

Unifying Streams of Spirituality

Interfaith Vision of Peace Seminar

Sunday, July 26, 2009 1:00pm – 6:00pm

O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium

University of St. Thomas - St. Paul, Minnesota



Pat Abdullah Aylward is a master teacher and healer in the Shadhiliyya Sufi Order which emphasize a universal teaching of peace, love, mercy, justice, and freedom for all people. Pat Abdullah holds the title of Muqaddam (community leader) and had studied with teachers and masters of Vedanta, Buddhism, Christianity, and other wisdom traditions before embracing Sufism and Islam. For more information visit the Sufi Center Minnesota.



Patrick Dougherty, M.A., L.P., is a licensed psychologist, writer, and qigong teacher. He has been doing clinical psychotherapy for over 30 years and has been practicing qigong and studying Taoism since 1996. He has written a book, *Qigong in Psychotherapy: You can do so much by doing so little*, which combines Western psychotherapy, Taoist philosophy, and qigong practices.

Tom Ewald is a minister with the United Church of Christ. He was ordained in 2005 and serves as Associate Minister with Macalester Plymouth United Church in Saint Paul, MN. Tom is a member of the board at the Meditation Center in Minneapolis, where he has been a student since Spring 2008.





Swami Jaidev Bharati (Dr. Justin O'Brien) is a leading teacher in the Tradition of the Himalayan Sages and is a direct disciple of the yoga saint, Swami Rama of the Himalayas, having lived and studied with his master for many years. Swami Jaidev is a Renaissance man: philosopher, theologian, yoga practitioner, teacher, writer, wellness expert, consultant in lifestyle management, and long-time explorer in human consciousness. Swamiji, former professor and Catholic monk, is known internationally for his programs in spiritual development, wellness, aging, and leadership. His books include *Superconscious Meditation*, *Walking with a Himalayan Master: An American's Odyssey*, *A Meeting of Mystic Paths: Christianity and Yoga*, *The Wellness Tree: The Dynamic Six-Step Program for Creating Optimal Wellness*, *Running and Breathing*, and *Mirrors for Men*.

Virginia Matter is a Benedictine Sister of St. Paul's Monastery. She is a spiritual director, retreat guide, teacher and practitioner of Centering Prayer. She has experience in several spiritual traditions: monastic East/West dialogue with Buddhists and Hindus, Native American creative arts, Christian Spirituality. She comes from a Catholic and Scandinavian Lutheran family and grew up with deep interest in ecumenism.



Rev. Joen Snyder O'Neal is a Zen Buddhist priest and has been practicing and teaching for the past 36 years. She is the guiding teacher at *The Compassionate Ocean Dharma Center* in Minneapolis. She has done monastic practice in Japan, England, France, and the United States. Her main teachers have been Rev. Dainin Katagiri Roshi of the *Minnesota Zen Center*, Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh of *Plum Village (France)*, and Rev. Tenshin Anderson Roshi of *San Francisco Zen Center*.



Anantanand Rambachan is Chair and Professor of Religion, Philosophy and Asian Studies at Saint Olaf College, Minnesota, USA, where he has been teaching since 1985. He received his Ph.D and M.A. (Distinction) degrees from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Leeds, in the United Kingdom. Prof. Rambachan has been involved in the field of interreligious relations and dialogue for over twenty-five years, as a Hindu participant and analyst. He has contributed to numerous consultations and discussions convened by national and international organizations concerned with interreligious issues. His books include *Accomplishing the Accomplished*, *The Limits of Scripture*, *The Advaita Worldview: God, World and Humanity*, *The Hindu Vision* and *Gitamrtam: The Essential Teachings of the Bhagavadgita*. His writings include a series of commentaries on the *Ramayana*. The British Broadcasting Corporation transmitted a series of 25 lectures by Prof. Rambachan around the world.

Bhante Sathi is a (Bhikku) monk in the Theravada tradition. He was born in Kandy, Sri Lanka and his spiritual interests began in his early teenage years. He was ordained as a novice monk at age 19 and received higher ordination three years later. His preceptor was Wattegama Dhammawasa Maha Thera while resident at the Subhodaramaya monastery. He has taught meditation and has counseled mainly young adults in Sri Lanka. Bhante Sathi has a particular interest in what is common to all traditions and all schools of Buddhism.

He has taught meditation and Buddhism in Britain and the United States.



Cia Sautter has a doctorate in religion. Much of her research involves movement traditions in World Religions. She teaches classes in Religious Studies at United Theological Seminary and other local schools, and also continues to perform and teach yoga. She has also studied at *Chochmat HaLev*, a center for Jewish Meditation, in Berkeley, California.



Bob Schmitt is a practicing Quaker and member of Twin Cities Friends Meeting, St. Paul, MN. He has traveled among Friends under concerns for faith and practice, same-gender marriage, reclaiming the roles of minister and elder, and the disciplines required to nurture a monthly meeting community. By profession he is a graphic designer and teaches Chinese painting and calligraphy at Laughing Waters Studio in south Minneapolis.

John David Wilson, MEd. Adult Education, has lived as a teacher and sculptor and a student of SVB for over 40 years. He is currently teaching a series of classes on "Meditation and Mystic Poetry" at the Meditation Center.



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1:00pm – 1:05pm Introduction: Rev. Tom Ewald – Moderator

John David Wilson – Poetry Selections & Speaker Introductions

1:05pm – 1:30pm Introduction

Speaker : Bhante Sathi – Theravada Buddhism

1:30pm – 1:55pm Introduction

Speaker : Patrick Dougherty – Taoism

1:55pm – 2:20pm Introduction

Speaker : Cia Sautter – Judaism

2:20pm – 2:45pm Introduction

Speaker : Bob Schmitt – Quakerism

2:45pm – 2:50pm Heart Sutra Chant

Speaker : Rev. Joen Snyder O'Neal - Buddhism

2:50pm – 3:00pm Intermission – Musical Interlude

3:00pm – 3:25pm Introduction

Speaker : Patrick Abdullah Aylward – Sufism

3:25pm – 3:50pm Introduction

Speaker : Sister Virginia Matter – Christianity, Roman Catholic
Benedictine Order

3:50pm – 4:15pm Introduction

Speaker : Anantanand Rambachan – Hinduism

4:15pm – 4:40pm Introduction

Speaker : Swami Jaidev Bharati – Tradition of the Himalayan Sages

4:40pm – 4:50pm Intermission - Musical Interlude

4:50pm – 6:00pm Panel Discussion - Includes All Speakers

Moderator: Rev. Tom Ewald