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## Confirming or disconfirming whether an alleged alumnus attended Oxford University [Our reference: 190708-000014]

3 messages

**University of Oxford - Information Office** <information.services@mailgb.custhelp.com> Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 1:55 AM  
Reply-To: University of Oxford - Information Office <information.services@mailgb.custhelp.com>  
To: chascarreon@gmail.com



Reply via Email (Information Office)

02/08/2019 09:55 AM

Dear Mr. Carreon,

Apologies about the late reply. We have been looking into your enquiry.

Our degree conferrals team has informed us that they cannot find any record of Chogyam Trungpa having attended the University over that time.

However, they only hold information for matriculated students (students who have conferred their membership to the university on full degree programmes). If he studied for a certificate or diploma, the college (St. Antony's) or relevant department might have some information. I've passed the query onto them and am currently waiting for a reply. I can then contact you with any updated information.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

Information Office  
University of Oxford

Enquiry via CSS Web (Charles Carreon)

08/07/2019 05:28 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am US attorney at law and a scholar of Buddhism, researching biographical information concerning Chogyam Trungpa, a Tibetan Buddhist lama who is said to have "attended Oxford University" and studied "Comparative Religion" at St. Antony's College during the time period from 1963 - 1967 on a Spaulding sponsorship. (See several mentions of Oxford in Wikipedia article at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ch%C3%B6gyam\\_Trungpa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ch%C3%B6gyam_Trungpa); see also that Chogyam Trungpa is the only Oxford Buddhist alumnus listed in the "List of University of Oxford People in Religion" published at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_University\\_of\\_Oxford\\_people\\_in\\_religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_University_of_Oxford_people_in_religion).)

While this gentleman's status as an Oxford alumnus is widely reported, no sources indicate any of the following particulars: (1) Whether or not he received a degree; (2) The date when a degree was conferred, if any; (3) Whether he graduated with honors or other distinction; or, (4) If no degree

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was received, the time period of his attendance. Thus, I am unable to confirm or disconfirm the validity of the claim of Oxford education, leaving a void in my research. Further, recent revelations concerning the questionable ethical conduct of Mr. Trungpa give rise to the reasonable suspicion that his attendance at Oxford was either very brief, marked by disappointing performance, or simply never happened. Finally, the reference to attendance at St. Antony's in the Wikipedia article is the only reference to the specific Oxford college that Mr. Trungpa is said to have attended, a fact that escapes the notice of most American readers, but gives rise to reasonable suspicions that the generally flattering biographies of this gentleman have sought to elide possibly unfavorable information to be found in his academic records.

Given the considerable lustre the Oxford reference adds to this gentleman's resume, that is otherwise devoid of any notable educational achievements, it would be highly desirable to be able to determine the truth of the matter. Accordingly, I respectfully request your assistance to confirm or disconfirm this gentleman's attendance at Oxford, and to obtain a transcript evidencing his academic performance.

Chogyam Trungpa was born March 4, 1939 in Kham, Tibet, as confirmed in the Wikipedia article cited above.

Thank you for your assistance.

With warm regards,  
Charles Carreon

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**Me via Boomerang** <chascarreon@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 6:08 PM

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**Charles Carreon, Esq.** <chascarreon@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 6:23 PM

To: University of Oxford - Information Office &lt;information.services@mailgb.custhelp.com&gt;

Dear Information Office Staff:

Thank you very much for responding to my enquiry, and for seeking further information from St. Antony's. I would like to provide three additional facts to assist in your investigation of the matter as they specifically pertain to St. Antony's:

1. Mr. Trungpa had no undergraduate degree when he came to Oxford, and from my review of the St. Antony's website, it appears to be an institution for graduate level studies.
2. Mr. Trungpa is said to have studied "comparative religion" under a Spaulding sponsorship, but St. Antony's does not appear to be offering studies in the field of religion.
3. Mr. Trungpa appears to have signed his name "Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo," when taking title to real property and establishing corporate entities.

Thank you again for your initial response. We look forward to receiving Oxford's final conclusions on this important matter.

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With warm regards,  
Charles Carreon  
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LAW FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

September 9, 2019

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Re: Confirming Attendance at St. Antony's by Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo  
Born: March 4, 1939, Kham, Tibet; deceased: Halifax Nova Scotia, April 4, 1987.

Dear Mr. Colman and Ms. Butterfield:

This letter requests that Oxford and St. Antony's College provide copies of academic records pertaining to Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo, a Tibetan Buddhist lama who reportedly attended Oxford University and studied "Comparative Religion" at St. Antony's College during the time period from 1963 - 1967 on a Spalding sponsorship, pursuant to the Wikipedia's biographical entry of this man.<sup>1</sup> Chogyam Trungpa is the only Oxford Buddhist alumnus listed in Wikipedia's "List of University of Oxford People in Religion."<sup>2</sup> Some basic research on the St. Antony's website indicates that it does not teach undergraduates (which Mr. Mukpo would have been in 1963), or Comparative Religion.

Neither Oxford College nor St. Antony's are given as references for these factual assertions in Wikipedia; rather, the references are to two books that echo an oft-heard assertion that "Trungpa went to Oxford." I have already emailed the University of Oxford Information Office, and received its reply, stating that he did not matriculate. Additionally, the email suggests that I inquire directly with St. Antony's.

Accordingly, I address this question to both St. Antony's in particular, and Oxford college in general. Please advise, with sufficiently formality to be citable to courts and in journalistic reportage: (1) Whether Trungpa attended St. Antony's or any Oxford college; (2) Whether he was degreed; (3) If degreed, when the degree was conferred; (3) Whether he graduated with honors or other distinction; or, (4) If no degree was received, the time period of his attendance, if any.

Very truly yours,



Charles Carreon

cc: Registry Administrator: registry.administrator@sant.ox.ac.uk; administrator@sant.ox.ac.uk

<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ch%C3%B6gyam\\_Trungpa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ch%C3%B6gyam_Trungpa)

<sup>2</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_University\\_of\\_Oxford\\_people\\_in\\_religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_University_of_Oxford_people_in_religion)

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To: "Charles Carreon, Esq." <[chascarreon@gmail.com](mailto:chascarreon@gmail.com)>

Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at

7:21 AM

Dear Charles,

We hold no information on this matter.

Kind regards,

Michelle Steers

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## Re: Confirming Attendance at St Antony's College by Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo

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**St Antony's Registrar** <registrar@sant.ox.ac.uk>

Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 5:47 AM

To: "chascarreon@gmail.com" &lt;chascarreon@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: UAS Verifications &lt;verifications@admin.ox.ac.uk&gt;

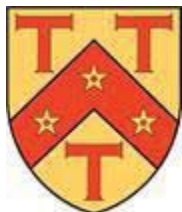
Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 September 2019. My colleagues Michelle Steers replied to you on 12 September 2019. Unfortunately we hold no information on this matter and therefore we are unable to assist you any further,

With best Wishes,

Filiz

EXHIBIT C

**Filiz McNamara (Mrs)****College Registrar**St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6JF  
Telephone: 01865 284722E-mail: [registrar@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:registrar@sant.ox.ac.uk)Website: [www.sant.ox.ac.uk](http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk)**Starting your new course with us in October 2019?****[Read our new pre-departure guide](#)**



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EXHIBIT D

LAW FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

October 9, 2019

Mrs. J. Rodgers, Secretary  
The Spalding Trust  
P.O. Box 85  
Stowmarket IP14 3NY

Re: Inquiry Regarding Reported Spalding Trust Sponsorship of Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo

Dear Mrs. Rodgers:

I am researching the scholarly bona fides of Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo, a Tibetan Buddhist lama reported to have matriculated at Oxford College during the 1960's in Comparative Religion on a "Spalding Fellowship Scholarship." The report is made in numerous print and digital publications; however, no documentary evidence is ever cited, and specifics are entirely absent.

Accordingly, I am respectfully presenting this inquiry to The Spalding Trust to obtain a definitive answer on the subject: Do the records of The Spalding Trust during the years from 1963 - 1970 record the award of a sponsorship or fellowship for attendance at any Oxford college to a man with the following demographic description:

Birthplace: Kham, Tibet

Date of Birth: March 4, 1939

Full Legal Name: Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Charles Carreon

# CHARLES CARREON

LAW FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

March 11, 2020

Mrs. J. Rodgers, Secretary  
The Spalding Trust  
P.O. Box 85  
Stowmarket IP14 3NY

Re: Second Inquiry Regarding Reported Spalding Trust Sponsorship of Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo

Dear Mrs. Rodgers:

In my prior letter of October 9, 2019, I requested a definitive answer from the Spalding Trust on the following matter: Do the records of The Spalding Trust during the years from 1963 - 1970 record the award of a sponsorship or fellowship for attendance at any Oxford college to a man with the following demographic description:

Birthplace: Kham, Tibet

Date of Birth: March 4, 1939

Full Legal Name: Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo

I have received no response to my inquiry, and present this second inquiry. We request your serious attention to it, for the reasons stated below.

Mr. Mukpo came to be a figure of considerable public renown, and the truth about his education is of public importance. An Oxford education confers a peerless pedigree among the world's top educational institutions. The public has long believed that Mr. Mukpo had an Oxford education because the Spalding Trust sponsored it. This fact is repeated so ubiquitously that no citation is required. However, Oxford College has no record of attendance by Chogyam Trungpa Mukpo at any time.

If the Spalding Foundation paid for Mr. Mukpo's Oxford education, but he did not get an Oxford education, then some explanation is required from the Spalding Foundation. Failure to respond with clarification will compel the conclusion that the Spalding Foundation has been complicit in the perpetration of a fraud upon the public of considerable dimensions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Charles Carreon