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Connecting Tibet and the Midwest: PBS Wisconsin brings the story of Geshe Lhundub Sopa to classrooms across the state

PBS Wisconsin Education released a new addition to their *Wisconsin Biographies* collection last week: *Geshe Lhundub Sopa: Carrying Teachings from Tibet*.

Wisconsin Biographies is a collection of free, educational, online resources to enrich grades 3-6 social studies and English language arts curriculum. Centered on people who have made history in Wisconsin, the engaging resources make historical figures feel contemporary and relatable for students.

Viewers enjoy an accurate and authentic portrayal of Geshe Lhundub Sopa's story through video, images and a digital book with audio tracks in English and Tibetan languages.

Geshe Sopa grew up in Tibet learning about the teachings of the Buddha and dreaming of becoming a Buddhist monk. With support from his family and teachers, he achieved his goal, but invading Chinese troops forced him and many other Tibetans to leave their home. A renowned scholar of Buddhist philosophy, Geshe Sopa eventually came to the University of Wisconsin–Madison to teach and founded the Deer Park Buddhist Center in Oregon, Wisconsin.

PBS Wisconsin Education's Director of Education Alyssa Tsagong says, "Bringing Geshe Sopa's extraordinary story to Wisconsin educators and learners provides a look into an important scholar's impact on our state through peace and compassion."

Discover Geshe Sopa's story at pbswisconsineducation.org/bio/geshe-sopa.

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