

Dzogchen and Tibetan Modernity

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Rice University, Houston, Texas

April 25 - 27

Conference Hotel

Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center

6633 Travis Street

Anderson Clarke Center

All conference events (Friday and Saturday) will be held at the Anderson Clarke Center

6100 Main St. Houston Texas

Thursday night reception and dinner

6:15 — 8:30 p.m.

Hungry's at Rice Village, 2356 Rice Blvd., floor 2

Friday's schedule

9:00 - 10:45 am **Ground: Dzogchen Philosophies**

- Khenpo Yeshe, *Exploring Dzogchen Ground: Intersections of Theory, Practice, and Tradition*
- Jacob Dalton, *Why Ordinary People Can See Extraordinary Visions: Patrul Namkha Jikmé's Defense of the Great Perfection*
- David Germano, *A Historical Methodology for Classifying the Variety of Great Perfection (rdzogs chen) Traditions*
- 30-minute discussion

11:00 - 12:45 pm **Ground: Dzogchen Histories**

- David Higgins, *Great Perfection (Dzogchen) Syncretism in the Aftermath of Tibet's Great Debate*
- Kali Nyima Cape, *Liberation in a Female Body: The Women of Early Dzogchen (rdzogs chen)*
- Jue Liang, *Yeshe Tsogyel as Intra-textual Agent in Rigdzin Gödem's Unimpeded Realization*
- 30-minute discussion

Lunch: 12:45 - 2:00 pm

2:00 - 3:45 pm **Path: Dzogchen Lives in 19th and 20th Century Kham**

- Learned Foote, *Yeshe Tsogyel as Wisdom Disguised in Adzom Drukpa's namthar (rnam thar)*
- Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa *Meditating with Dralha Yézu: Place, More-than-Human Relations, and Ritual Communication in Tokden Shakya Shri's Collected Works*
- Alexander Gardner, *Nonsectarianism, Inclusivism, and Nonduality: Jamgon Kongtrul's Use of 'Ris med'*
- 30-minute discussion

4:00 - 5:00 pm **Group conversation and de-brief**

5:00 - 6:00 pm **Musical performance at Rice**

6:00 - 7:00 pm **Dinner at Rice**

7:41 pm **Visit Twilight Sky Space at Rice**

Saturday's schedule

9:00 - 9:45 am **Ground, Path, Fruit: Session with Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche**

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10:00 - 11:45 pm **Path: Dzogchen Pedagogies**

- Justin Kelley, *Transformative, Spacious Learning: A Pedagogical Look at Longchenpa*
- Nathaniel Rich, *In Its Own Place: Dzogchen and the Birth of the Nyingma Shedra (bshad grwa)*
- Michael Sheehy, *Resting Ocean, Resting Mountain: "Open Presence" as a Framework for Nondual Awareness (NDA) in Dzogchen and the Contemplative Sciences*
- 30-minute discussion

Lunch: 11:45 - 1:00 pm

1:00 - 2:45 pm **Path: Religious Lives**

- Geshe Denma Gyaltzen, *Bōn Dzogchen Lineage Holders of the Zhang Zhung Nyen Gyu*
- Padma'tsho, *Contemporary Tibetan Nuns' Writings Create Literary Portraits in Gangka Lhamo*
- Sarah H. Jacoby, *Sera Khandro Dewai Dorjé's Peregrinations to Adzom Gar*
- 30-minute discussion

3:00 - 4:45 pm **Fruit: Texts in Conversation**

- Douglas Duckworth, *An Immanent and Transcendent Ground of Ethics in Prāsaṅgika and the Great Perfection*
- Anne C. Klein, *Foundation and Fruition in Dzogchen: Longchenpa, Jigme Lingpa, and the House of Adzom*
- James Gentry, *Dressing for Success in the Great Perfection: The Integration of Analytic Contemplation in Heart Essence Amulet Practice*
- 30-minute discussion

5:00 – 5:50 pm **Small Group conversation and de-brief**

6:00 – 6:40 pm **Conversation with Huatse Gyal: Tibetan Studies in the U.S. Academy**

6:45-7:30 pm **Dinner at Rice**

Enjoy Twilight Skyspace after dinner

Share Rides back to hotel

Sunday's schedule. -

9:15 – 11:30 am. **Gathering and Summary (Dawn Mountain)**

(depart from hotel at 9am)

For those who can make it, we have a Gathering and Summary Conversation with lite brunch at Dawn Mountain. The address is 4840 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. About 15 minutes ride from your hotel. Bring your luggage!