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**Education**

PhD University of California Berkeley, Environmental Science, Policy & Mgmt., 2009

MEM Yale University, School of the Environment, 2003

MAR Yale University, Yale Divinity School, 2003

BA Williams College, Religion, *cum laude;* Environmental studies concentration

**Academic Appointments**

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA 2009-present

Founder and Program Chair; Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion, 2012-present

Associate Professor; Philosophy and Religion Department, 2014-present

Teaching in both the Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness, and Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion graduate programs

Interim Co-Chair; Philosophy and Religion Department, 2012-13

Assistant Professor; Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program, 2009-14

**Publications**

**Book**

Worthy, Ken, **Allison, Elizabeth**, and Bauman, Whitney, eds. (2019) *After the Death of Nature: Carolyn Merchant and the Future of Human-Nature Relations.* New York, Routledge.

Reviewed in *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 15(1), 2021 and *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 95 (2), 2020

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Allison, E. (R&R under review) Care ethics in covid-19 pandemic response and climate resilience: The case of Bhutan. *Ecology & Society.*

Allison, E. (in revision) The Forgotten Asian Roots of American Environmentalism. *Society and Natural Resources.*

Allison, E. (2019) [The Reincarnation of Waste: A Case Study of Spiritual Ecology Activism for Household Solid Waste Management](https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10090514): The Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative of Rural Bhutan. *Religions,* 10(9), 514

Reprinted in: Sponsel, L. (ed.) (2020) *Religious Environmental Activism in Asia: Case Studies in Spiritual Ecology.* Basel, Switzerland: MDPI Books. pp. 135-154.

Allison, E. (2019) [Deity citadels: Sites of bio-cultural resistance and resilience in Bhutan](https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10040268). *Religions,* 10(4), 268

Allison, E. (2017) Spirits and Nature: The intertwining of sacred cosmologies and environmental epistemologies in Bhutan. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture,* 11(2), pp. 197-226.

Allison, E. (2015) The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers in an Age of Climate Change. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change*, 6(5), pp. 493-508. – cited in 2019 IPCC Special Report on the Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC); 87 citations per Google Scholar, May 2022.

Allison, E. (2014) Waste and Worldviews: Garbage and Pollution Challenges in Bhutan. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, 8(4), pp. 405-428.

**Invited Book Chapters and Articles**

Allison, E. in revision. Using Contemplative Practice to Sustain Equitable Environmental Engagement. In Jinnah, Sikina and Dubreuil, Jessie (eds.). *Teaching Environmental Politics and Justice.* Northhampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

Allison, E. in prep. Communitarian Values and Care Ethics for Climate and Covid Resilience. In Sherma, Rita and Zuber, Devin (eds.) *Visions for a Viable Future.* Bloomsbury.

Allison, E. in press. The Perils and Pleasures of a Peer-less Life: Identity Changes in Midlife Motherhood. In: Mitchell, Suzette and Sanmiguel-Valderrama, Olga (eds.) *Where did I go? Reflections on so-called late mothering.* Ontario, Canada, Demeter Press.

Allison, E. (2022) Sacred Groves as Sites of Bio-Cultural Resistance and Resilience in Bhutan. In: Coggins, Chris and Chen, Bixia (eds.) *Sacred Forests of Asia: Spiritual Ecology and the Politics of Nature Conservation in the Anthropocene.* New York, Routledge.

Allison, E. (2021) The Pervasive Influence of Asian Religions on American Environmental Thought. In: Bauman, Whitney and Kearns, Laurel (Religion and Environment section eds.) *Bloomsbury Religion in North America*. Digital resource.

Allison, E. (2019) Race, Trauma, and Climate Change. In: Waddle, Ray (ed.) Crucified Creation: A Green Faith Rising, an issue of *Reflections: A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry from Yale Divinity School.* Yale Divinity School.

Allison, E. (2019) Ecology and Spirituality. In: Zsolnai, Laszlo (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Spirituality and Society*. Oxon, Routledge.

Allison, E. (2018) Mountains of Memory: Confronting Climate Change in Sacred Mountain Landscapes. In: Hobgood, Laura and Bauman, Whitney (eds.) *The Elements of Religion and Nature*. Bloomsbury.

Allison, E. (2018) Bewitching Nature. In: Worthy, Ken, Allison, Elizabeth, and Bauman, Whitney (eds.) *After the Death of Nature: Carolyn Merchant and the Future of Human-Nature Relations*. New York, Routledge.

Worthy, K., **Allison, E.,** and Bauman, W. (2018) Introduction. In: Worthy, Ken, Allison, Elizabeth, and Bauman, Whitney (eds) *After the Death of Nature: Carolyn Merchant and the Future of Human-Nature Relations*. New York, Routledge.

Allison, E. (2017) Toward a Feminist Care Ethic for Climate Change. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 33(2), pp. 152-158.

Allison, E. (2016) The Relational Spiral of Integral Ecology. In: Mickey, Sam, Kelly, Sean, Robbert, Adam (eds.) *The Variety of Integral Ecologies: Nature, Culture, and Knowledge in the Planetary Era.* Albany, NY, SUNY Press, pp. 161-188.

Allison, E. (2016) At the Boundary of Modernity: Religion, Technocracy, and Waste Management in Bhutan. In: Sijapati, Megan and Birkenholtz, Jessica (eds.) *Religion and Modernity in the Himalayas.* New York, Routledge, pp. 163-182.

Reviewed in [Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion (2017) by Daniel Capper](https://readingreligion.org/books/religion-and-modernity-himalaya).

Reviewed in [HIMALAYA 37(1): 2017 by James G. Lochtefeld](https://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/himalaya/vol37/iss1/28).

Allison, E. (2015) Religion Inscribed in the Landscape: Sacred Sites, Local Deities, and Natural Resource Use in the Himalayas. In: Brunn, S. (ed.) *The Changing World Religion Map.* Dordrecht, Springer, pp. 439-459.

Allison, E. (2008) The Dark Side of Light: Managing Non-biodegradable Wastes in Bhutan's Rural Areas. *Mountain Research and Development*, 28(3/4), pp. 205-209.

Allison, E. (2008) A Flourishing World: Time to Step Up Action on Climate Change. *The Progressive Christian Magazine,* May-June 2008*.*

Allison, E. (2007) Religiously Protected Natural Sites of Khumbu. In: Ang Rita Sherpa, A. R. and Subba, S. *Sacred Sites of Khumbu Region.* Kathmandu, The Mountain Institute, pp. 12-15.

Allison, E. (2004) Spiritually Motivated Natural Resources Protection in Eastern Bhutan. In: Ura, K. and Kinga, S. (eds.) ***The Spider and the Piglet:*** *Proceedings of the First International Seminar on Bhutan Studies.* Thimphu, Bhutan: Centre for Bhutan Studies, pp. 529-563.

**Encyclopedia Entries**

Allison, E. (2012) The Himalayas. In: Campbell, J., Liu, J., and Pellissery, S. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Sustainability 7/10: China, India, and East and Southeast Asia: Assessing Sustainability*. Great Barrington, Mass., Berkshire Publishing Group, pp. 188-192.

Allison, E. (2011) Gross National Happiness. In: Fogel, D., Fredericks, S., and Spellerberg, I. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Sustainability 6/10: Measurements, Indicators, and Research Methods for Sustainability.* Great Barrington, Mass., Berkshire Publishing Group, pp 180-184.

Allison, E. (2009) Biodiversity. In: Jenkins, W. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Sustainability 1/10: The Spirit of Sustainability*. Great Barrington, Mass., Berkshire Publishing Group, pp. 37-41.

Allison, E. (2009) Forests. In: Jenkins, W. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Sustainability 1/10: The Spirit of Sustainability*. Great Barrington, Mass., Berkshire Publishing Group, pp. 176-177.

**Book Reviews, Letters, Op Eds, & Other Publications**

Allison, E. (2020) [The Coronavirus-Induced Great Lull is a Dress Rehearsal for Addressing Climate Change](https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/the-coronavirus-induced-great-lull-is-a-dress-rehearsal-for-addressing-climate-change). Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University.

Dangles, O., Yoccoz, N.G., Cauvy-Fraunié, S., **Allison, E.,** Anthelme, F., Condom, T., Crespo-Pérez, V., Dentant, C., Meneses, R.I., Junquas, C., Moret, P., Peyre, G., Rabatel, A., Sicart, and J.-E., Tournier, C. (2020) [Life without Tropical Ice: a response to Life without Ice](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/367/6479/719/tab-e-letters). *Science*. 367 (6479): pp. 719.

Allison, E. (2017) [Earth is speaking. Loudly. Can we hear](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/earth-is-speaking-loudly-can-we-hear_b_59dfe6a5e4b003f928d5e569)? *HuffPost.*

Allison, E. (2017) [The Last Spring](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-last-spring_b_59041ff1e4b03b105b44b8be)? *HuffPost.*

Allison, E. (2017) [Days to Remember](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/days-to-remember_b_58952cb9e4b0985224db5554). *HuffPost.*

Allison, E. (2016) [That Feeling of Malaise? Maybe it’s Post-Election Stress and Trauma Response (PESTR).](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/that-feeling-of-malaise-maybe-its-post-election-stress_b_58545c01e4b0630a25423296) *HuffPost.*

Allison, E. (2016) Review of *Ecology and Religion* by John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker. *Society and Natural Resources,* 29(6), pp. 755-757.

Allison E. (2015) Ecology, Spirituality, and Social Justice: A symposium sponsored by the Esalen Center for Theory and Research. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture,* 9(3), pp. 364-366.

Allison, E. (2013) Review of *Birthright: People and Nature in the Modern World* by Stephen R. Kellert. *Friendship with Nature*. E-magazine in Chinese. [www.ziranyurensheng.org](https://webmail.ciis.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=yUMpBUGwN0uB406Ii8fRqxDxgwvYtdAIz2_-rEJZ8cHB_TcGtEc3gsUMlliIWXglTU6n5mrV7CA.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.ziranyurensheng.org)

Allison, E. (2008) Religious Communities and the Climate Crisis. *Forum on Religion and Ecology Newsletter,* March 2008*.*

Allison, E. and Taylor, B. (2007) Making the Impossible Possible: Supporting Bold Leadership on Climate Change. *The Garrison Institute Newsletter,* Summer 2007*.*

Allison, E. (2007) Religious Organizations Taking Action on Climate Change. Prepared for the Garrison Institute. *The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale: Climate Change*.

Jonsen, A., Kellert, S., Finnegan, W., **Allison, E.,** Ardoin, N. (2005) *Environmental Ethics: Examining Your Connection to the Environment and Your Community.* San Francisco, Goldman Environmental Prize/ The Video Project.

**Works in Progress**

Books

Allison, E. *The Topography of Karma: Religion, Environment, and Development in Modernizing Bhutan*.

Allison, E. *Vanishing Gods: Cultural Change and Adaptation in an Age of Climate Change*. (initial chapters in progress)

Articles and chapters

Allison, E. “Sense of Place and Rural-Urban Migration in Bhutan: Place, Mobility, and Human-Wildlife Conflict.”

Allison, E. “Contemplating the future: Building student resilience in climate change education,” to be submitted to the *Journal of the Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences.*

Allison, E. “Toward a Feminist Care Ethic for the Ecozoic,” to be submitted to *Environmental Ethics.*

**Grants and Fellowships**

2021 Religion and Ecology Summit Conference Grant, anonymous donor, $4000.

2020 Life Without Ice, co-PI with O. Dangles at IRD France, BNP Paribas Bank, $675K.

2019 Religion and Ecology Summit expansion, Fetzer Foundation, $10K.

2018 Religion and Ecology Summit expansion, Kalliopeia Foundation, $28K.

2018 Religion and Ecology Summit Conference Grant, anonymous donor, $4000.

2018 Ecological Civilization conference travel grant, Garrison Institute, $1000.

2017 Religion and Ecology Summit Conference Grant, anonymous donor, $5000.

2016 Religion and Ecology Summit Conference Grant, anonymous donor, $4000.

2015 Regional Development Grant, American Academy of Religion, $4000.

2008-09 Edward A. Colman Fellowship, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley.

2008 Science and Technology Studies Center Summer Grant, UC Berkeley.

2008 Inst. for East Asian Studies Graduate Fellowship in East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley.

2007-08 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Dzongkha, UC Berkeley.

2007-08 John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship for Int’l Studies, UC Berkeley.

2007 Sara’s Wish Foundation travel scholarship.

2007 Baker-Bidwell Fellowship, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley (declined).

2007 Continuing Student Fellowship, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley (declined).

2005-06 Baker-Bidwell Fellowship, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley.

2005-06 Continuing Student Fellowship, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley.

2006 Summer FLAS Fellowship for Tibetan, UW-Madison (declined).

2006 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

2005 Summer FLAS Fellowship for Tibetan, UW-Madison.

2005 Garrison Institute conference travel grant.

2003-04 Fulbright IIE Fellowship, Nepal.

2001-03 Wiley Scholarship, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

2001-03 FES scholarship, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

2000-03 Yale Divinity School Scholarship.

2002 Tropical Resources Institute Summer Research Fellowship, Yale University, 2002.

2001, 2002, 2003 Jubitz Family Endowment Summer Research Fellowship, Yale University.

2001 National Religious Partnership for the Environment research grant.

**Invited Talks**

“Contemplative Practice for Climate Resilient Educators and Activists,” Ecological Spiritualities Conference, Harvard Divinity School (online). April 2022.

“Scholarship and Spiritual Practice in Troubled Times,” Ecological Spiritualities Conference, Harvard Divinity School (online). April 2022.

“Sacred Forests as Sites of Bio-Cultural Resistance and Resilience in Bhutan,” Sacred Forests of Asia: Spiritual Ecology and the Politics of Nature Conservation. Bard College at Simon’s Rock (online). April 2022.

“Bhutan’s Sacred Natural Sites, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and Implications for Sustainability,” Study of Curricula and Graduate Competency for Sustainable Mountain Futures in Bhutan, India, Nepal and Pakistan. Himalayan University Consortium and ICIMOD, Nepal (online). Nov. 2021.

“Leveraging Traditional Ecological Knowledge for Climate Adaptation,” [Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation: from Concept to Implementation](https://www.climatechange.rrcap.ait.ac.th/nbs-09-sept-2021). Asian Institute of Technology and Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (online). Sept. 9, 2021.

“[Communitarian Values and Care Ethics for Climate and Covid Resilience](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acoxUljY1RE&list=PLZdqyX_832itbtproDoJ7MCgoPlh_C6GN&index=4),” Sustainable Societies Conference II: Visions for a Viable Future In a Time of COVID and Climate Calamity, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA (online). March 19, 2021.

“Vanishing Ice, Vanishing Cultures?” Life Without Ice kickoff meeting (online). Nov. 2020.

“Ecology and Spirituality,” Green Culture conference 2020, Montenegro, Western Balkans (online). Sept. 2020.

“[Human Health and Ecological Resilience](https://soundcloud.com/publicprograms/elizabeth-allison-ad-natalie-metz-human-health-and-ecological-resilience),” CIIS Public Programs (online). Dialogue with Natalie Metz. June 2020.

“Spirituality and Ecology,” Big Ideas Lecture Series. CIIS, San Francisco, CA. Jan. 2020.

“Bewitching Nature: Carolyn Merchant and the Future of Human-Nature Relations,” After the Death of Nature: A Symposium in Honor of Carolyn Merchant, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, May 2018.

“Pervasive Altruism as a Pathway to Planetary Health,” Pathways to Planetary Health: Half-Earth, Ecological Civilization, Regenerative Economics, and Pervasive Altruism Symposium, Garrison Institute. Garrison, NY. April 2018.

“Indigenous Religions in Asia: Retrospect and Prospect,” Religion, Ecology, and Our Planetary Future Conference, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University. Oct. 2016.

“Contributions from Academia to the Nexus of Religion and Environmental Conservation,” Faith in Conservation: The Future of Religion and Ecology Networks. London, UK. Nov. 2015.

“Ecological Resilience and Gross National Happiness in Bhutan,” University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. Nov. 2014.

“Epistemic Silences,” Ecology, Spirituality, and Social Justice Seminar, Esalen Center for Theory and Research, Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA. Jan. 2014.

“Environmental Imaginaries of Pollution: Waste Management Challenges in Bhutan,” Everyday Religion and Sustainable Environments in the Himalaya Conference, The New School, New York. March 2013.

“Nurturing Contemplation and Ecology,” Ecology, Contemplation, and Social Justice Seminar, Upaya Zen Center, Sante Fe, NM. June 2012.

“From Sacred Sites to Garbage Dumps: Two Paths to An Evolving Environmental Ethic in Bhutan,” University of Chicago Divinity School. Oct. 2011.

“New Directions in Studies of Ecology and Religion,” Ecology, Contemplation, and Social Justice Seminar, Upaya Zen Center, Sante Fe, NM, June 2011.

“Contemplating Sustainability: Calming the Mind, Engaging The Heart, Transforming The World,” California State University - Chico, Chico, CA. March 2011.

“Toward a Worldview of Ecological Sustainability: Lessons from Bhutan,” Ahimsa and Sustainability Conference. Ahimsa Center, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Nov. 2010.

“Diversity and Change in the Himalayas,” Everyday Religions and Sustainable Environments in the Himalayas colloquium. Organized by The New School, NY. Kathmandu, Nepal. Oct. 2010.

“Gross National Happiness and Environmental Conservation in Bhutan,” The Religion, Politics and Globalization Program, UC Berkeley. April 2009.

“Becoming Environmental Citizens: Environmental Imaginaries, Household Waste Management, and Rural-urban Linkages in Bhutan,” National Conference on Solid Waste Management, Thimphu, Bhutan. Aug. 2008.

“Religion and Environmental Conservation in Bhutan,” Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) Himalayan study tour, Thimphu, Bhutan. Aug. 2003.

**Conference Presentations**

Conferences and Panels organized

Allison, Elizabeth and Shmee Giarratana. Religion and Ecology Summit V: [Indigenous Lifeways, Cosmologies, and Ecology](https://digitalcommons.ciis.edu/religionecologysummit/2021/), CIIS, San Francisco, CA (online). (March 15-19, 2021 (restructured and rescheduled from March 2020).

Religion and Ecology Summit IV: Thomas Berry: From New Story to Great Work, CIIS, March 2019.

After the Death of Nature: A Symposium in honor of Carolyn Merchant, UC Berkeley and Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, May 2018.

Religion and Ecology Summit III: Gender in Religion and Ecology, CIIS, March 2018.

“Epistemology on a Himalayan Scale: Local ecological knowledge, sacred landscapes, and animate beings.” Co-organized with Lindsay Skog for the Mountains and Sacred Landscapes Conference. The New School, New York, NY. April 2017.

Religion and Ecology Summit II: Equity, Justice, and Climate Change, CIIS, March 2017.

“Revivifying Nature in the Twenty-first Century? The Influence of Carolyn Merchant on the Field of Religion and Ecology.” American Academy of Religion (AAR) annual meeting, San Antonio, TX. Nov. 2016.

Religion and Ecology Summit, CIIS, March 2016.

“Resilience for the Future: Contemplative Practices to Revitalize Environmental Studies Teaching and Research in an Era of Global Ecological Change,” workshop presented with Rebecca Kneale Gould, at the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Conference, Gainesville, FL. Jan. 2016.

“Buddhism and Ecology: Place, practice, and virtue in environmental attitudes and behaviors in Buddhist communities.” Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 2015.

“Contemplative Environmentalism: Religion and Resilience in the Face of Climate Change.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Nov. 2014.

Papers Presented

"Toward an ecological care ethic: Insights from traditional ecological knowledge in Bhutan." American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Denver, CO. Nov. 2023.

“Sacred Natural Sites as Nodes of Resistance and Resilience.” Religion and Ecology Summit V: Indigenous Lifeways, Cosmologies, and Ecology, CIIS, San Francisco, CA (online). March 18, 2021.

“Convener’s Welcome.” Religion and Ecology Summit V: Indigenous Lifeways, Cosmologies, and Ecology, CIIS, San Francisco, CA (online). March 15, 2021.

“Life Without Ice: Glacier Extinction, Extinction of Experience.” For Vital Ice: Perceiving Past, Present, and Future in Melting Ice-scapesat theInternational Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture conference: Religion and Environment: Relations and Relationality, Arizona State University (online). Feb. 28, 2021.

“Cultural and spiritual values shaping the ecological ethos of Bhutan,” accepted for Bhutan International Conference on Values: East and West, Thimphu, Bhutan. April 2020. (cancelled because of coronavirus pandemic).

“Toward a Partnership Ethic: Carolyn Merchant’s Contributions to Feminist Thought in the Anthropocene,” National Women’s Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. Nov. 2019.

“Peak to Paddy: Incorporating Spiritual Values into an Integrated Water Resource Management System in Bhutan,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture conference, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland. June 2019.

“Spirituality and Ecology,” Spirituality in Society and the Professions: Annual European SPES Institute Conference, Waterford Institute of Technology, Waterford, Ireland. May 2019.

“Rethinking Science and Nature through the Lens of Traditional Ecological Knowledge,” History of Science Society Meeting, Seattle, WA. Nov. 2018.

“Toward a Feminist Care Ethic for Climate Change,” American Academy of Religion – Western Region annual meeting, Berkeley, CA. March 2018.

“Traditional ecological knowledge and animated landscapes,” Mountains and Sacred Landscapes Conference. The New School, New York, NY. April 2017.

“Bewitching Nature: The contributions of Carolyn Merchant’s work to the field of Religion and Ecology,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Antonio, TX. Nov. 2016.

“Sense of Place and Rural-Urban Migration in Bhutan: Place, Mobility, and Human-Wildlife Conflict,” Association of American Geographers annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. March 2016.

“Sense of place and rural-urban migration in Bhutan,” Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Fourth Annual Himalayan Conference, University of Texas - Austin, TX. Feb. 2016.

“When Gods Melt: The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers in an Age of Climate Change,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Conference, Gainesville, FL. Jan. 2016.

“Contemplating the Future: Building Student Resilience in Climate Change Education,” American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Dec. 2015.

“Spirits and Nature: The intertwining of sacred cosmologies and environmental conservation in Bhutan,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, UT. Oct. 2015.

“Learning from Mountain Elders: Overcoming the Epistemic and Ecological Injustice

of Modernist Reductionism,” Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization conference, Claremont, CA. June 2015.

“From Moral Economy to Political Ecology: A Genealogy of Normative Implications in Ecological Analysis,” Political Ecology Society meeting and Society for Applied Anthropology meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. March 2015.

“Epistemic Silences: Investigating Epistemic Injustice in the Context of Climate Change,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego. Nov. 2014.

“Exploring the Silence: Using Contemplative Practice to Revitalize Environmental Studies Teaching and Research in the Anthropocene,” workshop presented with Rebecca Kneale Gould, Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences annual conference, Pace University, New York, NY. June 2014.

“Ecological resilience and Gross National Happiness in Bhutan,” Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Third Annual Himalayan Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT. March 2014.

“The Relational Spiral of Integral Ecology,” Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences annual conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA. June 2013.

“The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers in an Age of Climate Change,” International Conference on Culture, Politics & Climate Change, University of Colorado Boulder. Sept. 2012.

“Liminal Beasts: Dogs, Pigs, and Other Challenges to Ecological and Ritual Purity in Bhutan,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco. Nov. 2011.

“At the Boundary of Modernity: Religion, Technocracy, and Waste Management in Bhutan,” First Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) Himalayan Studies Conference, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN. Oct. 2011.

“The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta. Nov. 2010.

“Trashing Shangri-La: The Garbage Problem In Modernizing Bhutan,” 39th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. Oct. 2010.

“Linking Culture, Religion and Environmental Conservation: The Case of Bhutan,” Dept. of ESPM Graduate Research Symposium, UC Berkeley. April 2009.

“Himalayan Kora: Religion, Spirituality, and Perceptions of the Environment in Bhutan and Nepal,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago. Nov. 2008.

“Tourism, Religion, and Environmental Conservation in the Mount Everest region of Nepal,” co-authored with Ang Rita Sherpa and Brian Peniston of The Mountain Institute, International Conference on Ecotourism in Protected Areas, HNB Garhwal University, Uttaranchal, India. Feb. 2005.

“Introducing the Asian Sustainable Development Network,” World Monuments Fund Conference on Heritage Conservation in South and Southeast Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka. July 2004.

“Khumbu Kora: Religio-Cultural Influences on Natural Resource Management in Khumbu, Nepal,” Fulbright Forum, Kathmandu, Nepal. July 2004.

“Gross National Happiness and Biodiversity Conservation in Bhutan,” First International Seminar on Gross National Happiness, Thimphu, Bhutan. Feb. 2004.

“Spiritually Motivated Natural Resources Protection in Eastern Bhutan,” First International Seminar on Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, Bhutan. Aug. 2003.

“Spirit Guardians of the Land,”University of Hawaii School of Hawaiian, Pacific and Asian Studies (SHAPS) – East West Center graduate student conference, Honolulu, Hawaii. Feb. 2003.

Discussant

“Changing Natures,” New Directions in Himalayan Studies: A Joint Berkeley-CNRS Workshop, UC Berkeley. March 1-3, 2019.

“Religion and culture: a dialogue on how religious perspectives and scientific knowledge influence political views,” Sawyer Seminar, UC Berkeley. March 2013.

“Everyday Religion and Sustainable Environments,” Himalayan Connections, Yale University. March 2013.

**Campus Talks**

“Spirituality and Ecology,” Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program and Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion program annual retreat, Esalen, Big Sur, CA. Oct. 2019.

“Ecology and Spirituality,” Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program and Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion program annual retreat, Bishop’s Ranch, Sonoma, CA. April 2019.

“Welcome: Toward the Ecozoic: Locating ourselves in place and time,” Religion and Ecology Summit IV, CIIS. March 2019.

“Welcome: Caring as Acts of Defiance,” Religion and Ecology Summit III, CIIS. March 2018.

“Bewitching Nature: *The Death of Nature,* Carolyn Merchant, and the Future of Human-Earth Relations,” Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program annual retreat, Bishop’s Ranch, Sonoma, CA. April 2018.

“Welcome: Building a Network of Resistance,” Religion and Ecology Summit II, CIIS. March 2017.

“Cultivating Resilience for Addressing Ecological Change,” The Embrace of the Earth conference, CIIS. May 2016.

“Welcome: Building a Religion and Ecology Network in the Bay Area,” Religion and Ecology Summit, CIIS. March 2016.

“The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers in an Age of Climate Change,” Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program annual retreat, Bishop’s Ranch, Sonoma, CA. Nov. 2015.

“Ecology and Culture: African Religious Perspectives on Systems Thinking,” interdisciplinary public dialogue with Prof. Mutombo Mpanya, Anthropology dept., and Prof. Ebede Ndi, East-West Psychology dept., CIIS. Sept. 2015.

“Epistemic Silences: Investigating Epistemic Injustice in the Context of Climate Change,” Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness Forum, CIIS. Nov. 2014.

“When Gods Melt: The Fate of Religions in an Age of Climate Change,” Grounding Terrestrial Wisdom Culture conference, CIIS. April 2013.

“The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers in an Age of Climate Change,” Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA. Oct. 2012.

“Integral Ecology and Eco-psychology,” Psyche and Nature: Ecopsychology at CIIS Panel, CIIS. May 2011.

“The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers,” Interdisciplinary Dialogue Forum, CIIS. Jan. 2011.

“The Politics of Integral Ecologies: Knowledge, Ethics, and Action,” Integral Ecology Forum, CIIS. Nov. 2009.

“Spirit of Place: Learning from Himalayan Sacred Geography to Enhance Ecological Connection,” [Toward a Planetary and Participatory Education](http://ciis.edu/News_and_Events/Event_Calendar/Toward_a_Planetary_and_Participatory_Education_in_the_Americas_A_Multidimensional_Platform.html) in the Americas Forum, CIIS. Nov. 2009.

**Teaching Experience**

##### Associate Professor, California Institute of Integral Studies, 2014 – pres.

##### Assistant Professor, California Institute of Integral Studies, 2009 – 2014.

Courses taught:

Theory and Method in the Integrative Study of Religion & Ecology (alternate years since 2014)

Environmental Ethics (Fall 2016, Sp. 2011, Sp. 2009)

MA Integrative Seminar (Sp. 2020 – Sp. 2010)

Touch the Earth: The Integral Ecology Internship Seminar (Sp. 2018 – 2011)

Science, Ecology and Contested Knowledge(s) (Sp. ’18, Fall 2019, ‘15, ‘12, ‘10, ‘09)

Ecology in a Time of Planetary Crisis (Sp. 2020, 2019, 2017, 2015)

Next of Kin: Ethical and Religious Perspectives on Animals (Fall 2018, Sp. 2014)

Toward an Integral Ecological Consciousness (Fall 2020, Sp. 2013, Fall 2010, 2009)

Buddhism and Ecology (Fall 2012)

Hill of the Hawk (food ethics) (Fall 2019, 2018, 2012)

##### Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley, 2005 – 2008

Teaching Assistant, Yale University, 2001

Teaching Assistant, Williams College, 1990-91

**Research Experience**

Research Associate, University of California-Berkeley, 2015 – 2017

Center for Law, Economics, and Environment, Berkeley Law

Visiting Scholar, University of California-Berkeley, 2013 – 2015

Center for Law, Economics, and Environment, Berkeley Law

Visiting Scholar, University of Chicago, 2011

Martin Marty Center, Divinity School

Visiting Scholar, University of California-Berkeley, 2010 – 2011

Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

Ecology, Spirituality, and Social Justice Seminar, 2010 – 2014

Invited to work with a small group of scholars to articulate and develop “contemplative environmentalism:” an approach that incorporates and draws upon the well of spirit to reinvigorate environmental practice, funded by the Fetzer Institute.

Everyday Religions & Sustainable Environments in the Himalaya, 2010-2013, Nepal

One of two-dozen international experts who participated in a Luce Foundation funded project, beginning with a conference in Kathmandu, Nepal. Organized by the India China Institute of the New School, NY, the project explored the connections between religions, sustainable environments, global environmental policy, and international development.

##### Researcher, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, 2007 – 2008, Thimphu, Bhutan

Dissertation fieldwork on beliefs, attitudes, and practices of rural and urban household waste management, and connections to religious and cultural belief, in conjunction with Ministry’s waste reduction efforts.

##### Transformational Ecology Fellow, Garrison Institute, 2003 – 2009, Garrison, NY

##### Analyzed trends in the area of religion, ecology and values for development of new programs. Projects included: producing the climate change symposium that birthed 1Sky (now 350.org), researching environmental programs that incorporate religion and spirituality, and studying the cognitive aspects of ecological sustainability.

##### Graduate Student Researcher, UC Berkeley, 2005 – 2007

Research on property and gender for Prof. Louise Fortmann. Research on Buddhism and ecology for Prof. Carolyn Merchant.

##### Fulbright Student Scholar, 2003 – 2004, Khumbu, Nepal

Research on the influence of religio-cultural beliefs on resource use practices in the Khumbu (Everest) region of Nepal.Advisor to The Mountain Institute on development of religiously-sensitive tourism.

##### Researcher, Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation, 2001 – 2003, eastern Bhutan

Research on religion and environmental conservation, culminating in Master’s Project entitled *Spirit Guardians of the Land: Spiritually-Motivated Natural Resource Conservation in Eastern Bhutan*.

##### Research Assistant, Yale University, 2001 – 2003

Research assistant for high school environmental ethics curriculum; Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project at Yale (co-editor of *ISPS Journal)*; Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy’s Global Environmental Governance Project. Grant Writer for Yale-China Sustainable Development Leadership Program.

**Service to the Profession and the Community**

Co-founder and co-director of Mostly Daily Action email list, 2016 – 2020.

Organized public talk on Eco-Alchemy by Prof. Dan McKanan, Harvard Divinity School, 2018.

Interviewed author David George Haskell, author of *The Songs of Trees,* for CIIS Public Programs podcast.

Organized public dialogue, with Profs. Mutombo Mpanya and Ebede Ndi on “Ecology and Culture: African Religious Perspectives on Systems Thinking.” CIIS, Sept. 2015.

Panel moderator for “From Ecocide to Ecoresilience: Moving Toward a Just and Earth-Honoring Future.” CIIS Ecopsychology Conference, March 2015.

Organized public talk on Ecovillages by Prof. Karen Litfin, Univ. of Washington, 2014.

Panelist for Environmental Science, Policy, and Management Alumni Career Panel. UC Berkeley. April 2013.

Advisor to film, *Kiribati and the Rising Sea: Voices from the Front Lines of Climate Change,* by Natalie Zimmerman, affiliate artist at the Headlands Center for the Arts.

Graduate Admissions Committee member, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley, Spring 2007.

Founder, Faith Environment Nature Religion Spirituality Network (FERNS), Yale, 2001.

**Journal Referee**

*Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences; Ecology & Society; Ecological Economics; Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene; Environmental Management; Global Environmental Politics; Himalaya; Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences; Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture; Society and Natural Resources; Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology; World Development; World Wide Waste: An Interdisciplinary Journal; Zygon*

**Book Reviewer**

*Columbia; Routledge*

**University Service and Academic Program Development**

CIIS Climate Chaos Committee, 2021- present.

CIIS Curriculum and Academic Review Committee, 2014 – 2020.

CIIS Board of Trustees Student Life Committee, member, 2013 – 2015.

Fulbright fellowship Campus Evaluation Committee, CIIS, Sept. 2015.

CIIS Faculty Affairs Committee, 2016 – 2018.

Program Chair, Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion, CIIS, 2012 – present.

Interim Co-chair, Philosophy and Religion department, CIIS, 2012 – 13.

Co-chair, Philosophy and Religion department search committee, CIIS, 2012 – 13.

Women’s Spirituality Program search committee member, CIIS, Spring 2011.

Created and presented annual MA Symposium, 2010 – present.

Director of assessment for PCC program, 2010 – present.

Faculty advisor, Integral Ecology student group, 2010 – 2015.

CIIS Research Committee member, 2009 – 2016.

Director, environmental internship program, CIIS, 2009 – present.

Co-director, Integral Ecology track, CIIS, 2009 – 2017.

**Selected Press**

* “[Sacred Landscapes: solastalgia and spirituality in a melting world](https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/soul-search/sacred-landscapes:-solastalgia-and-spirituality-in-a-melting-wo/13585792),” 30-minute interview on Soul Search, with Dr. Meredith Lake, a program of Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Oct. 17, 2021
* “[What Can the Bay Area Do About Rising Seas? East Palo Alto Has a Few Great Answers](https://www.kqed.org/science/1973805/climate-solutions-in-east-palo-alto),” Kevin Stark and Ezra David Romero, KQED, April 22, 2021
* Spotlights: Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. [Elizabeth Allison interviewed by Sam Mickey.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8G24Ug9u7M) March 1, 2021.
* “[When a Melting Glacier is Seen as an Apocalypse](https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2018/11/01/stories/1060104875?fbclid=IwAR0HbfmOl1G0cMfCU7MpfrSkoAdyXYLzgATrws_NvWhitVFgKkJOrvICIJk),” Jean Chemnick, *E&E News,* Nov. 1, 2018.
* “[Have Faith in Religion’s Ability to Bridge the Political Divide](file:///Users/mt_jhomolhari/Dropbox/Documents/Applications%20and%20jobs/•%09http:/www.sfexaminer.com/faith-religions-ability-bridge-political-divide),” Robyn Purchia, *The San Francisco Examiner*, March 15, 2017.
* “[It’s the End of the World – How Do You Feel](file:///Users/mt_jhomolhari/Dropbox/Documents/Applications%20and%20jobs/•%09http:/www.ozy.com/fast-forward/its-the-end-of-the-world-how-do-you-feel/62757)?” Meghan Walsh, *Ozy*, Aug. 27, 2016.
* Interviewed in [*Postcolonial knowledge*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHbScmCflvg&t=49s), a documentary film by Ulises Charles Rodríguez. May 11, 2016.
* “[Are Glaciers More Than Just Ice in the Human Psyche?”](https://climatevulture.com/2016/02/15/are-glaciers-more-than-just-ice-in-the-human-psyche/) Jassmin Del Rio. *Climate Vulture,* Feb. 15, 2016.
* “[Expert Q & A: Elizabeth Allison, PhD](http://www.biohabitats.com/newsletters/religion-environmental-stewardship/expert-qa-elizabeth-allison-phd/),” *Leaf Litter* Winter Solstice 2015. Vol. XIII, Edition 4.
* “[What Tibetan Buddhists, Andean Paqos can Teach Us About Climate Change](http://www.dailyclimate.org/tdc-newsroom/2015/09/climate-change-spiritual-pope-buddhism-glaciers),” Brian Bienkowski, *The Daily Climate,* Sept. 22, 2015.
* “[Member Profile: Elizabeth Allison](ttp://lib.icimod.org/record/12436/files/3648.pdf),” Amy Krause, Mountain Forum Bulletin July 2006, Volume VI, Issue 2: 38. h

**Dissertation and Thesis Advising**

Chair: Mary-Ann Casanova, PhD candidate: When Rocks and Faith Come Together

Chair: John Simpson, PhD candidate: Eco-Buddhism and New Animism

Committee member: Elaina Brown, PhD Candidate: Towards a Contemporary Ecofeminist Panentheism

Committee member: Chantal Forbes, PhD 2021: Becoming-Animal as Primal Theology in Primal Religions: The San Bushmen and Becoming-Animal in the Hunt

Chair: Nick Mather, PhD 2020: Greening America’s Virtues

Chair: Alena Coons, PhD 2019: Worldviews in Urban Agriculture: A Grounded Theory Study of Spirituality and Agricultural Practice on a Jewish Urban Farm

Chair: Elizabeth McAnally, PhD 2017: Integral Water Consciousness: Cultivating Mutually Enhancing Relations between Humans and Water

Chair: Max Salamander, MA 2014: Listening Through Giving Care: How Sanctuaries, Rescue Centers, and Rehabilitation Hospitals Heal Relationships with Nonhuman Animals

Committee member: Hiroko Shiota, PhD 2014: Cosmogenesis, Shinto, Tantra: Embodying the New Universe Story

Chair: Laura Reddick, MA 2013: Spirit of an Earthly Practice: The Roots of Pagan Religions in America

Committee member: Jeff Jenkins, PhD 2012: EcoZoic NeoNative Wisdom Indigenous Cosmological Ritual and The Story of the Universe

**Memberships**

American Academy of Religion

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture

Mountain Protected Areas Network

Religion and Conservation Biology group of SCB

**Languages**

Conversational Nepali

Intermediate Tibetan

Beginning Dzongkha