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Date of Birth: 23 September 1950 in Huntington, New York

Education

2009 M.L.S. University at Buffalo
1985 J.D. University of Virginia
1982 B.A. University of Virginia, high distinction, *phi beta kappa*

Areas of Teaching Interest

Tibetan Buddhism
Classical Tibetan language

Teaching and Translation

2011-2022 UMA Institute for Tibetan Studies: Primary Translator for eight sections of Tibetan scholar Jam-yang-shay-pa Ngag-wang-tsön-drü's (1648-1721/1722) *Decisive Analysis of (Chandrakīrti's) "Supplement to (Nāgārjuna's) Treatise on the Middle,"* also called the *Great Exposition of the Middle* (*dbu ma chen mo / dbu ma 'jug pa'i mtha' dpyod lung rigs gter mdzod zab don kun gsal skal bzang 'jug ngogs*, TBRC W21503.9:11-894).

2010-2016 Maitripa College, Summer Classical Tibetan Intensive (annually); History of Buddhism in India and Tibet

2008-2009 University at Buffalo, Adjunct, Asian Studies: Classical Tibetan; Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism; Difference Between Sūtra and Tantra

2007-2008 University at Buffalo, Visiting Professor, Law School, Asian Studies: Teaching Classical Tibetan; Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism; Translating the Fifth Dalai Lama's Law Code with Dr. Rebecca R. French, Ph.D., J.D.

1996-2005 Summer Classical Tibetan Intensive (annually)

1997-1998 Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies: Teaching Classical Tibetan, Buddhist Tenets.

1994-1995 Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies: Teaching Classical Tibetan.

1985-1993 Law Practice in Virginia, primarily criminal cases at trial level.

Publications: Books

2018. *Getting into Emptiness: Meaning of "the Manifest," Vessels, Nāgārjuna's lives, and*

Sameness: Jam-yang-shay-pa's Great Exposition of the Middle: Chapter six, Introduction. UMA Institute for Tibetan Studies. <http://uma-tibet.org>.

2008. *How To Read Classical Tibetan, Volume Two. Buddhist Tenets.* Ithaca, New York: Snow Lion Publications.

2003. *How To Read Classical Tibetan, Volume One. Summary of the General Path.* Ithaca, New York: Snow Lion Publications.

2003. *Buddhist Philosophy: Losang Gönchok's Short Commentary to Jamyang Shayba's Root Text on Tenets* (2003), with Daniel Cozort. Ithaca, New York: Snow Lion Publications.