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## Qualifications

Religious Studies, PhD, The Role of Devotion (mos gus) in Tibetan Heart Essence Traditions: Devotional Affect and Its Relationship to Dzogchen's Foundational Practices (rdzogs chen), Rice University  
13 Aug 2013 → 31 Jul 2020  
Award Date: 31 Jul 2020

Religious Studies - Buddhism, Master of Arts, Selected Translation from Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā Sūtra (Sher Phyin Brgyad Stong Pa) 8,000 Line Perfection of Wisdom, Chapter Twelve: Knowing the World Translated from Sanskrit and Tibetan to English, Naropa University  
15 Aug 2009 → 15 May 2012  
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Ballet, B.F.A., University of Cincinnati  
15 Sept 1998 → 15 Jun 2005  
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## Employment

### Postdoc

School of Culture and Society - Interacting Minds Centre  
Aarhus University  
Aarhus C, Denmark  
4 Aug 2022 → present

### Part-time Lecturer

University of North Carolina  
Columbia, United States  
15 Aug 2020 → present

## Research outputs

**Tears of Devotion: Microphenomenological Interviews alongside Textual Readings**  
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**Come to the Land of Padmasambhava: Sikkim as a 'Buddhist Nation'**  
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### Atisa Dipamkara: Illuminator of the Awakened Mind

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### Glimpses of the Oral History of Tibetan Studies

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**Devotion, a lamp that illuminates the Ground: Non-Referential Devotional Affect in Great Completeness**

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**Review of The Life of Jamgon Kongtrul the Great**

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**Tibetan Book of the Dead**

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**Projects**

**Heart openings: The experience and cultivation of love in Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam**

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01/09/2022 → 01/01/2025

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