

Michael Chladek

Education

- Ph.D. **University of Chicago**, Comparative Human Development, 2017.
Thesis: *Making Monks, Making Men: The Role of Buddhist Monasticism in Shaping Northern Thai Identities*
Committee: Jennifer Cole (Chair), Richard Shweder, Steven Collins, & Nancy Eberhardt (Outside Reader)
- M.A. **University of Chicago**, Comparative Human Development, 2010.
Thesis: *Sowing the Seeds of American Buddhism: Hybridization and Notions of Monkhood at a Chicago Thai Temple*
Committee: Jennifer Cole (Chair), Bertram Cohler
- B.A. **University of Missouri–Columbia**, Psychology (cum laude), 2006, Minor: Mathematics.
Thesis: *Motivational Links among Goal Orientation, Implicit Theories, Lay Dispositionism and Social Comparison*
Advisor: Ronald Friedman

Publications

REFEREED ARTICLES

- 2018 Chladek, Michael R. “Constructing ‘The Middle’: The Socialization of Monastic Youth in Buddhist Northern Thailand.” *Ethos*. 46(2): 180–205.
- 2007 Friedman, Ronald S; Cooper, M Lynne; Chladek, Michael R; Rudy, Duane. “Investigating the Link between Validation Seeking and Lay Dispositionism.” *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. 33(4): 463–475.
- n.d. Chladek, Michael R. “Imagined Laity and the Performance of Monastic Selves in Northern Thailand.” *Buddhism, Law & Society*. (Under Review)
- n.d. Chladek, Michael R. “Defining Manhood: Monastic Masculinity and Effeminacy in Contemporary Thai Buddhism.” *Rian Thai: The International Journal of Thai Studies*. (Under Review)

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Chladek, Michael R. “Review of Cassaniti, Julia, *Living Buddhism: Mind, Self, and Emotion in a Thai Community*.” *H-Buddhism, H-Net Reviews*.
- 2015 Chladek, Michael R. “A Review of *Moral Personhood in a Globalizing World: Dyadic Perspectives in Rural and Urban Thailand*, by Jessica McKenzie.” *Dissertation Reviews*.

Teaching Experience

- 2018 **Qualitative Research Methods**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Spring).
- 2018 **Anthropology of Religion, Health, & Healing**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Spring).
- 2018 **Morality across the Life Course**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Winter).

- 2018 **Gender, Sexuality, & Religion**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Winter).
- 2015 **Self, Culture, & Society**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Spring).
- 2015 **Writing Research Proposals in the Social Sciences**, Instructor, University of Chicago (Winter).
- 2014–2015 **BA Thesis Advisor**, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.
- 2011–2012 **Self, Culture, & Society**, Teaching Intern, University of Chicago.
- 2011 **Problems of Policy Implementation**, Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago (Spring).
- 2010 **Introduction to Human Development**, Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago (Fall).

Research Experience

- 2017–2018 **Departmental Self-Study**, Research Assistant, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.
- 2010–2014 **Northern Thailand**, Ethnographic Field Research.
- 2009 **Chicago, Illinois**, Ethnographic Field Research.
- 2008–2009 **National Opinion Research Center (NORC)**, Research Assistant, University of Chicago.
- 2006–2008 **Department of Psychology**, Research Assistant, New York University.
- 2006 **Memory and Cognitive Aging Laboratory**, Research Assistant, University of Missouri–Columbia.
- 2004–2006 **Department of Psychology**, Research Assistant, University of Missouri–Columbia.

Selected Grants, Awards, & Honors

- 2016–2017 **William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship**, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- 2015–2016 **Dissertation Fellowship**, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago.
- 2015 **Gianinno Dissertation Fellowship**, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.
- 2014 **Bernice Neugarten Award**, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.
- 2012–2014 **Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant**, National Science Foundation.
- 2012 **Rynerson Research Fund**, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.
- 2011 **Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) Scholarship**, Institute for Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University.
- 2011 **Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowship**, Society for Psychological Anthropology.

- 2010 **Usha Maha Jani Award Nomination**, Southeast Asia Summer Studies Institute (SEASSI), University of Wisconsin–Madison, Award for outstanding language learning.
- 2010 **Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 2010 **Pre-Dissertation Travel Fellowship**, Committee on Southern Asian Studies (COSAS), University of Chicago.
- 2009 **Tuition Fellowship**, Southeast Asia Summer Studies Institute (SEASSI), University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 2009 **Summer Language Study Fellowship**, Committee on Southern Asian Studies (COSAS), University of Chicago.

Presentations

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 ***Making Monks, Making Men: Adolescent Development and Buddhist Monasticism in Northern Thailand***, California State University, Sacramento, February 5.
- 2016 ***Queering Buddhism: How Young Monks Enact and Change Buddhism and Masculinity in Northern Thailand***, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, April 4.

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2015 ***Coming of Age in Institutions: Youth, Gender, and Bureaucratic Subjectivity***, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA, Paper presented: *Buddhist Novice Monks Learning & Resisting Monastic Expectations in Northern Thailand*.
April 12

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2018 ***Internalizing Thainess: Moral Education in a Northern Thai Monastery***, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 22.
- 2017 ***Becoming a “Good Enough” Monk: Youth’s (In)ability to Embody Buddhist Monastic Ideals in Thailand***, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3.
- 2017 ***Does Religion Mitigate Uncertainty? Aimless Agency and Accepting Unknowable Futures among Young Buddhist Monks***, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 12.
- 2016 ***“Nothing is Certain”: How Young Buddhist Monks Enact Aimless Agency and Unknowable Futures in Northern Thailand***, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 18.
- 2016 ***Asymmetrical Orientations to the Buddhist Monastic Code: Imagined Laity and the Performance of Monasticism in Northern Thailand***, Buddhist Law and State Law in Comparative Perspective, University at Buffalo, September 30.
- 2016 ***Buddhist Monasticism in Thailand and the Processing of Morality through Gender | Publics | Panics***, Gender, Publics, Panics in the Global South, University of Chicago, May 6.

- 2015 *Buddhist Novice Monks Learning & Resisting Monastic Expectations in Northern Thailand*, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 22.
- 2014 *Constructing Lanna Buddhism in Contemporary Northern Thailand*, Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October 18.
- 2014 *Why Understanding Buddhist Monasticism is Important for Understanding Gender/Sexuality in Thailand*, International Thai Studies Conference, University of Sydney, April 23.
- 2012 *Recent Media Depictions and Popular Imaginings of the Relationship between Buddhist Monasticism and Manhood in Thailand*, SEASSI Student Conference, University of Wisconsin–Madison, July 28.
- 2012 *Becoming a Man: Effeminacy and the Guarding of Buddhist Masculinity in Thailand*, Engendering Change Gender and Sexualities Conference, University of Chicago, April 27.
- 2011 *“Are you a Man?”: Buddhist Monkhood and the Construction of Masculinity in Thailand*, Council on Thai Studies Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October 8.
- 2011 *Buddhist Monkhood as a Site for the Construction of Ideal Masculine Agents of Change in Thailand*, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 2.
- 2010 *Translating Buddhism: Monks as Mediators at a Chicago Thai Temple*, SEASSI Student Conference, University of Wisconsin–Madison, July 24.
- 2010 *Sowing the Seeds of American Buddhism: Hybridization at a Chicago Thai Temple*, Comparative Human Development Conference, University of Chicago, May 7.

PANEL DISCUSSANT

- 2015 *Panel on Institutions*, Comparative Human Development Annual Student Conference, University of Chicago, May 8.

University & Community Service

JOURNALS

- 2014–Present **IT Administrator**, HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- April 2017 **Discussant**, African Studies Workshop.
- 2014–Present **Graduate Student Mentor**, Comparative Human Development.
- May 2011 **Coordinator**, Comparative Human Development Conference.
- 2010–2012 **Coordinator**, Buddhist Studies Group.
- 2009–2010 **Treasurer**, Human Development Student Association.
- 2009–2010 **Coordinator**, Comparative Human Development Workshop.

2008–2010 **Representative**, Graduate Student Activities Committee, University of Chicago.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2017–Present **Web Developer**, Chicago Justice Project, Chicago.

2013–Present **Advisor**, Charity School Project for Disadvantaged Youth, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

2012–2014 **Translator (Thai-English)**, FutureSense Foundation, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

2012–2014 **English Language Tutor**, Various Schools & Temples, Northern Thailand.

2009–2012 **English Language Tutor**, Wat Phrasriratanamahadhatu Buddhist Temple, Chicago, IL.

2009–2012 **Treasurer**, University of Chicago Student Buddhist Association.