



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 are Zoom accessible (unless otherwise noted). Clicking on the room name will take you to the corresponding Zoom room and abstracts are similarly linked. Recordings of past sessions will be similarly linked in the corresponding room name.

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

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

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

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

## Friday (April 26, 2024)

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4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Garvin Room</a>	Workshop	Rituparna Das	<a href="#">The Coiled Snake: The Goddess of the East and the Satan of the West A Workshop on Jungian Psychoanalysis and Kundalini Yoga</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Alberto Quifuta Pereira, Naohito Miura	<a href="#">Glorifying God in Angola and Japan: Decoloniality in Igreja Mundial do Messias through Prayer, Song, and Breath</a>	In-person & Remote
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Performance	Reksi Adiwiguna, Napol Riel, Ahmad Syahrul, Lachya, Barballion Victoria Hanzael	<a href="#">Keloid Reflections</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Dilsa Deniz	<a href="#">Conference Title: Unveiling and decolonizing Monotheism: Rediscovering the One-Goddess Era</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	9:00am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Mary Louise Stone	<a href="#">The Andean Mother Pachamama: A Mothering Community Paradigm</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Ara Gargiulo	<a href="#">Of Fairies, Fairy Doctors, and Witches: Witch trials in Spanish Sicily</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Chelsea Irys Rendlen	<a href="#">A New Approach to a Traditional Girls' Summer Camp at YWCA VT Camp Hochelega: Embracing Spirituality while Centering Anti-Racism and Women's+ Empowerment</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Paper Session	Laura Rademaker	<a href="#">'A relationship with the land that western culture knows nothing of': sacred claims of First Nations Australia, 1960-1990</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Abin Abraham, Sharon Elizuba Koshy, Thomas Athanasius	<a href="#">Reaffirming the Great 'Little Tradition' – the need of "Dalithnography," in Decolonizing Dalit Culture from the Hegemonic Multiple Coloniality</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Ikechukwu Anthony Kanu	<a href="#">COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Paper Session	Pesach Chananiah	<a href="#">Pathways of Teshuvah: Repentance, Return, and Reconciliation Across Time and Place</a>	In-Person
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Dr Camilla Mørk Røstvik	<a href="#">Hag Mountain: A History of the Absence of Witch Memorials in Kristiansand, Norway (or, why Kristiansand is not Salem)</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Matilde Carbajo	<a href="#">The making of the mainstream and the alternative: the colonial dimensions of spirituality during the Spanish colonisation of Tâno' Lâguas yan Gâni (the Mariana Islands)</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Taimaya Ragui	<a href="#">Decolonizing Spirituality of the Nagas in Northeast India</a>	Remote

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4/26/2024	10:30am - 12:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Joel Tejedo, Carolyn Soliven Tejedo	<a href="#">Eco-theology, Spirituality, and Eco-farming of Spirit-filled Religion in the Philippines</a>	Remote
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4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Rituparna Das	<a href="#">Revival of the Ancient Vedic Practices in India: The Old 'Oriental' Wine in a New 'Occidental' Bottle</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Sivakumar Venugopal	<a href="#">The Contemporary revitalization of Indigenous Spiritualities</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Urvashi Mohinani, Premchand Hombal	<a href="#">Embodied Spirituality in Bharatanatyam: Unveiling the Symbiotic Relationship between Physicality and the Divine in Classical Indian Dance</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Jemarc Axinto	<a href="#">Recovering from ReActivism in The Spiritual Playground</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Alka Arora	<a href="#">The Politics of the Intimate in Alternative Spiritual Communities</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	1:30pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Garvin Room</a>	Workshop	Eduardo Viezca, Hector Zaragoza Valentin, Manuel Dominguez	<a href="#">Decolonial Journeys: Queer Chicano therapists alchemizing suffering</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Kimberly J. Davis	<a href="#">Soulistic Healing: (Re)membering Black Women's Bodies</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	James Mixon	<a href="#">The Elephant: Conservation, Spirituality and Peacebuilding in Laikipia, Kenya</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Simon Magus	<a href="#">Rider Haggard and the Imperial Occult: Christian Egyptosophy, Romanticism, and Theosophy</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	3:00pm - 4:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Mateusz Kucab	<a href="#">'In the name of the Bee'. Emily Dickinson and Earth Spiritualities</a>	In-person

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4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">James Room East</a>	Workshop	Auds H Jenkins (she/her), Deung Myoung Sunim	<a href="#">The Collective Voice: Chanting for Liberation</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Workshop	Tanya Rodriguez	<a href="#">Decolonization. A guidebook to settlers living on stolen land</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Ruhail Andrabi	<a href="#">The Political Life Of Dead Bodies, Divine Sovereignty, and Indian Empire: The Question of Islam in Kashmir.</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Paper Session	Ummel Khair Fatima	<a href="#">Sufi Traditions and Spiritual Resistance: Mapping South Asian Muslim Alternative Spiritualities</a>	In-person
4/26/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">James Room West</a>	Performance	Bart Everson, George Cawley	<a href="#">Decolonizing the Mind Through Gaian Song</a>	Remote
4/26/2024	6:00pm - 7:00pm	<a href="#">Sperry Room</a>	Performance	Rev. Gail Seavey Azura the Bard	<a href="#">Robin Hood takes the Sheriff of Nottingham Deep into Sherwood Forest: a journey in story and song</a>	In-person

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