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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 - present

InsightSupport.Org USA

CEO & Founding Director

Providing consulting, research, and support services in the areas of education and professional services, psychospiritual care and resource development, and clinical spiritual care. My latest project made a detailed analysis of the state of Adult Day Care (which I call Adult *Flourishing* Care) and related funding protocols in the state of New Hampshire. Further services include providing pastoral counseling services for caregivers of a family member undergoing acute medical trauma as well as to a couple already settled on marital separation in order to minimize negative impacts and engender the best outcomes for all concerned.

2010-2016

Insight Delivery Systems Los Angeles

CEO & Founding Director

Consultancy assisting clients in researching, developing and presenting highly specialized scientific, linguistic, and cultural information. Provided research, teaching, and translation assistance to faculty at Harvard University, Claremont Graduate University, the Indic Foundation, and others.

2014

UCLA Hospital Santa Monica

Interfaith Chaplain Unit 4 Level 2 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) certification program

Developed the clinical spiritual care protocol for the oncology unit as a member of the medical care team working closely with the palliative care team. Worked with patients, family members, and medical staff to optimize pain management, bring relational closure to end of life patients, and lower anxiety during acute trauma as well as during the uncertainties of ongoing diagnostic and therapeutic processes, thereby enhancing the psychospiritual well being of patients while fostering smooth functioning across multiple professional domains of the hospital system.

2013

LA County Hospital Los Angeles

Interfaith Chaplain

Units 2&3 Levels 1&2 Clinical Pastoral Education certification program

Urban Interfaith Chaplaincy CPE with St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care

Provided psychospiritual support to patients, family members, staff, and agency members in service to general medical, cardiac, neuro, and neonatal ICUs, burn unit, emergency department critical care units, psychiatric ER, pediatric ER, jail unit, morgue, and county coroner's office. Worked closely with nurses, social workers, area clergy, and ethics committee as member of the medical care team offering critical care services in a Level 1 Trauma Unit.

2011

Massachusetts General Hospital Boston

Interfaith Chaplain

Unit 1 Level 1 Clinical Pastoral Education certification program

Trained in an advanced interdisciplinary CPE program with ICU nurses. Served patients, family members, and staff on major medical units working closely with nurses and social workers in a Level 1 Trauma hospital.

2011-2013

Claremont School of Theology Claremont

Teaching and Research Assistant

I helped design and teach the graduate-level course *Your Brain on God.* I served as a supervisor TA to the Interreligious Studies MA program, reporting directly to the academic Dean, whereby I facilitated and supervised satellite study with the Academy of Jewish Religion of Southern California. I also designed and implemented program assessments, with resulting recommendations subsequently implemented.

1998-present

Mahaprajapati Press Nepal/USA

Director, researcher, and translator

Developing and publishing of curriculum materials in English and local Asian languages

1992-1998

Educational Visions and Methods USA

Founder, Teacher, and Researcher

Provided instruction and conducted grounded theory research on community schools in Tibet, Nepal, India, and Taiwan.

EDUCATION

2011-2017

Claremont School of Theology Claremont

Ph.D. in Clinical Spiritual Care-Practical Theology

- I developed a protocol for empirically discerning clinically conventional measures of spiritual care characteristics in religious cultural practices in order to more effectively deliver spiritual care with measurable outcomes. My latest research used empirical qualitative & hermeneutic textual methods to discern the therapeutic contemplative processes active during contemporary practice of a 16th c. liturgical text.
- Investigation completed resulting in book publication: Kun-mKhyen Pad-ma dKar-po's Amitāyus Tradition of Vajrayāna Buddhist Transformative Care: Contemplative Text, Phenomenological Experience, and Epistemological Process.

2012 LA County Fire Dept/FEMA/Dept of Homeland Security

First Responder training

Claremont

- Completed 24-hour course curriculum in Community Emergency Response Team
- Modules taken with LA Fire Dept, the original founders of the now nationwide CERT program

2011

Harvard University Cambridge

Graded Audit

- Specialized Research Seminar on Event-Related Potential (ERP) Methods
- Adult Development with Robert Kegan (individual consultation and online lectures)

EDUCATION continued

1992-1993

Harvard University Cambridge

Ed. M.

Concentration in science teaching and curriculum with an emphasis on pragmatic and relevant education

NGO management study with the Kennedy School of Government

1987-1992

Northeastern University Boston

B. Sc., physics

- Summa cum laude honors earned
- Elected to Sigma Pi Sigma physics honors society
- Completed graduate-level study of neural science and undergraduate study of psychobiology

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Trinlae, Bhikshuni Lozang. Kun-mKhyen Pad-ma dKar-po's Amitāyus Tradition of Vajrayāna Buddhist Transformative Care: Contemplative Text, Phenomenological Experience, and Epistemological Process. Zurich: LIT-Verlag. 2017.

——. "Buddhist Liturgy as a Transformative Mode of Spiritual Care: A *Précis* for the International Association for Spiritual Care" In *Pastoral and Spiritual Care across Religions and Cultures* [Seelsorge und spiritual care in interkultureller perspektive]. Edited by Isabelle Noth, Georg Wenz and Emmanuel Schweizer vol. 2. Gottingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017.

SELECT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Spiritual Care: Benefitting Spiritual Leaders, Caregivers, and Communities. University of Bern, Switzerland, 2017 (guest lecture)

Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Axis (HPA) in the Stress Response of Adolescents and Children (meta review presentation), Mind and Life Summer Research Institute, Garrison, NY, 2014

(research poster)

Spiritual Pain from a Buddhist Perspective, Spiritual Care Ground Rounds, Los Angeles County Hospital, Los Angeles, 2013

(panel presentation)

Practical Theology for Community Service: Building Effective Inter-religious Coalitions as a Force for Positive Social Transformation, Memnosyne Foundation Scholarship at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, 2012

(paper & presentation)

Community Connectedness and Engagement of Harvey Mudd College Students, a Structural Equation Modeling statistical study, Harvey Mudd College, 2012

(research poster)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Practical Theology Association of Professional Chaplains Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

BCCI Professional Chaplaincy Board Certification - Application in process CERT - Community Emergency Response Team - c/o Claremont Police Department/DHS CPR - Red Cross first aid training

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Nepali, Sanskrit, and Tibetan with moderate fluency in Mandarin Chinese