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NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE -

INVESTIGATING CONSCIOUSNESS: BUDDHIST AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES

Dates:

May 21 - June 2, 2012 (two weeks)

Location:

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Application Deadline:

March 1, 2012

Directors:

Christian Coseru, Jay Garfield, Evan Thompson

Faculty:

Miri Albahari, Dan Arnold, Katalin Balog, David Chalmers, Shaun Gallagher, Jonardon Ganeri, Uriah Kriegel, Shaun Nichols, Alva Noë, Mark Siderits, Susanna Siegel, Charles Siewert, William Waldron, Dan Zahavi

We invite you to apply to our NEH Summer Institute, "Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives."

Consciousness Studies is central to philosophy, religious studies and cognitive neuroscience. It has also been a focus for productive cross-cultural research drawing together scholars from the Euro-American and Buddhist philosophical traditions. The recent flourishing of the study of consciousness in the West has been so productive because it draws on such diverse philosophical and psychological roots, from phenomenology to semantics to neurophysiology. The nascent interaction with the Indian and Tibetan Buddhist tradition, a tradition as old, and as sophisticated as the European tradition, and just as vigorous today, is contributing further new ideas to the philosophical study of consciousness. This NEH Summer Institute addresses this cross-cultural philosophical dialogue.

Some of the world's foremost philosophers of mind, phenomenologists, philosophers of cognitive science, and specialists in Indian and Buddhist philosophy will participate as institute faculty. Early career scholars are particularly encouraged to apply. We welcome applications from scholars working on topics in the philosophy of mind, from any tradition and period, in particular those working primarily in the Western tradition who are interested in what the Buddhist tradition might have to offer, as well as those interested most specifically in Indian and Buddhist philosophy, who wish to engage with contemporary conversations in Western philosophy of mind, cognitive science and phenomenology. We hope to attract participants representing a wide variety of subdisciplines of philosophy, cognitive science and religious studies, and who take a wide range of approaches to this topic. We also encourage applications from graduate students currently writing dissertations on topics in these areas.

The NEH provides \$2,100 as a taxable stipend to each person chosen to

participate in this Summer Institute. Stipends are intended to help cover travel expenses to and from the project location, books and other research expenses, and living expenses for the duration of the period spent in residence.

For details about the project, directors and faculty profiles, and the application guidelines, please check the institute website:

<http://coseruc.people.cofc.edu/investigatingconsciousness/>

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