

# Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM) 2017

Boston, Massachusetts

17-18 November 2017

## Tentative Agenda

### Friday, 17 November

#### Session 1: Charitable Actions and Dharma: Giving and Compassion

**Convener:** Tanya Storch, University of the Pacific  
**President:** Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

**Panel:**

**Ithamar Theodor**, Haifa University, Israel  
Charitable Actions by the Ideal Person in the Hindu and Chinese Traditions

**Karma Lekshe Tsomo**, University of San Diego  
Bridging Generosity and Economic Ethics: The Maya of Virtue and Responsibility

**Amod Lele**, Boston University  
Disengaged Buddhism: South Asian Buddhist Rejection of Systemic Change

**Tanya Storch**, University of the Pacific  
*Ahimsā* at Every Moment: Traditional and Modern Understanding

**Peter Ryan**, The Lotus School of Liberal Arts  
The Egg, the Chick, the Hen: A Moment of Presence for Student and Teacher— *Ahimsā* and Anti-Hierarchy

**Respondent:** Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

#### Session 2: Renunciation, Climate Change, and Modernity

**Convener:** Christopher Miller, UC Davis  
**President:** Mark Schmanko, Rice University

**Panel:**

**Christopher Chapple**, Loyola Marymount University  
Jainism and Solar Energy

**Michael Reading**, Claremont School of Theology  
Sri Acharya Tulsi, The Anuvrat Movement, and Climate Change

**Ramdas Lamb**, University of Hawai'i Manoa  
Hindu Sadhus and the Joys of Limited Consumption

**Frédérique Apffel-Marglin**, Smith College, (Emerita)  
Integral Ecology and Climate Change: Shakta Hinduism, Renunciation and Western Modernity Contrasted

**Re'em Stern**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel  
The Cow Question: Industry, Veganism and Dharmic Go-raksa

**Respondent:** Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

### **Session 3: *Ahimsā* as Strategic Resistance to Structural Injustice**

**Convener:** Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

**President:** Gisele Lemos, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Panel:**

**Anant Rambachan**, St Olaf's College

Reinhold Niebuhr and Mahatma Gandhi: Revisiting and Assessing Niebuhr's Critique of *Ahimsā*

**Veena Howard**, California State University, Fresno

“Love in Action”: James Lawson's Radical Interpretation of *Ahimsā* in the Civil Rights Movement

**Purushottama Bilimoria**, GTU/UCB

Rev Pauli Murray: Black Gay Gandhian Feminist's Strategy of Radical *Ahimsā* for Civil Rights and Social Justice

**Varun Khanna**, Chinmaya University, ERNAKULM

Dhārmic Resistance: Building Bridges between Advaita Vedānta and Social Justice for the 21st Century.

**Respondent:** Andrew Fiala, California State University, Fresno

### **Session 4: Secrecy, Siddhis, and Rasa in Bhakti**

**Convener:** Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida, and David Buchta, Brown University

**President:** Graham Schweig, Christopher Newport University

**Panel:**

**Jonathan Edelmann**, University of Florida

Secrets to Conceal and Secrets to Obscure in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism

**David Buchta**, Brown University

Is Sanskrit a Language of Secrecy in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism?

**Glen Hayes**, Bloomfield College

Hidden Textuality: Strategies of Concealment and Appropriation in 17th-century Vaiṣṇava Sahajiyā Traditions

**Abhishek Ghosh**, Grand Valley State University

From Secrecy to Intuition: Sahaja Theology and Practice in Colonial Bengal

**Respondent:** Hugh Urban, Ohio State University

**Saturday, 18 November**

## **Session 5: Reconsidering the Origins of *Bhakti***

**Convener:** Joydeep Bagchee, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich

**President:** Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University

**Panel:**

**Vishwa Adluri**, Hunter College

*Bhakti* and *Avatāra* in the Nārāyaṇīya

**Edward P. Butler**, Independent Scholar

*Bhakti* and Henadology

**Stuart Ray Sarbacker**, Oregon State University

*Svādhyāya* and *Bhakti*: Saguṇa Devatā and Nirguṇa Īśvara in Aṣṭāṅgayoga

**Caley Charles Smith**, Harvard University

Indra as Time: Reconsidering Devotion in Ṛgveda X.27

**Sudhakshina Rangaswami**, Independent Scholar

*Bhakti* as the Fruition of *Jñāna* - Revisiting Rāmānuja's Legacy

**Respondent:** Joydeep Bagchee, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich

## **Session 6: Yoga Sutra and *Bhakti***

**Convener:** Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

**President:** Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge

**Panel:**

**Graham Schweig**, Christopher Newport University

Divine Grace in the Highest Samādhi: A *Bhakti* Hermeneutic for Greater Understanding of the *Yoga Sūtra*

**Stephanie Corigliano**, Boston College

Pluralism, Religious Devotion, and T. Krishnamacharya: Or, How the *Yoga Sūtra* Assumed Scripture-status for Modern Yoga

**Edwin Bryant**, Rutgers University

Mokṣa is Equivalent to Hell: the Minimization of the Goal of the *Yoga Sūtra* in the *Bhagavata Purana*.

**Ramdas Lamb**, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

The Union of Yoga, *Tapasya*, and *Bhakti* in the Ramananda Sampraday

**Respondent:** Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge