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Summary

Scholar and educator who specializes in the Abhidhamma Pitaka and the Visuddhimagga. Especially interested in the phenomenological aspects of Buddhist psychology. Academic focus is primarily on Buddhist ontology, Buddhist metaphysics, and Buddhist epistemology.

College Lecturer offering a wealth of knowledge in the development and implementation of educational technology tools and applications in the classroom. Personable education professional driven to inspire students to achieve personal and academic success.

Flexible abilities in teaching, experienced in virtual education and software to facilitate remote education.

Motivating and talented educator driven to inspire students to pursue academic and personal excellence. Strives to create a challenging and engaging learning environment in which students become life-long scholars and learners.

Graduate University Student and avid researcher who prioritizes student participation in the classroom. I have studied psychology, philosophy and specifically Abhidhamma and am well versed to teach students and lead them down a path of success.

Education

New York, Excelsior
Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy
Albany, New York USA

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
Master of Arts: Buddhist Studies

Advanced coursework in Greek Philosophy
In depth research in Abhidhamma

Assumption University
Current Ph.D: Philosophy and Religion

Advanced research in comparative philosophy and religion
between Ancient Greek thought and Abhidhamma.

Experience

Wat Prayong
Meditation/Abhi Dhamma Instructor
Nong Chok, Bangkok

Mahachulalongkorn University
Lecturer/ Abhidhamma, Philosophy, Visuddhimagga Studies
Wang Noi, Thailand

Assumption University
Special Lecturer/ Buddhist Studies, Thai Culture and Religion
Bangkok, Thailand

Challenged and motivated students through in-depth lectures and discussions.
Lectured and communicated effectively with students from diverse backgrounds.
Organized recruitment and admission events for prospective students.
Maintained strong ties with students to foster long-term philanthropic support with the school.

Highlights

- Innovative teaching methods
- Accomplished researcher in Buddhist theory including the Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga
- Inspiring lecturer
- Effective use of multi-media teaching tools
- Excellent memory for facts and details
- Innovative thinker in Religion and Philosophy

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Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

"Conditions and Appearance: Exploring the Translations of Rūpa in the Mahānidāna Sutta",
MIAC Journal V.1 (2015)

This paper examines the translation of Rūpa from the Mahānidāna Sutta from three scholars: Bhikkhu Bodhi, Maurice Walshe and T. W. Rhys Davids. The aim of this paper is to show the consequences of possible interpretations from each translation and the effect they have on the overall understanding of Paṭiccasamuppāda.

"The Path of Upekkha: A Wholesome Perspective on Prince Siddhartha's Isolation",
MCU Journal (2015)

This article discusses Prince Siddhartha's decision to leave his family from the perspective that the act in itself was a wholesome act. It is suggested that Prince Siddhartha knew his perception of the world was full of delusions and that he made the choice to cleanse these delusions before making any more commitments.

"The Buddha's Temperance: A Comparison of Epicureanism and the Dhamma"
JIBU V. 7 (2015)

This present article argues against three comparisons of Epicurean thought and Buddhism: that Epicurean Atomism and the Buddha's teachings of physical reality are similar, that Epicurus' insistence that one should not fear consequence after death and the absence of god in the Buddha's teachings are similar, and that Epicurean minimalism and the minimalism taught by the Buddha are similar.

"The Pain of an Arahant: Why Arahants Experience Physical Suffering"
JIBSC V. 1 (2015)

This paper addresses the particulars of an *arahant's* existence in that they do not suffer mentally, but do experience physical pain. Possible problems are presented in simply explaining the physical suffering of an *arahant* as the natural functions of the body. An alternative solution to approaching this issue is offered by suggesting clarification into why it is that *arahants* feel physical pain when they have overcome all mental suffering.

"Objects of Perception: An Explanation of Rūpa- a Thing as Experienced"
VJBS V. 3 Sri Lanka (2016)

This article attempts to show what the Buddha may have meant when using the concept and argues that *Rūpa* may be best understood as a physical object that, while being outside of consciousness, is making contact with consciousness, and should be understood as a thing as experienced. Whatever that same physical object may be outside of experience, that being a thing in-itself, it should not be thought of as *Rūpa*.

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Conference Papers

"A Perspective of Love: Possible Misinterpretations of Mettā"

MCU International Graduate Conference April 5, 2015

This paper discusses the possible problems in interpreting Mettā as an objective energy that exists outside of consciousness. It is suggested that this interpretation may be a reification of what the Buddha meant by the concept of Mettā. Instead, this paper suggests that Mettā is a quality of consciousness that exists only within experience.

"An Analytical Study of Rūpa From the Theravada Perspective"

Rajabhat University SSRU International Conference

April 28th, 2015 Rajabhat University

"Moving Towards World Class Research"

The objectives in this research paper seek to correctly define Rūpa as the Buddha intended and show common misconceptions in the understanding of this concept. Rūpa is meant to be understood as objects of consciousness that appear through experience. As such, this article suggests using - appearance of that which we call physical- as an alternate translation.

"Translations of Rūpa within the Paṭiccasamuppāda"

1st MCU International Academic Conference

May 29th, 2015 Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University

"Buddhism and World Crises"

Varying interpretations of Rūpa and the result of such interpretations may not only change the meaning of Nāma/Rūpa as one step within Dependent Origination, but the meaning of Dependent Origination as a whole. A consensus in translating Rūpa, so as to help keep the meaning of Dependent Origination coherent, is suggested.

"Individualism and the Kālāmas: Critiques of American Buddhism"

IBSC Seminar: Buddhism and Cultural Diversity

October 7th, 2015 Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University

Issues in Western Buddhism

The aim of this short article is to examine American Buddhism and the emphasis it seems to put on the Kālāma Sutta, as well as exploring possible misinterpretations some hold in regards to this Sutta. The individualism of American Buddhists is also explored along with some Americans' insistence that the Kalama Sutta supports this social identity and how that identity may fit in with the tradition of the religion.

Book Review

"Guide Through The Abhidhamma by Nyanatiloka Mahathera"

JIBSC V. 1 (2015)

This review of *Guide Through The Abhidhamma* will be in two parts: first will be a review of the detailed guide that Nyanatiloka compiled, the second will be a review of his essay on the Paṭiccasamuppāda that he included at the end of the guide. The second review will be published in the second issue of the JIBSC.