The Buddha encouraged us to transform greed into generosity, ill will into loving-kindness, and delusion into wisdom. Today we also have to address their collective versions: our economic system institutionalizes greed, militarism institutionalizes ill will, and the media institutionalize delusion. Any personal awakening we may have on our cushions remains incomplete until it is supplemented by a social and ecological awakening that responds to these institutional causes of widespread suffering.

~ David Loy, Ph.D.

Duquesne University and the Department of Psychology are pleased to be hosting an extraordinary scholar and advocate for personal/social/ecological justice and transformation: the philosopher, social critic, Zen teacher, and award winning author David R. Loy, Ph.D. Steeped in Buddhist psychology/philosophy and continental philosophy (from phenomenology to deconstructionism), and in experientially-grounded Zen practice, Dr. Loy is a prolific scholar and a lively, evocative, and inspiring presenter. His work is a profound and heartening response to today’s key psychological, socio-cultural, and spiritual challenges, especially our current ecological crisis and the need for interreligious collaboration. His time at Duquesne will be devoted to helping students and faculty bring their own work to bear on the ethical call inherent in these timely and crucial concerns. Dr. Loy’s visit is being supported by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts Grant Events. More information about Dr. Loy and his work can be found at http://www.davidloy.org.

Thursday, March 26, 3:00-4:30, Fischer Hall 719
A lecture/discussion open to the whole university community.

Why Buddhism and the (Post)Modern World Need Each Other
The highest ideal of the Western tradition has been to restructure our societies so that they are more socially just. The most important goal for Buddhism is to awaken and (to use the Zen phrase) realize one's true nature, which puts an end to the problematic delusion of a separate self. Today it has become evident that we need both: not just because these ideals complement each other, but because each project needs the other.

Friday, March 27, 3:00-6:00, College Hall 449
An in depth colloquium open to graduate students and faculty from any discipline. Although registration is not required, please let Ms. Marilyn Henline know if you’re planning on attending: henline@duq.edu; 412-396-6520
**Buddhism and Christianity on the ecological challenge—The ecological challenge to Buddhism and Christianity**

How can Buddhism and Christianity help us understand and respond to the ecological crisis? And what does that crisis imply about how we understand and practice Buddhist and Christian teachings? The eco-crisis seems to be the greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced; is it also the greatest challenge ever to our religious traditions?

**Saturday, March 28, College Hall 449**

An experiential meditation retreat, including talks by and conversation with Dr. Loy, open by reservation to graduate students and faculty from any discipline. Please make reservations through Ms. Marilyn Henline, Department of Psychology, henline@duq.edu, 412-396-6520.

**The Self and its Lack: A Meditation Retreat**

According to Buddhism, our sense of being separate from the rest of the world is delusive and the root cause of our inability to be happy. In modern terms, the sense of self, being an ungrounded and therefore insecure construct, is haunted by a sense of lack. Since we usually do not understand the source of our discomfort, we often try to resolve it in ways that just make things worse. Why do we never seem to have enough money, fame, time? Money and fame become a kind of symbolic reality with which we try to full up our sense of lack. We are obsessed with the future because that is when we believe our lack will be resolved. Our meditation retreat will explore these key concerns by way of experiential meditation practice, talks by Dr. Loy, and conversations with him and among all participants.

**Monday & Tuesday, March 30-31:** Separate from the NEH events, Dr. Loy will participate in the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Symposium, “Experiencing Disaster.”

Questions regarding Dr. Loy’s visit to Duquesne University may be directed to Will W. Adams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, adamsw@duq.edu