

CURRICULUM VITAE

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OBJECTIVE

Associate Professor, Buddhism, Asian Religions, Mindfulness, Buddhist Meditation, and World Religions.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Mahayana Buddhism, Zen Buddhism, Pure Land Buddhism, Buddhist philosophy, Chinese religions, Confucianism, and Daoism.

EDUCATION

2016	PhD	University of The West, Rosemead, California, Religious Studies.
2009-2011	MA	University of The West, Rosemead, California, Religious Studies.
1986-1990	BS	Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania, Electrical Engineering.

ACADEMIC TEACHING POSITION

2016-2021: Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Kokomo (www.iuk.edu) Kokomo, IN 46902.

Courses Taught:

REL-R 354, Introduction to Buddhism (Undergraduate course). **Online course.**

Task: Teaching Buddhist Tradition; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

2015-Present: Adjunct Professor, University of Houston (www.uh.edu), Houston, TX 77004.

Course Taught:

RELS-3396, Buddhist Meditation, Face-to-face course.

Task: Teaching Buddhist Meditation; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

RELS-2360, Introduction to Buddhism (Undergraduate course). **Face-to-face course.**

Task: Teaching Buddhist Tradition; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

RELS-3396, Mindfulness and Its Multidisciplinary Applications.

Face-to-face course.

Task: Teaching various traditional and secularized mindfulness approaches and their applications in modern perspectives supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

RELS-3380, Introduction to Asian Religions, Online and Hybrid courses.

Task: Teaching various Asian traditions, i.e., Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shintoism; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

2015-2021: Adjunct Professor, Indiana University South Bend
(www.iusb.edu) South Bend, IN 46615.

Courses Taught:

REL-R 354, Introduction to Buddhism* (Undergraduate course). **Online course.*

Task: Teaching Buddhist Tradition; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

2014-2017: Adjunct Professor, Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus
(www.iupuc.edu) Columbus, IN 47203.

Course Taught:

***REL-R 354, Introduction to Buddhism* (Undergraduate course).**

Face-to-face and Online course.

Task: Teaching Buddhist Tradition; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

2013-Present: Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Southeast
(www.ius.edu) New Albany, IN 47150.

Courses Taught:

IDIS-D 501 and HON-H-306: Buddhist Meditation* (Honor Undergraduate Course and Interdisciplinary Studies Course): **Online Course.*

Task: Teaching Buddhist Meditation; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

REL-R 354, Introduction to Buddhism (Undergraduate course). **Face-to-face and Online course.**

Task: Teaching Buddhist Tradition; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

REL-R 153, Religions of Asia (Undergraduate course).

Face-to-face course.

Task: Teaching various Asian traditions, i.e., Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shintoism; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

HON-H-306, Mindfulness and Its Multidisciplinary Applications

(Honors Undergraduate course). **Face-to-face and Online Course.**

Task: Teaching various traditional and secularized mindfulness approaches and their applications in modern perspectives; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

LBST-D-501, Mindfulness and Its Multidisciplinary Applications

(Graduate course in Liberal Studies). **Face-to-face and Online course.**

Task: Teaching various traditional and secularized mindfulness approaches and their applications in modern perspectives; supervising group discussion and presentation; grading papers and presentations; and providing video components of the course.

PUBLICATIONS/WRITINGS

*Huynh, Trung. "Advocacy for Teaching Mindfulness Practices and World Religions in Public Schools." *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, vol. 2, no. 1, 2021, pp. 175-84.

*Huynh, Trung. "Advocacy for Teaching about Buddhism as an Elective Course in Social Studies." *The Social Studies Texan*, vol. 36, no. 3, Fall/Winter 2020, pp. 47-50.

*Huynh, Trung. *The Early Development of Buddhism in the Red River Delta Basin-Jiaozhi: The Case of a Sogdian-Jiaozhi Buddhist Monk Kang Senghui 康僧會 in Southern China*. Saarbrücken, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, 2018.

*Huynh, Trung. *A reappraisal of Kumarajiva role in medieval Chinese Buddhism*. Saarbrücken, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, 2016.

*Huynh, Trung. "Why did Ambedkar Choose Buddhism to liberate his depressed classes? Was his failure in politics leading him to Buddhism?" *Living in Peace: Insights from Buddhism*. Honolulu: Hawaii, 2013, pp. 265-283.

CONFERENCE

*Co-chair, *Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar of the American Academy of Religion*, term 2019-2024.

*Paper Presentation, “Advocacy for teaching Buddhism in Public School,” *Buddhist Pedagogy section of the American Academy of Religion*, November 2019 annual meeting.

*Paper Presentation, “Some Buddhist approaches to ecological issues,” *Asian Religions section of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion*, March 2019 annual meeting.

*Paper Presentation, “The Exceptional Causes of Buddhist Self-Immolation,” *Asian Religions section and Religion, Conflict, and Peace section of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion*, March 2019 annual meeting.

*Panel Presentation, “Eastern Practice of Mindfulness Goes Mainstream,” *34th Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, Indiana University Southeast*, November 20-22th, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

*American Academy of Religion.

*International Association of Buddhist Studies.

RESEARCH INTEREST

*The implementation of Buddhist Meditation and Compassion in Healthcare.

I am interested in the implementation of Buddhist Meditation and Compassion in Healthcare since a growing number of medical providers are practicing Buddhist meditation and utilizing their innate compassion in dealing with burnout, compassion fatigue, and suicide as well as teaching their patients those remedies in handling their own physical and mental illnesses.

*The amalgamation of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology.

Since the focal point of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology is to find the ways how to alleviate human sufferings, distress, and dissatisfaction, I am interested in their parallel analysis of human emotion, cognition, behavior, and psychology.

INVITED LECTURE/TALKS

*Guest Lecture, “Mindfulness and its multidisciplinary applications,” *Indiana University Southeast*, November 14th, 2018.

*Guest Lecture, “Intro to Buddhism,” *Unity of Houston’s Beyond Religion’s series*, July 10th, 2016.

*Guest Lecture, “Intro to Mindfulness Practice,” *Unity of Houston’s Beyond Religion’s series*, July 24th, 2016.

*Guest Lecture, “Buddhism,” *Moody Methodist Church’s World Religions series*, October 26th, 2016.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

- *Organized the Harvey Relief effort, Houston, TX, August 2017.
- *Organized the Katrina Relief for Asian evacuees, Biloxi, MS, October 2005.
- *Coordinated the Interfaith Relations and Services with several local churches in Corydon of Indiana and Louisville of Kentucky. 2001 to present.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (NATION, STATE, AND LOCAL)

- *Participated in Congressional Hearing About the Relief Effort after Hurricane Katrina, Capitol Hill, 2005.
- *Participated in the PBS, Television Show Program “Communities Build Communities,” by former Indiana First Lady, Judy O’ Bannon, February 2003.
- *Member of Harrison County hospital’s chaplaincy program in Corydon, Indiana (2007-present).
- *Member of Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (2007-2011).

SKILL AND QUALIFICATION

- *Buddhist leader in Houston of Texas, Corydon of Indiana, Louisville of Kentucky, Atlantic City of New Jersey, and St. Louis of Missouri.
- *Fluent in Vietnamese language and Chinese literature.

COMMUNITY LEADER

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| 2014-Present | President, Enlightened Buddha Temple, TX. |
| 2013-Present | President, Compassionate Buddha Temple, MO. |
| 2011-Present | President, Buddhist Mind Corporation, NJ. |
| 2006-Present | President, Buddha Blessed Temple, Louisville, KY. |
| 2001-Present | President, The Ten Thousand Buddhas Summit Monastery, Corydon, IN. |

REFERENCES

Excellent references available upon request.