

## **END OF YEAR "HOLY DAYS" AND THE COMMONALITY OF LIGHT**

**DECEMBER 1 | 2:00-3:30 PM | TUC 425**

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To develop religious tolerance and understanding, we must learn about the diverse religious traditions around us and discover the common ground religions share. As we enter this special time of year when so many religions celebrate holidays, we can come together to appreciate the cultural similarities in end of year traditions, and examine ideas from religious studies and comparative religions that help explain these similarities and the time of year they have in common.



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, and the 2017 UC President's Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award.

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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