

Las Vegas Holy Community: The Mother of Peace and the Divine Feminine

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“The Mother of Peace and the Divine Feminine”

Envisioning Our Future:

**Religion, Spirituality, and
Scholarship in Shifting Times**

Thomas Selover, SunHak UP Graduate University, South Korea, and Grace Lee, Independent Scholar -

“The Mother of Peace and the Divine Feminine” at the UNLV Student Union, Room 211. Our paper is in the Goddess Studies session2, which also includes another paper about True Mother (the speaker is writing a book

about our movement):

Holly Folk, Western Washington University

“The Only Begotten Daughter: Feminist Theology in the Family Federation”

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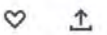
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Conference Theme by Sakena Young-Scaggs, Ph.D., Vice President and Program Chair:

This year we have witnessed several systemic efforts and actions of nihilism, death, and destruction to human life, human rights, and to our global environment within which humanity lives. In 2023, the world is literally burning. And yet we, as religious scholars, still find ways to hope and “do the work our souls must have” amid the reality quakes of daily life.

Oftentimes as religious scholars, we have the audacity and dare to believe we can be transformative agents. We stare into the face of the multilayered forms of human blight and seek religious and spiritual remediation. The economic blight, the blight of global disparities and injustice, the blight of indifference and ambivalence to human suffering, and its subsequent toll on creation. How do we stare into the blight and move beyond the blight in 2024?

This year's theme focuses on the role religion, and religious studies, play to help tap into the potentiated hope of an (re) imagined future. We will pause to examine the religious, spiritual, and comparative religious ways in which the human experience can forae a future as scholar-

practitioners in the present times.

For example, we might consider the following:

Can religion play a part in helping marginalized communities forge their own pathways as collectives or within the sacred skin of their own individual identities?

How have art and imagination forged footprints of faith or interreligious discourse to address human injustice and environmental destruction and decay?

Can religious scholarship play a role as we grapple with these questions?

What place does religion hold in the discourse surrounding future environmental policy and advocacy for habitats and human displacement?

How has the Anthropocene been imagined and/or can be reimagined from a position of faith and religious scholarship?

In what ways can religious scholars influence or have remained silent in the preservation of or destruction of human hope or in priming human nihilism?

What is the world we are helping to create and what options do religious traditions offer for transformation in a world unceasingly grappling existentially?

How can the past guide us and memory lead us in the creation of new modalities of an imagined future?

What table we are setting for the next generation with new technologies and AI?

What are sites where the sense of imagined hope can provide glimpses into possible futures?

Where can art, imagination, and interreligious cooperation guide us to new solutions and creative collaborative outcomes?

Where can identity, intelligence, and personal freedom to dream culminate...if only temporarily?

What are places of joy that are life-giving rather than death-dealing?

What are temporal spaces where can we find them to strategize or to create spaces to thrive?

What do they look like?

Who and how can they be inhabited?

This is the challenge of our current time together.

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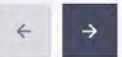
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