

Douglas Allen served as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maine, USA, for 46 years (1974-2020) and became Professor Emeritus of Philosophy in September 2020. He served as Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy (1979-1982, 1998- 2003). He served as the President of the international Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (2001-2004) and is the Editor of the Lexington Books Series of Studies in Comparative Philosophy and Religion. Author and Editor of 18 books and more than 150 book chapters and scholarly journal articles, he has been the recipient of Fulbright (1963-1964, 2009-2010) and Smithsonian (1992) grants to India, the Maine Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award, and the Distinguished Maine Professor Award (given to the outstanding professor in teaching, research, and service).

Professor Allen is often recognized as one of the world's leading scholars in the phenomenology of religion and the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. He knew Mircea Eliade very well and has authored four books on Eliade and the phenomenology of religion, including *Structure and Creativity in Religion: Mircea Eliade and New Directions* (Mouton, 1978) and *Myth and Religion in Mircea Eliade* (Routledge, 2002).

While continuing to publish book chapters and articles every year on myth, symbolism, the phenomenology of religion, and other topics, Allen's major focus in recent decades has been on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi (violence and nonviolence, war and peace, terrorism, truth, Vedanta, *Hind Swaraj* and the *Bhagavad-Gita*, marginality, technology, economic and environmental sustainability). He has authored and edited six Gandhi-informed books, including *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the Twenty-First Century* (Lexington Books, 2008), *Mahatma Gandhi* (Reaktion Books, 2011), *Gandhi after 9/11: Creative Nonviolence and Sustainability* (Oxford University Press, 2019), and *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 (2022).

A peace and justice scholar-activist, Doug Allen has been active in the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam/Indochina Antiwar Movement, the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and many other struggles resisting violence, war, class exploitation, imperialism, racial and gender oppression, and environmental destruction. He was a founder and has been an active member of the Maine Peace Action Committee (1974-present) and served as Education Coordinator of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine (1988-2017). He has been the recipient of the "Hands of Peace Award" in Maine and the "Scroll of Peace International Award for Peace Research" in India.

For Douglas Allen's publications, teaching, service, and honors, see his CV posted [on his website](#).