



FOX INSTITUTE

for Creation Spirituality

HIGHER EDUCATION

that enlivens your mind, body and spirit and
nourishes your work in the world.

OFFERING:
CERTIFICATES
MASTER'S DEGREES
DOCTORAL DEGREES

Program concentrations in:

SACRED ACTIVISM | GENDER PERSPECTIVES | SPIRITUAL DIRECTION | ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE | COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP | INTERGENERATIONAL WISDOM

CREATION SPIRITUALITY DEFINED:

Honoring all of creation as Original Blessing, Creation Spirituality integrates the wisdom of Eastern and Western spirituality and global indigenous cultures, with the emerging scientific understanding of the universe and the passion of creativity. It is both a tradition and a movement, celebrated by mystics and agents of social change from every age and culture.



The Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality (FICS) is a school approved by the Colorado Department of Higher Education to operate as a religious school/seminary. The school offers certificates, master's degrees and doctoral degrees and uses a holistic pedagogy first articulated by internationally renowned theologian, Rev. Matthew Fox, Ph.D.

FICS is a non-profit educational organization, employing trained, credentialed professors and staff. It offers in-person classes in Colorado, across the U.S. and internationally, and in 2018, will offer online classes. Classes are held in one-week segments with most students traveling from out of state and lodging at nearby hotels and B&Bs during their educational stay. The school will provide administrative services and host two to four classes per month in its Boulder, Colorado facility.

VISION:

A diverse community of learning, grounded in the principles and practices of Creation Spirituality where all are inspired to claim their prophetic imagination and artistic creativity to foster an abundant life for all of Creation.



The Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality:

- Provides transformative graduate and continuing education guided by the principles of Creation Spirituality and grounded in the wisdom traditions of faith and science;
- Offers an innovative, holistic pedagogy that engages mind, body and spirit—unleashing human capacity for creativity, joy, justice and compassion;
- Promotes the education of spiritual practices and principles that support interconnectedness, ecological awareness and sustainable living;
- Prepares and propels individuals to be joyful spiritual leaders in their respective communities and professions, and to be activists for peace and healing for our planet and all of life; and
- Supports the purposes and missions of Creation Spirituality Communities and the Matthew Fox Legacy Project.





ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

The Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality offers program paths to earn certificates, master's degrees and doctoral degrees with a variety of concentrations.

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Creation Spirituality
Certificate in Creation Spirituality Leadership

MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Spirituality
Master of Spirituality and Community Leadership
Master of Spirituality and Intergenerational Wisdom
Master of Spirituality and Sacred Activism
Master of Spirituality and Ecological Justice
Master of Spirituality and Gender Perspectives
Master of Spirituality and Spiritual Direction

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Ministry
Doctor of Spirituality



A SAMPLING OF SEMINARS

At FICS a depth and breadth of classes are offered by internationally known teachers as well as emerging new voices in science, social activism and spiritual leadership.

THE EMERGING NEW COSMOLOGY

JEWISH MYSTICISM AND RABBI ZALMAN SCHACHTER

MYSTICS EAST AND WEST

REINVENTION OF WORK, LEADERSHIP, AND CULTURE

GREEN MYSTICS: AQUINAS, ECKHART AND HILDEGARD

RITUAL-MAKING AND WORSHIP

MIND, MEDITATION AND MYSTICAL PRACTICES

DEEP ECOLOGY AND THEOLOGY OF THE LAND

DISCERNING THE FIRE OF VOCATION

RITUALS AND RITES OF PASSAGE

THEOLOGY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

ENGAGING POVERTY

VOICES FOR CHANGE: KING, THURMAN AND GANDHI

SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY

INDIGENOUS WISDOM

DEEP ECUMENISM

THE INCLUSIVE NEW MONASTICISM

THE VOICES OF WOMEN AS SPIRITUAL LEADERS

SPIRITUAL CARE OF COMMUNITY

DRAWING WISDOM FROM THE WELL OF THE SACRED TEXTS

NEW ARCHETYPES FOR MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY AND LEADERSHIP

THE SACRED MASCULINE AND THE DIVINE FEMININE

INTERNATIONAL CLASSES: ECKHART IN GERMANY AND THE BEGUINES IN BELGIUM





FICS PROGRAMS

•• The programs at FICS are innovative, holistic and affordable.

Week-long academic classes allow students to create their own pace in completing the program. Since students come to FICS from a variety of disciplines, their work and study communities cross-pollinate—strengthening both FICS and their work.

The fee for each week-long course is \$1750. Ten courses and a dissertation are required for a doctoral degree, and 14 classes and a thesis/practicum are required for a master's degree. Total degree costs are estimated at \$20,000 for a doctorate and \$27,000 for a master's degree.

The pedagogy for teaching spirituality as articulated by Matthew Fox is one that steps out of the dominant Western model to include both left and right hemispheres of the brain, intellect and intuition and mind, body and spirit—an awakening of mystic and prophet in students.

As such, art as meditation is an important part of the pedagogy of FICS. Two and a half hours every afternoon students have the opportunity to engage their right brains and sink into their creativity, into their bodies, and let the seminar material take root in a very organic way.

“To allow creativity its appropriate place in our lives and our culture, our education and our family relationships, is to allow healing to happen at a profound level. The intimacy of creativity corresponds to the mystical experience itself.”

Matthew Fox, Creativity: Where the Divine and Human Meet (2004)

A sampling of art as meditation classes:

TAI CHI

THE EMBODIED LORD'S PRAYER,
QIGONG, AND ART

HAIKU POETRY

WALKING AND KNOWING THE LAND

THE SACRED SOUND OF CHANT

CREATIVE JOURNALING

CLAYWORK

DANCE AND BODY PRAYER

MASK-MAKING

GLOBAL IMPACT

After completing graduate education in Creation Spirituality, students accomplish amazing things, ranging from innovative justice work, international sustainability efforts, starting co-ops on Native American Indian reservations, to authoring books and renewing forms of worship. The following are just a few examples of what kind of impact this education has in the world:

•• BERNARD AMADEI

University of Colorado professor and engineer, Bernard Amadei started Engineers Without Borders (EWB) after attending University of Creation Spirituality (UCS). EWB now has over 16,000 members. Its first mission was to install water pumps in San Pablo, Belize—and today over 400 projects are in process in 45 countries, and over 225 university and professional chapters exist in the U.S. alone. Dr. Amadei was three classes shy of completing his Doctor of Ministry and plans to complete his degree at FICS.

•• PAT WAAK

Pat Waak served three terms as Chair of the Colorado Democratic Committee and currently spearheads Colorado Women's Leadership Circles of Influence. She credits her Doctor of Ministry in Creation Spirituality as helping her solidify her core beliefs and attaining the tools necessary to act on her commitments in public service.

•• MEL DUNCAN

A UCS graduate, Mel Duncan started the Nonviolent Peaceforce, an organization that professionally trains civilian peacekeeping forces from around the world. This group has proven effective in such hot spots as Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Romania and Guatemala. Its purpose is to enter conflict zones to protect local civilians from harm and help create space for resolution and reduce or prevent further violence.



GLOBAL IMPACT

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• SISTER DOROTHY STANG

After returning to the Amazon rainforest upon graduating from UCS, Sister Dorothy Stang was a leader among her peasant people in standing up to privileged land owners on behalf of rural workers and in defending the Amazon rainforest. Unfortunately, she was murdered on a muddy road in the forest by hired henchmen (now in jail) for her heroic work and leadership among her peoples. Sister Dorothy regularly wrote the UCS staff of how her Creation Spirituality education gave her the courage to do her work and remain in the face of many death threats.

• REV. JACOB WATSON

UCS Doctor of Ministry graduate Rev. Jacob Watson returned home to Maine after completing his studies and started the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine – now one of two Creation Spirituality-inspired Chaplaincy Institutes.

• DIANE WOLVERTON

UCS Doctor of Ministry graduate and former State Director for Small Business Development at University of Wyoming, started CSource, “Resources for the Creation Spirituality Movement.” She then leveraged her passion for the reinvention of economic systems and co-founded The Local Crowd, a community-based crowdfunding platform that uses technology to ignite the spirit of sharing, caring and trust within rural U.S. communities.

• CAROLINE MYSS

From her Creation Spirituality education at ICCS in Chicago, Caroline Myss has contributed so much inspiration in her career as healer, workshop leader and author including her *New York Times* Best Selling *Anatomy of the Spirit, Why People Don't Heal, Sacred Contracts* and other books including *Entering the Castle* and *Defy Gravity*.

• CLERGY

Many Creation Spirituality educated clergy, such as REV. BARRY BLOOM in Golden, CO, REV. MARY REAMAN in Dayton OH, REV. SID HALL in Austin, TX and REV. GAIL RANSOM in Pittsburgh, PA have brought the tradition and creative practices to their church communities.



KEY LEADERSHIP

•• **Susan Coppage Evans, D. Min.**, is serving as the president and a board member of the Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality. She holds a Master of Counseling degree from University of Louisville and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of Creation Spirituality. Dr. Evans was a psychotherapist before serving as an executive in psychiatric hospitals. She co-founded Eating Recovery Center in 2008, which is now the nation's largest and most comprehensive hospital system for the treatment of anorexia and bulimia with over 1100 employees. She continues to impact national psychiatric healthcare systems, bringing her Creation Spirituality-inspired leadership to work with private equity acquisitions and advocating for a mind-body-spirit approach to healthcare and healthcare facilities. Dr. Evans has a passion for developing administrative structures that foster the sustainability of organizations – and their ability to offer health and healing. She initiated the formation of Creation Spirituality Communities (CSC) in 2006 and was ordained by CSC in 2016. She has hosted retreats nationally and internationally through her company, Wholehearted, Inc. Dr. Evans feels honored to further Matthew Fox's legacy by working with him and others to offer transformative education at Fox Institute in her home state of Colorado.



•• **Matthew Fox, Ph.D.** is serving as mentor, spokesperson and professor for FICS. Rev. Dr. Fox is an internationally acclaimed theologian who was a member of the Dominican Order for 34 years and is now an Episcopal priest. He holds a doctorate, summa cum laude, in the History and Theology of Spirituality from the Institut Catholique de Paris. He has authored more than 33 books that have been translated into 63 languages. In 1976 Matthew Fox founded the Institute in Culture and Creation Spirituality at Mundelein College in Chicago, IL. His innovative pedagogy and emphasis on original blessing brought spirituality back into religious education and inspired students in their compassionate action and prophetic leadership. The Institute outgrew Mundelein after seven years and then Rev. Fox moved it to Holy Names College in Oakland, CA where again it thrived. Rev. Fox started his own university in 1996 called the University of Creation Spirituality in Oakland, CA where he was president and professor until 2005. The university's emphasis on the "priesthood of all workers" drew students to the Doctor of Ministry program from all areas of professional life, including scientists, artists, counselors, physicians, business professionals and clergy. Since then Rev. Fox has created innovative youth programs, responded to international invitations to teach and has worked with former students to offer new forms of worship and education.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

•• Marvin Lee Anderson

Marvin Lee Anderson holds a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology. He also holds an M.A. in Religious Studies from Mundelein College, Chicago where he studied Creation Spirituality in Matthew Fox's first graduate program. Dr. Anderson is a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies at the University of Toronto, unearthing the influence of late medieval German mysticism on the Reformation. Dr. Anderson has taught rural ministry for numerous theological faculties and seminaries in both Canada and the U.S. and is a consultant on congregational renewal and community development. He lives in Toronto, Canada.

•• J. Melvin Bricker

J. Melvin Bricker holds a D. Min. from the Ecumenical Theological School, an M.A. from Holy Names College in Culture and Creation Spirituality and an S.T.B. from Boston University of Theology. Rev. Dr. Bricker served nearly thirty years as a United Methodist minister in west Michigan, where he was active in addressing World Hunger issues. He was the Academic Dean and Co-Director of the University of Creation Spirituality (UCS) in Oakland, CA, from 2001-2006. Rev. Dr. Bricker is a founding Board member of Creation Spirituality Communities (CSC). He lives in Walnut Creek, CA.

•• Ann Dean

Ann Dean is an ordained minister in the radical community of the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C. Rev. Dean was the founder and pastor of the ecumenical Church of the Servant Jesus until 2004. She is an internationally-recognized leader of conferences and retreats. Rev. Dean has dedicated her life to designing and leading programs for mentoring contemplative leaders and creating authentic communities committed to Earth care and social justice. She is currently the Program Director at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation and a member of the Dayspring Retreat Mission Group. Rev. Dean completed most of her D. Min. at UCS and looks forward to completing her degree at Fox Institute. She lives in Potomac, MD.

•• Theodore Richards

Theodore Richards is a novelist, activist and religious philosopher. He holds a Ph.D. from Wisdom University and a Masters from California Institute of Integral Studies. Dr. Richards is the author of numerous books and the recipient of several literary awards, including two Independent Publisher Awards, the Nautilus Book Awards Gold Medal, and the USA Book Award. He is the editor of *Re-Imagining: Education, Culture, World* and the founder and director of The Chicago Wisdom Project. Dr. Richards is core faculty of FICS, heading the Sacred Activism and Ecological Spirituality concentrations. He lives in Chicago, IL.





HOW TO DONATE

There is no better time for the Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality to emerge with its programs of sacred activism, environmental justice and spiritual grounding. Our culture is ripe for education that awakens compassion, and challenges sleepy conventions. Humanity needs a community of diverse students and teachers who can imagine a sustainable future for ALL of life, and then work together toward that future.

Please help us make that a reality. We need to raise substantial start-up funds in order to be ready to offer classes in May 2017. We have created a budget that allows the school to be self-sustaining by the end of year two, but we need your help to get there. The Fox Institute for Creation Spirituality has received a resounding and joyful “YES, NOW!” by so many supporters and we have received hundreds of inquiries into our programs.



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