



**Dharma Academy of North America
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PURPOSE of the CONFERENCE

To provide a Dedicated Forum where scholars of Dharma Studies (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and other dharmic traditions and lineages) can engage in the examination of, and constructive approaches to lived experience and contemporary concerns in the global expressions of these traditions. While there are multiple scholarly arenas for presentation of new sociological, anthropological, and historic approaches to the study of cultural and religious traditions that originated in South Asia, there are few dedicated venues for discourse on, and constructive approaches to philosophy, theology, ethics, epistemology, hermeneutics, pedagogy, praxis, theory, and constructive studies in these systems of thought and practice. It is hoped that these meetings can explore the conceptual complexity of, and critical transdisciplinary research on these traditions in an inclusive forum.

DANAM Summary

DANAM (Dharma Academy of North America) is an independent, non-political, donation-based, non-profit organization of Virginia, with a focus on constructive presentation of Dharma traditions in the North American context. Its mission and objectives are described at its web site at www.danam-web.org, which lists the advisory committee of reputable scholars under Board of Distinguished Scholars (BDVS) drawn from various disciplines. DANAM holds its Annual Meeting in conjunction with the yearly conference of the American Academy of Religion. DANAM was a sponsor during 2001-2011 of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*, and since 2003 is the sponsor of the peer-reviewed Contemporary Issues in Constructive Dharma edited volumes.

Proceedings of DANAM Conference Sessions

The proceedings of earlier DANAM Conference sessions are available at Deepak Heritage Books (DHB), www.deepakheritage.com, unless otherwise stated. They are listed as follows: *Contemporary Issues in Constructive Dharma Volume I* (Eds. Rita D. Sherma and Adarsh Deepak, 2003). *Contemporary Issues in Constructive Dharma Volume II: Epistemology and Hermeneutics* (Eds. Rita D. Sherma and Adarsh Deepak, 2004). *Asceticism Identity and Pedagogy in Dharma Traditions* (Eds. Graham M. Schweig, Jeffery D. Long, Ramdas Lamb and Adarsh Deepak, 2006). *Dying Death and Afterlife in Dharma Traditions and Western Religions* (Eds. Adarsh Deepak and Rita D. Sherma, 2006). *Authority and Its Challenges in Hindu Texts, Translations, and Transnational Communities* (Ed. Deepak Sarma). *Yoga and Ecology: Dharma for the Earth* (Ed. Christopher K. Chapple).

AGENDA
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Friday, 18 Nov 2022

8:00 a.m. DANAM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK opens.

Participation at DANAM sessions at the AAR Annual Meetings is *complimentary*; with **NO FEE** involved.

To help us monitor attendance and keep our member database updated we would be pleased to receive a preregistration notice from you by email. Your DANAM registration will help us communicate with members more efficiently and utilize our resources more effectively to ensure conference sessions run smoothly. This information is strictly meant for planning purposes and to facilitate communications.

COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION

Please Email your name, affiliation and contact
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with Subject line "DANAM Registration"
Thank you

For Latest Updates of the Agenda, please continue to check the web site at:
www.danam-web.org/events.htm

SESSION SCHEDULE**FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER****Hyatt Regency Capitol Ballroom 1****SESSION 1: 9:00 – 10:45 am (M18-103)****New Directions in Dharma Pedagogy**

Convener/Presider: Stephanie Corigliano, Cal Poly Humboldt; *Tarka* Editor and Yoga Philosophy Managing Co-Director at Embodied Philosophy

Panelists:

- **Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, *Teaching Many Perspectives in a Polarized World: The Relevance of the Jain Doctrines of Relativity in Contemporary Pedagogy***
- **Marcy Braverman Goldstein, Ph.D. Faculty, Embodied Philosophy and Founder and Director, Sanskrit Revolution, *(A)dharmic Academia***
- **Isa Gucciardi, Ph.D, Founder and Director, Sacred Stream, *A Theory of Personality: Buddha Nature***
- **Victoria Price, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, *Digital Dharma: Teaching & Transmission***

Respondent:

- **Stephanie Corigliano, Ph.D., Lecturer, Cal Poly Humboldt; *Tarka* Editor and Yoga Philosophy Managing Co-Director at Embodied Philosophy**

SESSION 2: 11:00 am – 12:45 pm (M18-109)**The Plurality of Non-Duality: Theological, Contemplative, and Ethical Approaches to Identity and Non-Difference**

Convener: James Madaio, Czech Academy of Sciences

Presider: Elisa Freschi, University of Toronto

Panelists:

- **Kali Nyima Cape, University of Virginia, *Non-Dual Union in Tibetan Great Perfection***
- **Anya Golovkova, Lake Forest College, *Non-Dual Reinterpretation of Śrīvidyā in the Yoginīhr̥daya and Amṛtānanda's Dīpikā***
- **James Madaio, Czech Academy of Sciences, *'Consciousness Only' as Disposition and Discipline***

- **Vrajvihari Sharan, Georgetown University, *Contradicting contradictions: Nimbārka's naturally simultaneous duality and non-duality (svābhāvīkabhedābheda)***
- **Jvala Singh, University of California, Berkeley, *Advaita in the Sikh Devotional Historical Text, Suraj Prakash***
- **Ben Williams, Naropa University, *Advaitācāra: Nonduality and Abhinavagupta's Social Ethic,***

SESSION 3: 2:00 – 3:45 pm (M18-207)

Indian Philosophy, Mind, and AI

Convener: Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder

President: Karen Pechilis, Drew University

Panelists:

- **David Lawrence, University of North Dakota, *C.S. Peirce, Biosemiotics and Nondual Saiva Philosophical Theology***
- **Geoff Ashton, University of San Francisco, *The Teleology of Natural Intelligence in the Sankhya Karika: A Biosemiotic Interpretation***
- **Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder, *“If we can’t beat ‘em, better join ‘em” : Humans, Machine Intelligence and the Subtle Body***
- **Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida, *Interrogating Intelligence: Indian Philosophy and the Idea of Artificial Intelligence***

SESSION 4: 4:00 – 5:45 pm (M18-301)

Dharma and Indigenous Cultures : A Dialogue

Convener/President: Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai’I at Manoa

Panelists:

- **Lisa Poupart, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, *Anishinaabe Ways of Knowing and Being as Path and Vision Forward***
- **Yuri Celidwen, University of California, Berkeley, *Reckoning, Reparation, and Regeneration in the Indigenous Ethics of Belonging***
- **Marie Alohalani Brown, University of Hawai’I at Manoa, *How do Kanaka ‘Ōiwi Indigeneity and Hawaiian Religious Traditions Inform Kanaka ‘Ōiwi Environmental Activism?***
- **Rita D. Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, *Seeking Epistemic Justice: The Move Towards Critical Indigenous Epistemologies***

SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER
Hyatt Regency Capital Ballroom 5

SESSION 5: 9:00 – 10:45 am (M19-104)

DANAM 2022 Book Review Panel: *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy and Gender*

Convener: Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno

Presider: Anil Mundra, University of Chicago

Reviewers:

- **Brian Black, Lancaster University**
- **Neelima Shukla Bhatt, Wellesley College**
- **Laurie Patton, Middlebury College, President**
- **Cynthia Willett, Emory University**

Respondent: Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno

SESSION 6: 11:00 am – 12:45 pm (M19-106)

Spirituality and Sustainability: Indic Responses

Convener/Presider: Rita D. Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Panelists:

- **Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, *Advaita Vedānta, Swami Vivekananda, and Sustainability***
- **Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton, *Texts and Trees: Ritual Engagements with Audumbar Tree in the Dattatreya Sampradāya***
- **Cogen Bohanec, Arihanta Academy and Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, *A Dialogical Encounter between Christian Ecotheological Ethics and Gaudiya Vaishnava Theology***
- **Patrick Beldio, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., *Meher Baba's Spirituality of Sustainability and Transformation***
- **Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, *Tulsidas and Sustainability Through Respect of All Creation***

- **Purushottama Bilimoria, San Francisco State University, *A Critique of Economic Reason: Between Tradition and Modernity***

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