

Learning & Thinking Workshop: Journey of the Universe

Agenda

Friday night:

- 5:00-5:30 PM: DINNER
- 5:30-5:45 PM: Introduction to the theme of the weekend
- 5:45-6:00 PM: **Why write a book on the JOTU?:
TEDx Talk video with Mary Evelyn Tucker**
[Origin of the book/film of JOTU/Influence of Thomas Berry]
- 6:00-7:00 PM: **DVD: Journey of the Universe (JOTU)**
- 7:00-7:30 PM: Break-out Groups: Discuss Questions from the film
- 7:30-8:00 PM: Whole Group: Share responses to questions
- 8:50-9:00 PM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment
Jim Trifone

Saturday:

- 9:00-10:00 AM: **Mary Evelyn Tucker**
Q & A: JOTU
- 10:00-10:30 AM **JOTU: Learning, Living and Dying**
Interview with Terry Deacon
[The evolution of the brain is a story of adaptation, consciousness, and responsiveness that begins with single celled organisms and continues through the vertebrates. Here Deacon compares the adaptive brains of humans, chimpanzees and our many evolutionary ancestors]
- 10:30-10:50 AM: Dialogue Groups of 5

- 10:50-11:15 AM: Reconvene and Share with Whole Group
- 11:15-11:45 AM: **JOTU Conversations DVD: Becoming A Planetary Presence: Interview with Cynthia Brown**
 [How can “Big History” be used to describe the formation of the universe in terms of “thresholds.”?]
- 11:45-12:10 AM: Dialogue Groups of 5
- 12:10-12:30 AM: Reconvene and Share with Whole Group
- 12:30-1:30 PM: Lunch
- 1:30-1:45 PM: **Indigenous Story: Robin Moore**
- 1:45-2:15 PM **JOTU: Indigenous Ways of Knowing Interview with David Begay**
 [Discusses the Navajo ways of knowing and describes a worldview that is place-based, emphasizing kinship and connection which ultimately orients the human within an interrelated and unified Cosmos]
- 2:15-3:15 PM: **The Shaman: Patterns of Religious Healing in the Ecozoic Era: Lecture Presentation by John Grim**
 Group Response to Questions with John Grim
- 3:20-3:50 PM Dialogue Groups of 8
- 3:50-4:30 PM: **JOTU Conversations: Teaching Journey of the Universe Interview with Tom Collins**
 [Discusses how learning the Universe story has allowed high school and college students to experience an expanded sense of self and to transform despair into a sense of hope and empowerment]
- 4:30-4:45 PM Closing Remarks: Jim Trifone
- 4:45-5:00 PM Meditative Exercise and Adjournment