

## **Religious Intolerance: Misrepresentation and the Power of Information**

**March 26 | 2:00-3:30 PM | TUC 427**

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To combat religious intolerance, we must learn about the diverse religious traditions around us, so we can recognize the misrepresentations (intentional and otherwise) that form one of the underlying causes of intolerance. This workshop will help us discover what we know and what we don't about the major religions, and give us some tools to engage the misrepresentations of those religions. If we know the facts, and know how to start a tactful conversation that exposes "the fictions" so prominent in public and private discourse, we can become effective agents of change.



Dr. Dana Gregory Griffith has a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from the University of Cincinnati, where he has taught in Judaic, Religious, and Asian Studies, and English and Comparative Literature over the past 25 years. His main interests are: comparative sacred literature, South Asian religions, Hinduism and Buddhism, religious tolerance and intolerance, Western/American manifestations of Hindu Yoga and Buddhism, and religion in popular culture. He teaches "Understanding Religious Intolerance," "Suffering and Death," "Buddhism: History and Thought," and "Intro. to the Study of Religions," "Yoga in its Hindu Matrix, and "Religion in the American

Animated Series" in the Religious Studies Certificate Program and is co-coordinator of the Certificate. He has received many recognitions for his teaching, including the UC Department of English, Boyce Teaching Award in 1994, the 2017 UC President's Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, and the 2017 Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to his academic education, he has been a practicing Buddhist for almost twenty years, and has received teachings and Buddhist initiations from many Buddhist masters including Zen Master Keido Fukushima Roshi, and The Fourteenth Dalai Lama, Geshe Kuten Lama, Geshe Kunchok, Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Trijang Rinpoche, and Geshe Sherab Rinpoche. He has been a member of the sangha (or congregation) at Gaden Samdrupling Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in Colerain Township for five years where his personal teacher is Venerable Jamyang Lama.

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