

## JANE COMPSON

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### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

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**Current:**

Assistant Professor in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (Philosophy and Comparative Religion)  
University of Washington at Tacoma.

**Previous:**

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Religion and Humanities, at the University of Central Florida,  
since 2003.

Guest instructor, Bioethics, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, since 2009.

Colorado State University Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, 2001-2003.

International Fund for Animal Welfare, UK, Program Associate, Anti-Whaling Team, 1999-2001.

Centre for Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol, Research Assistant, 1999-2000

### EDUCATION

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**M.A. in Philosophy (Bioethics)**, Colorado State University, CO 2004

Thesis title: "Whose Pain, Which Morality? A Defense Of The Moral Considerability Of Animals Using A Coherence Model Of Ethical Justification."

Committee Members: Professor Holmes Rolston III, Professor Bernard Rollin, Dr Lynn Kesel.

**PhD in Comparative Religion**, University of Bristol, UK. 1998

Dissertation title: "A critical analysis of John Hick's pluralistic hypothesis in the light of the Buddha's attitude towards other teachings as demonstrated in the Pali Nikayas"

Supervisors: Dr Rupert Gethin, Dr. Gavin D'Costa.

**M. A. Religion in the Contemporary World**, University of Bristol, UK 1994

With Commendation. Thesis title: "A comparison of the concept of self in the early Buddhist discourses and in the work of Richard Rorty". Supervisors: Dr Rupert Gethin, Dr. Gavin D'Costa.

**B.A. (Hons) in English Literature, (First Class)**, University of Exeter, UK. 1992.

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Philosophy of Religion: particularly comparative religion and inter-religious dialogue.

Theravada Buddhism.

Applied Ethics: Bioethics (particularly medical ethics) Environmental Ethics, Animal Ethics  
Contemplative pedagogy and mindfulness practices.

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Religion and nature/environment  
Veterinary Ethics  
Ethical Theory

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Under review:

- “Meditation, Trauma and Suffering in Silence: Raising questions about how meditation is taught and practiced in Western contexts in the light of a contemporary trauma resiliency model.” Submitted to *Contemporary Buddhism*, October 2013.

### Forthcoming (accepted for publication)

- Monteiro, L., Musten, R. F., Compson, J. “Traditional and Contemporary Mindfulness: Finding the middle path in a tangle of concerns” *Mindfulness*

### Original work:

- “A Meeting of Minds in Cyberspace: Eco-contemplative Methods for Online Teaching”, Simner-Brown, Judith and Grace, Fran eds. *Meditation and the Classroom: Contemplative Pedagogy for Religious Studies*. New York: SUNY, 2011, 203-207.
- “Seeing Outranks Believing: Some Buddhist Reflections on Faith and Belief” in *Modern Believing*, 48:3 (2007): 50-59.
- “The Dalai Lama and the World Religions: A False Friend?” *Religious Studies*, 32.2 (1996) 271-279.
- “Why Buddhism Makes Sense” in Ian Markham’s *A World Religions Reader*. Oxford, Blackwell, 1996.

### Reviews:

- Book review, “*The Philosophy of the Daodejing*” by Hans-Georg Moeller, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 15.2 (2008): 200-203.
- Review Article of *Finding God in the Singing River* by Mark I Wallace, *Conversations in Religion & Theology*, 5.1 (2007): 42-54.
- Review Article of Merv Fowler’s *Zen Buddhism* in *Conversations in Religion and Theology*, 4. 2 (2006):197-204.
- Book Review of *Rethinking Religion* by Will Deming, *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 12.4 (2005) 61-63.
- Review Article of Don Cupitt’s *Is Nothing Sacred?*, *Conversations in Religion and Theology* 1.2 (2003) 142-157.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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- Presenter, “A Little Neuro-Education Goes a Long Way: The Community Resiliency Model and Re-Membering Mindfulness.”, American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle University, Seattle, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Presenter, “Mindful Learning: How Mindfulness Practices Can Enhance Teaching and Learning”, Florida Philosophical Association Teaching Symposium, Bethune Cookman College, Daytona, November 6 2010.
- Presenter, University of Central Florida Philosophy Colloquium, “Contemplative Education”, October 21 2010.
- Presenter, “Ecological Teaching: Using Contemplative Techniques in the Academic Classroom”, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Amsterdam July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009.
- Presenter, “Mindful and Contemplative Learning”, Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference.
- Presenter, “Intelligent Tinkering: The Practice of Mindfulness and the Ecology of the Mind”, International Society for the Study for Religion, Nature and Culture, Morelia, Mexico, January 19 2008.
- Presentation at AAR, San Diego Academic Study of Religion section: “Ecological Teaching: Using mindfulness to weaken the urge to consume.”, November 19 2007
- Presenter, public lecture on “Kerouac, The Beats and Buddhism”, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2007, UCF library.
- Presentation, “Ecology of Mind” American Academy of Religions, Washington, Nov 06
- Panelist, Symposium, Bioethics – Hindu and Buddhist Perspectives, November 2006, UCF Orlando.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **University of Washington at Tacoma**

TRELIG 321 Comparative Religion

TPHIL 456 Environmental Ethics

TPHIL 455 Biomedical Ethics

TIAS 504 Values in Action

- **University of Central Florida**

REL 3672 Animal Ethics (fully online, introduced to the curriculum)

REL 3340 Buddhist Thought (face-to-face and fully online, introduced to the curriculum);

PHI 3033 Philosophy, Religion and the Environment. (face-to-face and fully online);

REL 3700 Philosophy of Religion;

PHI 3670 Ethical Theory;

PHI 3640 Environmental Ethics;

PHI 3638 Ethical Issues in 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

REL 4180 Religion and Medicine (introduced to the curriculum)

REL 4180 Honors Seminar Religion and Medicine (introduced to the curriculum).

PHI 3930 Honors Seminar (team-taught) in Buddhism, Justice and Crime (introduced to the curriculum);

PHI/MHS 3930 Honors Seminar in Mindfulness: Practice and Theory – accepted to the curriculum to be taught Fall 2012.

2 independent study supervisions in comparative religion, 2 independent study supervisions in philosophy, religion and the environment.

- **Stetson University**

Indo-Tibetan Buddhism

- **Colorado State University**

1 semester lecturing “Issues in the Study of Religion”; 3 semesters assisting “Appreciation of Philosophy” (general ethics); 1 semester assisting “Veterinary Ethics”;

1 semester advising Independent Study student.

- **University of Bristol**

Undergraduate seminar, “The Sea of Faith”; Lecture course, “Critical Thinking and Argument Analysis”; Buddhist Studies seminar; Medical ethics seminar

## SERVICE

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### Professional Service

Member of Tacoma General Hospital Ethics Committee

Member of the Board of Directors, Altruism in Medicine Institute.

Representative of the University of Central Florida Philosophy Department on the organizing committee for Annual Bioethics Symposium with Orlando Health Spiritual Care department, UCF College of Medicine, and Hospice of the Comforter, 2008-present.

Peer Reviewer, Wellcome Trust (UK) Research Fellowship in Biomedical Ethics for Health Professionals and Scientists (2010, 2011)

Presenter, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bioethics Symposium: “A Child Shall Lead Them – Finding Our Way in Pediatric Palliative Care”, November 10, 2010.

Guest presenter, Orange TV television program on Spirituality and Aging, aired Spring 2010.

Guest speaker, Interfaith Council on Spirituality and Aging, Winter Park, FL, February 4 2010.

Presenter, 6<sup>th</sup> Bioethics Symposium on Death and Dying UCF, November 4 2009.

Guest speaker, Gandhi Jiyanti day of non-violence, UCF, October 2 2009.

Panelist, 5<sup>th</sup> Bioethics Symposium on End of Life, UCF, November 5 2008.

Panelist and presenter, UCF Campus and Community Sustainability Conference, October 21 2008.

Panelist and co-presenter, “The Role of Worldview in Educating for Environmental Sustainability”, UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2008.

- Organizer and moderator of workshop on “Neuroethics and the Ethical Implications of Augmented Cognition”, UCF Ethics Center Initiative, UCF Institute for Simulation & Training, and the Department of Philosophy Alan Ginsburg Fund, Orlando 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007.

Moderator, “Change Your Mind Day”, Orlando September 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

Instructor, Buddhist Thought, Elderhostel program, Stetson University, February 07

Guest speaker, DeLand Montessori School, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007

Session Chair, *Heresy, Blasphemy and Freedom of Speech*, UCF, January 07

Panelist and moderator, “Change Your Mind Day”, Orlando May 2006.

Reviewer (invited), to write reader’s report on proposed book: *The Two-Tiered Illusion of Self* by Miri Albahari, 2005.

### University Service

Work supervised:

- UWT MAIS Research and thesis advisor for graduate student Anna Theresa Johnson for her thesis project on animal ethics.

- UWT TESC 497 A Senior Thesis Directed Reading adviser for John Theiss.
- Faculty mentor UCF College of Medicine, Focused Individualized Research Experience, students Renata Shraybman and Alexa Rodriguez.
- Master's Thesis Committee Member for Niyatee Sukumaran, "Religion And Identity Formation: A Cross National Comparison of College Students in India & the USA", 2009-2010
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, for Psychology Student, Reyna Ecker, "Religiosity and Identity among Baptist, Methodist, and Catholic Congregants", Friday 19 November 2010.
- Chair, Honors in the Major Thesis, Jessica Fredeman, 2009-10.
- Co-chair and advisor, Honors in the Major Thesis, Stephanie Cato, "In Support of Lynn White: Rethinking Christian Theologies in the Light of the Ecological Crisis", 2006-7.

#### Committees and other service

- Search Committee member, IAS Environmental Science position, Fall 2013
- Interview Committee member, IAS Public Law and Human Rights position, Fall 2013
- UWT Master of Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies faculty steering group – 2012-13.
- Co-founded UWT faculty mindfulness interest group, On Mindfulness, Autumn 2012
- Selection Committee for new graduate students for MAIS program, May 2013.
- Arranged for Tacoma visit by Dr Barry Kerzin (lectures at UWT and Tacoma General Hospital, May 3-5 2013)
- Guest lecturer on Veterinary Ethics, UCF Pre-Veterinary Society, November 2 2011.
- Organized public seminar by Dr Barry Kerzin (physician to the Dalai Lama) on 'Cultivating a Peaceful Mind Through Meditation), Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- Guest faculty contributor/lecturer in medical ethics, UCF medical school, 2009-
- Judge, University Ethics Bowl, November 7 2009
- Moderator and judge, University Ethics Bowl, March 2008, November 2008.
- Leader and facilitator of Contemplative Education Faculty group, 2008-9.
- Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, UCF, 2003- present
- Ethics Center Committee, Department of Philosophy at UCF, 2005 - present.
- UCF Teaching Incentive Program Procedures and Criteria Committee, 2006.
- Boardman Foundation (environmental education foundation), member, 2003-2008

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

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UWT Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility Faculty Innovation Grant, \$2000, for project on Environmental Justice with Robin Evans-Agnew from Nursing.

UCF College of Arts and Humanities, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2010 \$5000 per annum.

UCF Teaching Incentive Program Award, 2009, \$2000.

UCF Faculty Development Summer Conference, Diversity Track, Orlando, May 2011, \$800.

UCF Faculty Development Winter Conference, Service-Learning Track, Orlando, December 2008, \$500.

2009 Grant for Innovative Teaching and Learning, University of Central Florida, November 2008, \$1000

UCF Faculty Development Summer Conference, Core Commitments Track, Orlando, Summer 2008, \$800.

UCF Faculty Development Winter Conference, Core Commitments Track, Orlando, Winter 2007, \$500.

UCF Faculty Development Summer Conference, Information Fluency Track, Orlando, Summer 2007, \$500.

UCF Faculty Development Winter Project, Information Fluency Track, Orlando, Winter 2006, \$500.

UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning: Course Innovation Project, Fall 2005, \$500.

UCF Faculty Development Summer Conference, Internationalizing Courses Project, April 2004, \$1000

UCF Course Development and Web Services: IDL 5643, Training to Teach Fully Online, \$2000

UCF Faculty Development Winter Project, Daytona Campus, Winter 2004, \$500.  
UCF Faculty Development Winter Conference: Collaborative Learning and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Project December 2003, \$1000.  
Colorado State University, Department of Philosophy, Full Teaching Assistantship, approx \$30,000, and all tuition.  
The British Academy: Full Four-Year Studentship for Masters and PhD Program, 1994-1998.  
Commendation for M.A., University of Bristol, 1994.  
Gamini Salgado Prize for Best Undergraduate Dissertation, University of Exeter, 1992.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Upaya Zen Center, "G.R.A.C.E. : Training in Compassion-Based Interactions in the Clinician-Patient Encounter, September 13-15, 2013.

Upaya Zen Center, "Zen Brain: Exploring Consciousness: Waking, Sleeping, Dreaming, Dying", February 7-10, 2013.

Upaya Zen Center, Chaplaincy Training Program, March 2010-March 2012. Received Lay Ordination March 2012.

Mindful Communication: Bringing Intention, Attention and Reflection to Clinical Practice, October 19-22 2011, Rochester NY (through University of Rochester Medical School).

Trauma Resource Institute Trauma Resiliency Model, Levels I (March 2011) and II (August 2011), Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction – Nine Day Practicum, Worcester, MA, January 8-17, 2010

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction in Mind-Body Medicine – Seven Day Residential Training Retreat, May 29 - June 5 2009, Rhinebeck, NY.

The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, Association for the Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Summer Session on Contemplative Curriculum Development, Smith College, Northampton, MA, August 3-8, 2008.

The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society Retreat for Academics, Phonecia, NY, March 6-9 2008.

New England Educational Institute Symposium, "Mindfulness, Radical Acceptance and Willingness", with Dr Marsha Linehan, July 23 - 27, 2007, Cape Cod, MA. 15 CE credits

Mind and Life XV, Emory University, "Mindfulness, Compassion and the Treatment of Depression" with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2007, 9-5pm. 5 CE credits

Florida Master Naturalist Program: Coastal Systems Module, November 2005  
Wetlands Module, March 2006