

Human studies professor joins LAS faculty

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Wakoh Shannon Hickey has joined Alfred University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as an assistant professor in human studies. Hickey received master of divinity and master of arts degrees from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA. She did her undergraduate studies at the University of California at Berkeley where she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree with high distinction. Her research interests include American religious history with a focus in minority traditions and women leaders; modern Buddhism with a focus in North America; religion and medicine; comparative theology and ethics; religious approaches to death and dying; and theories of religion and ritual. Hickey has been an instructor in the Department of Religion, and in the Asian-Pacific Studies Institute and the Global K-12 Outreach Program, both at Duke University. She has been a professional member of the American Academy of Religion since 1997 and the Soto Zen Buddhists Association since 2005.