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EDUCATION

- 1998** **Ph.D. Social Anthropology. Harvard University.**
Dissertation: *An Economy of Merit: Women and Buddhist Monasticism in Zangskar, Northwest India.*
- 1995** **M.A. Social Anthropology. Harvard University.**
- 1988** **B.A. Social Studies. Harvard University. Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude.** Thesis:
The Relationship Between Gender, Caste, and Education in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2009-** **Lecturer, Williams College, Departments of Anthropology and Religion.**
Affiliated with Asian Studies, Public Health, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies.
- 2011-2017** **Professor, Göttingen University, Institute of Anthropology & Center for Modern Indian Studies. Chair, Anthropology of Public Health.**
- 2003-09** **Visiting Assistant Professor, Williams College, Departments of Anthropology and Religion.**
- 2002-03** **Visiting Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, Department of Religion.**
- 2000-02** **Mellon Fellow, Brandeis University, Department of Anthropology.**
Developed and taught in the nascent Program in Religious Studies.
- 1997-2000** **Harvard University, Society of Fellows, Junior Fellow.**

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- 2021** **Gutschow K, Davis-Floyd R, and Daviss BA, eds. [Sustainable Birth in Disruptive Times](#).** New York: Springer Nature, March 2021. Over 50 authors explore sustainable birth models across the globe in high-, middle-, and low-resource settings.
- 2021** Davis-Floyd R and **Gutschow K**, eds. *The Global Impact of COVID-19 on Maternity Care Practices and Childbearing Experiences.* [Frontiers in Sociology Ebook](#) with 19

research articles covering maternity care practices across the globe.

2004 Gutschow K. *Being a Buddhist Nun: The Struggle for Enlightenment in the Himalayas*. Harvard University Press, 2004. * Winner: Sharon Stephen's Book Prize, American Ethnological Society, 2005. * Honorable Mention: Elli Köngas-Miranda Prize, Women's Section of the American Folklore Society.

In Progress Gutschow K. *Maya's Death: The Buddha and Maternal Death Then and Now*.
An analysis of the myriad meanings surrounding the Buddha's mother's death, one of the most extensively mythologized accounts of maternal death in world literature. For submission to Routledge or Palgrave Macmillan in 2022.

In Progress Gutschow K. *Human Rights Failures? Maternal Mortality in India & the US*.
A critical ethnography that analyzes the dysfunctional maternity care that produces excess maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in the US and India. Several university presses have expressed interest.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2022 Gutschow K. A Case of Wind Disorder: The interplay of Amchi medicine and ritual treatments in Zangskar.** In *Healing at the Periphery: Ethnographies of Tibetan Medicine in India*. Stephan Kloos and Laurent Pordie, eds. Chapel Hill, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2021 Gutschow K and Davis-Floyd R. [The Impacts of COVID-19 on US Maternity Care Practices: A Followup Study](#).** *Frontiers in Sociology* 6:655401.
- 2021 Gutschow K and Davis-Floyd R. Introduction.** In *Sustainable Birth in Disruptive Times*. Gutschow, Davis-Floyd R, and Daviss BA, eds. New York: Springer Nature, March 2021. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-54775-2_1
- 2021. Gutschow K, Davis-Floyd R, and Daviss BA. Conclusion.** In *Sustainable Birth in Disruptive Times*. K Gutschow, R Davis-Floyd, and BA Daviss, eds. New York: Springer Nature, March 2021. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-54775-2_20.
- 2021 Gutschow K, Dolma P, and S Gonbo. Preterm Birth and Neonatal Care: A Case Study From Ladakh, India.** In *Sustainable Birth in Disruptive Times*. K Gutschow, R Davis-Floyd, and BA Daviss, eds. New York: Springer Nature, March 2021. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-54775-2_14
- 2021 Davis-Floyd R and Gutschow K. [Editorial: The Global Impacts of COVID-19 on Maternity Care Practices and Childbearing Experiences](#).** *Frontiers in Sociology* 6:655401.

- 2020 Davis-Floyd R, **Gutschow K**, and Schwartz D. [Pregnancy, Birth, and the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States](#). *Medical Anthropology* 39(5): 413-427.
- 2020 Davis-Floyd R, **Gutschow K**, and Schwartz D. [The Impacts of COVID-19 on Birth Practices in the US](#). *Practicing Anthropology* 42(3): 6-12.
- 2020 Davis-Floyd R, **Gutschow K**, and Schwartz D. **How Birth Providers in the United States are Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic**. *Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health*. Summer 34(4): 1-12.
- 2016 **Gutschow K**. **The Death of the Buddha's Mother**. *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 44 (1&2, Spring): 1-14.
- 2016 **Gutschow K**. [Going Beyond the Numbers: Maternal Death Reviews In India](#). *Medical Anthropology* 35(4): 322-337.
- 2016 **Gutschow K**. **On Counting and Miscalculation of Maternal Mortality: Metrics and What Matters in Global Health**. In *Armut & Gesundheit [Poverty & Health]*. Martin Tamcke, ed. Göttingen: Universitätsverlag Göttingen. Pp. 131-146.
- 2012 **Gutschow K** and Dolma P. **Global Policies and Local Implementation: Maternal Mortality in Rural India**. In *Global Health – A Challenge for Interdisciplinary Research*. Martin Kappas, Uwe Gross, and Dermot Kelleher, eds. Göttingen: Göttingen University Press. Pp. 153-166.
- 2012 **Gutschow K**. **Women and Buddhism**. In *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Oxford University Press Digital Library.
- 2011 **Gutschow K**. **From Home to Hospital: The Extension of Obstetrics in Ladakh**. In *Medicine Between Science and Religion: Explorations on Tibetan Grounds*. Vincanne Adams, Mona Schrempf, and Sienna Craig, eds. London: Berghahn Press. Pp. 185-214.
- 2010 (2002) **Gutschow K**. **The Delusion of Gender and Renunciation in Buddhist Kashmir**. In *Everyday Life in South Asia*. Diane Mines and Sarah Lamb, eds. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press. Pp. 250-262.
- 2009 **Gutschow K**. **Monasteres de village au Zanskar**. French Translation of 'How Buddhist Renunciation Produces Difference'. In *La vie monastique au miroir de la parenté*, G. Krauskopff and A. Herrou, eds. Paris: L'Harmattan. Pp. 235-52.
- 2007 **Gutschow K**. **How Buddhist Renunciation Produces Difference**. In *Nuns, Yoginis, Saints, and Singers: Women's Renunciation in South Asia*. Meena Khandelwal,

- Sondra Hausner, and Ann Grodzins Gold, eds. New Delhi: Zubaan/Kali for Women (2007) and New York: Palgrave Macmillan (2006). Pp. 220-244.
- 2006** Gutschow K. **The Politics of Being Buddhist in Zangskar: Partition and Today.** *India Review* 5 (3–4): 470- 498.
- 2004** Gutschow K. **Shamans and Oracles in Ladakh.** In *Encyclopedia of Shamanism.* Mariko Walter and Eva Friedman, eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO. 2 volumes. Pp: 756-763.
- 2003** Gutschow K. **A Landscape Dissolved: Households, Fields, and Irrigation in Rinam, Northwest India.** In *Space and Territory in the Buddhist Himalaya.* Niels Gutschow, C. Ramble, and E. Steinkellner, eds. Vienna: Franz Steinkellner. Pp. 111-136.
- 2001** Gutschow K. **Women Who Refuse to be Exchanged: Nuns in Zangskar, Northwest India.** In *Celibacy, Culture, and Society: The Anthropology of Sexual Abstinence.* Elisa Sobo and Sandra Bell, eds. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press. Pp. 47-64.
- 2001** Gutschow K. **What Makes a Nun? Apprenticeship and Ritual Passage in Zangskar, North India.** *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 24(2): 187-216.
- 2000** Gutschow K. **Novice Ordination for Nuns: The Rhetoric and Reality of Female Monasticism in Northwest India.** In *Women's Buddhism Buddhism's Women: Tradition, Revision, Renewal.* Ellison Findly, ed. Boston: Wisdom Books. Pp. 103-118.
- 2000** Gutschow K. **Yeshe's Tibetan Pilgrimage and the Founding of a Himalayan Nunnery.** In *Innovative Buddhist Women: Swimming Against the Stream.* Karma Lekshe Tsomo, ed. London: Curzon Press. PP. 212-228.
- 1997** Gutschow K. **Un-focused Merit-Making in Zangskar: A Socio-Economic Account of Karsha Nunnery.** *The Tibet Journal* 22(2): 30-58.

PUBLICATIONS: IN PROGRESS, OTHER ESSAYS, & BOOK REVIEWS

- 2020.** **Review of The Suffering Fetus and Female Freedom.** By Amy Langenberg. New York: Routledge. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87(4): 1253-1256.
- 2019** **Review of Subject to Death: Life and Loss in a Buddhist World.** By Robert Desjarlais. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. In *Journal of Asian Studies* 78(1): 11.
- 2018** **Review of Transnational Reproduction: Race, Kinship, and Commercial Surrogacy in India.** By Daisy Deomampo. New York: NYU Press. In *Anthropological Quarterly* 91(2): 829-834.

- 2015** **Review of *Making Faces: Self and Image Creation in a Himalayan Valley*.** By Alka Hingorani. University of Hawaii Press, 2013. In *American Anthropologist* 117(4): 835-6.
- 2014** **Review of *Buddhist Nuns and Gendered Practice: In Search of the Female Renunciant*.** By Nirmala Salgado. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. *Journal of Asian Studies* 74(2): 517-519.
- 2009** **Review of *Modern Ladakh: Anthropological Perspectives on Continuity and Change*.** By Martijn Van Beek and Fernanda Pirie, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2008. In *Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies* 29(1): 29-30.
- 2001** **Gutschow K. and Mankelov S. Dry Winters, Dry Summers: Water Shortages in Zangskar.** *Ladakh Studies* Vol. 15: 28-32.
- 1999** **Gutschow K. The *Smyung Gnas* Fast in Zangskar, Northwest India: How Liminality Depends on Structure.** In *Ladakh: Culture, History, and Development Between Himalaya and Karakorum*. Martijn van Beek and Kristoffer Bertelsen, eds. Copenhagen: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. Pp. 153-173.
- 1998** **Gutschow K. Hydrologic in the Western Himalaya: Several Case Studies From Zangskar.** In *Culture Area Karakorum Studies. Karakorum-Hindukush-Himalaya: Dynamics of Change*. Irmtraud Stellrecht, ed. Köln: Rudiger Köppe Verlag. Pp. 443-473.
- 1997** **Gutschow K. A Case of Madness or 'Wind Disorder' in Zangskar.** In *Recent Research on Ladakh* 7. Thierry Dodin and Heinz Räther, eds. Ulm: Ulmerkultur-Anthropologische Schriften, Band 9. Pp. 177-202.
- 1997** **Gutschow K. Lords of the Fort, Lords of the Water, and No Lords at All: A Comparison of Irrigation in Three Tibetan Societies.** In *Recent Research on Ladakh* 6. Henry Osmaston and Ngawang Tsering, eds. Bristol: University of Bristol Press. Pp. 105-116.
- 1995** **Gutschow K. Kinship in Zangskar: Idiom and Practice.** In *Recent Research on Ladakh* 4 & 5. Henry Osmaston and Phillip Denwood, eds. London: School of African and Oriental Studies. Pp. 337-349.
- 1995** **Gutschow K. The Power of Compassion or The Power of Rhetoric? A Report on Sakyadhita's 4th International Conference on Buddhist Women.** *Himal* 8(6): 18-21.

- 1994** Gutschow K. **Reflections From a Nunnery Rooftop.** *Ladags Melong.* 1(1): 21-23. Reprinted in *Sakyadhita* 6(2): 9-11, Fall 1995.

GRANTS & HONORS

- 2021 National Geographic Society Award COVID-19 Supplementary Award**
Worked with Ladakhi partners who conducted preliminary participatory research to identify needs and goals around climate change adaptation and advocacy.
- 2021-2023 National Geographic Society Award (\$99,847)**
Our project “Climate Change Adaptation: By the People & For the People”, aims to engage one fifth of Zangskar’s population—youth and women—in climate crisis adaptation and advocacy through participatory ethnographic research, citizen science camps, and resource management to promote climate smart policy for the HKH region. [Climate Z website here](#)
- 2011 – 16 Goettingen University Grant (\$159,300)**
5-year grant to conduct a mixed-methods study maternal death reviews as well as their relationship to emergency obstetric care at the government hospitals located in two adjacent districts in Ladakh, India.
- 2009-11 Advanced Researcher Fellowship. Humboldt Foundation, Germany (\$86,000)**
18-month grant to research and write about the shifting flow of birth from home to hospital in India and the US and how this relates to maternal health and medicalization of birth.
- 2010 Williams College WIT Program: Archive Z**
Worked with students in the Williams Instructional Technology (WIT) program to develop Archive Z, a digital archive linking metadata about five categories—time, place, action, object, and being—to photos within the archive.
- 2008 Faculty Center for Media Technologies, Williams College (\$5000)**
Archive Z- Phase II. Grant to update Archive Z to 7500 images and attach metadata as well as launch a pilot of the ethnographic database from India, Nepal, Pakistan.
- 2006 Faculty Center for Media Technologies, Williams College (\$7500)**
Archive Z-Phase I. Grant to digitize 6500 ethnographic images spanning 19 years of fieldwork on religion, society, and culture in Indian Himalaya, Nepal, and Pakistan.
- 1997-00 Junior Fellow, Harvard University Society of Fellows (\$150,000)**
A fellowship to study how biomedicine and Buddhism relate to gender, health, and social inequality in Ladakh, India.
- 2000 Wenner-Gren Research Grant (\$12,000)**

To study the social and political dynamics of water allocation in Himalayan Jammu and Kashmir. This project was also a **finalist** for the **MacArthur Foundation's Writing and Research Grants**.

1999 Milton Fund, Harvard University (\$17,000)

To research social conflict and power around water and land resources in Ladakh using colonial archives, cartography, and ethnographic methods.

1996-97 N.I.M.H. Predoctoral Research Grant (\$15,000)

To research the relationship between Buddhism, Tibetan medicine, and reproductive health in Ladakh and wider Himalayan region.

1996, 1994 Derek Bok Teaching Awards, Harvard University

For excellence in teaching at Harvard in the Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies Departments.

1995 German Research Council Grant (\$6500)

For research on dynamics of irrigation and shared processes of communal stewarding of water, land, and other environmental resources in Zangskar, India.

1990-94 Jacob Javits Award (\$100,000)

Sponsored four years of Ph.D. studies at Harvard and research on Buddhist monasticism, gender, and religious identity.

1993 Harvard Anthropology Department Research Grant (\$2000)

To study the relationship between Buddhist rites and monastic authority in Zangskar.

1992, 91 Mellon Foundation Research Grants (\$2500)

To study the Buddhist economy of merit, monasticism, and Tibetan medicine in Ladakh.

1988-90 Sheldon Traveling Fellowship (\$12,000)

Two-year study of how refugee culture shapes oral history among Khmer, Laotian, and Vietnamese refugees in Thailand and Tibetan refugees living in Nepal and India.

1988 Phi Beta Kappa Award, Harvard University

1987 Harvard Institute For International Development Summer Research Grant (\$2000)

To study gender & education during an internship at Winrock International in Nepal.

1987 Radcliffe Phi Beta Kappa Summer Research Grant (\$1500)

For fieldwork in the Kathmandu Valley on gender, caste, and modernity.

1984, 85 National Council for Arab-American Relationship Fellowship ('84) and Internship ('85).

To study of Arabic language and society at the American University in Cairo.

FILMS & DIGITAL MEDIA

1995 Location expert for *Behind the Ice Wall*. Provided translation, logistical, and script support for a documentary co-produced by the Discovery Channel, Canal+, and German GEO. Film awarded **Grand Jury Prize at Banff Mountain Film Festival, First Prize at Telluride Mountain Film Festival, Finalist at the New York Film Festival.**

1995 Anthropologist for *Rough Road to Zangskar*. Narrator for a documentary film that raised funds for GRP'S Zangskar Project.

1994 Media Assistant and CD booklet author for *The Singing Nuns of Chuchikjall*, a digital recording of Buddhist chants with proceeds donated to Gaden Relief's Zangskar Project.

INVITED LECTURES

2019 Harvard University, Seminar on Culture, Psychiatry, and Global Mental Health
The Buddha's Mothers Death: Maternal Mortality Then and Now

2016 Harvard University, Buddhist Studies Forum
Buddha's Mothers Death: Then and Now

2016 Northwestern University, Art History and Asian Studies
Maya's Death: Birth and Buddhism Then and Now

2014 Williams College, Women's Collective
Human Rights Failures? Maternal Mortality in India and the US

2013 Williams College, International Studies Colloquium
Moving 'Beyond the Numbers': The Anthropology of Maternal Mortality in India

2012 Göttingen University. Open Lecture Series.
The Anthropology of Reproduction in South Asia &
Maternal Mortality and Cash Transfers: the JSY Program in India

2012 Williams College, Asian Studies Forum
Buddhism, Birth, and Biomedicine: The Buddha's Mother's Death Then and Now.

2011 Barcelona. Plenary, 7th European Congress on Tropical Medicine & International Health

Moving Beyond the Numbers: The Anthropology of Maternal Mortality in India
2011 Paulinerkirche, Göttingen. Göttingen International Health Network (GIHN) Launch
The Anthropology of Maternal Mortality: The JSY Scheme and Going Beyond the Numbers

2010 Institute of Ethnology, Göttingen University
What Ethnography Can Offer Maternal Health

2009 Five College Buddhist Studies Forum, Smith College

- 2009** The Global in the Local: Buddhism, Biomedicine, and 'Safe Motherhood' in India
Max Planck Institute For the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany
- 2008** The Global in the Local: Buddhism, Birth, and Biomedicine
Humanities and Social Science Division Lecture Series, Williams College
Are Hospitals the Safest Place to Give Birth In Rural India? The Globalization of Safe Motherhood in Ladakh
- 2005** **University of Wisconsin, South Asia Seminar**
Being a Buddhist Nun: Practice and Theory in Buddhist Studies
- 2005** **Auburn University, Judy Collins Smith Art Museum Annual Lecture**
Being a Buddhist Nun and Being an Anthropologist in Zangskar
- 2003** **Williams College, Religion Department Seminar**
Buddhist Monasticism: In Practice and Theory
- 2003** **University of Chicago, History of Religions Seminar**
Fasting and Feasting: Ritual and Reciprocity in Buddhist Kashmir
- 2003** **University of California Los Angeles. Buddhist Studies Seminar**
Fasting and Feasting: Ritual, Resistance, and Reciprocity in Zangskar
- 2003** **University of Vermont, Department of Anthropology Seminar**
Fasting and Feasting: Ritual and Reciprocity in the Buddhist Himalaya
- 2001** **University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology Seminar**
Fasting and Feasting: Ritual, Resistance, and Reciprocity in Zangskar
- 2001** **Brandeis University, Inauguration of the Program in Religious Studies**
Ritual and Reciprocity through Fasting and Feasting
- 2001** **University of Pennsylvania, South Asian Studies Seminar**
Women and Buddhism: A Case Study from India
- 1999** **Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi, India**
Tibetan Pilgrimage: Circumambulation, Purification, and Sacred Space
- 1998** **Harvard University, Medical Anthropology Seminar**
The Idiom of Wind in Tibetan Medicine
- 1998** **Skidmore College. Department of Religion Seminar**
The Rhetoric and Reality of Novice Ordination
- 1998** **Trinity College, Department of Religion**
Ani Yeshe and the Founding of a Himalayan Nunnery
- 1997** **Harvard University, Central Asian Studies Forum**
Buddhist Monasticism and Merit Making
- 1996** **West Deutsche Rundfunk Radio Interview in Cologne, Germany**
Wisdom and Compassion as Lived Practices in Zangskar
- 1996** **School of African and Oriental Studies, Himalayan Studies Forum**
Zangskar: Settlement and Monasticism in an Economy of Scarcity

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2015** **European Association for Social Anthropology (EASA) Medical Anthropology Network Conference, Sussex, UK.**

- Maternal Mortality and Surrogacy in the US and India.
- 2015 9th European Congress on Tropical Medicine & International Health, Basel Switzerland.**
An Ethnographic Review of a Pregnancy-Related Death by Suicide in Ladakh India. (Poster)
- 2013 Ladakh Studies Conference. Heidelberg University, Germany**
Abortion and Maternal Death in Ladakh: Semantics, Practices, Policies. Co-presented with Padma Dolma, Chief Obstetrician, Leh District Hospital.
- 2013 EASA and AAA Society for Medical Anthropology Conference. Tarragona, Spain.**
Abortion, Suicide, and the WHO Definition of Maternal Death. Accepted but not presented.
- 2012 American Anthropological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, Literary Ethnography Panel.**
Two Pregnancies: High Tech and Low-Tech
- 2010 American Anthropological Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.**
Breech Births in Two Cultures (discussant for 'Buddhisms in Motion' panel)
- 2009 American Anthropological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Literary Ethnography Panel**
Buddhists Don't Cry
- 2009 Society for Medical Anthropology. 40th Anniversary Conference. Yale University.**
Global and Local: Safe Motherhood Initiatives in Ladakh
- 2009 International Association of Ladakh Studies Conference, Ladakh, India.**
The Impact of Safe Motherhood Strategies in Ladakh, Co-presented with Padma Dolma, Chief Obstetrician, Leh District Hospital
- 2008 American Anthropological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA**
Twins in Two Cultures: The Ethnography of Birth
- 2008 Ritual Dynamics Conference, Heidelberg, Germany**
Mothers, Midwives, and Monks: The Ritualization of Obstetrics in the Himalayas
- 2007 International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Rome, Italy**
From Home to Hospital: The Changing Face of Birth in Ladakh. Co-presented with Padma Dolma, Chief Obstetrician, Leh District Hospital
- 2007 International Congress on Buddhist Women's Role in the Sangha, Bhikshuni Vinaya, and Ordination Lineages (with the Dalai Lama), Hamburg, Germany.**
How Ordination Relates to Status in the Buddhist Himalaya, Co-presented with Skalzang Lhamo, President, Zangskari Nuns Association.
- 2006 Women and Buddhism Conference, Smith College.**
How to Beat Monks at Their Own Game
- 2005 Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative, University of Paris, X. France.**
Natal Nuns and Village Monks: Kinship and Renunciation in Zangskar
- 2003 International Association for Tibetan Studies Seminar, Oxford University, UK.**
The Woeful Body in Tibetan Medicine and Buddhism
- 2001 Buddhism and Globalization Conference, Boston University.**
Can Monasticism Mean Modernity in Zangskar?

- 2001 International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Oxford University, UK.**
Being a Buddhist Nun in Ladakh, Co-authored with Ani Palmo, Ladakh Nuns Association.
- 2001 American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, DC.**
The Woeful Body in Buddhist Doctrine and Tibetan Medicine
- 2001 South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin.**
Gender and Illusion in Buddhist Monasticism
- 1999 American Anthropological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.**
Women's Health and Illness Narratives in Northwest India
- 1999 International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Ladakh, India.**
The Education of Nuns in Northwest India
- 1999 Asian Studies Association Conference, Boston.**
What Makes a Nun? Apprenticeship and Ritual Passage in the Indian Himalaya
- 1998 Space and the Sacred Conference, Heidelberg University, Germany.**
Rinam Dissolved: An Analysis of Sacred Space and Water in Zangskar
- 1998 International Association for Tibetan Studies, University of Indiana, Bloomington.**
Per Ager or Through the Fields: Tibetan Pilgrimage in Sani, Zangskar
- 1998 South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin.**
Buddhist Identity Politics: Hill Council in a Marginal Place
- 1998 International Congress on Tibetan Medicine, Washington, D.C.**
Tibetan Medicine and the Environment: Prospects for Sustainability
- 1998 International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, University of Aarhus, Denmark.**
Liminality and Structure in a Buddhist Fasting Ritual
- 1995 Karakorum and Hindu Kush Conference, Quaid-E-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.**
Hydrologic in the Western Himalayas: Case Studies From Zangskar
- 1993 International Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Ladakh, India.**
A Comparison of Irrigation in Three 'Tibetan' Societies
- 1992 International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, SOAS University of London, UK.**
Kinship in Zangskar: Idiom and Practice

CLASSES TAUGHT/PLANNED

Campus Health in Disruptive Times
 Mindsight: Applied Mindfulness and Medicine
 India's Identities: Reproducing the Nation, Community, & Individual
 Medicine, Pathology, and Power: An Ethnographic View
 Buddhism, Sex, & Gender: #MeToo Then and Now
 Sex and the Reproduction of Society
 Body Politics in South Asia: Gender/Sexuality, Religion, & Nation
 Introduction to Public and Global Health

Engendering Buddhism: Women and Men Who Produce and are Produced by Buddhism
 Gender, Religion, & Politics in South Asia
 Introduction to Medical Anthropology
 Sex & Society: US and India
 Community-Based & Participatory Fieldwork
 The Anthropology of Reproduction in South Asia and Beyond
 Critical Differences: Gender & Sexuality
 Social Suffering: Medicine & Society
 Global Health: Disasters & Debates
 Infections & Inequalities
 The Anthropology of Reproductive Health
 Himalayan Buddhism: Shangri La and the Post-Colonial Predicament
 Anthropology of Religion
 Introduction to Religious Studies
 Religion: Theory and Method
 Buddhism: An Introduction
 World Religions

THESES ADVISED, Sample 2010-2020

- Full Spectrum Doula Care in Berkshire County (BA, Williams College)
- Operating Within Structure: Dedication Within A Small Community Hospital to Resist the Global Cesarean Rise (BA, Williams College)
- Labor Doula Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence (MA-Univ of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health)
- The Use of Social Media in Women's Campaigns Against Street Harassment in India (MA, Goettingen University)
- Gender & Climate Change Governance in India (MA, Goettingen University)
- The LGBT Community in India: A Study on Representation, Challenges, and Possibilities of Cyber Activism (MA, Goettingen University)
- Disabilities and Dialogue in India (MA, Goettingen University)
- Access to Drugs in the Global South: A Case Study of India (BA, Goettingen University)
- Regulating the Surrogacy Market in India (BA, Goettingen University)
- Adoption in India (BA, Goettingen University)
- The Impact of Labor Support on Birth Outcomes: Doulas and VBAC (BA, Goettingen University)
- Midwifery Under Threat in Germany (BA, Goettingen University)
- India's Missing Girls and Their Impact on Short-Term and Long-Term Demographic Factors (BA, Goettingen University)

- Female Dominance in the Context of BDSM (BA, Goettingen University)

COMMUNITY-BASED & APPLIED WORK

1991-2016 Project Manager, Zangskar Nuns Project, Gaden Relief Projects.

Coordinated the expenditure and fundraising of over \$100,000 in Ladakh, India for appropriate technology projects including passive solar rooms, plantations & water supply systems, compost toilets, and greenhouses.

1988-1990 Legal Advocate for Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA) in Thailand. Prepared asylum cases for Khmer, Lao, & Vietnamese refugees in Thailand for a program run by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and the U.S. State Department's Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA).

1987 Researcher for Winrock International, Kathmandu, Nepal. Evaluated changing attitudes towards gender roles and education in the Kathmandu Valley.

LANGUAGES

German: fluent, native speaker.

Tibetan dialects of Zangskari and Ladakhi.

Limited Spanish & Nepali

ACADEMIC SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- 1995- American Anthropological Association, Member: Society for Medical Anthropology, American Ethnological Society, and Anthropology and Religion Subsections.
- 1992-2017 International Association for Ladakh Studies, Advisory Board Member.
- 2011-2018 Grant Reviewer for German Research Council (German equivalent of NSF)
- 2007-2013 Honorary Editor, *Ladakh Studies Journal*.
- 2001-04 Nepal and Himalayan Studies Association, Executive Council Member.
- 1998-2004 International Association for Buddhist Studies, Member.
- 1996-2000 Royal Anthropological Society, Fellow.

REVIEWS:

I review for journals such as *Medical Anthropology*, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *History of Religions*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religions*, *Asian Medicines*, etc.

References Available Upon Request