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**Education**

* **M.A. Gerontology** emphasis in Spiritualty and Dementia(s).

**University of Northern Colorado,** Greeley, CO, 2016.

* **M.A. Religious Studies** emphasis in Buddhist and Daoist Studies.

**Naropa University**, Boulder, CO, 2012.

**Master’s Thesis: *Jiùkŭ Tiānzūn - A Dàoist Response to the Cult of Guān Yīn***

* **B.A. Philosophy**

**University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**, Stevens Point, WI, 2016.

**Areas of Teaching Competence**

* Ageing/Gerontological studies
* Ageing social structures
* Ageing policy
* Aging and Spirituality
* Dementia care and theory
* Buddhist Studies (Mahayana Buddhism)
* World Wisdom Traditions and World Religions
* Daoist Studies
* East Asian Religions (Confucianism)
* East Asian Philosophy
* Old Testament

**Professional Teaching Experience**

* **Colorado Mesa University, Gerontology, Online**

**Lecturer of Gerontology**, 2018-Present

Courses Taught

**Introduction to Gerontology**

In this course, I provided a foundational introduction to the field of Gerontology and the study of ageing. Utilizing guided online discussions, I supported students learning about the field of ageing to help them understand the context of ageing in the US and the world. Students were expected to utilize basic Gerontological vocabulary and theory in discussions. Evaluations of students’ comprehension included multiple-choice quizzes and exams which also included essay questions involving critical thinking.

**Community Resources for Older Adults**

Students gained insight and understanding of the different social and community programs and services available to older adults. Emphasis is placed on, but not limited to, the Older Americans Act (OAA) and programs. Students were supported by online discussions and weekly learning activities where community engagement was key.

**Applied Legal/Policy in Aging**

A course designed to introduce students to ageing policies, such as the Older Americans Act (OAA), Social Security, and Medicare/Medicaid. Emphasis placed on student investigation into policy issues of the most interest to them.

* **Naropa University, Traditional Eastern Arts, Boulder, CO**

**Adjunct Faculty**, 2013-2014

Courses Taught

**Daoism (2013-2014)**

An introduction course to Daoism, with emphasis on history and as a major living world religion. Cross-listed course of both undergraduate and graduate students.

**Graduate Teaching Assistantships**

* **University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, **Gerontology Department, 2014-2016**

**Continuing Professional Development**

* **Duke University, 2015**

5 day research workshop on Religion, Spirituality and Health.

**Presentations**

* **Speaker,** *Transportation Momentum: How to Keep it Moving,* AARP Livable Communities National Conference (2018).
* **Speaker,** *Age Friendly Pitkin County*, Western Slope Livable Communities Conference (2018).
* **Lecturer**, *Navigating Dementias and Associated Behaviors*, Peregrine Assisted Living (2018).
* **Poster**, *A View into Spiritual Care Programs for Older Adults with Alzheimer’s Disease*, 7th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality (2017).
* **Lecturer**, *The Spiritual Care Side of Dementia Care: Where God Meets Dementia*, National Association of Activity Professionals National Conference (2014).

**Professional Service**

* **Commissioner, At-Large,** Colorado Commission on Aging – Appointed (2018-2022).
* **Council Member,** Forum on Religion, Spirituality and Aging (FORSA) American, Society on Aging. (2019-2021).

**Professional Organizations**

* **American Society on Aging** (ASA)
* **Gerontological Society of America** (GSA)
* **Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education** (AGHE)
* **American Academy of Religion** (AAR)
* **Association for Asian Studies** (AAS)