



HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

Program for the Evolution of Spirituality  
2024 Conference Schedule  
April 24-27, 2024

## **Alternative Spiritualities of Celebration, Resistance, and Accountability: Engaging Our Colonial and Decolonial Contexts**

Schedule Notes:

All presentations will have Zoom accessibility. Clicking on the room name will take you to the corresponding zoom room and abstracts will be similarly linked.

Each session will be held in Harvard Divinity School's Swartz Hall (45 Francis Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts).

### Wednesday (April 24, 2024)

Date	Time (EDT)	Location (Zoom in Link)	Presentation Type	Full Name(s)	Title
4/24/2024	2:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>			Opening Reflections
4/24/2024	2:30pm - 3:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Performance	Delores (Lola) Mondragón, Deborah J. Guerrero, Carolyn Hartness, Sinai Soriano	Contemporary Revitalization of Indigenous Spiritualities in Prisons, Treatment Centers, and Veteran Retreats: Using Drumming and Storytelling as Forms of Witnessing the Violence Away
4/24/2024	4:00pm - 6:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room - Plenary 2</a>	Paper Session	Sanskriti Chattopadhyay	Being a Devotee: Image to Decolonial Decentralisation
4/24/2024	4:00pm - 6:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room - Plenary 2</a>	Paper Session	Yinuo Norah Chen	Detaching from the Western Lens: Decolonizing Tantric Sex
4/24/2024	4:00pm - 6:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room - Plenary 2</a>	Paper Session	Patricia Tillman	All Glories to the Assembled Devotees: Spiritual Names and Cultural Appropriation in Yoga and Devotional Culture in the West
4/24/2024	4:00pm - 6:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room - Plenary 2</a>	Paper Session	Jagannath Adhikari	Recreating spiritual practices in new locations among migrants – The case of Pokhara, Nepal and Perth, Australia.
4/24/2024	6:15pm - 7:15pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room - Plenary 3</a>	Performance	Kythe Maryam Heller	Vision Lab Collective (Works 2018-2023)
Wednesday Supper (7:15pm - 8:15 pm)--Braun Room with Overflow in Rockefeller Hall Lounge					

## Thursday (April 25, 2024)

Date	Time (EDT)	Location (Zoom in Link)	Presentation Type	Full Name(s)	Title
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:45am	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Sarah Kariko	Wisdom of Webs Workshop
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:45am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Adetola Elizabeth Umoh	Sacredness and ancestral connection to Africa; Osun Osogbo Grove & its festival in Nigeria
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:45am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Deogratias Fikiri	Decolonizing Religions in Africa: The Profound Role of African Spirituality of Ubuntu
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:45am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Umoh Samuel Uwem	African Tailor Made and Shembe Movement in South Africa
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:45am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Ijeoma Iruka Forchu	Ala, the Eagle and the Kite: Narratives of Ecological Justice in Igbo Songs
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:30am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Mathieu Colin	Hail Resistance: Spiritual Resistance to Christian Hegemony Within The Satanic Temple
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:30am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Rune Hjarnø Rasmussen	Policing Whiteness through Pagan Studies
4/25/2024	9:00am - 10:30am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Rayner Jae Liu	Sacred Trickster, Sacred Rage: The Role of Eris in Decolonial Resistance and Celebration
4/25/2024	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Christopher Freimuth	Decolonizing Garden Design: A Workshop on Ecological and Spiritual Resistance
4/25/2024	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Sudarshan Sundar, Judy Rodgers, Rita Cleary	Inner decolonization for a better world - Experimentation with the Brahma Kumaris philosophy for a return to self-sovereignty, dignity, and solidarity
4/25/2024	11:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Workshop	Shir Lovett-Graff, Francesca Rubinson	Storytelling As Tool for Dismantling Embedded Theologies: Wrestling with Zionism

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4/25/2024	11:00am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">HDS Garden (Meet at Garvin Room)</a>	Workshop	Tamara Litke	Place-Based Learning: Decolonizing Ecology: Native Plants and Settler Action
Thursday Lunch (12:00pm - 1:30 pm)--Braun Room with Overflow in Rockefeller Hall Lounge					
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session, Artistic Display	Susan Farist Butler	Eco-Restoration and Regeneration as Decolonization
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session, Artistic Display	José Sherwood González	Reimagining the Codex Tezcatlipoca (Fejérváry-Mayer): A Transdisciplinary Approach to Decolonizing Mesoamerican Cultural Heritage
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session, Artistic Display	Jayita Sengupta	Exploring Spirituality as an Academic, Painter and Seeker
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Samir Ravi	Slippery Relationality, Queer Buddhisms, and Liberatory Praxis
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Amber L. Voiles	The Benefits of Surrogate Interviewers in Research with Indigenous Peoples: Fostering Cultural Appreciation
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Maria Fernanda Gebara, Nani Kateyuve Yawanawá and Isku Kuá Yawanawá	What is medicine? Integrating indigenous with scientific ontologies in ayahuasca research
4/25/2024	1:00pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	tayla shanaye	DISRUPTION, RECLAMATION AND DELIGHT: A CRITICAL ORGANIC AUTOETHNOGRAPHY OF A BLACK MOTHER'S CHILDBIRTH AS LIBERATORY TRANSPERSONAL CONSCIOUSNESS
4/25/2024	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Jessica Beaudette	Mindful Conservation: Contemplative Discourses in Conservation Science
4/25/2024	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Jenellen Good	Spirituality, Degrowth and the Earth
4/25/2024	1:30pm - 3:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Russell C. Powell	Pantheism's Violent Depths: Spinoza, Pragmatism, and Authoritarianism in Dark Green Religion

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4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30 pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Philip Goldberg	Light and Shadow in the Transmission of Indigenous Indian Spirituality to the West
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30 pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Jac O'Keeffe	Exploring the Influence of Colonialism on Ethics and Accountability in Alternative Spiritual Teaching and Proposing a New System of Accountability
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30 pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Snehapriya Rao	Why the Guru Came to the West: Rethinking the Transnational Guru from an Indigenous Perspective
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30pm*	<a href="#">American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Meet at Garvin Room)</a>	Workshop	Kimberly A Knight	Rewilding Spirituality
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Laura Cohen	Diasporic Mysticism, Psychology, & Tarot: A Path to Decolonizing Intuitive Development
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Denise Lombardi	Native fascination and neo-shamanism in Europe
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Melissa MacDonald	Praying in the cracks: postactivist animism and the (r)evolving worship of the Unknown
4/25/2024	3:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Maheswar Ghimire	Animism and Ecological Restoration (Century Old Tradition of Indigenous Community)
4/25/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Performance	Reginald Hubbard	Pure Sound to Ground - An Exploration of Sonic Spiritual Practice
4/25/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Performance	Ricky Ray	Cultivating Kinship: The Art of Becoming an Ecosystem

## Friday (April 26, 2024)

Date	Time (EDT)	Location (Zoom in Link)	Presentation Type	Full Name(s)	Title
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Garvin Room</a>	Workshop	Rituparna Das	The Coiled Snake: The Goddess of the East and the Satan of the West A Workshop on Jungian Psychoanalysis and Kundalini Yoga
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Alberto Quifuta Pereira, Naohito Miura	Glorifying God in Angola and Japan: Decoloniality in Igreja Mundial do Messias through Prayer, Song, and Breath
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Performance	Reksi Adiwiguna, Napol Riel, Ahmad Syahrul, Lacahya, Barrbalion Victoria Hanzael	Keloid Reflections
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Dilsa Deniz	Conference Title: Unveiling and decolonizing Monotheism: Rediscovering the One-Goddess Era
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Mary Louise Stone	The Andean Mother Pachamama: A Mothering Community Paradigm
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Ara Gargiulo	"Of Fairies, Fairy Doctors, and Witches: Witch trials in Spanish Sicily"
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Chelsea Irys Rendlen	A New Approach to a Traditional Girls' Summer Camp at YWCA VT Camp Hochelaga: Embracing Spirituality while Centering Anti-Racism and Women's+ Empowerment
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Laura Rademaker	'A relationship with the land that western culture knows nothing of': sacred claims of First Nations Australia, 1960-1990
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Abin Abraham, Sharon Elizuba Koshy, Thomas Athanasius	Reaffirming the Great 'Little Tradition' – the need of "Dalithnography ," in Decolonizing Dalit Culture from the Hegemonic Multiple Coloniality
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Ikechukwu Anthony Kanu	COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Pesach Chaniah	Pathways of Teshuvah: Repentance, Return, and Reconciliation Across Time and Place

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4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Dr Camilla Mørk Røstvik	Hag Mountain: A History of the Absence of Witch Memorials in Kristiansand, Norway (or, why Kristiansand is not Salem)
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Matilde Carbajo	The making of the mainstream and the alternative: the colonial dimensions of spirituality during the Spanish colonisation of Tàno' Lâguas yan Gáni (the Mariana Islands)
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Taimaya Ragui	Decolonizing Spirituality of the Nagas in Northeast India
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Carolyn Soliven Tejado	Eco-theology, Spirituality, and Eco-farming of Spirit-filled Religion in the Philippines
Friday Lunch (12:00pm - 1:30 pm)--Braun Room with Overflow in Rockefeller Hall Lounge					
4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Rituparna Das	Revival of the Ancient Vedic Practices in India: The Old 'Oriental' Wine in a New 'Occidental' Bottle
4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Sivakumar Venugopal	The Contemporary revitalization of Indigenous Spiritualities
4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Urvashi Mohinani, Premchand Hombal	Embodied Spirituality in Bharatanatyam: Unveiling the Symbiotic Relationship between Physicality and the Divine in Classical Indian Dance
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Jemarc Axinto	Recovering from ReActivism in The Spiritual Playground
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Alka Arora	The Politics of the Intimate in Alternative Spiritual Communities
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Garvin Room</a>	Workshop	Eduardo Viezca, Hector Zaragoza Valentin, Manuel Dominguez	Decolonial Journeys: Queer Chicano therapists alchemizing suffering

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4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Kimberly J. Davis	Soulistic Healing: (Re)membering Black Women's Bodies
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	James Mixon	The Elephant: Conservation, Spirituality and Peacebuilding in Laikipia, Kenya
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Simon Magus	Rider Haggard and the Imperial Occult: Christian Egyptosophy, Romanticism, and Theosophy
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Mateusz Kucab	'In the name of the Bee'. Emily Dickinson and Earth Spiritualities
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Auds H Jenkins (she/her), Deung Myoung Sunim	The Collective Voice: Chanting for Liberation
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Tanya Rodriguez	Decolonization, A guidebook to settlers living on stolen land
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Ruhail Andrabi	The Political Life Of Dead Bodies, Divine Sovereignty, and Indian Empire: The Question of Islam in Kashmir.
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Ummel Khair Fatima	Sufi Traditions and Spiritual Resistance: Mapping South Asian Muslim Alternative Spiritualities
4/26/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Performance	Bart Everson, George Cawley	Decolonizing the Mind Through Gaian Song
4/26/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Performance	Rev. Gail Seavey Azura the Bard	"Robin Hood takes the Sheriff of Nottingham Deep into Sherwood Forest: a journey in story and song." Rev. Gail Seavey and Benjamin Seavey aka Azura the Bard.

## Saturday (April 27, 2024)

Date	Time (EDT)	Location (Zoom in Link)	Presentation Type	Full Name(s)	Title
4/27/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Suzy Balliett, Kathleen McGoey, Momo Freehill	Title: "Beyond Colonial Entanglements: Embracing Daoist Philosophy & Qigong for Liberating the Mind"
4/27/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">HDS Garden (Meet at Sperry Room)</a>	Workshop	Lisa Jane Davis	The Botanical Mind: A Workshop in Animism, Art, and Resisting Anthropocentrism
4/27/2024	10:00am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Daniela Luna, Juan Pablo Sánchez King, Anna Mirgazizova, Diego Durazzo Cejudo, Sarai Cortés, Robert Hartz	Revisiting Mexico's Ancient Spiritual Traditions: A Path to Inspire Modern Life and Overcome Colonialism and Patriarchy
4/27/2024	10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Bhai Baldeep Singh, Francesca Cassio, Nirinjan Khalsa-Baker	Voicing Sikh spiritual sovereignty in musical practices and indigenous knowledges
4/27/2024	10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Dionne A. Mohammed	Indigenous Intergenerational Trauma and Stories of Healing Through Jesus - Decolonizing The Gospel of Christ
4/27/2024	10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Ryan Smith	Confronting White Supremacy in Nordic Spirituality
4/27/2024	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Performance	Eve Woldemikael	Who Broke the Sun Child's Heart? A lyric, musical essay
4/27/2024	1:00pm - 1:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Closing Reflections		