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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2009–Present
Doctoral Student, Department of Religious Studies

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2007–2009
Research Master's, Religious Studies, *Cum Laude*

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, 2003–2007
Bachelor of Arts in English, *Summa Cum Laude*

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, July 2004
Humanistic Buddhism Monastic Life Summer Program

Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia, 1991–1993
Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences (uncompleted)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Instructor: Introduction to World Religions, Spring 2010
- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to World Religions, Fall 2009

PUBLICATIONS

- "Illuminati Controversy" and "New Age" in *Religion and Politics in America*, DiMare, Philip C., ed., Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.
- "Spiritualism" and "Ouija Board" entries in *The Twenties in America*, Tracy Irons-Georges, ed. Pasadena: Salem Press, forthcoming.
- "Accessing the Astral with a Monitor and Mouse: Esoteric Religion and the Astral located in Three Dimensional Virtual Realms" in *Contemporary Esotericism*, Granholm K. & Egil Asprem, eds. London: Equinox Publishing, 2012.
- "Thought-Forms" and "The Seal of the Theosophical Society" entries in *Emblems, Magic, and Higher Knowledge: Western Esotericism in Images*. Asprem, E. & Joyce Pijenburg, eds. Seattle: Ouroboros Press, forthcoming.
- "Allan Bennett and the Theosophical Society," in *Theosophical History*, forthcoming.
- "Miracle or Magic? The Problematic Status of Christian Amulets," in *Van Discussie tot Beleving: Religiestudies aan de UvA (From Discussion to Experience: Religious Studies at the University of Amsterdam)*. ed. Jacqueline Braak and Deirdre Malone. Amsterdam: Ars Notoria/University of Amsterdam, 97-112, April 2009.
- "The Unity of All Life: Ananda Metteyya's View of Nature," in *The Middle Way: The Journal of the Buddhist Society [of England]*. Serialized in 83.3 (November 2008), 131-137, & 83.4 (February 2009), 195-202.
- "Allan Bennett & the Emergence of Buddhism in the West," in *Insight: The Journal of the Theosophical Society of England*, 49.3 (Autumn 2008), 30-33.
- "Venerable Ananda Metteyya's Buddhist Mission to the UK," in *Dharma to the UK: A Centennial Celebration of Buddhist Legacy*. ed. Dr. Mahinda Deegalle. London: World Buddhist Foundation, 14-36, September 2008.
- "Epistemological Blinders: Constructivism and Mahamudra," in *Quinta Essentia: The Selected Proceedings of the 5th Annual North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference*, August 2007.
- "The Nature of Becoming: An Examination of Aleister Crowley's Ontology and Map of Consciousness," in *Interplay: The Selected Proceedings of the 4th Annual North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference*, January 2007.

INVITED KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

- “Spreading The Light of Asia To Europe: Ananda Metteyya’s Buddhist Message to the West.” World Buddhist Foundation “UK Buddhist Day Celebrations,” September 20, 2009, London, England.

PRESENTATIONS

- “‘Can Females Become Adepts?’: Explicating the Complexity of Gender within the Theosophical Society.” Florida State University. “Women and Minorities: Past and Present,” Third Annual Southeast Regional History Graduate Student Conference, September 9, 2011, Tallahassee, Florida
- “Placing Western Esotericism on the Map: Exploring the Geographic Distribution of a Modern Occult Organization.” University of Toronto, “Religion: A Human Phenomenon,” 20th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, August 15-21, 2010, Toronto, Canada.
- “Unveiling the Unveiled: Exploring the Genealogy and Rhetoric of Rhonda Byrne’s *The Secret*, Positive Thinking, and the Law of Attraction,” Florida State University, “Sects and Sexuality: Issues of Division and Diversity,” Graduate Student Symposium, February 19-21, Tallahassee, Florida.
- “A New Jerusalem in Cyberspace?” University of Strasbourg, “Capitals of European Esotericism and Transcultural Dialogue,” 2nd International Conference of ESSWE, July 2-4, 2009, Strasbourg, France.
- “Duncan’s Royal Arch Ritual as a possible framework for Dan Brown’s *The Da Vinci Code*.” University of Leiden, “The Expression of Freemasonry,” November 27-28, 2008, The Hague, Netherlands.
- “The Bhikkhu and the Magus: Exploring Allan Bennett’s Influence on Aleister Crowley.” CESNUR, ‘Twenty Years and More: Research into Minority Religions, New Religious Movements and ‘the New Spirituality’ April 16-20, 2008, London, England.
- “Miracle or Magic: The Problematic Status of Christian Amulets.” University of Amsterdam, “Emblems, Magic, and Hidden Knowledge,” March 25, 2008, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- “Epistemological Blinders: Constructivism and Mahamudra.” Kennesaw State University, 5^h Annual North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference, April 4, 2007.
- “The Nature of Becoming: An examination of Aleister Crowley’s Ontology and Map of Consciousness.” Kennesaw State University, 4th Annual North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference, April 2, 2006.

JOURNALS

- Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 2010, American Society of Church History
- Assistant to the Editor, *East West-Connections*, 2005-2010, the Asian Studies Development Program of the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawai’i.
- Assistant to the Editor, *Japan Studies Association Journal*, 2008-2010, Japan Studies Association

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS/AWARDS

- Best Philosophy Paper, Third Annual Southeast Regional History Graduate Student Conference, 2011
- FSU Department of Religion Presentation Grant, 2009 & 2010
- FSU Congress of Graduate Students Conference Presentation Grant, 2009 & 2010
- FSU Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 2009-2010
- Amsterdam Merit Scholarship, Graduate School of Humanities 2007-2009
- Georgia HOPE Tuition Scholarship 2004-2007

WORK EXPERIENCE

Infotank, LLC., Atlanta, Georgia

Information Technology Support Engineer

August 2006 to July 2007

- Assist in the maintenance of all information technology for largest Presbyterian congregation in the United States
- Provide support of servers, network, and users on a day-to-day basis

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

TechDiscovery, LLC., Atlanta, Georgia

Information Technology Manager

September 2000 to August 2006

- Designed, implemented, and managed Windows 2003 & Cisco based network infrastructure between Atlanta, Georgia and Kiev, Ukraine, with satellite locations in Denver, Colorado, and Austin, Texas.
- Project management of multiple internal and client based projects
- Taught numerous internal courses to employees and management on software and network systems

GlobalDoc, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

Localization Manager

January 1999 to August 1999

- Managed projects for adapting software products and documentation for foreign markets for Fortune 500 companies
- Installed and managed internal local area network
- Updated and maintained company internet site in five languages

MB Consulting, Inc., Acworth, Georgia

President

February 1996 to September 2000

- Installed & managed Windows & Macintosh based networks for graphics and publishing companies throughout Southeastern United States
- Sales & installation of non-English language fonts, graphics & design software, specializing in Asian languages
- Assisted Apple Computer, Inc., Adobe Systems, Inc. and DiamondSoft, Inc. in prerelease beta testing of non-English language software

ORGANIZATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion, 2010-2011
- Association for the Study of Esotericism (North America), 2006-2011
- European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, 2008-2011
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Sigma Nu Fraternity, Iota Pi Chapter