## **Global Collaboration**



# **Last Chance to Apply for 2nd Cohort 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

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### 2nd 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.
- Students can take courses for a certificate without the research project.
- \$500 for a 1-year Certificate Program for students from North America, Europe, and Australia.

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

## Engage in the inspiring convergence of science, technology, and sacred traditions!

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## 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions



The <u>program</u> at the 2023 <u>Parliament of the World's Religions</u> brings together faith and religious leaders, academics, industry experts, institutions and grassroots organizers committed to interfaith dialogue and action.

GMU will chair a panel presentation on "Interfaith and Multicultural Perspectives on Religion and Science: Global Climate Crisis" on August 14 from 5:30 - 7 PM in Room E253a as part of the Science and Religion track. 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.

GMU will also sponsor **Booth 306 Level 3** during the Parliament highlighting the online university's commitment to interfaith dialogue, equality, diversity, and inclusion.

President Grudzen will host a dinner in Chicago on August 13 for GMU board members, faculty, students, and supporters who are attending the

PoWR. Please let us know if you are going to the PoWR and would like to join the dinner.

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

## Hans Kung and the Global Ethic



President Gerald Grudzen is hosting a Zoom interfaith event on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 4 PM Pacific Time**to recognize the contribution of Hans Kung to the Global Ethic movement of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Kung played a key role in the restarting of the Parliament in 1993 and GMU will have a delegation of 12 at the upcoming Parliament in August of 2023.

Pacifica Institute in California will be promoting the June 21 event with GMU. Doctor Recep Dogan, an Islamic theologian, will be a member of a panel along with Doctor Sterling Harwood, GMU faculty member and author of books on ethics. Doctor Harwood and President Grudzen met with Hans Kung at a week-long seminar on global ethical issues at <a href="Santa Clara">Santa Clara</a> <a href="University in 2005">University in 2005</a>.

The presentation is free and open to all but you must register to receive the Zoom information.

Register for the June 21 Zoom Event.

## **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.

### **Librarian's Corner**



# Evaluating a web page (or any information source, for that matter):

We tend to think of our era as one increasingly inundated with inaccurate information, or "fake news." But since our ancestors began to scratch symbols onto clay tablets, we've been communicating falsehoods and misinterpretations, sometimes intentionally, more often inadvertently.

How do we spot inaccurate information, especially when

looking at websites? We Google a topic, often retrieving hundreds, thousands, or millions of results. How do we evaluate what we find? Here's a little test you can use: It's called the **T.R.A.A.P.** Test; it helps you evaluate sources based on the following criteria:

## Timeliness, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, and Purpose/Point of View (TRAAP)

### Timeliness

- o When was the information published or posted?
- o Has the information been revised or updated? When? Recently?
- o Is it current enough for your topic?

#### Relevance

- o Does the information relate to your topic?
- o Is the information at an appropriate level (i.e. not too elementary or advanced for your needs)?
- o Who is the intended audience?
- o What kind of information is included in the resource?
- o Is better information available elsewhere?

### Accuracy

- o Is the information accurate?
- o Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?
- o Where does the information come from?
- o Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

### Authority

- o Who is the creator or author?
- o What are the credentials or qualifications to write on the topic?
- o Who is the publisher or sponsor? Are they reputable?
- o Is there contact information, such as publisher or email address?
- o Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? (examples: .com, .edu, .org, .net, .gov)

### Purpose/Point of View

- o What is the purpose of the information? To inform? Teach? Sell? Entertain? Persuade?
- o Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda?
- o Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- o Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?

(Adapted from various versions in the LibGuides Community, infoLab, and <u>California State University</u>, <u>Chico</u>)

Need help? I'm always available!

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

### **GMU Partners**



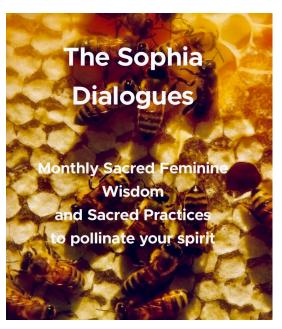
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Services and Other Rites of Passage,
Dr. Michael Conley. He received his
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priesthood to marry, he was certified
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Ministries to do weddings and
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services and ceremony courses for



Global Ministries University, as well as being the instructor of The Center for Celebrant Training funerals track.

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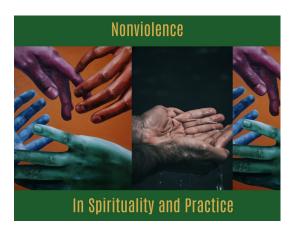
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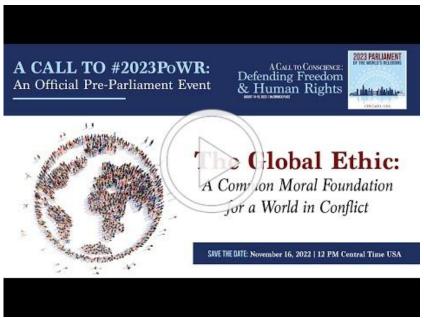


Please take a moment to answer the questions in our survey. It will only take a minute or two and will help GMU respond to not only your needs but the needs of future students as well. Thank you so much for your help!

survey.

## **Global Ethic**





Hans Kung: Towards A Global Ethic

Explanatory Remarks Concerning a "Declaration of the Religions for a

GLOBAL ETHIC" by Hans Küng

Global Ethic and Human Responsibilities by Hans Küng

What is the Global Ethic?

Parliament of the World's Religions Declaration Toward a Global Ethic



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