

Ecological Spiritualities

April 27–30, 2022

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

TIME	LOCATION	TYPE	PRESENTER	TITLE
9AM	Swartz Hall Tower Lobby	Conference Check-In		
9:30AM	Sperry	Opening Words of Welcome from the Program for the Evolution of Spirituality		
9:30-11AM	Sperry	Panel Session Hybrid Format PANEL TITLE: “The Earth is Our Mother: Contemporary Paganisms and Environmentalism	Berger, Helen Parmigiani, Giovanna Taylor, Bron Davy, Barbara Jane	“The Environmentalism of the Alt Right: Blood, Soil, and the Spirits of the Land” “Ulfa: Neo-animism and political activism in Salento (Southern Italy)” “Bounding Paganism: Who and what is in and out? And what can this reveal about the cultural traction of such contemporary nature religion?” “Negotiating ecological habitus in inclusive Heathenry”
11AM-NOON	Sperry	Featured Workshop In-Person Only	Ford, Claudia	“Emerging Spirituality for the Philiacene: Writing Practices for a Wounded Planet”
	Multifaith	Featured Workshop In-Person Only	Allison, Elizabeth	“Contemplative Practice for Climate Resilient Educators and Activists”
	Labyrinth (Patio Tent if raining)	Featured Workshop In-Person Only	Gould, Rebecca Kneale	“Honoring Grief, Cultivating Love: The Practice of Chant as a Path of Connection”
12:15–2 PM	Braun	Lunch (Grab and Go available for non-Harvard registrants)		



1–2 PM	Sperry	Introductory Plenary Panel Session Hybrid Format PANEL: “Scholarship and Spiritual Practice in Troubled Times”	Ford, Claudia Allison, Elizabeth Gould, Rebecca Kneale	“Emerging Spirituality for the Philiacene: Writing Practices for a Wounded Planet” “Contemplative Practice for Climate Resilient Educators and Activists” “Honoring Grief, Cultivating Love: The Practice of Chant as a Path of Connection”
2:45 PM	Sperry	Greetings from the Program for the Evolution of Spirituality Donors		
2:45–5:30 PM	Sperry (overflow in Chapel)	Opening Plenary Paper Session Hybrid Format	Camara, Bintou	“Nalu Spiritual Revival in Guinea”
			Greer, J. Christian	“Psychedelic Pasts & Fascist Futures: The Secret History of the Deep Ecology Movement”
			Seely, Christina	“Next of Kin: The Role of Contemporary Art in Evolving Ecological Spiritualities”
			Montalvo, Marcelo Garzo	“Tlalocantecuhitli-Chalchihuitlicue: Ceremonial Dance as (Agro-)Ecology and Watershed Consciousness”
			Braga, Thiago	“Tea Art, Empirical Philosophy: Ethnographic Observations from Kunming, China”
5:30–7 PM	HDS Commons and Patio	Welcome Supper (All In-Person Registrants Invited)		
7–9 PM	Chapel	Performance In-person with Remote Viewing Available	Yampolsky, Sofya	“Tierra Encantada: Enchanted Earth, Enchanted Body in New Mexican Flamenco”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Garcia, Ashley Joslyn, Daniel	“Vegetarianism and Socialist Spiritualities in the Long Nineteenth-Century”
			Naqvi, Samia	“The Mythologised Horse of Karbalah - Past Imaginings, Continuing Legacies: A Study of Shi’ite Oral Tradition Through ‘Nohay”

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

TIME	LOCATION	TYPE	PRESENTER	TITLE
9–11:30 AM	Sperry	Paper Session	Mathiassen, Silje Trym	“Sacred Plants – Spiritual Experiences: Ritual Practices with Entheogenic Plants”
			Gebara, Maria Fernanda	“From Crisis to Cosmos: The Role of Amazonian Plant Medicine in Changing our Ecological Damaging Attitudes”
			Schunemann, Mark Juhan	“Replanting Christ: A Theological Comparison of the Native American Church and hte Santo Daime”



	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Nono, Grace	“The Mountain and the Healer: An Ethnography of Human and Nonhuman Relations”
			Das, Ritupurna	“The God of All Things”
			Agrawal, Rashi Upadhyay, Shraddha	“From Ecological Awareness to Being Ecology: Integrative Approaches to Environmental Activism Aided by Contemplative Practices”
			Mallick, Ata	“The Concept of Nature, Ecology, and the Santal Tribe”
10:30–11:30 AM	Swartz 125	Panel Session Remote Format In-Person Viewing Available	Denley, Elizabeth Desvigne, Alain	“Heartfulness Practices for Regenerative Development”
10:30–11:30 AM	Labyrinth (James East if raining)	Featured Workshop In-Person Only	Gould, Rebecca Kneale	“Honoring Grief, Cultivating Love: The Practice of Chant as a Path of Connection”
11:30 AM–1:30 PM	Braun	Lunch (Grab and Go available for non-Harvard registrants)		
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	Sperry	Workshop Session Hybrid Format	Chakour, Vanessa Ó Broin, Ádhamh	“Reclaiming Scottish Gaelic Cosmology is Environmental Activism”
	Swartz 125	Workshop Session Remote with In-Person Viewing Available	Angeli, Maria A	“The Five Elements in ‘Unity Singing & Circle Dance’ Practices: Living & Celebrating Ecological Spirituality”
11:30 AM–1:30 PM	James East	Panel Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Newton, Deja	“The History of Eco-Facism and Its Spirituality”
			El-Mecky, Nausikaä	“The Self-Contradictory ‘Mystical’ Aesthetics of Eco-Fascism”
			PANEL TITLE: “The Mysticism of Eco-Fascism”	Zabala, Santiago
12:30–1:30 PM	Multifaith	Workshop Session In-Person Only	Harvard Divinity School Ecotheology Spring 2021 Students	Interspecies Relationships Sound Bath
	Swartz 125	Workshop Session Remote with In-Person Viewing Available	Moreno-Velo, Lucia Box, Gwyneth	“Prayer Writing for the Modern World”



1:30–3:30 PM	Sperry	Performance and Panel Session Hybrid Format	Anthony, Carl C. Holmes, Brandon P. Tucker, Mary Evelyn Pavel, Paloma M.	PANEL TITLE: “The Universe Story: Climate Justice and the Next Generation”
	James West	Paper Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Boudell, Jere A.	“Sacred Botany, Sacred Grief: Plants as Conduits of Hope and Sorrow in Modern Paganism”
			Schwien, Natalia	“The Plant Delighteth: Plant Personhood in the Study of Western Esotericism”
			Kariko, Sarah	“Wisdom of the Web: Reflections from Studying Spiders and Exploring our Interconnectedness”
	Swartz 125	Paper Session Remote Format with In- Person Viewing Available	Forchu, Ijeoma	“The Changing Religious Pattern: Musical Supplications to the Earth Goddess”
			Bernard, Oluwabunmi Tope	“Representations of Climate Change and Environmental Issues in Selected Yorùbá Sacred Orature Forms”
	James East	Panel Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Gregorius, Fredrik	“The Landscape of the gods: Negotiating the role of place and meaning at Old Uppsala”
			Skjoldli, Jane	“Virtual Gods of Nature? Spiritual ecology in Hellblade: Senua’s Sacrifice and Assassin’s Creed: Valhalla”
			Thykier Makeeff, Tao	“How Modern Practitioners of Viking Martial Arts Engage with Nature “
3:45–5:15 PM	Sperry	Panel Session Hybrid Format	Tully, Caroline	“Paradise on Earth: Feraferia and the Landscapes of the Mind”
			Pike, Sarah M.	“Weave of Reverence: Ritualizing Ecological Practice at Pagan Nature Sanctuaries”
			Magliocco, Sabina	“Fairies and Environmental Justice in Modern Pagan Narratives”
	James West	Paper Session In-Person Form with Remote Viewing Available	Brown, Ras Michael	“Grounding African/American Spiritualities: Ecology and Indigeneity in Early African American Religions”
			Mondragón, Delores	“Rematriation in the Time of MMIW2S Soldiers”
			Kanu, Ikechukwu Anthony	“Igbo-African Eco-Spirituality: An Indigenous Response to Modern Ecological Crisis”



	Swartz 125	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Ferrara, Mark S.	“Green Consciousness: Contemplative Practices and Expressions of Eco-Spirituality at EcoVillage Ithaca”
			Burschel, Maria	“Covert Hegemonic Masculinity, Spiritual Growth and Non-Violent Communication in EcoVillages and Intentional Communities”
			French, Matt	“Contemplative ‘Eco-Spiritual’ Retreats: Reorienting Ecological Consciousness through Vipassana Meditation and ‘Nature Based Practice’ in the Foothills of the Catalan Pyrenees”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Jaoudi, Maria	“The Many Realities of Consciousness: Intellectual, Spiritual, Aesthetic”
			Couture, Jim	“Awakening An Ecological Spirituality Through Songs”
			Pertillar, Tammy Lynn	“Ecological Spirituality in Ojibwe Cultural Practices”
5:30–7 PM	Sperry	Workshop and Performance Session	Engelman, Robert Cordes Engelman, Lucy Cordes, Colleen	“Art, Joy, Mystery, in Workshop and Performance: One Family’s Approach Towards Becoming Earth”
		Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available		
	James West	Performance Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Ray, Ricky	“Identity Earth: An Invocation of the Ecological Self”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Cordovil, Daniela	“Ecological Spiritualities and Contemporary Art”
			Butcher, A. Allen	“Partnership Spirituality: Revering as Sacred the Balance of Heaven and Earth in Binarian Monotheism”
			Barstow, Geoffrey	“Challenging Buddhist Assumptions of Human Superiority”

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

TIME	LOCATION	TYPE	PRESENTER	TITLE
9–11:30 AM	Sperry	Paper Session Hybrid Format	Anguiano, J.M. Anguiano, S	“Evolutive Agriculture Method: a Decade of Research and Results in México”
			Freeman, Erik	“Radical Religion and Conservative Ecology: The Environmental and Spiritual Roots of the Oneida Community’s Transition from Communalism to Capitalism During the Nineteenth Century”
			Watkin, Elizabeth	“Trauma, Shamanism, and Empowerment”
			Lin, Ru-Yu	“Beliefs, Sustainability, Crisis and Feminine Ecological Spiritualities”



	James West	Paper Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Tsukamoto, Chihiro Larissa	“Love and Light? How New Age Practices Exploit Vulnerable Populations and Environments”
			Tillman, Trish	“Childfree for the Environment: A Viable Path in Catholicism or Gaudiya Vaishnavism?”
			Titus, Olusegun Stephen	“The Place of Egbesu Religious Songs”
	Swartz 125	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Bhutia, Kalzang Dorjee	“Caring for the Valley of Abundance: Environmental History as a Resource for Emerging Environmental Ethics in Sikkim, India”
			Dwivedi, P.S. Verma, Pankaj Kumar	“Revisiting the Eco-Spiritual Wisdoms of the Rāmāyana: An Aesthetical Exploration”
			Jha, Smita Trivedi, Padm Nabh	“Demystifying the Non-anthropocentric Ecological Spirituality: Deep Ecology and Bhagavadgita”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Aleknaitė, Eglė	“Respect to Nature in a Lithuanian Contemporary Pagan Community: a Useful Cultural Resource with No Call to Action”
			Strmiska, Michael	“Eco-Spiritual or Ethno-National? Reflections on the Interplay Between Ethnic Identity and Environmental Concerns in Modern European Paganism and Japanese Shinto”
			Grey, Peter	“How To Live In A World On Fire”
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11:30 AM–1:30 PM	Braun	Lunch (Grab and Go available for non-Harvard registrants)		
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	Sperry	Workshop Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Chakour, Vanessa	“Rethinking Weeds: The Spiritual, Cultural, and Medicinal Significance of Common Plants”
	James West	Workshop Session In-Person with Remote Viewing Available	Tarwater, Rev. Bonnie	“Welcome and God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!”
	James East	Featured Workshop In-Person Only	Ford, Claudia	“Emerging Spirituality for the Philiacene: Writing Practices for a Wounded Planet”
12:30–1:30 PM	Sperry	In-Person Performance	Alhadeff, Cara Judea	“Indigenous Wisdoms, Reclaimed Action: Love Lessons from Zazu Dreams”



	James West	Workshop Session In-Person Format with Remote Livestream	Holmes, Brandon P. Tucker, Mary Evelyn Pavel, Paloma M. Anthony, Carl C	WORKSHOP TITLE: “Embodying Eco-Spiritual and Eco-Justice practice: Leadership Training for Environment and Climate Justice”
	James East	Workshop Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Warman, Ryan Indigo Woolever, Megan Rose	“Re-wilding the Pagan Soul: Albion, Eco-Psychology and the Epigenetic Memory of Place”
1:30–3:30 PM	Sperry	Paper Session Hybrid Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Barrywood, Kristal	“Understanding Environmentalism in Pagan Paths and its Effects on Altruism in Rituals”
			Halstead, John	“The Greening of Paganism”
			Baker, Shane	“Encounters with Immanence: Ecodelic Experience, Temperament, and the Ambiguous Aspirations of Gaia”
	James West	Paper Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Peters, Ralph	“The Ecological Spirituality of William Irwin Thompson: From Celtic Animism to Gaian Cultural Ecologies”
			Dahill, Lisa E.	“Holy Shit: Lutheran Carnality and Thinking like a Tree”
			Bilecky, Emma Lietz	“In the World and of the World: Thinking, Caring, and Mapping with Soils”
	Swartz 125	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Ajose, Toyin Samuel	“Music, Ori-Oke Spirituality, and Environmentalism Among Yoruba Pentecostals in Ibadan, Southwest Nigeria”
			Adekogbe, Bosun	“An Ecological Examination of Musicality and Spirituality in Winners’ Mega Chapel, Nigeria”
			Ugagu-Dominic, Nneka Rachel	“Mitigating Environmental Challenges Through Faith Communities in Uyo South-Southern Nigeria”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	French, Aaron	“Space and Nature: The Role of Location in Early 20th Century European “Back-To-Nature Communities”
			Olsen, Steven L.	“Sacred Time and Sacred Space: Emergence of a Latter-day Saint Cosmology, a Textual Inquiry”
			Zinzendorf, Bro. Johannes	“The Hermitage, A Harmonist Community”
3:45–5:30 PM	Swartz 125	Paper Session Remote Format with In- Person Viewing Available	Oxendine, Jamie Keith	“South East Woodland American Indian Designs and Body Decoration: Pre-Contact and Contact”
			Whitaker, James Andrew	“Mastery and Motherhood: Animist Landscapes and Ontological Relations among the Makushi”



	Sperry	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Wikström, Tiina	"Studying the Notion of Ecologue within Native American Literary Studies and Social Services"
			Ofodu, Graceful Onovughe	"SpirituaLiterary Strategies of Environmental Activism: A Discourse in EcoCriticism"
			Konrad, Tatiana	"Religion, Climate Crisis, and the Ambiguity of Biblical Allusions in Cli-Fi"
	James West	Workshop Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Kramer, Henry	"Cultivating Wonder as Embodied Practice"
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Fici, Christopher L	"I Am the Original Fragrance of the Earth: Regenerative Ecotheology, Regenerative Intimacy, and the Eros of Earthiness"
			Robinson, Jim	"Living Laudato Si' While Evolving Beyond It: Embodying a Feminist "Integral Ecology" at Agape Community and Benincasa Community"
			Dean, Dorothy	"Climate Grief and the Secular Spirituality of Earth-Mourning"
5:30-7:30 PM	Sperry	Film Screening + Discussion Session Hybrid Format	Forbes, Chantal Noa	"Reclaiming Spiritual Identity in Native Place: Indigenous Food Sovereignty and the Ontology of Dwelling in GATHER"
	James West	Paper Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Assadourian, Erik	"Growing a Deeper Environmental Movement Via a Gaian Missionary Religion"
			Gekas, William (Billy) J.	"Introducing a Theology of Relational Accountability: An Eco-Centric Anti-Colonial Theological Methodology"
	James East	Workshop Session Remote with In-Person Viewing Available	Haugen, Geneen Marie	"The Re-Emergence of Animate World Experiences"

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

TIME	LOCATION	TYPE	PRESENTER	TITLE
9-11 AM	Sperry	Paper Session Hybrid Format	Zimmerman, Alexis Wooten, Zachary	"Leadership, Spirituality, and Environmental Activism: A Comparative Case Study of Rev. Sally Bingham and Ogyen Trinley Dorje"
			Scharper, Stephen Cunningham, Hilary	"Rebordering Sanctuary: Multispecies Communities and the Sacred"
			Adhikari, Jagannath	"Kisan (Farmer's) Dharma: Ecological Practices Informed by Hindu-Buddhist Religions and Biodiversity Conservation"



	James West	Paper Session In-Person Format with Remote Viewing Available	Ritchlin, Sheri	“Yijing and Confucian Roots of the Ecozoic Era”
			Mortensen, Eric	“The Resurgence of Nature-Based Folk Religion in Light of Ecological Trauma in the Lingering Buddhist Vacuum of Tibetan Communities in Gyalthang”
	Swartz 125	Panel Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Demattê Filho, Luiz Carlos Nascimento, Rafael Araújo Mendes, Cecilia Mitie Ifuki de Carvalho, Ícaro Célio	“Agrifood System of Poultry Production”
			de Melo, Marica Kinjo, Sakae Demattê Filho, Luiz Carlos	“Johrei And Establishing the Soil-plant Balance in the Nature Farming System”
	James East	Paper Session Remote Format with In-Person Viewing Available	Murad, Munjed	“Love and the Cosmos: Rumi on Perceiving Love, Nature’s Animating Force”
			Fahm, Abdul Gafar Olawale	“Ecological Spirituality Representations in Jalal Al-Din Rumi’s Mathnawi”
			Fatima, Ummel Khair Uddin, A.H.M. Ershad	“The Implications of Islamic Shari’ah Law in Perseverance of the Ecosystem through the Essence of Spirituality”
11 AM–NOON	Sperry (Overflow in James East)	Plenary Session Hybrid Format	Concluding Reflections	

