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Education

MSc Buddhist Studies, University of Edinburgh — Present
Emphasis: *Pilgrimage and Liminality in Mahayana Buddhism*

B.A. Religious Studies, English Literature, Whittier College — 2009
Outstanding Graduate in Religious Studies
Academic Distinction in English
GPA: 3.92

Publications

"A Deep Dive into Taiwan's Artist Villages." *TOPICS Magazine*, 2025.

"Could Oyster Shells Replace Concrete?" *TOPICS Magazine*, 2025.

"How Urban Greening Could Cut Taiwan's Energy Use." *TOPICS Magazine*, 2025.

"Erosion." A Public Space, No. 32, 2025.

"These Taiwanese Companies Are Turning Waste into Building Materials." *TIME Magazine*, print (Nov 25, 2024, pp. 15) and web, 2024.

"Under the Global Sustainable Tourism Trend, How do Taiwan's Major Cultural and Creative Parks Seek Balance?" *The News Lens* (Translated from English to Mandarin Chinese), 2024.

"Cultural and Creative Parks: Taiwan's Sustainable Model for Cultural Tourism." *TOPICS Magazine*, 2024.

"Why Taiwan Is Becoming a Leader in Urban Mining." *TIME Magazine*, 2024.

"The Taiwanese Company Tackling Global Waste through Diaper Recycling." *Commonwealth Magazine*, 2024.

"Taiwan's Prospective Model for a Global Climate Solution." *TOPICS Magazine*, English and Mandarin Chinese, 2024.

"In Taiwan, Designers are Crafting a New Relationship with Waste Materials." *Imagine5*, 2024.

"Navigating Climate Change on a Bike." *National Geographic Learning*, 2021.

"At the End of the Road: How We Change." *National Geographic Learning*, 2021.

"People, Place, & Change in a COVID World." *National Geographic Learning*, 2021.

"7 Things You Didn't Know About Plastics & Recycling." *National Geographic Society*, Infographic Illustrator, 2018.

Editing

Editor, *Intangible Ours*. S.T. Press (Independent Publication), Forthcoming 2025.

Video Copy Editor, *Expedition: Earth Trailer*. National Geographic Asia, 2022.

Copy Editor, "5 Ways to Embrace Sustainable Travel." National Geographic Creative Works in collaboration with Singapore Tourism Board, 2022.

Editor, "Sea to Source: Ganges River Plastics Expedition Dispatch." National Geographic Society Newsroom, 2019.

Podcasts

Lead Writer/Editor, *Expedition: Earth*. National Geographic Asia, 2022.

Fellowships, Residencies, and Awards

Artist-in-Residence, The Pier-2 Art Center. Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2025.
Artist-in-Residence, Kio-A-Thau Artist Village. Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2024.
Writing Fellow, A Public Space. New York, USA, 2023.
Honoree, The Webby Awards, Podcasts: Health, Science & Education, 2023.
Nominee, The Webby Awards, Individual Podcast Episode: Science & Education, 2023.
Gold Medal, PRCA Awards, Multi-Country Campaign Award: Asia-Pacific. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.

Gold Medal, Marketing Interactive PR Awards, Best Use of Social Media. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.
Silver Medal, Markies Awards Singapore, Most Creative Use of Audio. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.
Silver Medal, Markies Awards Singapore, Most Effective Use of Audio. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.
Silver Medal, Marketing Interactive PR Awards, Best PR Campaign – Entertainment. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.
Bronze Medal, Markies Awards Singapore, Most Effective Use of Integrated Media. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.
Bronze Medal, Markies Awards Singapore, Most Effective Use of Digital Media. For *Expedition: Earth* Podcast, 2023.

Lectures and Workshops

"Developing Your Artistic Voice" (Mandarin Chinese & English). National Sun Yat-sen University (hosted by The Pier-2 Art Center), Kaohsiung, Taiwan, June 2025.

"The World and Us" (Mandarin Chinese & English). Tainan National University of the Arts, Tainan, Taiwan, November 2024.

"The Art of Storytelling" (Mandarin Chinese & English). Kio-A-Thau Artist Village, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, October, 2024.

"Starting Out: The Editor-Writer Relationship." Brooklyn Book Festival, New York, USA, September, 2023.

"Environmental Urban Resilience & Storytelling." National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, April, 2023.

"Awaken the Storyteller Within" (Mandarin Chinese & English). Taimei Education Foundation, Zhu Tian, Taiwan, March, 2023.

"Storytelling & the Circular Economy: How to Bring Abstract Concepts to Life." National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, March, 2023.

"Introducing Environmental Urban Resilience through Storytelling to Create Change." National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, February, 2023.

"Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace: Cross-Cultural Dimensions" (Japanese). Matsusaka City Hall, Matsusaka, Japan, July, 2022.

Exhibitions

Intertidal. Artist, The Pier-2 Art Center, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2025.

Railway Tracks: Space, Light, Earth. Artist, Kio-a-Thau Artist Village, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2024.

Matsusaka City Pavilion. Exhibition Curator & Translator, Japanese Culture Gallery, Hoi An, Vietnam, 2022.

Indigo Stripes. Exhibition Curator & Translator, House of Japanese Culture in Paris, Paris, France, 2022.

Ozu Yasujiro Retrospective. Exhibition Curator & Translator, Matsusaka Museum of History & Folklore, Matsusaka, Japan, 2022.

History & Culture of Mie Prefecture. Digital Curator & Translator, Matsusaka City Tourism & Information Center, Matsusaka, Japan, 2022.

Certifications

Japanese–English Translation & Interpretation. Certified by The Council for Local Authorities on International Relations in Japan, 2022.

Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 (A-grade). Certified by The Japan Foundation, 2022. Credential ID N1A259076J.

Languages

English, native level.
Japanese, professional working proficiency.
Mandarin Chinese, intermediate working proficiency.
Classical Tibetan, reading/writing, English-target language translation.

Professional Experience

Suan Tian Stories: Culture & Environmental Multimedia Storytelling Firm
Creative Director, San Diego, CA. 2020 – Present

National Geographic Society: Circular Economy Research Grant

Multimedia Storyteller, Taipei, Taiwan. 2022 – 2023

Matsusaka City Hall: County-level Government Administrative Center
Coordinator For International Relations, Matsusaka, Japan. 2021 – 2022

KOD Inc.: Web & Social Media Cultural Content Hub
Editor, Digital Content, San Diego, CA. 2018 – 2020

AVID Center: College Preparatory Not-For-Profit Organization
Contracts & Accounts Receivable Coordinator, San Diego, CA. 2014 – 2018

Spinning Jewelry: US Administrative Center of Denmark-based Jewelry Company
Office Manager, San Diego, CA. 2009 – 2013