



BUDDHIST
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CONFERENCE



Buddhist Women's Conference 2011

Expressing Dharma: Creativity in the Present Moment

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Laura Simms

Senior teacher of Shambhala Buddhism and Arts, Laura Simms will talk about the act of creativity as genuine intelligence of presence. She says that we as a culture have for too long been diverted by concepts, solutions, future-oriented strategies and conditioned ideas of how things are – a more outward-directed approach to the world. Simms says that it's time now to “bring in the other wing of the bird” and strengthen the feminine aspect of intuitive intelligence. From an open-heart, pure awareness, and direct

perception, emerges the wisdom of insight. It is an immediately accessible relationship.

This Buddhist practice of directly perceiving what is occurring moment by moment unimpeded by the mechanisms of sequential processing is the magic of the feminine at its most gentle and most fierce - always in the aid of awakening. Laura says that in creativity as in life, it's about how to experience basic unconditioned mind, the treasure house of presence. When we do that we have the capacity see ourselves and others differently.

For Laura the natural process of accessing an open heart/mind is compassionate action. She'll talk about her dynamic work in the world that integrates her background in Dharma Arts, meditation practice and the wisdom tradition of engaged storytelling. Her most recent projects are in Haiti training educators working in camps and orphanages; preparing curriculum for an inner city arts high school in Portland, Oregon; and working with gypsy women in Romania. Her workshops allow these participants to experience release and relief on the spot. From settled mind they have the distance to see their situation anew and envision a future.

Schedule:

8 - 9 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9 - 9:15 am	Greetings and Introduction
9:15 - 10:30 am	Keynote Address: Laura Simms
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - 12 noon	Breakout Sessions #1
12 noon - 1 pm	Vegetarian Lunch
1 - 1:15 pm	Women and Engaged Buddhism Award
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Plenary Panel
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 4 pm	Breakout Sessions #2
4 - 5 pm	Closing Ceremony
5 - 6 pm	Reception

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Registration Form

Registration fee includes: keynote address, plenary panel, breakout sessions, ceremonies, lunch & reception hors d'oeuvre. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for registrations postmarked after March 16, 2011.

Capacity is limited to 400 participants, so please register early.

To register online visit www.dharmawomen.org for additional info and updates.

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Sangha Affiliation _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee:

\$90 Regular

\$70 Early Bird (postmarked by March 5, 2011)

\$50 Full-Time Student School _____

\$50 Clergy Sangha or Church _____

\$0 Monastic* Sangha or Church _____

*No registration fee for monastics, but please register before March 16th so we can provide your meal.

A monastic is defined as celibate, affiliated with a religious community, under monastic rule and a vow of poverty.

I would like to donate \$_____ to the Scholarship Fund to help the monastics and those in need of assistance to attend the conference. To apply for scholarship, send a note with circumstances with your registration form or email scholarship@dharmawomen.org. Please apply by March 5, 2011.

I would like to donate \$_____ to the Dana Fund for the **Women and Engaged Buddhism Award**.

Registration Fee \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed Check \$ _____ (payable to "BCM Women's Conference")

Registration will be taken in order of receipt and must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2011. Please register online after March 16th.

Mail check and registration form to: The Buddhist Council of the Midwest; P.O. Box 5832; Evanston, IL 60204.

I (we) forever release and discharge anyone involved in The BCM's Buddhist Women's Conference for any liability resulting from my (our) participation in BCM's Buddhist Women's Conference 2011. I (we) understand: that the last day for full refund is February 15; that the last day for 50% refund for cancellations is March 5, 2011; and that there are no refunds after March 5, 2011.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Date _____

**Sixth Annual
Buddhist Women's Conference**
*Expressing Dharma:
Creativity in the Present Moment*
Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

DePaul University Student Center
2250 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL

www.dharmawomen.org



The Buddhist Women's Conference offers an engaging program of practices from all Buddhist traditions. Presenters are both lay and ordained teachers. It provides an opportunity to experience dynamic Buddhism. You are invited to join this spiritual celebration.

Sponsored by

The Buddhist Council of the Midwest and the Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments;
Women's Center and the Women's Gender Studies Program; the Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies Program;
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Keynote, Breakout Sessions and Plenary Panel

Keynote: Laura Simms

Through the Lens of Contemplative Practice

Doreen Bartoni, MA

Bearing Witness: The Emergence of Creative Expression Through Visual Language

Sensei Tricia Teater, MA

Alchemy of Practice

Laura Simms

Nyam Gur: The Vajrayana Practice of Writing Spontaneous

Mystical Poetry

Stephanie Arena, MA

Beginner's Mind Meditation Workshop

Rikki Asher, Ed.D

Time Being and the Illusion of Permanence

Susanne Fairfax, MFA

The HeArt of Seeing

Rikki Ashler Ed.D

Miksang: The Art of Clear Perception

Aarti Tejuja, MS

Haiku Mind: Pausing Each Moment

Patricia Donegan, MA

Common Ground: A Lively Conversation Across Lineages

Ven. Dr. Pannavati, Alice Dan, Ph.D. and Rev. June Ryushin Tanoue, MP

Plenary Panel: The Creativity of an Open Question

Jacquelynn Baas, Ph.D., Mary Jane Jacob, MA, Rikki Asher Ed.D

Accommodations

Days Inn Lincoln Park-North

644 W. Diversey Pkwy; Chicago, IL 60614;
(773) 525-7010.

Use the Group code: BUCO. 10 rooms are available:
one double bed: \$91, two double beds: \$100
Final reservation date: February 25, 2011.

The Willows Hotel or The City Suites Hotel

555 W. Surf St. 933 W. Belmont
(773) 528-8400 (773) 404-3400

Group Discount Code: "Buddhist Women's Conference"
one queen bed \$85, two queen beds \$100
Final reservation date: March 4, 2011

Directions:

By Car : From the north and northwest: Take Kennedy Expressway (I-90/I-94), exit at Fullerton Ave. and turn left (east) to Sheffield. Turn right one block to Belden. From the west: Take Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) turn onto the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/I-94) heading north, and exit at Fullerton. Turn right heading east to Sheffield Ave. Turn right onto Sheffield, one block to Belden.

From the south: Take Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/I-94), continue north. Expressway becomes the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/I-94). Exit at Fullerton. Turn right (east). Go two miles on Fullerton Avenue to Sheffield. Turn right and go one block to Belden.

From Lake Shore Drive (north or south): Exit Lake Shore Drive at Fullerton Avenue. Head west two miles to Sheffield. **Parking lot is on the east side of street on Sheffield Ave. between Fullerton and Belden.**

Public Transit: Three rapid train lines service the Lincoln Park and DePaul campus area. Exit at Fullerton. After coming down the steps, turn left (west) and walk to the corner of Sheffield and turn left (south). Proceed one block to Belden. Train lines servicing the Lincoln Park campus are the Howard/Dan Ryan (Red), Evanston (Purple) and the Ravenswood (Brown). You may transfer to these lines from all other train lines in most downtown stations.

NOTE: The Evanston Express does not have Saturday or Sunday Service. Transfer from the Evanston Purple line to the Red Line at Howard Street.

By Bus: Bus routes interconnect throughout the city. Several buses stop very near the campus. All routes are subject to change by the CTA. You may reach the CTA at (312) 836-7000 or 1-888-972-7000.

For more information, visit www.transitchicago.com. #74 Fullerton Ave. #11 Lincoln Ave. #8 Halsted St.