

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

Acting Chair & Associate Professor: Department of Psychology,
University of West Georgia

ACADEMIC DEGREES

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
Ph.D., Psychology	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA	2000
M.A., Psychology	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA	1993
M.S., Computer Science	University of Delaware, Newark	1988
B.A., Economics	University of Texas, Austin	1980

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Carmi Harari Early/Mid Career Award for Inquiry, Society for Humanistic Psychology/Division 32, American Psychological Association, 2009
COAS (College of Arts & Sciences) Excellence in Teaching Award, UWG, 2007-2008
Travel Grant, The Pulse of Death Now Conference, Columbia University, March, 2008
APA Nominee for Mental Health Professional Delegation to China and Tibet, People to People Ambassador Programs, September, 2007
Workshop Grant, Center for the Advancement of Contemplative Education, Naropa University, Boulder, Colorado, August, 2007
Marquis Who's Who of America, 2007
Asian Studies Development Program/NEH Summer Institute on Japanese Culture, Research Grant, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 2002

Asian Studies Development Program/NEH Regional Workshop Grant, Nashville, TN, 2002
 New Teacher's Workshop, Society for Values in Higher Education, Portland, Oregon, 1998
 Teaching Fellowship, Duquesne University, 1996-1997
 McAnulty School of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Scholarship, Duquesne University, 1992-1995
 Cognitive Science Research Assistant, University of Delaware, 1988-1991
 Research Assistantship, University of Delaware, 1986-1988
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1980
 Magna Cum Laude, 1980

TEACHING POSITIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Institution and Department</u>
2008-present	Acting Chair & Associate Professor	University of West Georgia, Psychology
2003-2008	Assistant Professor	University of West Georgia, Psychology
2001-2003	Full-time Instructor	State University of West Georgia, Psychology
1997-1998	Adjunct Faculty	Duquesne University, Psychology
1995-1997	Teaching Fellow	Duquesne University, Psychology
1993-1994	Teaching Assistant	Duquesne University, Psychology
1983-1984	Research Assistant	University of Delaware, Computer Science

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
1998-2000	<i>Bereavement Counselor</i> (volunteer), Forbes Hospice I designed and facilitated an educational support group. I also co-facilitated an ongoing bereavement support group for adult children bereaved of a parent.
1995-1996	<i>Psychotherapist</i> (part time), Ielase Institute for Forensic Psychology, Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Program.
1993-1995	<i>Therapist/Intern</i> , Ielase Institute for Forensic Psychology, Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Program. I maintained a caseload of 17 clients with weekly appointments and participated in weekly group consultations.
1994-1995	<i>Consultation Group Leader</i> , Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. I conducted group supervision with 1 st year doctoral students.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Introduction to General Psychology
 Abnormal Psychology
 Social Psychology
 Explorations into Creativity
 Eastern and Transpersonal Psychologies
 Making Decisions (interdisciplinary course)
 Adolescent and Adult Development (Duquesne University only)
 University 101 (Duquesne University only)

Graduate

Development, Transformation, and Change (doctoral)
 Buddhist Psychology
 Buddhist Psychology Tutorial: Psychology of Meditation
 Psychology of Loss (New Course)
 Psychology of Loss Tutorial: Bereavement Groups
 Human Growth and Potential
 Explorations into Creativity
 Research Methods
 Therapy Practicum
 Methods for Cognitive Science (University of Delaware only)

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Professional Memberships

American Psychological Association
 American Philosophical Association
 Association of Humanistic Psychology
 Association for Transpersonal Psychology
 International Network on Personal Meaning
 Association for Asian Studies
 Institute of Noetic Sciences
 Society for Values in Higher Education
 The Ayurvedic Institute

Manuscripts in Preparation

Pope, A. & Jones, D. (in preparation). *Prajnaparamita: Contemporary Perspectives on the Buddhist Wisdom Teachings*. Intended edited book.

Pope, A. (in preparation). Logic of the heart: Integrating Buddhist and Western developmental psychologies. Intended book chapter.

Pope, A. (in preparation). Buddhism as a Western metapsychology. Intended journal article.

Pope, A. (in preparation). Chronic illness and personal transformation: An empirical phenomenological study. Intended journal article.

Pope, A. (in preparation). Deep altruism in Indo-Tibetan philosophy and midlife development. Intended journal article.

Pope, A. (in preparation). Re-visioning the medical model for psychology through consideration of the Buddha as physician. Intended journal article.

Manuscripts Under Review

Pope, A. Learning to see: Psychospiritual transformation in the writings of Alan Watts. In P. J. Columbus & D. L. Rice (Eds.), *Alan Watts: Contributions to psychology, philosophy, and religion*. Albany: SUNY Press.

Pope, A. Buddhist Reflections on Life and Death: A Personal Memoir, In N. Bauer-Maglin & D. Perry (Eds.), *Exit freely: Men and women write about death and choice*, Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Published Book

Pope, A. (2006). *From child to elder: Personal transformation in becoming an orphan at midlife*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.

Book chapter

Pope, A. (2007). Existential implications of becoming an orphan at midlife. In P. T. P. Wong, L. C. J. Wong, M. J. McDonald, D. W. Klassen (Eds.), *The Positive Psychology of Meaning & Spirituality: Selected Papers from Meaning Conferences*. Abbotsford, BC, Canada: INPM Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

Pope, A. (2008). Metabolics in the light of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism. *Janus*

Head, 10(2), 531-549.

- Pope, A. (2007). "Is there a difference?": Iconic images of suffering in Buddhism and Christianity. *Janus Head*, 10(1), 247-260.
- Pope, A. (2007). Hierarchy and healing: Spiritual authority in Tibetan Buddhism, *Journal of Ethics in Leadership*, 2(2), 90-104.
- Pope, A. (2006). The house of being still stands: Nuclear holocaust and human meaning. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 46(3), 303-322.
- Pope, A. (2005). Personal transformation in midlife orphanhood: An empirical phenomenological study. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 51(2), 107-123.
- Pope, A. (2003). Intimacy and integrity: Toward bridging cultural and psychological discourse. *East-West Connections: Review of Asian Studies*, 3(1), 113-123.
- Pope, A. (1999). The elderly in modern society: A cultural psychological reading. *Janus Head*, 1(3), 223-232.
- Carberry, S. & Pope, W.A. (1993). Plan recognition strategies for language understanding. *International Journal of Man-Machine Studies*, 39, 529-577.

Technical report

- Pope, W.A. & Carberry, S. (1991). Toward recognizing and responding to novel plans. *University of Delaware Technical Report*, Newark, DE.

Book reviews

- Pope, A. (2006). Learning qualitative research methods through example (Book review article). *Janus Head*, 9(1), 246-250.
- Pope, A. (2005). Buddhist practice on Western ground (Book review article). *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology*, 37(2), 189-192.
- Pope, A. (2005). The crucifixion through a lens sharply (Book review article). *Janus Head*, 8(2), 643-647.
- Pope, A. (2004). A passionate embrace with thought itself (Book review article). *Janus Head*, 7(2), 510-515.

Magazine articles

Wickell, D. & Pope, A. (2006, Spring/Summer). The “Dixie Dharma Tour” Of Florida & Georgia, *Pema Mandala Magazine*, 20-21.

Pope, A. (2005, Spring/Summer). Stepping into the light: My path to the dharma. *Pema Mandala Magazine*, 16-18.

Upcoming Invited Conference Presentations

Pope, A. (2009, August). *The Nature of Psychospiritual Transformation*. Carmi Harari Early/Mid Career Award Address, Division 32, of the 117th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, ON.

Invited Workshops

Pope, A. (2008, August). *Experiencing Joy as Our Natural State: A Workshop on Buddhist Meditation Practices*. Workshop presented at the 2nd Annual Conference of the Society of Humanistic Psychology, a Division 32 pre-conference of the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Papers Presented at Refereed Conferences

Pope, A. (2008, August). *Modern materialism through the lens of Indo-Tibetan Buddhism*. Paper presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, Boston, MA.

Pope, A. (2008, August). *What the Western Psychotherapist Can Learn From Tibetan Buddhism*. Paper presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 29, Boston, MA.

Pope, A. (2008, March). *The influence of Buddhism in Western death attitudes*. Paper presented at The Pulse of Death Now Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.

Pope, A. (2007, August). *Metabolics Reconsidered in the Light of Mahayana Buddhism*. Paper presented at the 115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 24, San Francisco, CA.

Pope, A. (2007, August). *Being transformed by the death of a loved one*. Presentation, Division 32 hospitality suite, the 115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Pope, A. (2007, June). *Metabolics and Mahayana Buddhism: A comparison of methods*.

Paper presented at the 26th Annual International Human Science Research Conference, Trento, Italy.

- Pope, A. (2007, April). *Integrating developmental psychology with the Diamond Sutra*. Paper presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Pope, A. (2006, August). *Deep altruism in Mahayana philosophy and midlife development*. Paper presented at the 114th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, New Orleans, LA
- Pope, A. (2006, August). *Re-visioning the medical model for psychology through consideration of the Buddha as physician*. Paper presented at the 114th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, New Orleans, LA.
- Pope, A. (2006, August). *The hermeneutic circle as paradigm for psychospiritual transformation*. Paper presented at the 25th Annual International Human Science Research Conference, Pleasant Hill, CA.
- Pope, A. (2005, August). *Chronic illness and personal transformation: An empirical phenomenological study*. Paper presented at the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, Washington, D.C.
- Pope, A. (2005, August). *Buddhism as a Western metapsychology*. Poster session presented at the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 24, Washington, D.C.
- Pope, A. (2005, June). "Is there a difference?" *Iconic images of suffering in Buddhism and Christianity*. Paper presented at the 7th International Buddhist-Christian Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Pope, A. (2004, October). *Empty self, full person: The Heart Sutra, Nagarjuna's dialectic, and Western psychological health*. Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Minneapolis, MN.
- Pope, A. (2004, July). *Personal transformation in midlife orphanhood: An empirical phenomenological study*. Paper presented at the 3rd Biannual Conference on Human Meaning, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- Pope, A. (2004, June). *The transformative impact of midlife orphanhood*. Paper Presented at the 3rd Annual Hawai'i International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI.

- Pope, A. (2004, January). *The house of Being still stands: Nuclear holocaust and human meaning*. Paper presented as part of the President's Panel at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- Pope, A. (2003, January). *Intimacy and integrity: Bridging cultural and psychological discourse*. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- Pope, A. (2002, March). *Applying Buddhist thought toward a revisionist psychology*. Paper presented at the Asian Studies Development Program National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Pope, A. (2002, January). *Logic of the heart: Psychological reflections on the Diamond Sutra*. Paper presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Pope, A. (1998, September). *Spirit and soul in the therapeutic relationship*. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Counseling and Spirituality Conference, Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Pope, A. (1994, June). *The elderly in modern society: A cultural psychological reading*. Paper presented at the 13th International Human Science Research Conference, Hartford, Connecticut.

Symposia organized

- The significance of confronting death for living life*. Hospitality suite presentation organized and chaired for the 115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division, 32, San Francisco, CA, August, 2007.
- Re-visioning altruism as central to human existence*. Symposium organized and chaired for the 114th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, New Orleans, LA, August, 2006.
- Personal transformation through suffering*. Symposium organized and chaired for the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 32, Washington, D.C., August, 2005.

Invited Participation in Summits

- Existential Summit for the International Network on Human Meaning, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, July, 2004.

Editorship

Editorial Board, *Janus Head: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature,
Continental Philosophy, and the Arts*