

Curriculum vitae

Personal details

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Education

A) 1996 – 2000: Studied for a Ph.D. in Buddhist studies at the University of Queensland. The thesis topic focused on *paṭiccasamuppāda* (dependent arising), which provides the theoretical foundation for Buddhist philosophy and practice. My studies were abandoned when I took up full time employment as a teacher of Buddhist philosophy and practice.

B) 1994: B.Litt. (Hons.) Deakin University. The degree was awarded with First Class Honours on the basis of a thesis *Freedom and bondage: an exploration of interdependent arising and the interdependently arisen in early Buddhism*.

C) 1990 – 1993: Major in Sanskrit at the Australian National University.

D) 1975: B.A. (Hons.) University of Sydney. Majors in History and Government with honours in History. The degree was awarded on the basis of a thesis *Politics of patriotism in NSW 1918-1922*.

Publications

“Transformations of Insight.” *Buddhism in Australia: Traditions in Change*. Oxon: Routledge, 2011: 107-12.

“On Mindfulness,” an essay for participants in *Cultivating the heart-mind with mindfulness*, a workshop presented along with Malcolm Huxter.

Other writings are available on www.dharmasalon.net.

Experience

2003 – present I am an independent dharma teacher in the lineage of Mahāṣī Sayādaw of Burma. I teach retreats, seminars and classes around Australia and overseas. Courses include: meditation retreats; academic courses on various aspects of Buddhist philosophy; and workshops applying Buddhist principles to the healing professions.

2000 – 2003 Resident teacher at the Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre (BMIMC). This is a centre for the teaching and practice of insight meditation in the tradition of Mahāsi Sayādaw.

1996 – 2000 While studying for a PhD in Buddhist studies at the University of Queensland I developed and taught a course RE124 *Meditation in eastern religions* which introduces students to the theory and practice of Buddhist and Hindu meditation traditions, along with contemporary issues in the practice of these traditions. I have also taught RE220 *Buddhism*, and given guest lectures in other courses on Buddhism, Hinduism and meditation. I led a meditation group in Brisbane, and gave occasional talks at centres in Brisbane, Lismore and Sydney, as well as teaching retreats at BMIMC.

1990 – 1995 Majored in Sanskrit at the Australian National University and studied Religious Studies externally from Deakin University. During this period I began teaching at BMIMC. I led a meditation group and taught a series of courses in meditation at the Sakyamuni Buddhist Centre, and edited and produced their newsletter, *Sakyamuni news*. I gave occasional lectures on Buddhism and courses on meditation for the Faculty of Education, University of Canberra.

1986 – 1989 Studied and practised in Burma and Thailand as an ordained monk (*bhikkhu*) in the Theravāda Buddhist tradition.

1985 Studied Sanskrit at University of Sydney.

1980 – 1984 I was House Manager of the Koko An Zendo, an urban Zen centre, in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1980 to 1982. From 1982 to 1984 I travelled and studied Buddhism in South and South East Asia.

1977 – 1980 Worked in the Commonwealth public service while helping to establish the practice of Zen Buddhism in Australia with what is now the Sydney Zen Centre.

1976 Travelled in South and South East Asia. Began the practice of Buddhist meditation at Kanduboda Meditation Centre, Sri Lanka.

1971 – 1974 Completed a BA (Hons.) at University of Sydney.