy Group  
"Tsongkhapa on the Contents of Distinct Realizations of Emptiness"

2008 International Association of Buddhist Studies—Atlanta  
"Anti-realism in Madhyamaka: Tsongkhapa and Gorampa on Sense Perception Across World Spheres"

2006 Georgia Philosophical Society—Atlanta  
"Buddhist Mereological Analysis and the Metaphysics of Material Objects"

2004 Conference on South Asia—Madison, WI  
"Notes on Tom Tillemans, Logic, and Parameterization"

2001 Conference on South Asia—Madison, WI  
"Universal Constructionism and Madhyamaka: An Assessment of Objections by Burton and Searle"

## Teaching Experience

### Courses Taught

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Elementary Formal Logic
- Critical Thinking
- World Religions
- Environmental Ethics
- Asian Religions
- History of Buddhism

- Tibetan Buddhism
- Mysticism and Asceticism
- Classic Religious Texts
- Humanities: The Ancient World
- Humanities: The Medieval and Renaissance World
- Modern Philosophy

### **Positions Held**

#### Fall 2014 to Present

University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Department of Philosophy—Teaching Assistant

#### Spring 2013 through Spring 2014

Pellissippi State Community College-Knoxville  
Philosophy—Adjunct Instructor

#### Fall 2011 through Spring 2013

Roane State Community College-Oak Ridge, TN; La Follette, TN; Scott Co, TN  
Philosophy—Adjunct Instructor

#### Fall 2010 through Spring 2011

University of North Carolina-Asheville  
Humanities Program—Adjunct Instructor

#### Fall 2008 through Spring 2009

University of North Carolina-Asheville  
Department of Religious Studies—Visiting Lecturer

#### Spring 2008

Emory University  
Department of Religion—Lecturer

#### Spring 2006 through Fall 2006

Emory University  
Department of Religion—Teaching Assistant

#### Fall 2004, Fall 2002 to Spring 2003

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia—Grader

#### Fall 2002

Marian College-Fond du Lac, WI  
Department of Philosophy—Adjunct Instructor

#### Spring 2003, Spring 2002, Spring 2001

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of Philosophy—Lecturer

Fall 1998 through Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2002

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Department of Philosophy—Teaching Assistant

## Service

September 2015—McClung Museum, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Knox County Schools Teacher In-Service Training

Presentation on Tantric Buddhism

## Fellowships and Awards

### FLAS

Center for South Asian Studies

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2003-2004, summer 2004, 2004-2005

### WARF

Department of Philosophy

University of Wisconsin-Madison

1997-1998

## Language Training

Literary Tibetan (3 years)

French (reading)