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with keynote speaker

Ann Gleig

*Professor of Religion and Cultural Studies,
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

JIM THORPE MULTICULTURAL CENTER,
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Keynote address, by Ann Gleig - 2:45 p.m.

*The Dukkha of Racism: Racial Justice Work
in American Buddhism*

In May 2015, 125 Buddhists, representing multiple lineages, gathered for the first "White House-U.S. Buddhist Leadership Conference," during which they delivered a letter titled "Buddhist Statement on Racial Justice." Inspired by "the courage and leadership of the people of Ferguson," the letter is part of efforts to challenge racism in American Buddhist convert communities spanning over three decades. This lecture highlights the pragmatic and doctrinal strategies employed by Buddhists of Color and their white allies to integrate racial justice into American convert Buddhism and reflect on the significance of such work for Buddhism in the United States.

Ann Gleig is associate professor of religion and cultural studies at the University of Central Florida. She is the author of *American Dharma: Buddhism Beyond Modernity* (Yale University Press, 2019) and co-editor with Scott A. Mitchell of the *Oxford Handbook of American Buddhism* (OUP, 2024). She is currently finishing a co-written book with Amy Langenburg on sexual misconduct and abuse in contemporary Buddhism under contract with Yale University Press.