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Summary

With a Masters in Theology and Culture with a focus in ecotheology, and post graduate certificates in the Universe Story from Yale University, and Ecopsychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute, Mary graduated in June 2017 from The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology with a rigorous and robust body of scholarship deeply seated within ecopsychology and sacred ecology. Her ground breaking research within the *imago Dei* tradition was based on the scholarship and thinking of Thomas Berry, Brian Thomas Swimme, Matthew Fox, Leonardo Boff, Sallie McFague and Mary Evelyn Tucker. She continues to work deeply with myth, nature-based connection, and soul recovery practices.

Education

The School of Celtic Consciousness with John Philip Newell, California
Certificate, 2017-2020

Pacifica Graduate Institute, California
Certificate in EcoPsychology, 2019

Animas Valley Institute
The Way of Council & the Art of Mirroring training intensive, 2019

The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, Seattle, Washington
Masters in Theology and Culture, 2017

Yale University, School of Religion and Forestry
Certificate in Ecology & Religion | Journey of the Universe: A Story for Our Times 2017

Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, 1999

Professional Experience

Waymarkers, LLC, Seattle, Washington 2010-present
Founder & Principal

- Facilitate regional and international transformational retreats for women that expand and explore one's sacred eco-awakening. These retreats are located at The Whidbey Institute, Whidbey Island, WA and Iona, Scotland.

Guest Lecturer, Seattle, WA 2017-present
Seattle Pacific University, The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology

- Lecture Topics: Ecotheology, Ancient Practice of Pilgrimage, Celtic Christian Spirituality, Civic Activism and Sacred Place-making

Friends of Cheasty Greenspace/MtView, Seattle, Washington 2007-present
Founder & Chair

- Non-profit community organization committed to restoring equitable access to nature in Southeast Seattle; recruited corporate and organizational partners including REI, The Mountaineers, Washington Trail Association, Seattle University, BikeWorks, Seattle Parks Foundation, ForTerra and more.
- Awarded the 2013 Denny Award for outstanding stewardship work and fundraising efforts.

Green Seattle Partnership, Forest Steward and naturalist 2007-present

- organize and lead bi-monthly forest restoration activities for the community

Publications

- Hildegard-A Magical Veriditas (*The Other Journal*, Wipf and Stock: 2017), 122-133.
- Pilgrim in Residence Series: Journeying with Intention Part 1-3. *A Sacred Journey*. July, 2013.
- Waymarkers (2011): universally acclaimed pilgrimage guide to Iona, Scotland.

Speaking Experience

Spiritual Directors International 2020 Conference (Sante Fe, NM)	April 2020
• Day-long “Institute” on the topic of Rewilding Spiritual Accompaniment	
Zephyr Point Women’s Retreat-Speaker (Zephyr Cove, CA)	October 2019
• Three part “Rewilding the Image of God” lecture series with guided practices	
Lake Burien Presbyterian Church, Guest Preacher (Burien, WA)	September 2019
• Sermon Title: “Rising Rooted: How Creation Theology Roots Us in Belonging”	
Seattle Pacific University, Chapel Speaker (Seattle, WA)	April 2019
• Chapel title: “When the Meadowlark Sang: How God Speaks Through Nature”	
The Turner Memorial Lecturer (Yakima, WA)	October 2018
• Three part lecture series to address the rewilding of Judaeo-Christian sacred stories	
Peace Day for Women at the Peace & Spirituality Center (Bellevue, WA)	September 2018
• Divine Reading at the Wild Edges—Contemplating Creation as Sacred Text	
The Seattle School Alumni Lecture Series: Listening in Place as Practice & Poetry.	March 2018
• Workshop with acclaimed poet David Whyte	
Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church, Guest Preacher (Seattle, WA)	January 2018
• Sermon Title: “Midrash with The Womb & The Wind: John 3:1-21”	
Christ & Cascadia EcoFaith Conference (Seattle, WA)	November 2017
• Presenting on the intersection of land and justice	
Pilgrimage Symposium, William & Mary College (Williamsburg, VA)	October 2017
• Presenting a paper on the radical place-making nature of pilgrimage	
Convocation, The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology (Seattle, WA)	June 2017
• Nominated by faculty, staff, and students to speak at Convocation ceremony	
Justice Speaks Conference, Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA)	April 2017
• Delivered environmental justice presentation to regional gathering of university students	
Endurance Event, Seattle Parks Foundation Donor Event (Seattle, WA)	March 2017
• Presented a macro-narrative of hope derived from the land that has sustained my 10 year volunteer urban forest restoration community work.	
Executive Council Presentations: Green Seattle Partnership, Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, Seattle Parks Board, Seattle Parks Foundation	2011-2016
• Presented on the community and forest restoration project of Cheasty Greenspace from place-making, ecopsychology, and environmental justice perspectives.	
REI, Anderson Award Stewardship Event (Seattle, WA)	June 2014, 2015, 2016

- Provided remarks to contextualize transformational service for national REI Anderson Award winners

Inhabit Conference, The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology (Seattle, WA) April 2016

- Spoke about the impact of restorative justice of the land and people through Cheasty Greenspace

Green Seattle Partnership-State of the Partnership Shareholder's Address September 2013

- Keynote Address providing inspirational story of stewardship as engagement with the neighborhood