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Education:

B.A. History and Religious Studies, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1968.
 South Asian concentration. Honor's Thesis: "The Secularization of the Indian Intellectual Elite." William Fletcher King Scholar, 1964-68. Carnegie Senior Fellow, 1967-68.

Independent Study Program, Experiment in International Living, Gujarat
 Vidyāpith, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, Fall 1966. Study projects: Sāṃkhya philosophy, Hindu temple iconography, Mahārashtra-Gujarat boundary disputes, 1945-1965. EIL scholarship student.

M.A. Religious Studies, Florida State University, 1970. Thesis:
 "Contemporary American Catholic Theology: Michael Novak, A Case Study." Teaching Assistant, 1968-69. Research Fellowship, 1969.

Ph.D. program, Religious Studies, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, 1969-71. Primary concentration: South Asian religion, Sanskrit, iconography, history of religions. Passed General Exams in Bible, Theology and Church History, Religious Studies, Asian Religions.

Fellow, Buddhist Studies program, University of British Columbia, Fall 1971-Spring 75. Sanskrit and Pāli languages, seminars in South and East Asian Buddhism.

Ph.D. Religious Studies, 1978, Walden University. Dissertation: "Sensory Awareness and Perception in the Buddhist Meditative Tradition: The Abhidharma-kośa of Vasubandhu and Sōtō Zen."

Vajradhatu Seminary, Lake Louise, Alberta, Spring 1980. Three months of intensive training in Vajrayāna Buddhist meditation and study, under the

direction of Ven. Chögyam Trungpa, Rinpoche.

Marpa Institute for Translators, Boudhnath, Kathmandu, Nepal, Spring 1989.

Directed by Khenpo Tsultrim Gyamtso. Intensive study of Tibetan language.

Academic Teaching Experience:

Distinguished Professor Emeritx of Contemplative and Religious Studies,

2020-present. Continuing special projects with Naropa University: Senior Advisor for the Compassion Initiative; Program Designer for the Naropa/Lenz Foundation 2022 Conference entitled “The Future Of American Buddhism”; Special Liaison to Foundation Work.

Distinguished Professor of Contemplative and Religious Studies, 2013-2020.

Teaching in Religious Studies and the Core three-fifths time. Writing, publishing, and presenting papers at conferences on contemplative education. Fostering conversations within the University on contemplative education and Naropa’s unique heritage. Support of the President and the Cabinet in strategic initiatives in Naropa’s contemplative education leadership. Fundraising with the President and the Development Office.

Founder and Senior Faculty Advisor, Center for the Advancement of

Contemplative Education (CACE). Designed and raised funds for the opening of the Center in Fall 2014; now serving on the CACE Faculty Council. CACE coalesces the University’s initiatives in contemplative education, including faculty colloquia and in-services, coordination of articulation of contemplative education for University marketing and recruitment, and interfaces with other universities and centers of contemplative education.

Professor, Religious Studies Department, Naropa University, Boulder, Co.,

1978-2020. Department Chair, 1979-81, Co-chair 1981-1996; Chair 1996- 97, 1999-2003.

Teaching: Undergraduate and graduate teaching in history, texts, philosophy and practice of South and Central Asian Buddhism, religious studies; Buddhist theology; socially-engaged Buddhism; interreligious dialogue;

world religions. Online teaching (overload) since 2001. Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1998 and 2011.

Curriculum Leadership: Curriculum Design, Naropa's first Meditation Practicum courses, 1981- 1991; Curriculum lead, Engaged Buddhism M.A. program, 1995; Curriculum Committee lead, Masters' of Divinity program, 2000-2002. Grant director, curriculum lead, and lead teacher for Contemplative Learning Seminar, required of all first-year undergraduates, 2006-2011.

Faculty Governance: First Dean of the Faculty, 1982-84, wrote first Faculty Handbook. Founding member of Cauldron (Faculty Senate) and member, 1984-87; 1992-95; 2008-present; Chair, 2010-2011; President's Council, 1995-1999; Faculty Trustee 1992-95; 2011-2012. Served as Chair of Cauldron through the Academic Affairs Reorganization, 2010-2011.

Exceptional Ad Hoc Committee Work (beyond Faculty Committee Assignments): Presidential Search Committee 1992-1993; Faculty Compensation Task Force, 1994-6: We increased faculty salaries by an average of 50 percent by restructuring faculty loads, reducing adjunct faculty.

Adjunct faculty, Asian Studies Program, University of Colorado, 1987-88.
Lecturer for South Asian Humanities intro course, covering history, religion, art, and culture of South Asia.

Visiting Professor, Semester at Sea, Institute for Shipboard Education, University of Pittsburgh, Spring semester 1985. Religion, Asian religions, and Buddhism, with selected fieldtrips in ten countries.

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Religion, Regis College, Denver, Colorado, 1983-84. Asian religions, Religions of China.

Founder and Chair, Religious Studies Program, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, Washington, 1973-77. Courses in introduction to religion, American religion, comparative religion, women in religion. Occasional electives in South Asian religion and Buddhism.

Adjunct Lecturer, Fairhaven College, Western Washington University,
Bellingham, Washington, 1973-75. Comparative religions, Gandhian
philosophy, Sanskrit, Buddhism.

Instructor, General Studies and History, Western Washington University,
Bellingham, Washington, 1971-73. Lecturer, 1973-75. South Asian
civilization and religion.

Adjunct Faculty, Bensalem College, Fordham University, Bronx, New York,
1969-71. Courses and tutorials in comparative religions.

Graduate teaching assistant, Department of Religion, Florida State University,
1968-69.

Administrative Experience:

Dean of the Shambhala Teachers' Academy, 2008-present. Trainer and
Supervisor of 90 regional Shastris, or regional teachers, in Shambhala
Centers all over North America, Europe, South America.

Co-director, and Director, Ngedōn School of Higher Learning, 1985-2009. A
Buddhist institute of doctrinal study for advanced students of Vajrayāna
practice, sponsored by Shambhala International Meditation Centers.
Programs offered in Boulder, Halifax, practice centers. Supervised
curriculum, budget, staff. Founder of online international program, 2004-
2009.

**Co-founder, Frederick P. Lenz Project for Center for Advancement of
Contemplative Education (CACE) at Naropa University 2005-2009 (Pilot)**
and 2014-2020, and co-leader of a series of contemplative education
initiatives—Contemplative Pedagogy Workshops, Contemplative Learning
Seminar.

Naropa University Conference Planner or Director, 1978-present. Served in
various organizational capacities in University conferences, including
conference design, invitation to presenters, supervising every aspect from
creating budgets, going through approval process, designing and
supervising marketing plans, volunteer recruitment, training, and

supervision, onsite conference director and moderator. These conferences included:

Kerouac Conference, 1981-82: Planning and conference invitations, as assistant to Allen Ginsberg;

Annual Conferences on Buddhist and Christian Meditation, 1982-1988, 1992, 2005;

Women and Buddhism Conferences, 1981-82;

Engaged Buddhism Conferences, 1994-1995;

Spirituality and Education Conference, 1997;

Buddhism in America Conference, 2000;

Chōgyam Trungpa Conference, 2006;

Contemplative Pedagogy Workshops for visiting faculty, 2007-2010.

Presidential Inaugural Dialogue, November 2010;

40th Anniversary Planning Committee, Summer 2012-present. Especially planning for “Radical Compassion Symposium,” during Naropa Week, October 2014.

Mindfulness, MOOCs, and Money in Higher Education: Contemplative Perils and Promise, collaborative conference with Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, funded by the Frederick P. Lenz Foundation for American Buddhism, March 18-21, 2016, Naropa University

Mindfulness in Higher Education: The Rocky Mountain Regional Network.

Steering Committee for One-day workshop co-sponsored by University of Colorado, Colorado State University, and Naropa University, April 19, 2014. 97 registrants from eight regional universities represented. Held at University Memorial Center, University of Colorado.

Director, Naropa University Semester Abroad program in Boudhnath,

Kathmandu, Nepal, Fall 1988. Administrative overseeing of program, plus serving as core faculty member for three-month residential program. Naropa Study Abroad Advisor, 1988-2002.

Founder and Director, Rape Relief, Bellingham, Washington, 1975-1978. Funded by a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, this YWCA-based program launched the first educational and support program on sexual assault in the Northwest. A subsidiary of the pioneering Seattle Rape Relief program, the first of its kind in the country. Designed educational program, created a crisis line, trained volunteers, supervised budgets with federal government reporting.

Buddhist Teaching Experience:

Senior Dharma Teacher, Shambhala International, 1982-present.

Empowered as Acharya, senior teacher of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage, by Ven. Sakyong Mipham, Rinpoche, in July 2000. Travel and dharma teaching once a month in Shambhala Centers throughout North America and Europe, teaching Seminary programs, retreats, serving as preceptor for refuge, bodhisattva, Shambhala, and Enlightened Society vows, various liturgical and ritual leadership roles, 2000-present.

Pilgrimage leader, Sacred Travel to Nepal and Tibet, Shambhala Mountain Center, May 7-21, 2006; June 18-July 2, 2010.

Spiritual and Educational Advisor, Shambhala International Wedding Pilgrimage, India, February 9-28, 2007. Leader of a group that ranged from 56 to 120 on a three-week pilgrimage in India.

Core Faculty, Ngedōn School of Higher Learning, Shambhala International. 1982-2009. A Buddhist institute of doctrinal study for advanced students of Vajrayāna practice, sponsored by Shambhala International Meditation Centers. Programs offered in Boulder, Halifax, practice centers. The last five years of this program were offered online, through Naropa University.

Professional Affiliations, Service and Memberships:

American Academy of Religion, 1970-present. Steering Committee, Buddhist Theological Reflection Group, 2006-2011; Steering Committee, Contemplative Studies, 2010-present; Co-chair of Contemplative Studies Steering Committee, 2016-present.

Society for Buddhist Christian Studies, 1987-present. Board Member, 1992 to 1996, 1999-2004; 2014-present. Committee member, Frederick J. Streng Award for Excellence in Buddhist-Christian Studies, 1994-96, 2008-2010. Editorial Board for *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies*, 1992-present. Website and Social Media Committee Chair, 2014-2020—supervised complete redesign of Society website, 2015.

Advisor, Courage of Care Coalition, Boston, founded by John Makransky and Brooke D. Lavelle, 2016 to present.

Advisory Board, *The Arrow: A Journal of Wakeful Society, Culture, and Politics*, Gabe Dayley, editor, 2015-2019. <https://arrow-journal.org>

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*, Charles Prebish and Martin Bauman, editor, 1999-2015.

Advisory Board and Peer Reviewer, *Dilato Corde: Journal of Interreligious Dialogue Experience*, Fr. Pierre deBethune General Editor; Fr. William Skudlarek, Managing Editor, 2010 to present.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Religion and Education*, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2011 to present.

Advisor, *Monastic Interreligious Dialogue*, 2013-present.

Advisory Committee, Frederick P. Lenz Foundation for American Buddhism, June 2014 to present.

Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, organized by John Cobb and Masao Abe, 1984-2004. Meetings: Purdue University, October 1986; Pacific School of Religion, August 1987; Claremont Graduate School (Hsi Lai Temple), March 1989; Boston University, 1992; Tokyo, July 1994; Indianapolis, annually 1996-2004; Malibu, California, August 2004.

National Prison Hospice Association, Board of Directors, 1994-96.

International Association for Buddhist Studies, 1979-1990.

Shambhala International, Board of Directors, 1995-2000. Shambhala Mountain Center Board of Directors, 1996-2000.

Honors and Awards:

William Fletcher King Scholar, Cornell College, 1964-68. Carnegie Senior Fellow, 1967-68.

Teaching Assistantship, Florida State University, 1968-69. Research Fellowship,

Florida State University, 1969.

President's Award for the Faculty, Naropa University, 1994; 2007; 2011.

Naropa Faculty Research Grant for Diversity in the Curriculum, 2010.

Visiting World Wisdom Scholar, Florida International University, January 2010.

Distinguished Professorship of Contemplative and Religious Studies, Naropa University, 2013 to present.

Encyclopedia entry: "Judith Simmer-Brown," by Mavis L. Fenn, in *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, edited by Damien Keown and Charles S. Prebish. Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2010, 691-2.

Nominated Candidate and Participant, "Teaching Interfaith Understanding" Professional Workshop, funded by Council of Independent Colleges, sponsored by Interfaith Youth Core, Eboo Patel and Laurie Patton, DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, June 17–21, 2018.

Publications: Books and Monographs

With Norman Fischer, Sister Mary Margaret Funk, Joseph Goldstein, Brother David Steindl-Rast, Ven. Yi Fa, *Benedict's Dharma: Buddhists Reflect on the Rule of St. Benedict*, edited by Patrick Henry. New York: Riverhead, 2001.

Ḍākinī's Warm Breath: The Feminine Principle in Tibetan Buddhism. Boston: Shambhala Publications, 2001; paperback edition published December 2002.

Spanish edition: *El Calido Aliento de la Ḍākinī: El Principio Femenino en el Budismo Tibetano*. Traducido por Montse Castella` Olive´ Mercedes Pe´rez-Albert. Barcelona: mtm editor.es.

French edition: *Le Souffle Ardent de la Ḍākinī: Le Principe Féminin Dans le Bouddhisme Tantrique*. Traduction, Philippe Cornu & Virginie Rouanet. Brussels: Kunchab Publications, 2004.

Dutch edition: *Het Vrouwelijk Principe in Het Tibetaans Boeddhisme: De Warme Adem van de Ḍākinī*. Vertaling, Marian de Heus. Brussels: Kunchab Publications, 2004.

Polish edition: *Gorący oddech dakini: Żeńska zasada w buddyzmie tybetańskim*.

Dorote Bury, translator.

Some Materials Recommended for Mindfulness Education: Compiled for the Educating for Gross National Happiness Principals' Workshops, Paro College of Education, January-February, 2010, authored with Shenphen Zangpo and Jane Carpenter. Thimphu, Bhutan: Ministry of Education, 2010. Mindfulness Meditation Manual, composed and compiled at the request of the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen Jigmi Thinley, and the Ministry of Education, for introduction into every public school in the kingdom, now used as the basis for teacher and student meditation in the classroom.

Meditation and the Classroom: Contemplative Pedagogy for Religious Studies, edited with Fran Grace. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2011.
 "Introduction;" "Emotional Learning: Re-cognizing Emotion in a Buddhism Course;" and "Training the Heart Responsibly: Ethical Considerations in Contemplative Teaching."

***Professional Guest Lectures, Plenaries, Workshops and Publications:
 Contemplative Education:***

"Contemplative Education at Naropa University—A Personal Account," in *Eastern Horizon*, Summer, 2004.

"The Question is the Answer: Contemplative Pedagogy in the Religious Studies Classroom and Naropa University." Paper presented to the *Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section* of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2006, Washington, D. C. Published in *Religion & Education*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Summer 2009), University of Northern Iowa.

World-Wisdom Scholar-in-Residence (with husband Richard C. Brown), *Center for the Study of Spirituality, Florida International University*, February 2008.

Presenter, "Contemplative Practice in Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Psychology Education," sponsored by *Association for Contemplative Mind in Society*, Amherst College, March 2008.

"Presidential Address: Introduction to Contemplative Education." Naropa University Student Orientation, August 2009.

International Panel of Advisors, *Educating for Gross National Happiness Workshop*, Thimphu, Bhutan, December 7-14, 2009, hosted by Prime Minister Lyonchhen Jigmi Thinley and the Ministry of Education. A consultation with 26 international advisors on educational reform in Bhutan; especially to help bring meditation to all public schools (principals, teachers, and students). (See blog www.educating4gnh.blogspot.com/) This resulted in my being asked to write a meditation manual (with others) for all public primary and secondary schools in Bhutan.

"Contemplative Inquiry and the Disciplines: Value Added or Changes Everything?" *Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education* conference, Amherst, Massachusetts, September 24-26, 2010.

"Spiritual Practices, Religious Pluralism, and Theological Education: The Case of Naropa University," Paper presented to *Special Topics on Spiritual Practices. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, October 30-November 1, 2010.

"Words and Sense: Contemplative Pedagogies in Writing," Paper presented at "Throughout the Curriculum: Contemplative Practices in Higher Education" Conference, sponsored by *Association for Contemplative Mind and Society*, Amherst College, March 25-27, 2011.

"Contemplative Pedagogy: Frequently Asked Questions," with Tom Coburn, Fran Grace, Anne Carolyn Klein, Louis Komjathy, and Harold Roth, *Teaching Theology and Religion* XIV.2 (April 2011), 167-174.

Lead teacher, *Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education* Summer Session on Curriculum Development, Smith College, August 7-12, 2011.

Panel Presenter, "Tibetan Meditation and Education," Tibetan Medicine and Meditation Symposium, Center for Contemplative Science, University of Virginia, Arura Medicine of Tibet, The Tibet Center, the University of Virginia School of Nursing, Curry School of Education. April 13-15, 2012.

"Reading with a Fresh Mind: Mindfulness and Reasoning," Panel Presentation entitled: "Before Thought: Cultivation of Insight in the Naropa University Classroom," with Mark Miller, Richard C. Brown, and Gaylon Ferguson.

International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, Sponsored by Mind and Life, Denver, Colorado, April 2012.

"Difference and Dialogue: Interreligious Understanding in the Religious Studies Classroom," Presentation Paper and Workshop at the Annual Conference, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, Amherst College, September 21-23, 2012.

"Listening Dangerously: Dialogue Training as Contemplative Pedagogy," Panel Paper for "Contemplative Pedagogy: Pitfalls and Potentials," Society of Buddhist Christian Studies annual meeting, November 7, 2013, Chicago, Illinois. Published in *Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies Journal*, Vol. 33, 2013, 33-40.

"Your Meditation Reality Check," Forum in *Buddhadharma: The Practitioners' Quarterly*, Interview with Ezra Bayda and Kamala Masters, Introduced by Frank Berliner (Summer 2013), 46-55, 84.

"Opening of The Center 4 Mindfulness," Keynote Address at Institute for Teaching and Learning, Colorado State University, October 15, 2014.

"Sharpening the Blade, Carding the Wool: The Qualifications of Contemplative Professors," Presentation in "Philosophical Foundations for Contemplative Pedagogy in Higher Education: New Research in the Field," Presentation at International Symposium of Contemplative Studies, sponsored by Mind and Life, Boston, October 31, 2014.

"The Cultivation of Emotional Insight: Relevance of Contemplative Pedagogy to University Education," Joint Presentation with D. Phillip Stanley and Peter G. Grossenbacher, International Symposium of Contemplative Studies, sponsored by Mind and Life, Boston, November 1, 2014.

"Words and Sense: Strategies for Contemplative Academic Writing," Contemplative Studies Conference, University of San Diego, November 20, 2014.

"Religious Studies and Contemplative Studies: Critic, Catalyst or Collaborator," Lead presentation, Contemplative Studies Group "Mindful Teaching and Learning: Contemplative Pedagogy in the University Setting," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 22, 2014.

"Words and Sense: Strategies for Contemplative Academic Writing," Workshop for Faculty at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, February 17, 2015.

“Reversing Spiritual Somatic Bypassing,” Workshop for Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Annual Conference, Howard University, October 8-11, 2015.

“Mindfulness: Radically Traditional, Radically Innovative”; Divinity School Contemplative Service; “Words and Sense: Strategies for Contemplative Academic Writing” Faculty Pedagogy Workshop; “Mindful Awareness and Leadership Development: Feminine Wisdom Perspectives from Tibetan Buddhism” Keynote Address; “Mindfulness and Well-being: Research Roundtable” Plenary. Wake Forest University Mindful Campus Initiative, The Naropa University Experience, November 4-7, 2015.

“Mindfulness in the World Symposium” with Gopi Kallayil and Mirabai Bush, Sivananda Yoga Ashram, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, January 19-22, 2016.

“CSU Mindful Leaders Faculty Training: Integrating Mindfulness for Transformational Leadership,” Day-long Workshop, Colorado State University Center for Mindfulness, February 2016.

“Acknowledging Transitions, Enhancing Learning,” Poster Session, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Annual Conference, University of Massachusetts, October 2016.

“Contemplative Pedagogy in Higher Education,” Special Topics Panel, with Hal Roth, Louis Komjathy, Andrew Dreitcer; “Reversing Spiritual Bypassing,” with Carla Sherrell, Workshop for International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, San Diego, November 10-13, 2016.

“Words and Sense: Contemplative Pedagogies for Academic Writing,” *Journal of Contemplative Inquiry* vol. 3, no. 1 (2016). © The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, 99-111.

“‘Listening Dangerously’: The Inner Dimensions of Dialogue Training,” *The Intersubjective Turn: Theoretical Approaches to Contemplative Learning and Inquiry Across the Disciplines*, edited by Olen Gunnlaugson, Charles Scott, Heesoon Bai, and Edward W. Sarath. Albany, N. Y.: State University of New York Press, 2017, 235-248.

“Contemplative Education at Naropa University: Past, Present, and Future,” Brown University ThinkTank funded by Mind & Life Institute, September 22,

2017; “Dharma Teaching, Contemplative Academic Teaching, What’s The Difference?” Panel presentation with Anne Klein, September 23, 2017, Brown ThinkTank.

With Carla Sherrell, “Reversing Structural Spiritual Bypassing,” Keynote at Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Annual Conference, September 2017 at 1440 Campus in California, October 27, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, ASIANetwork Conference, “Mindful Connectivity”: “Contemplative Teaching and Learning: Perils and Promises, April 6, 2018, Philadelphia; Pre-conference Faculty Workshop, “Words and Sense: Strategies for Contemplative Academic Writing.”

Rocky Mountain Dialogue Workshop: “Reading With a Fresh Mind: Contemplative Reading Practice,” April 14, 2018, Naropa University.

Master Lecture at MLI International Symposium for Contemplative Research: “Integrating First-Person Inquiry in the Higher Education Classroom: A Narrative History of Naropa University,” Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix, AZ., November 8-11, 2018.

AAR Paper for Contemplative Studies Unit, November 2018: “Integrating First-Person Inquiry in the Religious Studies Classroom: Field Notes from Naropa University.”

Review of Oren Ergas, “Reconstructing ‘Education’ through Mindful Attention (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), in *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies*, 38 (2018) 391-395.

Keynote Lecture, “First-Person Inquiry in Contemplative Education: Methods for the Classroom,” Contemplative Practices for the 21st Century Conference, James Madison University, March 8-9, 2019.

Yale-National University of Singapore visit to teach contemplative pedagogy, March 22-30, 2019:

Keynote: “First-Person Inquiry in Contemplative Education: Methods for the Classroom,” March 25;

Panel Discussion: “Contemplative Pedagogy in Higher Education,” March 26

Faculty Workshop: "Words and Sense: Contemplative Academic Writing Workshop," March 26;
 Open Classroom: "First Thought: Contemplative Reading Workshop," March 27;
 Rector's Tea: "Buddhist Resources for Addressing Power and Privilege: The Four Noble Truths," March 27;
 Lunch with Students of the Dharmic Religions, March 28.

AAR *Spotlight on Teaching* Online Publication, *Contemplative Pedagogy and the Religious Studies Classroom*, June 2019: "Reading with a Fresh Mind: Contemplative Reading Exercise," <http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/teaching/contemplative-pedagogy/reading-fresh-mind>.

"Contemplative Teaching and Learning: Opportunities for Asian Studies," *ASIANetwork Exchange*, 26(1), 2019, pp. 5–25.
 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/ane.291>

Professional Guest Lectures, Plenaries and Dialogues, General:

"Intellect in Early Indian Buddhism," Graduate Colloquium, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Fall 1979.

"Three Pounds of Flax: Buddhism and Contemporary Western Philosophy," Public Lecture, Colorado Humanities Program Lecture Series, Boulder, Colorado, September, 1982.

"The Pregnant Tigress: Women in Buddhist-Christian Dialogue," Conference presentation at Atkinson College, York University, Toronto, Ontario, January 1984.

"Women in Buddhism," Conference on Women and Spirituality, Antioch University West, Seattle, Washington, March 1986.

"Maṇḍala: Introduction to Tibetan Culture," Asia Society Tibet Week program, Boulder, Colorado, September 1989.

"Buddhist Approaches to Suffering," Porter Memorial Hospital and University of Colorado Medical School, Denver, Colorado. Program for health professionals and others, funded by Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities, June 1991.

"Skillful Means in Tibetan Buddhism," foundation paper for Cobb-Abe Theological Encounter, Fourth Annual Buddhist Christian Dialogue Conference, Boston University, August 1992.

"What is a Buddhist Prophetic Voice--A Response to *Buddhism After Patriarchy*" Conference paper, University of Toronto Conference on Rita Gross' book, *Buddhism After Patriarchy*, convened by Suwanda Sugunasiri. April 1995.

"Energized by Ambiguity: The Bodhisattva Vimalakīrti," Numata Lecture Series, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, October 1995.

Dialogue Participant, Gethsemani Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Monastic Interfaith Dialogue Conference, Gethsemani Abbey, Kentucky, July 1996.

"Buddhist Approaches to Pain and Suffering," Professional In-service Training, Ft. Logan Medical Center, Denver, Co., March 1995. Professional Inservice Training, Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, September 1996.

"Engagement and Nowness," Plenary Address, Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies Conference, "Socially Engaged Buddhism and Christianity," Chicago, July 1996.

"Commitment and Openness: A Contemplative Approach to Pluralism," Spirituality and Education Conference, The Naropa Institute, June 1997.

"A Buddhist Response to the Question of God," World Wisdom Lecture Series, Naropa University, Fall 1997.

"Beyond Boomers: American Buddhism for the 21st Century," Keynote address, Buddhism in America Conference, San Diego May 1998.

"Goddess, Hag, and Consort: Fantasies and Fears of the Tibetan Divine Feminine," a Symposium paper for "Representing Tibet: A Symposium on the Representation of Tibetan Culture in the United States," University of Colorado Law School, January 1999.

"Magic Dance," workshop on Buddhist meditation at Buddhism in America Conference, "Awake Here Now," Estes Park, Colorado, September 2000. Sponsored by Open Mind Productions and Naropa University.

Respondent, Gethsemani Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Monastic Interfaith Dialogue Conference, Gethsemani Abbey, Kentucky, April 2002.

"Sexuality in Buddhist Tantra," prepared for the Lilly Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2002.

"The Feminine Principle in Tibetan Buddhism," for "The Feminine Principle in Buddhism and Islam: A Symposium on the Importance of the Feminine Principle," sponsored by Tibetan Institute of Schoten, UCSCIA, University of Antwerp, Center for International Management and International Communication, Antwerp World Book Capital, May 2004, in Antwerp, Belgium.

"Globalization and Interreligious Dialogue," Keynote Address, Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies International Conference, "Hearing the Cries of the World." Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, June 2005.

"Dākinī Wisdom: The Feminine Principle in Tibetan Buddhism," University lecture/powerpoint presentation, Religious Studies department, Florida State University, September 2005; Religious Studies department, University of Toronto, January 2006; Women's Studies, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins Colorado, September 2006.

"The Lost Feminine in the World's Religions," public lecture/slide show and "The Feminine Principle Hidden in the Creative Power of your Mind," weekend program, Aurora Learning Center, Vancouver, British Columbia, January 2006.

"Being Female, Being Buddhist: Inspiration or Obstacle?" Keynote address, Buddhist Women's Conference, "Women Being the Dharma," Chicago. Sponsored by The Buddhist Council of the Midwest, March 2008.

Workshop leader, "Meditate 08," at the Democratic National Convention, Denver, Colorado, August 2008.

"Being Female, Being Buddhist: Inspiration or Obstacle?" Keynote address,

"Women in American Buddhism Conference," Denver, Colorado, August 2008. Sponsored by Tri-State Buddhist Temple.

"'Without Bias'—The Dalai Lama in Dialogue," Conference paper for "Dialogue and Discernment: The Theology of Interreligious Dialogue," Connors Conference Center, sponsored by Comparative Theology, Boston College, September 2008.

"Thomas Merton Meets Tibetan Buddhism: A Dzogchen View of a Trappist Yogi's Journey," Paper presented at Society of Christian-Buddhist Studies meeting, Chicago, November 2008.

"Profile of a Trappist Yogi: A Tibetan Buddhist Perspective," Plenary Address, Eleventh International Thomas Merton Society meeting, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, June 13, 2009.

"Ten Years Later: The Prospects of an American Buddhism," Plenary Address, Frederick P. Lenz Foundation conference, Naropa University, September 13, 2009.

"Knowing the Nature of Passion: Tantric Meditation Methods," paper presented at "Sex and Texts: Representations of Sexuality in Asian Religious Traditions" Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies and the Kayden Award, University of Colorado at Boulder. October 15-October 16, 2009

Presenter, "Tibetan Buddhism in Modern Western Culture," International Conference for Tibetan Buddhism, Emory University, October 17-20, 2010.

"Contributions of Rita Gross to Contemporary Western Tibetan Buddhism," Paper presented to Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 29, 2010.

Steering Committee and Attendee, Buddhist Teachers' Council 2011, Garrison Institute, Garrison, New York, June 4-11: Pioneer Teachers Gathering, June 4-7; Maha Teacher Council, June 8-11.

"Wisdom in Daily Living: Practical Tools to Live By," Presentation for "Legacy of Wisdom Conference," with Bob Atchley, Joan Borysenko, Sreedevi K. Bringi, and Rabbi Zalman Schachter, Naropa University, February 25-26, 2012.

“Maitrī: An Introduction to Maṇḍala Principle (As Developed for Naropa University Students By Ven. Chögyam Trungpa, Rinpoche),” a Symposium presentation to the Tibetan Studies program at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, April 13, 2012.

Moderator, “The Ethics of Teaching Contemplative Practices to the U.S. Armed Forces,” with Major Mark J. Williams (USAFR, Retired), Commander Chris Jung (USN, Retired), and Lt. Commander Anders Meland (Norwegian Air Force). *International Symposium for Contemplative Studies, Sponsored by Mind and Life*, Denver, Colorado, April 2012.

“Creating Enlightened Society In and Around Boulder,” Lecture for BoulderTalks, BoulderLife Festival, Nomad Theater, September 20, 2012.

“Wide Open to Life: Thomas Merton’s Dialogue of Practice,” Keynote Address to Thomas Merton Society of New York City, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 121st Street, Manhattan, September 29, 2012. Professor Paul Knitter, Paul Tillich Professor, Union Theological Seminary, Respondent.

“Words and Sense: Strategies for Contemplative Academic Writing,” Powerpoint presentation to Contemplative Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, April 26, 2013. Hosted by Professor Hal Roth, Director of Contemplative Studies.

“Ḍākinī Wisdom: The Five Enlightened Consorts,” Lecture for Art Exhibit, “Mandala of Enlightenment: The Dhyāni Buddhas & Tārā: Goddess of Liberation,” Paintings by Joan Bredin-Price. IDEA Space Gallery, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Friday, May 30, 2014.

“Shambhala: The Inner Teachings of the Kālacakra,” Victor Mansfield Memorial Lecture, Namgyal Monastery, McGraw Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, August 29, 2014.

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“Transforming Encounters: Christians, Jews, and Buddhists in Dialogue in the United States of America: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?” Panel Presentation, with David Gordis, Leo Lefebure, and Peter Phan. Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, October 15-19, 2015.

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Co-Leader of Pilgrimage to Bhutan, Two Truths (with 55 participants), October 6-24, 2018; co-leader of the 5-day retreat, "Cultivating Compassion: Buddhist Practice and Contemporary Science," at the foot of Taktsang Monastery near Paro.

North American Buddhist Alliance, Presenter for "Pre-Parliament Diversity Workshop: The Women's Panel," October 31, 2018, University of Toronto, 10-5.

Parliament of the World's Religions, November 1-7, 2018, Toronto Convention Center: I took a class of 10 students there (after raising \$10K for their travel), and we had class meetings while there. In addition, I served on four panels for the Parliament:

- "Scholar/Practitioners or Scholar-Practitioners? The Relation Between Scholarship and Personal Religious Beliefs," November 2;
- "Buddhist Wisdom on Social Inequity in North America," November 2;
- "Cultivating Interfaith Understanding: Three University Case Studies," November 2;
- "The Power of Women's Voices: How They've Changed the World's Spiritual Landscape," November 3;
- "Words to Live By: Sacred Sources for Interreligious Engagement," November 4.

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