

BUDDHISM AND MEDICINE

Perspectives on Life, Death, and the Healing Arts

A Seminar at Dartmouth College, Friday, April 16th, 4:00 pm to Saturday, April 17th 4:30 pm

DESCRIPTION

Around the world and throughout history an individual's power and capacity to heal has been connected, more or less directly, to spirituality. This is true not only where "traditional" medicine is practiced; it can also inform the ways contemporary doctors in conventional settings interact with their patients.

This seminar explores a Buddhist perspective on health, illness and the healing arts with Tibetan physician, Buddhist monk and Public Health Ph.D (UCLA) Kunchok Gyaltzen. Other presenters include anthropologists engaged in cross cultural study of health and illness and local practitioners of medicine and Buddhism. The format includes lectures, invited response, audience comment and opportunity to engage in Buddhist meditation practice.

PRESENTERS

Dr. Kunchok Gyaltzen, Ph.D. UCLA School of Public Health, Kumbum Tibetan Medical Hospital, Qinghai Tibetan Medical College

Eric Jacobsen, Ph.D. Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School.

Theresia Hofer, Ph.D. University College, London; Welcome Trust for the History of Medicine.

Barbara Gerke, Ph.D. University of Oxford, Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College; International Trust for Traditional Medicine, India (1994 to 2008).

Local Practitioner Panel. Charles Meyers, acupuncturist and lay ordained Zen monk; Dr. Richard White, Family Practice Physician; Dr. Lori Alvord, surgeon and member, Navajo tribe; Nancy Kilgore, pastoral psychotherapist.

SCHEDULE

Friday pm

4:00 to 5:30	Health and Illness in Tibetan/Himalayan Communities
5:30 to 6:30	Meditation (led by Dr. Gyaltzen)
6:30 to 8:00	Reception with speakers– Khawachen/Inner Asia, Main St. Hanover

Saturday am

8:00 to 9:00	Meditation
9:00 to 10:00	Dr. Gyaltzen Keynote Presentation
10:00 to 10:15	Tea/coffee break
10:15 to 11:45	Response and discussion
11:45	Lunch (buy your own, Thayer Dining Hall)

Saturday pm

1:00 to 2:30	Buddhism and Medicine in (Local) Practice
2:30 to 2:45	Tea/coffee break
2:45 to 3:15	Dr. Gyaltzen Response
3:15 to 4:00	Roundtable Discussion with all Participants
4:00 to 4:30	Concluding Meditation

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is requested. The seminar is FREE and open to the public. For the sake of our planning please register by e-mail at <buddhismandmedicine@dartmouth.edu>

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