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A bridge-building, multicultural artist, counselor, and body-mind teacher with over twenty-five years of experience in health services including nervous system regulation, relationships and the expressive arts.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

2020	Envision Counseling, Seattle, WA, USA online
	Washington State Approved Supervisor Training
2020	FaithTrust Institute, Chicago, USA
	Healthy Boundaries Train the Trainer, certification
	Healthy Boundaries 101 for Buddhists
2019	European Institute of Applied Buddhism, Germany
	International Dharma Teachers Course
2017	Grad. School of Counseling & Psychology; Naropa University, Boulder, CO
	Master of Arts, Somatic Counseling Psychology: Body Psychotherapy and
	Dance/Movement Therapy Concentration, diploma
2016	The Gottman Institute, Boulder, CO, USA
	Gottman Method Couples Therapy, Level 1 certificate
2015	ASSIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, certificate
2012	Naropa College at Naropa University, Boulder, CO, USA
	Interdisciplinary Studies: Psychology, Religion & Performing Arts, diploma
	Award: Priscilla Inkpen Award for Inclusive and Compassionate Social Action
2019	Somatic Experiencing Trauma Institute, Boulder, CO, USA
	Somatic Experiencing Basic Level I Certification Training, certificate
2004	Ki-Atsu Institute, Henderson, NV, USA
	Pilates Method Teacher Certification, HIV/Aids Training, Raindrop Therapy,
	Barefoot A-Shiatsu, Thai Massage I & II, Ethics, certificates
2001	Everest College (Ashmead College), Seattle, WA, USA
	Clinical Treatment Massage Therapy Certification, diploma
1996 - 1999	Everett Community College, Everett, WA, USA
	Hatha Yoga Apprenticeship with Marsha Valentine, Voice, Writing &
	Literature, Interpersonal Relationships
1998	High School Diploma, Lakewood High School, Lakewood, WA USA

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

2020 - Current	Dharmācārya, Ordained Buddhist Teacher by Thich Nhat Hanh
2019 - Current	Mental Health Counselor License, WA - DOH, LH60993754
2018 - Current	Mental Health Professional, WA – DSHS DBHR
2009 - 2018	Licensed Massage Therapist, Colorado, MT.0-008299
2014 - 2017	Registered Psychotherapist, Colorado, NLC.0107248
2017 - Current	Registered Dance Movement Therapist, R-DMT 2587

2000 - Current Licensed Massage Therapist, Washington State, MA 00014763

ASSOCIATONS & ORGANIZATIONS

2023 - Current	Association for Counseling Education and Supervision
2023 - Current	Western Association for Counseling Education and Supervision
2023 - Current	United States Association for Body Psychotherapy
2021 - Current	North American Dharma Teacher's Association
2020 - Current	National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network (NQTTCN)
2020 - Current	Multicultural Counselors Network
2020 - Current	American Dance Therapy Association
2019 - Current	American Counseling Association, Professional Member 6541407
2017 - 2022	Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP)
2006 - Current	Order of Interbeing Core-Member
1999 - Current	Five Mindfulness Trainings & Three Refuges

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

2021	Wake Up International Blog online
	Saying Yes To This Path
2019	Transcending: Trans Buddhist Voices
	Eds. Kevin Manders and Elizabeth Marston, North Atlantic Book, Berkeley, CA
	Trans is Home: Bancit and All
2017	Grad. School of Counseling & Psychology, MA Thesis, Naropa University
	Embodying Narratives in Dance Movement Therapy
2017	Wake Up International Blog
	The Value of Visiting Other Communities
2016	Dancing with Dharma: Essays on Movement and Dance in Western Buddhism
	Ed. Harrison Blum, McFarland & Company, Jefferson, NC, USA
	Permissive Movment as a Dharma Door and Permissive Movement
2014	Order of Interbeing Blog
	Replanting a "Forest of Interbeing"
2014	The Mindfulness Bell, Parallax Press
	Wake Up Spirit
2013	Lion's Roar, Shambala Publications, INC, Boston
	Heart On Fire
2013	Under 35 Project Blog, Shambhala Publications, INC
	S-x in the Monastery
	Walking with Rage
	Heart On Fire
2012	Naropa College, Interdisciplinary Studies, BA Thesis, Naropa University
	Healing Gender Wounds Through Dancing Like Men
2011	The Mindfulness Bell, Parallax Press, Winter Issue
	To Live in Freedom: Calming Sexual Desire
2011	Buddhism and Culture, No 8
	Practice From The Heart

- 2010 *The Tendrel Zine, Naropa University* The Intimacy of There, Right There
- 2010 **One Buddha Is Not Enough: a Story of Collective Awakening, Parallax Press** Smiling with Thay
- 2009 *Mindfulness Bell, Parallax Press, Summer Issue* Deep Listening
- 2009 *Mindfulness Bell, Parallax Press, Fall Issues* Healing from Abuse: Footsteps in Freedom, Love and Peace

TEACHINGS & PRESENTATIONS

March - June, 2023	<i>Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS, Seattle, WA, USA</i> Back to Basics: Fueling Your Path of Practice in Everyday Life
Feb 5, 2023	The Mindfulness Community of Puget Sound, Seattle, WA, USA
	Five Mindfulness Transmission Ceremony
Jan 13, 2023	Morning Birds Sangha, Northern California, Online
Aug - Dec, 2022	Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS
	Closeness
June 24 - 27, 2022	The Mindfulness Community of Puget Sound, Seattle, WA, USA
	Gift of Queerness, Non-residential Retreat
June 19, 2022 <i>Earth</i>	Holder Sangha, online
	Earth Art: Site-Specific Transformative Offerings from the Heart
June 6, 2022	BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Sangha, MCPS
	BIPOC LGBTQIA Pride Brunch
June 5, 2022	Dallas Meditation Center, online
	The Path Is Peace
May 18, 2022	Monday Night Mindfulness, MCPS, Seattle, WA, USA
	Chanting The Heart Sutra Workshops Part 1 & 2
May 17, 2022	BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Sangha, MCPS
	The Solace of Remembering
May 12 - 14, 2022	Honey Locust Sangha, Omaha, Nebraska, USA
	Residential Retreat with Terry Cortes-Vega, Tuesday Night Sangha
May 4, 2022	12-Step Zen, San Diego, CA USA
May 1, 2022	Blue Ocean Sangha, Miami, FL USA
April 21 - 24, 2022	Plum Blossom Sangha Annual Retreat, Austin, TX, USA
	Residential Retreat with Terry Cortes-Vega, Sunda Night Sangha
April 4 - 11, 2022	Magnolia Grove Monastery, Batesville, Mississippi, USA
	BIPOC Residential Retreat
April - July 2022	Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS
M 1 40 0000	The Lotus Silk Thread
March 12, 2022	The Mindfulness Community of Puget Sound, Seattle, WA, USA
March 0, 2022	Thich Nhat Hanh 49th Day Ceremony
March 8, 2022	Mind Tamers Sangha, RI, USA The Letus Institute
March 2022	The Lotus Institute
	Heart Sutra Playshop 2 with Peggy Rowe-Ward

Feb 21, 2022	Baltimore and Beyond Sangha, Maryland, USA Sustaining the Path, Planting Seeds of Liberation,
	"Aspirations with Ease"
Feb 13, 2022	Buddhists Across Traditions, United Kindgom
	Can Buddhism Grow Inclusive Communities?
	Intersectionality of Race, Gender and Sexual Identity
February 9, 2022	New College, University of Toronto
	Buddhist Perspectives on Current Social Issues
Feb 5, 2022	ARISE Sangha RACE: A Dharma Door Training
Feb - March 2022	Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS
	Ease
Jan 24, 2022	Path of Peace Sangha, Franklin, MA USA
Jan 22, 2022	The Lotus Institute
	Welcoming Thay: Memorial Service for Thich Nhat Hanh
Jan 22 - Mar 2022	The Mindfulness Community of Puget Sound, Seattle, WA, USA
	Friday Memorial Ceremonies for Thich Nhat Hanh
2022	Earth Holder Sangha, online
	Earth Holder's Online Retreat: This Is It
Dec 19, 2021	Rainbow Wake Up, Jakarta, online
Nov - Dec 2021	Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS
	Silence
July 21, 2021	The Broken Road to Mental Health Interview, podcast
June 27, 2021 Deer I	Park Monastery, Escondido, California, USA
Order	of Interbeing Retreat Q&R Panel
June 5, 2021	Joyful Mountain Sangha, Arizona online
May - June 2021	Sunday Morning Mindfulness, MCPS
	Two Wings and a Tail
April 14, 2021	The Lotus Institute
	Gender Liberation and Buddhist Practice with Larry Ward
March - April 2021	House of Practice
-	Permissive Movement: Healing Gender Wounds, four part series
	Healing Gender Wounds, March 16, 2021
	Self-in-Relationship, March 30, 2021
	The Cost of Toxic Masculinities, Internalized, Enacted April 6, 2021
	Conversations Gender Norms & Healthy Relationships, Lotus Institute
Jan 2021	The Lotus Institute
	Heart Sutra Playshop with Peggy Rowe-Ward
2021	Earth Holder Sangha, online
	Earth Holder's Online Retreat: This Is It
Dec 6, 2020	Earth Holder Sangha, online
	The Insight of Remembering
June, 2020	Sugar Plum Sangha, Ukiah, CA USA, online
	Power, Privilege and Vulnerability, 21-Day Retreat
Feb 1, 2020	Brooklyn Zen Center, New York, NY, USA online
	Transcending: Trans Buddhist Voices Author Recorded Performance

Feb 24, 2020	New York Insight Meditation Center, New York, NY, USA online
	Transcending: Trans Buddhist Voices Author Recorded Performance
Jan 25, 2020	Elliot Bay Bookshop , Seattle, WA, USA
	Transcending: Trans Buddhist Voices Author Book Reading, Q&A
2020	Earth Holder Sangha, online
	Earth Holder's Online Retreat: This Is It
Nov 15 - 17, 2019	Salt Lake City Sangha Residential Retreat,
Nov 13, 2019	Banyan Books & Sound, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
	Transcending: Trans Buddhist Voices Author Book Reading, Q&A
Sep 25 - 29, 2019	All Montana Sangha Residential Retreat, Montana, USA,
Apr 24 - 28, 2019	Plum Blossom Sangha, The Ancient Yoga Center, Austin, Texas, USA
Jan 9 - 13, 2019	Honey Locust Sangha, Omaha, Nebraska
Nov 16 - 20, 2018	Colorado Retreat, Estes Park, CO, USA
Oct 25 - 29, 2018	Beginner's Mind Sangha, Boise, ID, USA
Oct 3 - 4, 2018	Music and Mindfulness, Manor, TX, USA
Sep 28 - Oct 1, 2018	Many Streams, One Source Retreat, Big Bear, CA, USA
Ap 26 - May 1, 2018	Honey Locust Sangha, Omaha, Nebraska, USA
April 9 - 15, 2018	Plum Blossom Sangha, The Ancient Yoga Center, Austin, Texas, USA
April 6 - 9, 2018	ARISE Facilitator's Retreat, Philadelphia, PA, USA
Jan. 12 - 16, 2018	Blue Ocean Sangha, Miami, FL, USA
Aug 27, 2017	Dallas Meditation Center, Creativity Day of Mindfulness, Texas, USA
Aug 26, 2017	Tulsa Day of Mindfulness, Oklahoma, USA
Aug 20, 2017	Walk With Me, Boedecker Theatre, Boulder, CO
	Premiere w/Max and Sounds True
July 27 - 30, 2017	Salt Lake City Retreat, Utah, USA
July 23, 2017	Snow Bird Sangha, Jackson Hole, WY, USA
July 22, 2017	Laramie Sangha, WY, USA
July 21, 2017	Mountain Stream Sangha, Boulder, Colorado, USA
May 27 - 29, 2017	Sugar Plum Sangha Mindfulness Retreat, Ukiah, CA, USA
May 25, 2017	San Francisco Sangha Evening Music & Mindfulness, CA, USA
May 19 - 22, 2017	Mindfulness Retreat with Chan Huy, Estes Park, Colorado, USA
May 1, 2017	Dallas Meditation Center, Day of Mindfulness, Dallas, TX, USA
April 25 - 28, 2017	Plum Blossom Sangha Retreat, Ancient Yoga Center, Dallas, USA
April 19 - 23, 2017	Beginner's Mind Sangha Mindfulness Retreat, Boise, ID, USA
March 10 - 11, 2017	
	Embodying Narratives: Stories of Empowerment and Survival through
	Breath Movement and Song
Jan 14 - 17, 2017	Miami Mindfulness Retreats
July 23, 2016	Mountain Stream Sangha, Day of Mindfulness, Boulder, CO, USA
July 9 - 10, 2016	Salt Lake City Sangha, Utah, USA
May 13 - 16, 2016	Colorado Retreat with Chan Huy, Estes Park, CO, USA
April 12 - 18, 2016	Blue Ocean Sangha, Miami, FL, USA
April 8 - 10, 2016	Plum Blossom Sangha, Ancient Yoga Centre, Austin, TX, USA
April 5, 2016	YES! Wake Up, Young Adults Sangha, Dallas, TX, USA
Nov 18 - 27, 2016	Mexico City Sangha, Morelia, Mexico

Oct 7 - 8, 2016	WINGS Foundation: Soaring to New Heights, Denver, CO
	Performance with Participation & Discussion on Expressive Arts
	Embodied Closing Ceremony
Feb 14, 2009	<i>Survivors Radio Cafe Interview</i> , podcast
May 1, 2009	World Peace Gatherings, Green Valley Spa, St. George, Utah, USA
1999	Dear John Reading, Everett Public Library, Everett, WA, USA
1999	Dear John Reading, Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham, USA

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

DISCOGRAPHY

- 2023 Extraordinary Life -single-
- 2023 No Prisoner (All I Want Is To Be Free) -single-
- 2020 Unto Us -single-
- 2020 Namo 'Valokiteshvara -single-
- 2020 Amazing Grace Maitri -single-
- 2021 Home Revisited
- 2019 Better Now
- 2019 The Remnants of Rain,
- 2017 Home

- 2016 Craivin the Rain -single-
- 2015 Live
- 2014 Guardians of Truth
- 2013 Songs of Secrets Told
- 2012 Gay Marriage Song -single-
- 2008 Piano Christmas Classics
- 2007 Soldier -ep-
- 2007 Return to Love
- 2006 Love2: Journey of the Heart
- 2005 (Live as a) Beautiful Me
- 2005 Love
- 2003 Reflections of Me
- 2001 In Silence
- 1999 Song of Shallows
- 1998 Soul Journey
- 1995 Warm Embrace
- 1994 Lonely Hearts
- 1992 Angelica by Starlight
- 1991 Brian the Great

PERFORMANCES

	Winter Warmer Festival, online	
February 14, 2020	The Remnants of Rain, Album Release Concert, The Folio, Seattle	
Oct 18, 2019	Timeless Dharma Pop, Couth Buzzard Books, Seattle	
2018	RAICES Benefit Concert, Salem, OR USA	
May 17, 2017	Naropa University Graduation Headliner, Macky Auditorium	
March 16, 2017	Caffe Sole, Boulder, CO, USA	
June 30, 2016 Evere	tt Yacht Club, Everett, WA, USA	
June 16, 2016 Johnn	ıy's Cigar Bar, Boulder, CO, USA	
March 2, 2016	Nevada Desert Experience Benefit, The Beat Coffee House, LV	
Feb 27, 2016	Brian Kimmel Sings, Amritam, Henderson, NV	
2014, '15, '16, '17	Somatic Scholarship Concert Performances, Naropa University	
June 20, 2014 Victro	ola Coffee House, Seattle	
2012	The Red Square, Boulder Arts Collective at Cherry Lane	
2012	The Red Square, Naropa University	
2012	Wealth, Naropa University	
June 26, 2011 Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Loveland, CO USA		
2008	Multnomah Friends Meeting House Concert, Portland, OR USA	
2008	Las Vegas, Summerlin and Charleston Farmer's Markets	
2008	Haven Selah Healing Music Concert, Pahrump, NV	
2007	Blue Sky Yoga, Las Vegas	
2007	Catholic Worker Charity Performance, Las Vegas, Nevada USA	
2006	Sherry Goldstein's Yoga Sanctuary Concert, Las Vegas, NV USA	
2006	United Methodist Church, East Wenatchee, WA USA	
2005	(live as a) Beautiful Me Debut, Winchester Cultural Centre, LV	

2003	Headliner, Main Stage, Pride Seattle Festival Volunteer Park
2003	Fiddle-head Bistro, Twisp, WA, USA
2002, 2003	Merc Playhouse Concert with Special Guests
2002	Chelan Community Hospital
2002	Songs of Secrets Told Concert, Theosophical Society
2001	In Silence CD Release, East West Bookshop
2001	In Silence Tour, Confluence Gallery, Twisp, WA, USA
1996	Rosehill Community Center Debut Concert, Mukilteo, WA, USA
1995	Warm Embrace Release Concert, Twisp Community Center, Twisp, WA
1994	You're A Good Man Charlie Brown
1993-1998	Annual Health-giving Music Benefit, Lakewood High Auditorium
1993	Everett YMCA

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND CONFERENCES

July 01, 2023	Referral Letters for Gender Affirming Medical Care
April 26 - 30, 2023	American Dance Therapy Association Spring Virtual Summit
	Clinical Supervision with Creative Arts Therapists: Moving Beyond
	Narrative Self-Reportin and Case Presentation, Ryan Kennedy, Psyd
	Multiple Role Identity and Interdisciplinary Practice for an
	Interdisciplinary Life with Sherry Diamond, R-DMT
	Introduction to Anti-Abelism For Creative Arts Therapists
	Resolving Situations Regarding Quesionable Ethics
	Violence Prevention in Schools: Reflections, Directions
	Trauma Informed Care: a Creative Arts Therapy Panel
March 30, 2023	Highlighting Differences in Working with the Autonomic Nervous
	System vs the Voluntary System: One Resolves Trauma, the Other
	Heals Developmental Disruptions, USABP, Anne Isaacs, MSW, LCSW
Sep 3, 2022	Somatic Dharma: Nervous System Science for Psycho-Spiritual Insi
Oct 20 - 24, 2021	International Western Dharma Teachers Gathering
June 5, 2021	GenX Buddhist Teachers Sangha, Dharma Teachers Gathering
March 31, 2020	Social Media Ethics for Mental Health Professionals
March 27, 2020	Introduction to Documentation
March 27, 2020	Finding Your Voice as an Early Therapist
March 26, 2020	Telehealth: Legal and Ethical Issues
April 2019 – 2021	CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid, Mount Vernon, WA, certificate
April 3 - 4, 2019	The Power to Heal: Cultural Tradition in Wellness, Tulalip, WA
	Tribal Health Conference and Opioid Symposium
June 25, 2018 Youth	Mental Health First Aid, Compass Health, Everett
May 22, 2018	Introduction to Trauma Informed Care, Compass Health
May 9, 2018	Cultural Diversity, Compass Health
Jan. 31, 2018	United States Association for Body Psychotherapy (USABP)
	Awakening Clinical Intuition: Play, Creativity & The Body with
	Dr. Terry Marks-Tarlow, USABP
Aug. 27, 2016	Social Justice & Body Psychotherapy with Dr. Karen Roller, Boulder,
	CO Trauma & Addiction Symposium with Dr. Gabor Mate

Jun 4 – 30, 2016	<i>Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN), Boulder, CO</i> 33-hr Paraprofessional Anti-Violence Training
Feb. 12, 2016	Non-Verbal Interventions and Understanding Progress w/ Clients
reb. 12, 2010	Workshop with Defne Dinnler, MA
November 28, 2015	Division of Child Welfare, Colorado Department of Human Services
November 20, 2015	Mandated Reporter Training for Mental Health Professionals
August 3 – 5, 2015	Racial Awareness Training, Rev. Angel Kyodo Williams
June 17, 2015 American Dance Therapy Association	
june 17, 2010/11/10/1	Coming Out in the Age of Religious Freedom Act: Unique Challenges &
	Approaches in Therapy, Clinical Workshop with Heidi Landgrauf
June 10, 2015 American Dance Therapy Association	
,	Non-Conforming Bodies: The Role of Gender Identity and Sexual
	Orientation in DMT, Clinician Workshop with Thania Acaron and
	Alison Wren
April 25, 2015	We Are The Tools Of Our Trade – Attachment in Therapy, Denver, CO
•	Clinician Workshop with Dr. David Wallin
March 16, 2015	The Conversation Project, Naropa University, Boulder, CO
	Three-Hour Death and Dying Workshop
March 13 - 14, 2015	GLBTQ Resource Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
	TRANSforming Gender Conference
Nov. 1 - 2, 2014	Colorado Group Psychotherapy Society Conference, Boulder, CO, USA
Oct 16 - 19, 2014	Radical Compassion Symposium, Naropa University, Boulder, CO
	Mindsight and Neural Integration, Dr. Dan Siegel
	Trauma and the Neurophysiology of Healing, Dr. Robert Scaer
Sept. 26 – 27, 2014	WINGS Foundation: Soaring to New Heights Conference, Denver, CO
July 12, 2014	WINGS Foundation, Denver, CO
	Trauma-Informed Group Facilitator Training
March 15, 2014	GLBTQ Resource Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
March 1 2011	Transforming Gender Symposium
March 4, 2014	Honoring Sadness, Honoring Choice: Counseling Abortion Pedagogy of Privilege Conference, Denver University, Denver, CO, USA
Aug. 2013 March 2013	Prison Dharma Network's Path of Freedom Facilitator Training
March 29, 2013	WINGS Foundation, Denver, CO
March 27, 2015	Shifting History: Men Who Were Sexually Abused as Boys & Art
	Therapy
	Clinician and members' workshop with Daniel Blausey, MA
March 2012	Twin Oaks Farm, Niwot, CO
	Vipassana Meditation Equine Therapy Retreat, Jean-Jacques Joris,
	MA, JD, LPC
March 2011	Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, Naropa University, Boulder, CO
	Counseling And Peace Workshop with Paula Green
Oct. 8 - 11, 2009	Women in Islam International Conference
	Keynote: Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Laureate
Sept 1999-May 2006	Plum Village Community of Engaged Buddhism, International
	6-day Residential Mindfulness Trainings:
	Deer Park Monastery, Escondido, CA 2004, 2005, 2006

Stonehill College, Eston, MA, 2002 Camp Indianola, Kingston, WA 2001 University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, 1999