

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

In the current political circumstances, Tibetan literature and language is in grave danger of surviving. My life goal is to contribute to preserving and promoting the advancement and flourishing of Tibetan literature and language. With these concepts in mind, I have chosen to devote my career to teaching, writing, researching and translating so that Tibetan language can flourish in today's world.

## **COURSES REGULARLY TAUGHT**

Introductory Tibetan  
Intermediate Tibetan  
Advanced Tibetan  
Practical Tibetan

Additional Courses offered: Tibetan Poetry, History of Tibetan Literature

## **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

My current project is on the life of Shar Kaden Gyatso (1916-1978), who was a major monastic figure in Repong, Tibet, before and after the Chinese invasion.

## **PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS**

*'Gro. skyabs bcol la 'gro* [Let's go into Exile], a novel about Tibetan refugees fleeing into India. (Dharamsala: *Tibet Times*, 2005)

*Bod kyi rtsom rig byung ba brjod pa rab gsal me long* [Comprehensive History of Tibetan literature] (Varanasi: Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 2001 and Lanzhou: Gansu People's Publishing House, 2003)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Akhu Padma: *long ba lo tsa ba zhig gi mi tshi'i lo rgyus*. [Biography of Amdo Pema: A Blind Translator to The Dalai Lama and other Tibetan officials in 1950s] (Dharamsala: *Tibet Times*, 2005)

*Byang chub sems dpa'i rtogs pa brjod pa dpag bsam 'khri shing la dpyad pa rtog pa'i ri mo* (Varanasi: Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1998), a book-length study of Kśemendra's "*Bodhisattvavadanakalpalata*"

"Rtag tu ngu'i rtogs pa brjod pa snyan ngag dpag bsam ljon pa la tsod lta'i bskyar zhib" *Nor dze'u*, no. 1 (1997): 15-34. A review of one of Tsongkhapa's famous scripture on Avadana.

"Tun hong yig cha'i lo tshigs skor 'ga' zhig," *Ljang-gzhon*, no. 8 (1995): 93-102. A critical analysis of the dates of historical events contained in the Dunhuang manuscripts.

Comp. and ed., *Zam-gdong-rin-po-che'i-gsung-bshad-dang-gsung-rtsom-phyogs-bsgrigs* (Varanasi: Jamtse Publication, 1996). A collection of public talks and writings of Samdhong Rinpoche on Tibetan Education.

*Pho brang lhan dkar gyi dam pa'i chos 'gyur ro cig gi dkar chag blta bder bsgrigs pa gna' bo'i gtam la 'jug pa'i pho nya zhes bya ba* (Varanasi: Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies,

1996). An easy-to-use and edited version of the original list of Tibetan translations of the sutras and tantras, prepared during the reign of King Trisong Detsen (790-845 A.D.).

Comp. and ed., *Rje btsun chos kyi rgyal mtshan dpal bzang po'i rnam thar phyogs bsgrigs* (Varanasi: Rigjung Dongkhyer Publication, 1995). A biography of Jetsun Chokyi Gyentsen Pal Zangpo (1469-1544 A.D.).

*Tun hong yig rnying las byung ba'i bod kyi gna' rabs smon lam dang de'i mchan 'grel* (New Delhi: Tibet House, 1995). A commentary on ancient Tibetan prayers drawn from the Dunhuang manuscripts.

Comp. and ed., *Grub dbang skal ldan rgya mtsho'i mgur 'bum* (Varanasi: Rigjung Dongkhyer Publication, 1995). A collection of religious songs by Lama Kelden Gyatso (1607-1677 A.D.).

*Gzhon-nu'i-'char-snang* (Varanasi, 1992). A general survey of Tibetan culture.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2002-present      **Lecturer, Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**  
Teaching introductory, intermediate, and advanced courses in Tibetan Language.
- March 4-7, 2007    **Second International Conference on Central Asian Studies and the Early History of Tibet, held at Songtsen Library, India.**  
Presented *tun hong yig rnying gi skad dng lo tshigs skor*, a paper on *Tun-huang* Tibetan documents.
- May 1996-2001    **Editor, *Bod-kyi-dus-bab* (Tibet Times), Dharamsala, HP, India**  
Founded and established office for what has become the leading independent Tibetan newsmagazine. With coverage of international news and issues pertaining to Tibet and Tibetans, this paper continues to enjoy strong circulation among Tibetans in exile. Limited copies also reach Tibetans in Tibet.
- June 24-30, 2000    **Ninth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, held in Leiden, The Netherlands**  
Presented *Bla ma skal ldan pa' mgur 'bum la dpyad pa*, a paper on Lama Kalden Gyatso's religious poetry.
- May 1999-July 2001 **Reporter, Radio Free Asia, Dharamsala, HP, India**  
Served as a field reporter for Radio Free Asia's Amdo Dialect.
- July 25-31, 1998    **Eighth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, held at Indiana University**  
Presented *Bod kyi gna' rabs rtsom rig lo rgyus la dpyad pa*, a paper on the history of classical Tibetan literature.
- 1993-1996        **Research Fellow, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi, UP, India**  
Undertook large research project, "A Comprehensive History of Tibetan Literature," roughly divided into five time periods: pre-7th century, 7th-10th centuries, 10th century to Sakya Pandita, Sakya Pandita to Tsongkhapa, and Tsongkhapa-1959.
- Jan. 1992-  
Dec. 1992        **Tibetan Language Teacher, TCV School, Lower Dharamsala, HP, India**  
Taught students at the elementary level.

## **TRANSLATIONS:**

Mikel Dunham. *Buddha's Warriors: The Story of the CIA-Backed Tibetan Freedom Fighters, the Chinese Communist Invasion, and the Ultimate Fall of Tibet*, English to Tibetan, 2007. To be published by Tibet Times.

## **EDUCATION**

1987-1992

### **Ganden Jangtse College, Mundgod, Karnataka, India**

Studied commentaries on Sutra and Tantra, Tibetan History, and Tibetan Literature. Practiced Tibetan Buddhism. Graduated with *phar phyin rab 'byams pa*.

1982-1986

### **Rongwo Monastery, Rebkong, Amdo, Tibet**

Studied commentaries on Sutra and Tantra, Tibetan History, and Tibetan Literature. Practiced Tibetan Buddhism.