

**Sustainability and Contemplative Practice<sup>1</sup>**  
**A Gathering at Whidbey Institute at Chinook**

In collaboration with the “Curriculum for the Bioregion” initiative  
of the Washington Center at The Evergreen State College

November 14-16, 2014

**Agenda**

**Friday**

3:00                      Registration opens at Thomas Berry Hall, check in, get settled, explore the land.

*Optional Friday afternoon activity*

4:00                      Welcome and Orientation    *Thomas Berry Hall*  
for those attending for the first time.

*Formal opening of the weekend gathering*

5:00                      In-gathering: Convene and Welcome    *Thomas Berry Hall*  
Jean MacGregor and Sharon Daloz Parks  
Shared visions: The Whidbey Institute and Curriculum for the Bioregion

Introductions

Nourishment at Chinook – Christyn Johnson

6:15                      Dinner    *Dining Room*

7:15                      Moving into the work    *Thomas Berry Hall*  
  
Small group conversations.

8:30-ish                      Closing with Marie Eaton

*Rest well*

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## Saturday

7:00                    Yoga with Karen Gaul                    *Thomas Berry Hall*  
                             Silent meditation                    *The Sanctuary*  
                             Conveners: Mike Gillespie and Kurt Hoelting

7:45                    Breakfast                    *Dining Room*

9:00                    Opening                    *Thomas Berry Hall*  
  
                             Reflective and contemplative practices in our courses:  
                             purposes and forms: Marie Eaton and Paul Wapner

10:15                    Pause

10:45                    Working conversations: developing or expanding  
                             reflective and contemplative practices in our courses.

12:10                    Feedback: 3-minute paper

12:30                    Lunch                    *Dining Room*

*Optional Saturday afternoon activities: In your folder, see the additional yellow agenda-sheet that describes the contributed concurrent activities on Saturday afternoon.*

1:45 – 3:45            Contributed Concurrent Sessions

4:00 – 5:00            Contributed Concurrent Sessions

5:15                    Fostering More Reflective Institutions                    *Thomas Berry Hall*

6:30                    Dinner                    *Dining Room*

8:00                    Evening gathering                    *Thomas Berry Hall*

                             “A Path of Hope and Sustainability: Rachel Carson as Inspiration”  
                             A presentation by Stephanie Kaza

9:15-ish                Hot cider, wine, and informal social time                    *Farmhouse*

## Sunday

7:00	Yoga with Karen Gaul	<i>Thomas Berry Hall</i>
	Silent meditation Conveners: Mike Gillespie and Kurt Hoelting	<i>The Sanctuary</i>
7:45	Breakfast	<i>Dining Room</i>
9:00	Opening	<i>Thomas Berry Hall</i>
	Contemplative Practice in Higher Education: Evolving Work Mike Gillespie and Jean MacGregor	
9:30	Workshop: developing our own inquiry and “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning” related to pedagogies of reflection and contemplation. Marie Eaton, Hope Corbin, and Jean MacGregor	
10:30	Pause	
11:00	Your feedback and our possible next steps: opportunities for continued community and collaboration.	
11:45	Closing Circle	<i>The Sanctuary</i>
1:00	Lunch	<i>Dining Room</i>

*Please check to make sure that you have any books or materials that you brought to share, and please leave us your nametag and your feedback form on the large table in the foyer. Thanks so much!*

*Safe Travels Home*

*“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.  
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”*

Arundhati Roy