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EDUCATION

M.F.A. in Creative Writing - Prose, University of Washington – Seattle

Dissertation: *On Emptiness & Form: Claiming a Tibetan Voice*

Rae Paris, Chair

Awards: The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholar

B.A. in Creative Writing, minor in English Literature, Knox College

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Richter Fellow, *magna cum laude*

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Indigenous literature; post-colonial fiction; creative writing; Buddhism & science

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

University Lecturer

University of Washington – Seattle

ENGL 131 - "Composition: Exposition"

Autumn 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023, Winter 2024

Creative Writing Instructor

University of Washington – Seattle

ENGL 284 - "Beginning Short Story Writing"

Autumn 2023

Teaching Assistant

TRIO Upward Bound Summer Academy 2023

“Introduction to Public Speaking”

Summer 2023

Instructional Assistant

Youth & Teen Program, Univ. of Washington Continuum College

“Creative Writing Workshop for Middle Schoolers”

Summer 2023

Learning Specialist

AVID | Learning Success Center, Mt. Hood Community College

Sep. 2017 – Mar. 2018

Science & Math Instructor

SOS Tibetan Children’s Village (TCV) School – Ladakh, India

Grades: 6 – 10

Summer 2013

Science & English Instructor

Dept. of Education, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) of H.H. the Dalai Lama

Sambotta Tibetan School (STS) – Paonta Sahib, India

Grades: 6 – 10 (Science); Grades: 11 – 12 (English)

Summer 2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Data Analyst, The Contingent, May 2020 – Jan. 2021
- Quantitative Analyst, The Cadmus Group, May – Aug. 2019
- Nuclear Reactor Operator, Reed College, Sep. 2016 – May 2019
- Chemical Lab Analyst, Specialty Analytical, Jan. – May 2018
- Physics Research Aide, Center for Nanoscale Materials, Argonne National Lab, Jun. – Aug. 2016
- Reed College, Dept. of Physics Assignment Grader, Sep. 2015 – May 2016
- Public Relations Officer, Tibetan Youth Hostel – Delhi, Student Council, Sep. 2012 – May 2013

SERVICES TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- Madison High School at Marshalls, Tutor Program Coordinator, Winter 2020
- Franklin High School, Writers in the School (WITS) Apprentice, Winter 2020
- Reed College Peer Mentorship Program, Aug. 2015 – May 2019
- AVID|Learning Success Center, Mt. Hood Community College, Tutor, Sep. 2017 – Mar. 2018
- David Douglas High School, Refugee & Immigrant Student Empowerment, Summer 2017
- Reed College International Students Advisory Board, Aug. 2016 – May. 2017
- Reed College Nuclear Reactor Mentor, Sep. 2016 – May 2019
- Reed College Nepal Earthquake Relief Team, Fundraiser & Banner Designer, 2015
- TCV School – Selakui Annual Magazine (*Tsamtin*), Editor in Chief, 2010
- TCV School – Selakui Biannual Science Magazine (*Enquiry*), Editor in Chief, 2009
- TCV School – Selakui Other's Before Self in Action (OBSA) Tutor, May – Dec. 2009
- TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, School Head Boy, Mar. – Dec 2007
- TCV School – Lower Dharamsala Science Magazine, Editor in Chief, Mar. 2006 – Dec. '07
- TCV School – Lower Dharamsala Annual Magazine (*Dronmey*), Editor in Chief, Mar. – Dec. '06
- TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, School Prefect, Mar. – Dec. 2006

AWARDS AND HONORS

- The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholar 2023
- Phi Beta Kappa, Knox College, 2022
- Proctor Fenn Sherwin Short Story Award, Knox College, 2022
- Dean's List, Knox College: Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2021, 2022; Winter 2021, 2022
- Paul K. & Evelyn Cook Richter Memorial Award, Summer 2021
- Knox College Power of Experience Grant, Summer 2021
- Emerging Leader, The Contingent, 2019, 2020
- Award Winner – Fiction, Perceptions Literary Magazine, 2018
- President's Roll, Mt. Hood Comm. College: Winter '14, '18; Spring '14, '18; Summer '15; Fall '17
- All India Rank: 10, 3rd Int'l Level Science Talent Search Exam, Taramandala, 2008
- State (HP) Rank: 3, All India 97.41 Percentile, 11th National Science Olympiad, 2008
- Silver Medal, HOPE All-India Essay Writing Competition, 2008
- Best Speaker, ICFAI Inter School Declamation Contest on Gandhi Jayanti, Dharamsala, 2007
- School Best Boy Award: TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, Central Tibetan Administration of H.H. the Dalai Lama, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *Vanishing Homelands: from Asylum to Asylum* (Manuscript in Progress)
- *On Emptiness & Form: Claiming a Tibetan Voice* (Masters Thesis), U. Washington – Seattle, 2024
- *Reflections on Introspections*, SOS Tibetan Children's Village School – Selakui, 2010

Fiction

- "The Sharpa from Kathmandu," *Catch Literary Magazine*, v. 54, Issue II. Spring 2022
- "Exile," *Perceptions Literary Magazine*, 2020
- "Deliverance," *Perceptions Literary Magazine*, 2018

Poetry

- "Untitled," *Quiver*, v. 10, Issue II. Spring 2022
- "The Silhouette," *Quiver*, v. 10, Issue II. Spring 2022

Research

- "Tungsten-encapsulated Gadolinium Nanoislands with Enhanced Magnetocaloric Response," *Applied Physics Letters*, v. 111, issue. 1, July 2017

PUBLIC READINGS

- *Vanishing Homelands: from Asylum to Asylum*
 - Castalia: Univ. of Washington MFA Reading Series at Good Shepherd Center, Apr. 2024
- "The Sharpa from Kathmandu:"
 - Castalia: Univ. of Washington MFA Reading Series at Hugo House, Jan. 2023
 - HORIZONS Celebration 2022, Creative & Performance Arts, Knox College, May 2022
 - Milk Route, Dept. of English, Knox College, Apr. 2022
- "Deliverance," *Perceptions Literary Magazine* Annual Launch, May 2018

CONFERENCES HOSTED/INVITED TO

- **Master of Ceremonies:**
 - Castalia: Univ. of Washington – Seattle, MFA Reading Series at the Good Shepherd Center, Spring 2024
- **Speaker:**
 - "Diplomacy Begins Here | New + Next: Building Civic & Economic Innovation," Global Ties U.S. in partnership with U.S. Department of State, hosted in Portland, Oregon, by WorldOregon, Nov. 30, 2017
- **School Ambassador:**
 - "10th Inter-School Program Organized by the Foundation of Universal Responsibility of H.H. the Dalai Lama," represented TCV School – Selakui, Tibetan Homes Foundation (THF) School, Mussoorie, India, Jul. – Aug. 2010
- **Master of Ceremonies:**
 - "12th Inter TCV School Literary & Creative Arts Meet 2008," Tibetan Children's Villages School – Selakui, Dehradun, India, 2010

PRESENTATIONS

- “Neutron Activation Analysis of Zirconium-90: Determining Neutron Flux via. Activity,” Reed College Nuclear Reactor, Winter 2017
- “Tungsten-encapsulated Gadolinium Nanoislands with Enhanced Magnetocaloric Response,” Summer Research Presentation, Dept. of Physics, Reed College, Fall 2016
- “A Mathematical Modelling of Global Warming,” TCV School – Selakui, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Govt. of India, National Science Exhibition, Sunbeam School, Varanasi, India, June – Aug. 2010
- “Alkaline Fuel Cell,” TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, CBSE, Govt. of India, National Science Exhibition, Jainendra Public School, Panchkula, India, June – Aug. 2008

PERFORMANCES

Vocal Solo with Tibetan Lute

- “Sonam Pangyar & Keysang Lak – Tibetan Folk Song:”
 - International Fair 2022, Knox College, Apr. 2022
 - International Students Services Festival, Reed College, Apr. 2016
 - Antardhvani Cultural Festival 2013, University of Delhi, Feb. 2013
- “She-Way Ghang-Seng – Tibetan Folk Song”
 - International Students Services Festival, Reed College, Apr. 2015
 - Losar/New Year Celebration, Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, Jan. 2015
- “Chi-Lo nGa-Gu Lo-La – Tibetan Folk Song”
 - Nobel Peace Prize Celebration, Northwest Tibetan Cultural Assoc., Dec. 2013
 - Inter-House Traditional Song Contest, TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, 2007

Traditional Orchestra (Tibetan Lute)

- Inter-TCV School Traditional Song & Dance Competition, Team TCV – Selakui, 2010
- TCV School – Selakui, School Orchestra, 2009-2011
- Inter-House Traditional Song & Dance Contest, TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, 2007
- Inter-House Traditional Song & Dance Contest, TCV School – Lower Dharamsala, 2006

Vocal Ensemble (Tenor)

- TriTones, Knox College, 2020

FEATURED IN

- “Tenzin Sangpo Brings Skill & Gratitude to Tutoring,” AVID | Learning Success Center Newsletter, Mt. Hood Community College, Spring 2018
- “Making Peace with Chaos – Refugee students thrive in Portland despite uncertainty,” Oregon Humanities, Dec. 6, 2016
- “The Dharma of Tenzin Sangpo – Tibetan asylee finds his home at Reed,” Reed Magazine, Mar. 2015
- “22 Oregonians, 5 valedictorians, 1 Tibetan refugee: Reed’s freshman class by numbers,” The Oregonian, September 19, 2014