

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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Independent Scholar

specializing in North American religious diversity; Buddhism in Asia and the West;
religions and medicines; interfaith engagement; race and gender analysis.

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Education

Ph.D. in Religion and Modernity, Duke University, 2008.

M.Div., Pacific School of Religion, 2003. Included four units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

M.A., Pacific School of Religion, 2001. Buddhist and Christian studies.

A.B. with High Distinction, University of California at Berkeley, 1986. Political Science.

Additional Credentials: **Board Certified Chaplain**, Association of Professional Chaplains, 2023;
Certified InterPlay® Leader, Body Wisdom, Inc., 2014.

Academic Appointments, Full-Time, Tenure Track

Notre Dame of Maryland University Department of Religious Studies & Theology
Associate Professor 2017-2019, Assistant Professor 2013-2017

Alfred University Division of Human Studies
Assistant Professor 2008-2013

See “Teaching Experience” below for adjunct academic appointments.

Publications

Book

Mind Cure: How Meditation Became Medicine: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Refereed Journal Articles

“Regarding Elephants in the Room: What Buddhists Could Learn from Christians about Preventing Teacher Misconduct,” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 41 (2021), 95-25.

“Swedenborg: Ein moderner Buddha?” *Offene Tore* 2 (2022), 237-271. (German translation of article listed below for a Swiss journal.)

“Deepening the Heart of Wisdom: Buddhist and Christian Contemplative Dialogue and Practice,” with the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 33 (2013), 83-99.

“Religious Prejudice: What Makes it Worse and What Helps,” *Dharma World*, Tokyo, Fall 2012.

“Two Buddhisms, Three Buddhisms, and Racism,” *Journal of Global Buddhism* 11 (2010), 1-25.

“Meditation as Medicine: A Critique,” *Crosscurrents* 60:2 (Summer 2010) 168-184.

“Swedenborg: A Modern Buddha?” *Pacific World: Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies* 10 (Summer 2008, published Summer 2010), 101-129.

Book Chapters

“Rude Awakenings: A White Buddhist Reflects on Religious and Racial Equity,” in *With the Best of Intentions: Interrogating Interfaith Mistakes*, eds. Lucinda Mosher, Ellie Pierce and Or Rose (Orbis Books, 2023), 53-58.

“Caregiving at the End of Life: An Interdisciplinary, Interreligious Experiment,” in *The Georgetown Companion to Interreligious Studies*, eds. Lucinda Mosher et al. (Georgetown University Press, 2022), 430-440.

“Mindfulness-Based Interventions,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Medicine, and Health*, eds. Pamela Klassen, Justin Stein, Dorothea Lüddeckens, and Philipp Hermanczyk (Routledge, 2021), 83-97.

“Our Emptiness is Our Inseparability” in *Deep Understanding for Divisive Times: Essays in Celebration of Ten Years of the Journal of Interfaith and Interreligious Studies*, eds. Lucinda Mosher, et al. (Interreligious Studies Press, 2020), 28-33.

“Meeting the Other, Seeing Myself: Experiential Pedagogies in Interfaith Studies,” with Dr. Margarita Suárez, in *Toward a Field of Interfaith Studies*, eds. Eboo Patel, Jennifer Howe Peace, and Noah Silverman (Beacon Press, 2018), 108-121.

“Two Buddhisms, Three Buddhisms, and Racism,” in *Buddhism Beyond Borders: New Perspectives on Buddhism in the United States*, eds. Scott A. Mitchell and Natalie E. F. Quli (SUNY Press, 2015), 35-56.

“Meditation is Not Enough: Chaplaincy Training for Buddhists,” in *Arts of Contemplative Care: Pioneering Voices in Buddhist Chaplaincy and Pastoral Work*, eds. L. Willa Miller and Cheryl Giles (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2012), 17-26.

Book Reviews

Mindfulness: What’s Wrong with It (and What Isn’t): Zen Perspectives, eds. Robert Meikyo Rosenbaum and Barry Magid (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2016) for *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 37 (2017), 281-285.

The Way of Tenderness: Awakening through Race, Sexuality, and Gender by Zenju Earthlyn Manuel (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2015) for *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 36 (2016), 237-241.

Healthy Disclosure: Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations, by Kibbie Simmons Ruth and Karen A. McClintock (The Alban Institute, 2007), for *Anglican Theological Review* 90:4 (Fall 2008), 834-835.

Other Publications and Editorial Experience

“*Ground, Connect, Stretch, Serve: Multi-faith Ministry on College and University Campuses*,” booklet co-published by the Resource Center for Women & Ministry in the South and the Women’s Interfaith Institute of the Finger Lakes, 2012.

Forum: “Diversity and Divisions in American Buddhism,” *Buddhadharma*, Fall 2006, 48-57.

“Teaching about Buddhism: Lesson Plans, Suggested Readings, Background Materials, and Activities for Learning about Asian Buddhism,” a teacher-training guide and curriculum to help North Carolina public school teachers teach basic Buddhist history and doctrine. Part of Duke University's 2004 annual summer program “What Do You Know About Asia?” co-sponsored by the Asian-Pacific Studies Institute and Fuqua School of Business.

Book Review Editor, *Turning Wheel, the Journal of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship*, 1999-2001.

Staff and freelance journalism and editing, 1982-1996. Staff reporter for *The Recorder, East/West News*, and *The Daily Californian*. Covered state and local politics, Asian-American affairs, law, business, and technology. Wrote freelance news and feature articles for *California Lawyer Magazine, The San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Focus Magazine, Diablo Magazine*, and other publications. Managed a wide variety of editorial projects in non-profit and corporate settings, including Wells Fargo Bank, Employee and Retiree Relations; Cushman & Wakefield appraisals (real estate); Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (law); and Media Alliance (non-profit).

Editor and Project Manager, *People Behind the News*, a comprehensive guide to print and broadcast media in the San Francisco Bay Area: more than 300 organizations and 1,000 individual writers, editors, and broadcasters. Hired and supervised interns. Designed print and electronic editions, 1996.

Awards, Honors, Grants, Fellowships

Awards and Honors

2014: inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, honor society for theological and religious studies, Notre Dame of Maryland University.

2009: William J. Griffith University Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Durham and Local Community, Duke University,

1986: elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Northern California.

Grants

2022, March-May: CareerPoint Napa, for tuition to participate in a Board Certified Chaplain (in the Association of Professional Chaplains) preparatory course and BCC application fee.

2016: NDMU Committee on Faculty Research & Development course release Spring 2016, to complete book.

2016-2014: Notre Dame of Maryland University Pangborn and Seurkamp Funds for conference travel.

2013: Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association. Helped Alfred University Library obtain teaching materials on Islam, and facilitated dialogues with students in History, Global Studies, and Religious Studies courses about a text in that collection, Leila Ahmed's *A Quiet Revolution*.

2010: Faculty Development Grants, Alfred University: for archival research related to revising dissertation for publication; and to cover travel costs exceeding the honorarium for invited presentation at "Buddhism without Borders" conference in Berkeley, CA.

2008: Faculty Development Grant, Alfred University National Endowment for the Humanities fund, for Wabash Center workshop on Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses.

2007: Summer Research Grant, Duke University Graduate School.

2007: Travel Grants, Pacific School of Religion Harland Hogue Fund and Duke University Graduate School, for invited presentation at PSR Earl Lectures.

2005: Writing Grant, Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, to support revision of "Religious Leadership in American Zen" for conference presentations and publication.

2004: Curriculum Development Grant, Global K-12 Outreach Program, Duke University, to develop teacher-training guides and curricula to help North Carolina public school teachers teach basic Buddhist history and doctrine.

Fellowships

2006-2007: “A.W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, Human Being, Human Diversity, and Human Welfare: A Cross-Disciplinary and Cross-Cultural Study in Culture, Science, and Medicine.” Graduate Fellow, Duke University.

2006-2007: Preparing Future Faculty, Duke University.

2003-2008: Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University.

2003: U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship for intensive Japanese-language study, University of California at Berkeley.

Invited Talks, Academic

2023: “Zen Chaplaincy, Activism, and Scholarship”: interview for the podcast *Blue Beryl: Buddhism, Medicine and Embodied Spirituality*,

<https://blueberyl.buzzsprout.com/2044347/11998202-3-zen-chaplaincy-activism-and-scholarship-with-wakoh-shannon-hickey>

2019-2020: “Mind Cure: How Meditation Became Medicine”: Public lectures with Q&A at Davidson College, NC, January 27, 2020; University of Rochester Meliora Weekend, Interfaith Chapel, Rochester, NY, Oct. 4, 2019; Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, Durham, NC, July 17, 2019.

2017: “Dharma: Discovering Peace and Unity amidst Conflict and Division”: interfaith panel including Hindu, Jain, Sikh, and Buddhist leaders, Johns Hopkins Interfaith Center, March 9. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5xeG1RTnws>

2016: “From Mind Cure to Mindfulness: A Religious History of Mental Therapeutics,” The Abington College of Penn State University, April 15.

2015: “Meditation as Medicine: A History and Critique,” 5th Annual Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Conference, Buddhism and Wellbeing: Therapeutic Approaches to Human Flourishing, University of British Columbia Point Grey Campus, May 28-30.

2015: “Education and Buddhist Ministry: Whither—and Why?” Harvard Div. School, April 23-25.

Conference Activity

Papers Presented

2019: “Meditation, Buddhism and Mental Health: The State of the Field,” a panel co-sponsored by the Psychology, Culture, and Religion and the Religions, Medicines, and Healing units of the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov. 25. Discussed my book *Mind Cure* and one other.

2019: “Recovering Pasts, Imagining Futures: A Roundtable Conversation about New Books on Buddhism in the West,” at Buddhism in the West Unit, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov. 24. Responded to comments about my book *Mind Cure* and two others.

2019: “What Buddhists Can Learn from Christians about Preventing Sexual Violence,” on the panel “Buddhist and Christian Resources for Addressing Sexual Violence,” sponsored by the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, AAR Annual Meeting pre-meetings, San Diego, CA, Nov. 22.

2018: “Teacher Misconduct in American Zen: A Cross-Cultural and Interreligious Analysis,” on the panel “From Rape Texts to Bro’ Buddhism: Critical Canonical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Sexual Abuse Scandals in Western Buddhism,” co-sponsored by the Buddhism in the West and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Units, AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Nov. 18.

2013: “Deepening the Heart of Wisdom: Buddhist and Christian Contemplative Dialogue and Practice,” with the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, accepted for New England Anglican Studies Conference, Harvard Divinity School, April 20. Pre-empted by manhunt for Boston Marathon bombers.

2011: “Genealogy.com, Google Earth, and Grandma: New and Old Resources for Teaching American Religious History,” at Teaching Religion Section, AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 21.

2010: “Two Buddhisms, Three Buddhisms, and Racism,” Buddhism without Borders Conference, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA, March 20. Featured speaker.

2009: “Meditation as Medicine: A Critique,” at Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 9.

2009: “Meditation is Not Enough: Chaplaincy Training for Buddhists,” at Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 8.

2008: “The Parliament Prolonged: Buddhism, Hinduism, and Greenacre’s Forgotten Legacy,” at North American Religions Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2.

2007: “Swedenborg: A Modern Buddha?” at Buddhism in the West Consultation, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 17.

2007: “Safe and Responsible Leadership: A Buddhist-Christian Dialogue,” at Pacific School of Religion Earl Lectures, Berkeley, CA, January 24.

2005: “Clergy Training in American Zen,” on panel “Educating Buddhists,” at Japanese Religions Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 20.

2005: “Religion, Ritual, and the Women’s Movement,” at the symposium “Sisterhood, Riot Grrrl, and the Next Wave: Feminist Generations/Generating Feminisms,” hosted by the Sallie Bingham Center for Women’s History and Culture, Duke University, October 27.

2005: “Two Buddhisms, Three Buddhisms, and Racism,” at the Buddhist Studies Graduate Students conference, Princeton University, April 22-24.

2004: “Two Buddhisms, Three Buddhisms, and Racism,” at Asian North American Religions Section, AAR Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 21.

2002: “Religious Leadership in American Zen,” at AAR Buddhism section, Western Commission on the Study of Religion (WECSOR) conference, St. Mary’s College, Moraga, CA, March 24.

Presider

2020: “Transnationalism, Secularism, and Hybridity: Adapting Buddhisms in the West,” Buddhism in the West Group, Virtual AAR Annual Meeting, December 1.

2018: "Transnational Ethnographies of Buddhism: Gender, Monasticism, and Inter-Religious Meditation," Buddhism in the West Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17.

2015: "Converts, Immigrants, Social Movements, and Mindfulness," Buddhism in the West Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 23.

2014: "Dharma Transmission: What, When, Why, How?" Soto Zen Buddhist Association conference, Clatskanie, OR, Oct. 1-5. Also organized 3 breakout sessions for Associate members.

2012: "Contemplative Pedagogies," Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, AAR Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 16.

2011: "Buddhism in the West: Past and Present," Buddhism in the West Group, AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 19.

2010: "Buddhist Women Migrants, Migrating Women's Buddhism: The Complexities and Challenges for Buddhist Women in Oceania," co-sponsored by Religion and Migration Consultation and Buddhism in the West Consultation, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 31.

Campus and Departmental Talks

2016: "Faith and Feminism": Moderated an interfaith conversation about feminism for a "Women of the World" festival held at Notre Dame of Maryland University, October 7.

2015: "Religious Violence and What to Do About It," Notre Dame of Maryland University Religious Studies Circle, in honor of 50th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, October 28.

2014: "Dancing with Diversity: InterPlay® for Community Building," breakout session for Notre Dame of Maryland University's annual Community Day, October 15.

2013: "Religious Studies Circle," featured speaker, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Feely International Center, October 29.

2013: "Genealogy.com, Google Earth, and Grandma: Alfred University Students Trace their Roots and Routes," Bergren Forum, Alfred University, April 25.

2010: "Meditation as Medicine: A Critique," Bergren Forum, Alfred University, April 8.

2007: "Meditation as Medicine," at Mellon-Sawyer Seminar: Human Being, Human Diversity, and Human Welfare: a Cross-Disciplinary and Cross-Cultural Study in Culture, Society, and Medicine, at the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute at Duke University, Durham, NC, April 9.

Teaching Experience

Notre Dame of Maryland University (2013-2018)

Courses Taught: African American Religions; Buddhist-Christian Dialogue; Buddhist Diversity in Baltimore; Caregiving at the End of Life: Honors; Contemporary Spirituality; Death, Dying, and Living Well; Introduction to Biblical Studies; Judaism, Christianity, Islam; Women in World Religions; World Religions.

Alfred University (2008-2013)

Courses Taught: Asian Religions; Birth of the Christian Tradition; Buddhism; Jesus: Sage, Savior, Superstar; Religion and Science; Religion in America; Who Wrote the Bible?; Women and Religion; World Religions; Zen: Honors Seminar.

Hartford Seminary/Hartford International University for Religion and Peace (2014, 2024)

2024: Buddhist Diversity in the United States, the first course on a non-Abrahamic religion offered at this school. Synchronous and asynchronous online, May 13-June 24, 2024.

2014: Co-facilitator of an intensive, week-long Religious Diversity Leadership Workshop, June 8-13. Helped to substantially revise the curriculum from a previous format, led or co-led group activities, provided a basic introduction to Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism.

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (2012)

“Deepening the Heart of Wisdom: Buddhist and Christian Contemplative Practice and Dialogue” (2 weeks, 35 hours). Contemplative practices, seminar discussions, and written analyses.

Graduate Theological Union (2006-2009, 2011)

Guest teacher on systemic inequalities and unexamined privilege for the course “Organizations and Institutions: Efficacious Buddhist Practice in Communities and Groups,” at the Institute for Buddhist Studies. Courses taught during Pacific School of Religion Summer Session: American Buddhisms; Basic Buddhism; Buddhism in the United States.

Duke University Department of Religion (2004-2007)

Summer course “Buddhism in the United States,” 2007. Served as Teaching Assistant for “Lived Religion in America” with Dr. Julie Byrne and “Intro to Buddhist Thought and Practice” with Dr. Richard Jaffe.

Community Education and Corporate Training

2020: Taught “World Religions with Wakoh,” an adult religious-education program introducing eight major religious traditions, basic theory, and interreligious dialogue. Two sections offered virtually: through the First Congregational Church of Sonoma (UCC), monthly from February to September; and through the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, biweekly from May through August.

1995-1998: Trainer, voice-activated computer systems for people with disabilities. Designed and delivered individual and group training of eight to sixteen hours per student. Developed job-aids, manuals, and other reference materials for trainees.

1991-1993: Taught “Writing for Success” at Wells Fargo Bank Corporate Headquarters: a four-week, sixteen-hour, writing-skills course for managers and supervisors. Developed learning objectives and skill-building exercises, reference materials, visual aids, trainer guidelines, and evaluation tools. Assessed student writing samples and tailored courses to each group’s needs.

Pedagogical Training

2018: “Who Is Being Served? Critical Service-Learning for Racial Justice,” Loyola University Maryland, May 14-15. Baltimore, Maryland.

2016-2017: “Designing Your Online Course,” Quality Matters™ <https://www.qualitymatters.org>

2016: “Toward a Field of Interfaith Studies” seminar, sponsored by Interfaith Youth Core. Twenty scholars from around the U.S. gathered to discuss the shape of this emerging field and to develop a book to help define it, articulate its signature pedagogies, and propose future directions of research.

2015-16: Faculty Learning Groups, Notre Dame of Maryland University. Topics: Teaching for Social Justice; The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy.

2014: "Teaching Online," Quality Matters™ <https://www.qualitymatters.org>

2014: NDMU Reading Groups on Spirituality and Education: organized three.

2016: "Interfaith Cooperation: Leadership Practices at Catholic Colleges and Universities": IFYC Institute, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 29-30.

2015: "Building Just Communities," Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Conference at Howard University, October.

2014: "Teaching Interfaith Understanding": an intensive faculty-development seminar co-led by Diana Eck of the Harvard Pluralism Project and Catherine Cornille, Chair of Theology at Boston College, August. Co-sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities and Interfaith Youth Core, Twenty-five faculty from around the U.S. were selected for the seminar, which inspired me to revamp my syllabi and launch several interfaith initiatives.

2013: "Religious Diversity Leadership Workshop," Hartford Seminary. Participated and presented a segment on Buddhist Diversity in the U.S., which led to co-facilitating in 2014.

2011-2012: Teaching and Learning Collaborative, Alfred University. Small-group discussions, peer observations, and reflections on teaching.

2011: "First-Year Experience" faculty development workshops, Alfred University.

2010: "Pacific Crest Teaching Institute": two-day workshop on creating student-centered classrooms and promoting process education, SUNY Cortland, January 14-15.

2009: "Curriculum Transformation": week-long summer course on addressing issues of privilege in the classroom (race, gender, socio-economic class, sexual orientation, religion, physical ability), St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, June 15-19.

2013: "Bard University Writing Workshop on Teaching the Academic Paper": Alfred University, May 13, sponsored by the AU Writing Center.

2008: "Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses" workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Chicago, October 31.

2006-2007: "Preparing Future Faculty" program, Duke University.

2007: "Instructional Uses of Technology," Duke University.

2007: "Certificate in Teaching Religion," Duke University.

2003: "Introduction to College Teaching," Duke University.

1995: "Training Design," "Developing Training Materials," and "Presentation & Facilitation Skills," UC Berkeley Extension.

Service to the Profession

American Academy of Religion

Steering Committee Co-Chair, Buddhism in the West Unit, 2018-2021; member, 2016-2018, 2008-2014.

Steering Committee, Buddhist Critical-Constructive Dialogue Unit, 2016-2021.

Peer Review and Editorial (selected)

Peer Reviewer of manuscripts for *Oxford Research Encyclopedia Online* (2020); Oxford University Press, (2011); *Journal of Global Buddhism* (2020, 2012); *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2016); Johns Hopkins University Press, and the journal *Religions* (2018).

Editor and Co-Editor (2012 and 2013, respectively), *Buddhist-Christian Studies*. Board of Directors, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, 2011-2013.

Textbook Reviewer, *Living Religions, 8th ed.*, by Mary Pat Fisher, and MyReligionLab online course tools (Pearson Prentice Hall), Fall 2010.

External Reviewer, Naropa University Master of Divinity Program, Fall 2010.

Departmental and University Service

Notre Dame of Maryland University

Academic Advising for students majoring in the Liberal Arts, College of Adult Undergraduate Studies. Advised other students as needs arose, 2014-2017.

Program Review, Religious Studies Department, 2013-2015. Recommended revised curriculum and new programs in Interfaith Studies and congregational development.

Curriculum Committee Credit-Hour Policy Task Force, Fall 2015.

Convener, Notre Dame Interfaith Circle, 2015.

Search Committee, Dept. of Religious Studies, 2013-2014.

Alfred University

Faculty Advisor, 2009-2013. Collaborated with the Counseling Center, Student Affairs, the Higher Education Opportunity Program, athletic programs, and college deans. Participated in two Honors Thesis committees, one in Fine Art and one in Psychology.

Organizer, 2013 Sibley Lecture: "Gay Rights: How We Got Here, Where We're Going, and Why Religion Matters So Much!" by Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson (emeritus), Nevins Auditorium, October 1.

Promotion & Tenure Task Forces: University-wide and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2012-2013.

Faculty Council, Alfred University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-13. Advised Dean on college policies, programs, and practices.

Organizer, "The Clarity in the Anger," a 2012 public lecture and class visits by Buddhist feminist scholar Rita M. Gross.

Search Committees, Division of Human Studies, 2008, 2010.

Advisory Committee on Technology, 2009-2010.

Organizer, "Art of Birth, Death, and Rebirth," a 2009 exhibit of student artworks depicting modern interpretations of the Buddhist Wheel of Becoming, at Herrick Library.

Phi Beta Kappa Committee on Members-in-Course, 2009-2010.

Duke University

Duke University President's Council on Women, 2006-2007.

Graduate and Professional Students Council, Religion Department Representative, 2006-2007.

Graduate Student Association in Religion Executive Committee, 2004-2006.

University of California, Berkeley

Student Affairs Officer, Berkeley Program Manager, UCB Washington Program, 1999-2001.

Extracurricular University Service

Co-organizer, Napa Valley College Library display of a multimedia exhibit on the history and importance of the Napa County Agricultural Preserve, 2022.

Buddhist Campus Minister, Member of Campus Ministry Advisory Board, Johns Hopkins University Bunting-Meyerhoff Interfaith Center, 2014-2018.

Retreats: "Sitting, Walking, and Playing," offered jointly with Loyola University-Maryland Campus Ministry, Fall 2015; and for the Johns Hopkins Buddhist Students Association, November 12, 2017.

Buddhist Chaplain, Duke University Religious Life Staff, 2004-2007.

Community Involvement: Invited Talks and Workshops

2024: Preach to Unitarian Universalists of Petaluma on "Liberating Love: A UU-Zen Dialogue" and to Napa Valley Lutherans on "Great Faith, Great Doubt, Great Determination."

2022-2023: Planner/speaker at interfaith services honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; victims of 9/11, Black victims of police violence; and Thanksgiving; as well as community "Light Up a Life" services honoring anyone who has died.

2021: World Religions series: Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhi: CrossWalk Community Church, Napa (CA), May 2021.

2020: *White Fragility* reading group: Facilitate monthly discussion among members and attenders of Napa (CA) Friends Meeting, Summer and Fall.

2020: "Buddhism Q&A," St. Mary's Episcopal Church Coffee Hour, Napa, CA, August 23.

2020: "The Great Reset: Mind Cure," interview with Rev. Dr. Pete Shaw of Crosswalk Community Church, Napa, CA, April 24: <http://www.crosswalknapa.org/blog/2020/4/24/the-great-reset-mind-cure>

2020: "World Religions with Wakoh," adult education course offered through the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South (16 weeks, 8 biweekly meetings) and First Congregational Church (UCC) of Sonoma (8 monthly meetings). Online.

2019: Interview with the Mindful Cranks: Podcast re: *Mind Cure: How Meditation Became Medicine*, <http://www.mindfulcranks.com/episode-15-wakoh-shannon-hickey-the-mind-cure>

2019: Mindfulness and Meditation in Spiritual Caregiving: Podcast *Spiritual Care Today: Conversations on Health and Healing*, <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/spiritual-care/mindfulness-and-meditation-BL6ZwdegAIM/>

2019: *Mind Cure: How Meditation Became Medicine* Reading Group, First Congregational Church of Sonoma, CA, June 23 and Aug. 7, 14, and 21.

2018: “We’re All in This Together,” Lights of Remembrance Ceremony, Hospice by the Bay, Sonoma, CA, December 2.

2018: “Begin at the End,” Napa Valley Unitarian Universalist Community, Napa, CA, Sept. 23.

2018: Death Café, Baltimore Women of the World Festival, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD, April 28.

2015: “Buddhism and Sexuality,” All Beings Zen Sangha, Washington, D.C., October 15.

2011, 2014: “Forgiveness and Grace,” Hartford County Unitarian Universalist Association, MD, October 26, 2014; and Napa (CA) Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, July 31, 2011.

2009, 2012, 2014: “On the Power of a Vow,” Soji Zen Center, Lansdowne PA, Aug. 31, 2014; Hornell (NY) Area Unitarian-Universalist Society, May 27, 2012; Napa (CA) Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, July 19, 2009.

2013: “What Happens When I Die? Christian, Buddhist, and Sikh Perspectives,” Dignity of Difference workshop, sponsored by an interfaith coalition, the Rochester Institute of Technology Inn and Conference Center, Henrietta, NY, June 9.

2013: “Birth and Death: A Zen Perspective,” Olean Meditation Center 2012 lecture series on Meditation Traditions, Olean, NY, Public Library, April 29.

2012: “What Buddhists and Christians Have in Common,” Mt. Equity Zendo, Pennsdale, PA, March 4. Buddhist and Christian contemplative practices.

2009: “Generosity, a Jewish-Buddhist Dialogue,” Congregation Beth Shalom, Napa, CA, January 11 & 14.

2008: 2008: “Forgiveness and Healing across Religious Traditions: a Jewish-Buddhist-Christian Trialogue.” Congregation Beth Shalom, Napa, CA, August 20.

2007: “Zen and Meditation,” North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation, Tahoe Vista, CA, January 25.

2006: “Seeking a Broader and Deeper View: A Commentary on Dogen’s *Genjo Koan*,” New Spirit Community Church, Berkeley, CA, August 10.

2006: “What Do We Believe, How Are We Different, Are We Connected? An Interfaith Trialogue.” (Jewish, Buddhist, Christian) North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation, Tahoe Vista, CA, Aug. 3.

2006: “The Heart Sutra and Emptiness in Mahāyāna Thought,” New Hope Sangha, Eno River Unitarian Universalist Church, Durham, NC, January 2.

2002: “History of the Sōtō Zen Precepts,” Chapel Hill Zen Center, NC, August 7, 2005; Mendocino Area Sangha, Caspar, CA, April 15.

2004: “Buddhist and Christian Understandings of Suffering,” and “Buddhist Loving-kindness Practices,” Adult Religious Education, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC, September 19 and October 3.

2002: “Spirituality and Bereavement,” for therapists of Pediatri-Care, an agency providing bereavement care to Alameda County children and families: Oakland, CA, March 11.

2001: “Love Your Enemies: A Buddhist Perspective,” PSR Chapel, Berkeley, CA, May 8.

Other Community Service

Napa Interfaith Leaders Council, Napa, CA, 2018-present.

Jack L. Davies Agricultural Land Preservation Fund Board of Directors, Napa, CA, 2020-present.

Faith Communities of Baltimore with Pride Coordinating Team: 2014, 2016-2018.

Interfaith Community of Roland Park, Baltimore, MD, 2014-2017.

North Carolina Advisory Committee on Religious Ministry in Prisons, NC Department of Corrections, 2004-2007. Advised on policies affecting Buddhist inmates.

Co-founder, NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ Journalists, Oakland, CA, 1990.

Academic and Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion, 1997-present.

American Association of University Professors, 2015-2019.

Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, 2014-present.

Association of Professional Chaplains, 2020-present. Board Certified Chaplain, 2023.

InterPlay® Leaders Circle, 2013-present.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1986-present.

Sōtō Zen Buddhists Association (Associate), 2003-2014.

Theta Alpha Kappa, 2014-2018.