

Jain Studies Program

School of International and Public Affairs



International Conference: Acharya Tulsi and the Making of Modern Jainism

Saturday, November 1 - Sunday, November 2, 2014

Acharya Tulsi (Oct. 20, 1914 – June 23, 1997) served for 59 years as supreme teacher of the Jain Svetambar Terapanth Order. He guided his Order into the modern world, instituted the Anuvrat Movement dedicated to social uplift based on Jain tradition, inspired the practice of Preksha Meditation, expanded women's roles as spiritual teachers, and revolutionized asceticism by ordaining the *saman* and *samani* semi-renunciate order. In honor of the centenary of Acharya Tulsi's birth, this international conference will explore his life and teachings as well as other Jain movements and organizations that have arisen since the nineteenth century. Invited papers will be edited and be published as a book, edited by Steven M. Vose.

Saturday November 1

6:00 PM Opening Banquet
Peter Flügel, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London:
Acharya Tulsi's Middle Path: Jaina Modernism between Orthodoxy and Reform
Dinner and Cultural Dance Performance
FIU Graham Center Ballrooms

Sunday November 2

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Light Breakfast
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM PANEL #1: **The Life and Teachings of Acharya Tulsi**
FIU Graham Center Ballrooms
11:00 - 11:15 AM Break
11:15 - 1:15 PM PANEL #2: **Jain Religious Movements since the Nineteenth Century**
FIU Graham Center Ballrooms
1:15 - 2:15 PM Lunch
2:15 - 4:15 PM PANEL #3: **Jainism in the Wider World**
FIU Graham Center Ballrooms
5:00 PM Dinner at the Jain Center of South Florida
Nirmal Baid, Jain Education and Research Foundation:
Life of a Legend - A Photo Journey through Acharya Tulsi's Life
Jain Center of South Florida, 1960 N. Commerce Parkway, Weston, FL 33326

Conference speakers include: Nirmal Baid, Whitney Bauman, Shivani Bothra, Christopher Key Chapple, Peter Flügel, Kamini Gogri, Ranu Jung, Nathan Katz, Hampana Nagarajiah, Manju Nahata, Samani Charitra Pragya, Samani Unnata Pragya, Anne Vallely, and Steven M. Vose.

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