

## Global Perspectives



### Religion and Science Program

Online Master's Degree in Religion and Science offered by Global Ministries University in collaboration with



[The Institute of Science and Religion, Aluva, India](#)



[Indian Institute of Science and Religion, New Delhi, India](#)



[IRDIS, Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya](#)

**New Cohort forming on June 15, 2023**

#### Tuition:

- \$500 for a 2-year Master's Degree Program for students from India and Africa. The payment of tuition can be done over two years at \$250 per year.
- Partial scholarships are available for students with a demonstrated need.
- Students can take courses for a certificate without the research project.
- These fees apply to Africa and India.
- A 1-year Certificate Program is available for students from the United States.

Program Chair:  
President Gerald Grudzen  
Course Coordinators:  
Dr. Augustine Pamplany  
Prof. Dr. Job Kozhamthadam  
Dr. Reginald Maudlin Nalugala

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The GMU's international interfaith conference, [Walking in the Light of Fratelli Tutti and Laudato Si'](#), was an official [Pre-Parliament of the World's Religions \(PoWR\)](#) event. GMU will chair a panel

presentation on ["Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives on Religion and Science: Global Climate Crisis"](#) on August 14 from 5:30 - 7 PM at this year's [PoWR](#) taking place in Chicago on August 14 - 18. President Grudzen and Marita Grudzen will be joined by Dr. Reginald Nalugala, of Tangaza University, Kenya, and Fr. Augustine Pamplany, Director of the [Institute of Science and Religion](#) in Kerala, India.

President Grudzen will host a dinner in Chicago for GMU board members, faculty, students, and supporters who are attending the PoWR. Please let us know if you would like to join the dinner.

Join GMU at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago.

## Peace Studies



[Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor](#), Professor Emeritus of Social Work Education & Peace Studies at CSU Fresno, CA, will conduct a 4-week series on "Mahatma Gandhi and Building a Just Peace" on Zoom beginning **Monday, October 2, 2023, to coincide with Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday and the International Day of Non-Violence.** The cost is \$100 for the entire series plus \$25 application fee. You can also join individual Zoom sessions for \$25 each. [Learn more.](#)

*"Life is not a contest or a conquest. It is a struggle and a quest to find the best in each and every one of us."*

~ Sudarshan Kapoor

Apply soon.

President Gerald Grudzen's interview with Dr. Kapoor on April 24 has been postponed to September 2023. Stay tuned for updates.

## Prison Chaplaincy Degree and Certificate Programs



A \$10,000 grant has been received from the Callaghan-Pierog Family Foundation, Inc., to help support the GMU Prison Chaplaincy program. GMU graduate and Board Member, Thomas James, was instrumental in obtaining this funding.

Applicants to the program may be able to receive a needs-based scholarship.

Courses include:

TH425 Ministry to the Incarcerated: The problems of the incarcerated will be explored in this course, taught by the instructor who is an ordained minister, a nineteen-year police veteran, and a prison chaplain.

TH427 Prison Minister: Chaplain and Volunteer Ministry to the Inmate: This course will provide a step-by-step examination of the basics of ministering to the incarcerated by studying the prison inmate, the crisis in the U.S. criminal justice system, the history of the penal system, and the modern prison setting.

TH430 A Study of Prison Culture: The minister/chaplain will be introduced to prison ministry as a form of prisoner empowerment through a comprehensive examination of prison culture.

Learn more.

Apply today.



## In Gratitude!

The Administration and Staff of Global Ministries University wish to express our sincere and profound gratitude to Dr. Mary Ann Cejka for her dedication and service to the university and its faculty and students. Dr. Cejka wrote in last month's newsletter that she was leaving her position as university provost on March 31st.

We wish Dr. Cejka all the best in her writing projects and in helping her family and friends. We are delighted that she will remain a GMU

faculty member, and we hope she can continue to participate in GMU activities as her time will allow.

Dr. Cejka joined the Administration at a pivotal time in GMU's history during the reorganization of the staff and leadership. It is because of her talent and foresight that GMU can continue to grow and become a more inclusive, interfaith, and diverse institution promoting educational equity and justice throughout the world.

## Librarian's Corner

### What's WorldCat, and why should I care?



Well, for starters, because it's a very useful research tool—and it's absolutely FREE for anyone to use.

WorldCat.org is a great resource for locating unique, trustworthy materials that you often can't find anywhere except in (or, for, full-text online

materials, through) a library. And by connecting thousands of libraries' collections in one place, WorldCat.org makes it easy for you to browse the world's libraries from one easy search box.

During the past 50+ years, thousands of libraries have entered their information about millions of books, magazines, movies, songs, maps, genealogical records, research theses and so much more into WorldCat. And not just the physical items you could find when you visit a library, but many kinds of digital content like open-source e-books, articles, downloadable audiobooks, and photos. You can also find article citations with links to full text, authoritative research materials, one-of-a-kind documents, photos of local or historic significance, and digital versions of rare items that aren't generally available to the public.

#### How do I use it?

Do a search, click on a result, and you'll see a list of libraries that have told WorldCat that they have that resource. From there, you can either directly access online content that's openly available or click on a link for a library near you. If what you want is available only from a library far away from you, don't panic. Save the link to the item and ask your local library if they can get it for you through an interlibrary loan.

#### How do I find WorldCat?

Go to <https://www.worldcat.org>  
Or click on the link for the **GMU Classroom** on the GMU website. Sign in and then go to your courses. Click on "more," then on "GMU Library." WorldCat is the second resource listed.

Need help? [I'm always available!](#)

~Judy Clarence, M.L.I.S., GMU Librarian

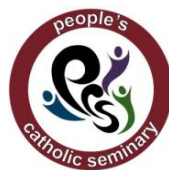
## GMU Partners



Meet The Center for Celebrant Training Instructor for our Wedding track. We are fortunate to have Antoinette Marold, a professional celebrant who has conducted over a thousand ceremonies of various cultures and faith traditions, as well as those with no religious affiliation. She has also written a book, *By the Power Vested in Me, A Guide for Wedding Officiants* which is included in the wedding syllabus.

To find out more about her thriving celebrant ministry, visit her website:  
[www.eleganteventsbyantoinette.com](http://www.eleganteventsbyantoinette.com)

Visit the Center for Celebrant Training.



**NEW PCS Course: PCS 716 - The Sophia Dialogues**

**Monthly Subscription: \$15 a month**

**Course Facilitator: Sibyl Dana Reynolds**

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The Sophia Dialogues is an ongoing, monthly subscription course providing Sacred Feminine wisdom from a variety of sources including; saints, mystics, poets, mythological figures, artists, thinkers and visionaries. Each monthly Sophia Dialogue will be sourced from ancient to contemporary wisdom. Each month you'll receive access to a fresh focus and associated materials to provide a hive of spiritual and creative inspiration.

An optional monthly one-hour Zoom Circle will provide the opportunity for dialogue and sharing.

The intention of The Sophia Dialogues is to provide Sacred Feminine wisdom to pollinate your prayers, spiritual and creative practices, and understanding.

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### PCS 606 – Nonviolence in Spirituality and Practice

Presented by Rev. Dr. Phillis I. Sheppard

BEGINS TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023  
at 7PM EDST

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Visit the PCS Website.](#)

## Calling All Alumnae/Alumni



Please take a moment to answer the questions in our survey. It will only take a minute or two and will help GMU respond to not only your needs but the needs of future students as well. Thank you so much for your help!

[Take the survey.](#)

## Earth Day

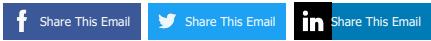


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