

## Short Curriculum Vitae: DOUGLAS ALLEN

Professor of Philosophy, The University of Maine, 1974-2020

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### Education

Yale University (1959-1963) B.A. Philosophy; Banaras Hindu University (1963-1964) Indian Philosophy; Vanderbilt University (1964-1967) M.A. Philosophy and (1971) Ph.D. Philosophy

### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi; Comparative Philosophy and Religion; Phenomenology (especially Phenomenology of Religion, Symbolism, Myth); Mircea Eliade; Asian Philosophy and Religion (especially Hinduism and Buddhism); Political Philosophy (especially the Philosophy of Karl Marx)

### Teaching/University Experience

Banaras Hindu University (1963-1964), Fulbright Instructor; Southern Illinois Univ (1967-1972) Instructor, Assistant Prof.; Vanderbilt Univ (1972-1973) Visiting Assistant Prof.; Central Connecticut State (1973-1974) Assistant Prof.; Visiting Prof. positions, mainly in India, some listed under **Honors**. The University of Maine (1974-2020) Assistant Prof., Associate Prof., Full Prof. (1981-2020), Graduate Faculty, Chairperson of Phil. (1979-1982, 1998-2003), Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy (Sept. 2020-)

### Books (selection from 16 books)

*Structure and Creativity in Religion: Hermeneutics in Mircea Eliade's Phenomenology and New Directions*. The Hague, Paris, and New York: Mouton Publishers, 1978, xviii + 266 pp.

*Mircea Eliade: An Annotated Bibliography*. Co-authored with Dennis Doeing. New York: Garland Publishers, 1980, xxii + 262 pp.

*Mircea Eliade et le phénomène religieux*. Paris: Payot Editions, 1982, 276 pp.

*Coming to Terms: Indochina, the United States, and the War*. Co-edited with Ngo Vinh Long. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1991, x + 350 pp.

*Religion and Political Conflict in South Asia: India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka*. Editor. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishers, 1992, x + 230 pp.; Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993.

*Culture and Self: Philosophical and Religious Perspectives, East and West*. Editor. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press/Harper Collins, 1997, xvii + 184 pp.

*Myth and Religion in Mircea Eliade*. London and New York: Routledge, 2002, xix + 375 pp.

*Comparative Philosophy and Religion in Times of Terror*. Editor. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2006, xiv + 257 pp.

*The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the Twenty-First Century*. Editor. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2008, xviii + 263 pp.; Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.

*Mahatma Gandhi*. Critical Lives Series. London: Reaktion Books, 2011, 191 pp.

*Gandhi after 9/11: Creative Nonviolence and Sustainability*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019,

ix + 278 pp.; New York and U.K.: Oxford University Press, 2019.  
*Special Issue on the Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, Co-edited with Yarran Hominh, and A. Minh Nguyen. *APA Studies in Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, American Philosophical Association (November 2022).  
*Issues in War and Peace in Religious Culture*. Editor. Special Issue of *Religions* (2022-2023).

### **Articles and Books Chapters (selections since 2005 from 150 publications)**

- “Phenomenology of Religion,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, Vol. 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Lindsay Jones, Editor in Chief (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, Macmillan Reference USA, 2005), pp. 7086-7101.
- “Edmund Husserl,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, Vol. 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Lindsay Jones, Editor in Chief (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, Macmillan Reference USA, 2005).
- “Encounters with Mircea Eliade,” in *Encounters with Mircea Eliade*, ed. by Mihaela Gligor and Mac Linscott Ricketts (Cluj Napoca: Editura Casa Cartii de Stiinta, 2005), pp. 11-23.
- “Major Contributions of Philosophical Phenomenology and Hermeneutics to the Study of Religion,” in *How to Do Comparative Religion: Three Ways, Many Goals* (Berlin: DeGruyter, 2005), 5-28, 49-56.
- “Gandhi, Contemporary Political Thinking, and Self-Other Relations,” in *Gandhi’s Experiments with Truth: Essential Writings by and about Mahatma Gandhi*, ed. by Richard L. Johnson (Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2005), pp. 305-33.
- “Mahatma Gandhi After 9/11: Terrorism and Violence,” in *Comparative Philosophy and Religion in Times of Terror*, ed. by Douglas Allen (Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2006), pp. 19-39.
- “Mahatma Gandhi on Violence and Peace Education,” *Philosophy East and West* 57, No. 3 (July 2007): 290-310.
- “Asian Philosophy, Influence of (on American Philosophy),” in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, ed. by John Lachs and Robert Talisse (New York and London: Routledge, 2008), pp. 56-59.
- “The Platonic Eliade,” in *Platonic Traditions in American Thought*, ed. by Jay Bregman and Melanie B. Mineo (New Orleans: University Press of the South, 2008), pp. 263-96.
- “Mahatma Gandhi’s Philosophy of Violence, Nonviolence, and Education,” in *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the Twenty-First Century*, ed. by Douglas Allen (Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2008), pp. 33-62.
- “Prologue: Encounter with Mircea Eliade and His Legacy for the Twenty-First Century,” *Religion* (special Eliade Centennial issue co-edited with Michel Gardaz) 24, No. 4 (Dec. 2008): 319-27.
- “Phenomenology of Religion,” *The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, edited by John R. Hinnells (London: Routledge, 2009), pp. 203-24.
- “*Hind Swaraj*: Hermeneutical Questions of Interpretation, Mythic Construction, and Contemporary Relevance,” *Journal of Contemporary Thought*, No. 30 (Winter 2009): 5-32.
- “Religion and Violence in the Contemporary World: Is religion more of the problem or the solution?” in *Patterns in Philosophy and Sociology of Religions*, ed. by Mihaela Gligor and Sherry Sabbarwal (Jaipur, India: Rawat Publications, 2011), pp. 14-41.
- “Mahatma Gandhi’s Philosophy of Nonviolence, Peace, and Civilizational Harmony,” *GITAM Journal of Gandhian Studies*, Vol. 1 (2012): 85-110.
- “Gandhi in Times of Terror,” *Second Annual Gandhi Lecture* (Kota, India: Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, 2012), 22 pages.
- “Rewriting Marginality: Minority Literature, Hermeneutical Insights, and Gandhian Challenges,” *Writing Today: International Journal of Studies in English*, Vol. 1 (2012): 1-18.
- “Mahatma Gandhi and Values,” *Anekaant: A Journal in Polysemic Thought*, Vol. 1 (2013): 13-20.
- “Vedic Roots and Radical Reformulation in Gandhi’s Philosophy: Nonviolence, Peace, and Civilizational Harmony,” *Vedic Venues* (2013): 1-23.
- “The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi Today: Nonviolence, the Ego, and the Transformed Life and World,” *GITAM Journal of Gandhian Studies*, Vol. 2 (2013): 133-50.

- “Mircea Eliade,” in *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (2008, 2013):  
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/tpoic/184589/Mircea-Eliade>
- “Eliade’s Phenomenological Approach to Religion and Myth,” *Mircea Eliade: Myth, Religion, and History*, ed. by Nicolae Babuts (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2013), pp. 85-112.
- “Gandhi on Value: The Value Relation, Modernity, and Corruption,” *GITAM Journal of Gandhian Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2014): 92-103.
- “A Phenomenological Approach to Spirituality and Religion in Nonkilling and Nonviolence,” in *Nonkilling Spiritual Traditions*, ed. by Pradeep Dhakal and Joam Evans Pim (Honolulu Center for Global Nonkilling, 2015), pp. 55-77.
- “Traditional Philosophies and Gandhi’s Approach to the Self in Pain,” in *Cultural Ontology of the Self in Pain*, ed. by Siby George and Pravesh Jung Golay (New Delhi: Springer India, 2015), pp. 111-31.
- “Is Gandhi Relevant for India and the Contemporary World?” *Journal of Contemporary Thought*, No. 42 (Winter 2015): 123-32.
- [“Long Distance Running,” interview with Andy Piascik, in CounterPunch, July 3, 2015.](#)
- “What Does Philosophy of Religion Offer to the Modern University?” in *Philosophy of Religion Website Based at Boston University*, Oct. 8, 2015. Available at <http://www.philosophyofreligion.org>.
- “Gandhi’s Approach to His Favorite *Bhagavad-Gita*: Hermeneutical Disaster, Profoundly Insightful, or Invitation for our Creative Reconstitution?” *Proceedings: Second Asian Philosophy Congress* (Visakhapatnam, India: GITAM University Press, 2016), pp. 31-44; *GITAM Journal of Gandhian Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (2017): 441-56.
- “Mahatma Gandhi’s *Ahimsa* and *Swaraj* in 1967 and Today,” in *Applications of Ahimsa in Daily Life: Practical Guidelines*, ed. by Predrag Cicovacki and Kendy Hess (New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2017), Vol. 1, pp. 17-39.
- “Gandhi in Today’s World: The United Nations taps Douglas Allen’s internationally recognized scholarship,” by Margaret Nagle with Allen’s address to the United Nations, *UMaine Today*, Vol. 17, issue 2 (Fall/Winter 2017), pp. 36-39.
- [“Gandhi Relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> Century,”](#) featured article about and interview with Douglas Allen by Manas Sen Gupta, *The Statesman* (New Delhi: April 25, 2019).
- [“Antisemitism and Relating to Others: Why Tolerance Is Not Enough,” in CounterPunch, May 7, 2019.](#)  
 also in [CounterCurrents, May 12, 2019.](#)
- “Gandhi and Women’s Freedom,” *Kerala Calling* (Kerala, India, Oct. 2019); also “Gandhi’s Concept of Modern India with Its Modern Civilization in 2020,” *Kerala Calling* (Kerala, India, Oct. 2020: 60-61, [prd.kerala.gov.in/publication/keralacalling](http://prd.kerala.gov.in/publication/keralacalling)).
- “Mahatma Gandhi’s Philosophy of Nonviolence and Truth: The Key Values and Concepts for Gandhi 150 and the Future,” *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, vol. 19, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 1-14; also “Gandhi for the Twenty-First Century: Author Meets Critics: Douglas Allen, Author of *Gandhi After 9/11*, Meets Critics Sanjay Lal and Karsten Struhl,” *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, vol. 19, no. 2 (Fall 2019).
- “Philosophy and Practice: A Gandhi-informed Approach,” in *Gandhi and the Contemporary World*, ed. by Sanjeev Kumar (New Delhi: Routledge, 2020), pp. 27-43.
- “Understanding Religion: Interpretation and Explanation,” in *Explaining, Interpreting, and Theorizing Religion and Myth: Contributions in Honor of Robert A. Segal*. Series: Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion: 16. Edited by Nickolas P. Roubekas and Thomas Ryba (Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2020), pp. 42-69.
- “Philosophies of Becoming: Mythic Constructions, the Buddha’s Philosophy, and Gandhi’s Philosophy,” in *The Time is Now: Essays on the Philosophy of Becoming*, ed. by Mihaela Gligor (Bucharest: Zeta Books, 2020), pp. 23-61.
- “Is Gandhi’s Approach to Philosophy, Truth, and Nonviolence Really ‘Philosophical’?” *Special Issue on the Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, ed. by Douglas Allen, Yarran Hominh, and A. Minh Nguyen,

*Special Issue on the Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, published as *APA Studies in Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies*, American Philosophical Association, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Fall 2022), pp. 5-10.

[“Author Speaks|With Douglas Allen|Gandhi After 9/11”](#) (based on YouTube interview by Prof. Dev Pathak and Sneha Alexander of the University of Delhi), Nov. 2022.

### **Editorships**

Editor of Book Series, “Studies in Comparative Philosophy and Religion,” Lexington Books. 2002-present. See Long CV for list of many Editorial Boards.

### **Honors (shortened from Long CV on website)**

Fulbright Grant to India, 1963-1964.

One of three scholars from U.S. selected for “Methodological Conference” in religion, Warsaw, 1979. *Structure and Creativity in Religion* selected by American Council of Learned Societies to share first prize for best first book in history of religions during past four years, 1982.

Selected as member of the Maine Humanities Council, 1980-1984.

Selected as the Faculty Representative to University of Maine Board of Trustees, 1982-1984.

NEH Fellowship for Teaching Institution on “Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture,” University of Illinois, June-July 1983.

Smithsonian Institution Fellowship in India on “Views of Self: East and West,” 1985-1986, fall 1992.

“Honorary Visiting Professor,” University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1986, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, and Centre for Social Studies, Surat, India, 1986.

“Visiting Professor,” Centre for Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta; Dept. of Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; and Indian Institute of Technology Madras, 1992.

Elected Chair of Program Committee of Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 1993-1998.

Selected for “University Sabbatical” (one of five professors), 1991-1992, 1997-1998.

Selected as the Distinguished Maine Professor of the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maine, 1995, 1996, 1997; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Grant from the American Academy of Religion for research on Buber and Levinas in Israel, 1998.

Received the 1998 Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. One professor at University of Maine is selected for the award each year.

Received the 2000 Distinguished Maine Professor Award, the highest honor for teaching, research, and service.

Elected Vice-President of the international Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 1999-2000.

Elected President of the international Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 2000-2004.

Elected to three-year term on the American Philosophical Association Committee on the Statuses of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophy.

“Visiting Scholar,” the New Europe College, Bucharest, 2002, 2003.

One of three keynote speakers at international conference on “Approaches in Comparative Religion,” University of Helsinki, 2002.

“Visiting Scholar,” Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain, and Indian Institute of Technology Madras, 2004.

Valedictory Address on “Peace Education and Gandhi” at “International Conference on Peace Education for Contemporary Concerns,” University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 2004.

“Extramural Lecture” on “What Gandhi Would Say about 9/11, War on Terrorism, and the Iraq War” (attended by 400-500), Indian Institute of Technology Madras, 2004.

“Hands of Peace Award,” Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 2005.

Keynote Lecture on U.S. Sixty Years After World War II: War Making and Peace Building, Historical and Philosophical Reflections,” Peace Research Conference, Jaipur, 2006.

“Scroll of Peace International Award for Peace Research,” presented at the International Peace Research Conference, Jaipur, India, 2006.

“Distinguished Visiting Professor,” University of Ottawa, 2006.

Keynote Lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi on Desire, Violence, and Peace Education,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy International Conference on “Desire,” Pacific Grove, Calif., 2006.

Patanjali Lecture, Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 2007.

Keynote Lecture at Gandhi Celebration, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 2007.

Keynote on “The Challenge and Relevance of the Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Breakfast, Greater Bangor Area NAACP and UMaine, attended by 250, 2008.

“Distinguished Lecture” on “Mircea Eliade’s Legacy for the Study of Religion in the Twenty-First Century,” Seoul National University, marking Korean publication of Eliade book, 2008.

Keynote Lecture on “Gandhi in Times of Terror,” the major lecture at the “Gandhi in Times of Terror Conference,” Jaipur, India, 2009.

Keynote Lecture “Mahatma Gandhi’s Philosophy of Nonviolence: Why Most People Who Claim to be Nonviolent and for Peace are Violent,” the major lecture at international conference “Rethinking Gandhi and Global Nonviolence,” James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 2009.

Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Fellowship to India for “Mahatma Gandhi and Violence, Terrorism, and the Contemporary World,” based in Mumbai, 2009-2010.

Endowed Gandhi Lecture for Peace and Nonviolence, Univ. of Toledo, attended by 200, 2011.

The major Mahatma Gandhi Lecture on India’s Independence Day, August 15, at the Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, India, 2013.

Endowed Mahatma Gandhi Lecture, Miami University of Ohio, on Gandhi’s birthday, Oct. 2, 2013.

“Distinguished Visiting Scholar,” Indian Institute of Technology Madras, 2015-2016.

Keynote Lecture at International Conference for Peace and Social Harmony, Banaras Hindu Univ., 2015.

First “Honorary Distinguished Visiting Scholar of Gandhian Studies,” Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2016.

Keynote Lecture and major Plenary Lecture, International Conference on Mahatma Gandhi and the Contemporary World, Delhi University, 2016.

Institute Lecture (highest honor), Indian Institute of Technology Banaras Hindu University, 2016.

Keynote Lecture, International Congress of Vedanta, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 2017.

Keynote to the General Assembly of the United Nations on UN International Day of Nonviolence, Oct. 2, 2017.

“Distinguished University Lecture” on “Mahatma Gandhi for Us Today: An Ethical Life of Nonviolence and Peace,” California State University Fresno, 2018.

Keynote/Valedictory Lecture at “International Conference on the Gandhian Way: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?” New Delhi, 2019.

Steve Gould Award for 2020: Awarded by the University of Maine for “superior qualities of unselfishness and compassion in the course of service to the University and its ideals.”

“Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.: Martyrdom, World Emancipation, and Alternative Planetary Futures,” keynote for the Webinar Symposium organized by Raffles University, Neemrana, in collaboration with Vishwaneedam Center for Asian Blossoming, Puducherry and Chennai, India, Jan. 30, 2022.

“Relating Gandhi’s Focus on Decentralization and Nonviolent Peace to Issues of Nonviolence, Globalism, and Global Peace,” keynote for two-day International Conference on “Gandhi and World Peace,” Gandhi Research Circle Ram Lal Anand College, Univ. of Delhi, Feb. 18-19, 2022.

“Gandhi’s Revolutionary Critique of Our Dominant Educational Philosophy and Practices as Immoral, Violent, and Untruthful and His Radical Educational Alternatives,” keynote address for two-day International Conference on “Gandhi’s Concepts of Education and the National Education Policy (NEP-2020): Idea, Opportunity, and Implementation,” July 20-21, 2022.

“Mahatma Gandhi’s Ahimsa Challenges: Nonviolence, Peace and Peace Studies, and Contemporary India,” keynote lecture for three-day International Conference on “M. K. Gandhi, Pandemic and International Politics: Back to the Future,” Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Oct. 2, 2022.