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## Education

**University College London (UCL), UK** 2018  
PhD Anthropology

PhD Thesis: ‘The Values of Ordination: the *bhikkhuni*, gender, and Thai society’  
Supervisors: Prof David Napier, Dr Joanna Cook  
Examiners: Dr Martin Seeger, Dr Sushrut Jadhav

**The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK** 2011  
MSc Social Anthropology (Merit)  
Dissertation: ‘After Abortion in Japan: Motherhood and Mizuko kuyō’ (Distinction)

**Chulalongkorn University, Thailand** 2009  
BA English (First Class Honours)

## Work Experience

**Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University** Sep 2018–Present  
Lecturer

**Chulalongkorn University** Jan–Sep 2012  
Research Assistant

## Publications

‘New Temporary Buddhist Ordination for Women and Social Change in Thai Society’. *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, Issue 23, YAV, July 2018. Available from: <https://kyotoreview.org/yav/thai-buddhist-ordination-women/>.

‘“We’ve become ordained for our mothers”: Temporary Samaneri Ordination in Thailand’. *Anthropolitan* (a UCL Journal of Anthropology), Issue 14, Summer 2017, pp. 12–13.

## Conference Presentations

‘Online Bhikkhuni: Thai Bhikkhuni Movement and Its Use of Social Media’. Paper presented at the Sixth International Conference on Gender and Women’s Studies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17–18 June 2019.

‘*Mung Kham Phon Phetphawa: Kan Tham Kwam Khaochai Mummong Ruam to Phetphawa khong*

*Phiksuni Thai* [Toward Freedom from Gender: Understanding Thai Bhikkhuni's Shared Perspectives on Gender]. Paper presented at Thailand's First Annual Conference on Anthropology and Sociology, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, Thailand, 24–25 August 2018.

'Gender in Transformation: The Temporary Buddhist Ordination and Women's Empowerment in Thailand'. Paper presented at the Eight International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, UC Berkeley, USA, 17–18 April 2018.

'Out of politics? Doing Fieldwork with Bhikkhuni, female Buddhist monks, in Thailand.' Paper presented at Anthropology in London Day 2016, University College London, UK, 14 June 2016.

## **Award**

Thai Government Scholarship (2012 – 2016)