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In 2013, he was appointed as a Dorjé Lopön (lit. "vajra-master") of the Drikung Kagyü Lineage by His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang Rinpoché (Head of the Lineage) and was formally enthroned in his home city, Penang, Malaysia. When not teaching, leading retreats, or serving the Lineage in Asia and North and South America, Dr. Lye teaches in Asheville, where he is founder and spiritual director at Urban Dharma North Carolina. For a fuller biography, visit: <http://udharmanc.com/ourstory/>.