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Presents

**Celebration of late Professor Padmanabh Jaini's Contribution
to Jain Religion
On October 23, 2021 from 9am Pacific Time**



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Mahesh Wadher is an entrepreneur having built several businesses in the hospitality distribution sector, and commercial real estate development.

His passion for spirituality and humanitarian services has led him to become a leader in the JAINA organization. In his philanthropic endeavors, he has helped foster support for health, education, and cultural activities. He is most proud of his work with helping to organize free medical camps within our local communities in Southern California, India and Africa, as well as endowing and fundraising for Jain Studies at several universities. He is the President of the Federation of Jain Association in North America (JAINA)



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Prem Jain

- 2021 JAINA Ratna Awardee
- Co-founder of JAINA
- JAINA President 2013-2015
- Cofounder and benefactor member of JCNC
- JCNC Board Chair 2008, 2002, 2001
- JCNC President 1981-1982
- As the Founding President of JCNC he played a critical role at the 1981 JAINA Convention and signed up JCNC to be the founding member of JAINA



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Girish Shah

- 2011 JAINA Ratna Awardee
- Co-Founder of JAINA
- JCNC Board Chair 2021
- Cofounder and benefactor member of JCNC
- JCNC President 2006-2007 and 1983-1984
- Silicon Valley Interreligious Council Board Chair 2021



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Parveen Jain, PhD

- Cofounder and benefactor member of JCNC
- JCNC Board Chair 2011 and 2000
- JCNC President 1995-1996
- International Mahavira Jain Mission (IMJM) Siddhachalam Jain Tirth, NJ
- Silicon Valley Interreligious Council Board Chair 2021
- Author of An Introduction of Jain Philosophy
- American Foundation for the Blind, Trustee
- Stanford Center for Asian Health Research and Education, Founding Director
- South Asian Heart Center
- Sunnyvale Hindu Temple and Community Center, Founding Director



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Biren Shah

- JCNC President 2020-2021
- JCNC Board member 2020-2021



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Savita Jain is a multi-talented individual who has dedicated herself to the community through many volunteer activities locally, nationally, and internationally. Nationally, Savita is Director of Public Relations and Media for JAINA. Savita has hosted many international religious and non-profit events, including most recently the JAINA 2021 International Convention and Akshay Patra gala. Currently volunteering for teaching Jain Sutras like Bhaktamar/ Kalyanmandir/ Moti Shanti/ Chintamani Stotra online to adults and kids. And very happy with the tremendous response she is getting from around the world.



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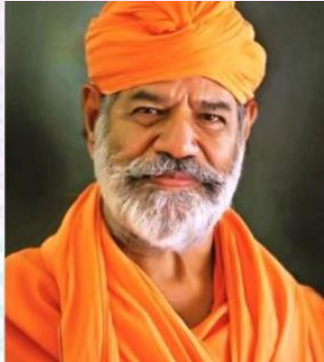


Sulekh C. Jain, PhD

- Past President JAINA
- Chair, JAINA Academic Liaison Committee (ALC)
- Co- founder ISJS



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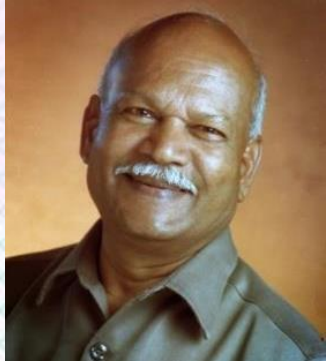


Charukeerthy Bhattarak Swamiji

- Present pontiff of Shravanabelagola Math.
- Became a Monk on 12th December 1969
- Ascended the Dharmacharya Peetha at Shravanabelagola Math on 19th April 1970
- He is an articulate orator.



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Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah, PhD

- Also known as Hampana.
- Scholar of Kannada language and Jainism.
- Delivered guest lectures on Jainism at universities in UK, Germany and USA.
- Served in capacities like professor and dean of arts faculty in Bengaluru University.



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Manish Modi

- Great-grandson and descendant of Pandit Nathuram Premi.
- Runs Hindi Granthalaya, a publishing house established by Pt. Nathuram Premi in 1912 at Mumbai.
- Published three titles by Prof Dr Padmanabh S Jaini:
 - ✓ Christianity and Jainism: An Interfaith Dialogue
 - ✓ Yogāyoga (Coincidences): Memoirs of Padmanabh S Jaini (in press)
 - ✓ The Jaina Path of Purification (in press)



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Dr. Shugan Chand Jain, PhD

- Founder Chairman and current President of International School for Jain Studies "ISJS"
- Worked as Information and Systems Consultant/Director/ entrepreneur during 1962-2002 in India, USA and the Netherlands.
- Earned PhD in 2005.
- Promoted ISJS to introduce academic studies of Jainism globally.



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Shri Rajendra Prakash Jain

- A member of Motilal Banarsidass (MLDB) publication house, founded in 1903.
- MLDB is famous world over for books on Indology.
- MLBD is one of India's oldest surviving publishing houses and the largest publisher of Indology books.



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Mohini Jain

- Past President – Jain Center of Greater Sacramento
- Established Jain chair at UC Davis in 2016.
- Board member of Academic Liaison Committee and Jain Education and Research Foundation.



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Tara Sethia, PhD is Shri Shantinath Endowed Chair in Ahimsa Studies and Professor of History at California State Polytechnic university Pomona. As the founder and director of the Ahimsa Center on campus, she led the establishment of a degree program for a Minor in Nonviolence Studies and serves as its advisor and coordinator. She has directed Center's national, residential biannual summer institutes for K-12 leadership in nonviolence education. She received a Ph.D. in History from UCLA. Her authored/edited books include Ahimsa, Anekanta and Jainism; Gandhi: Pioneer of Nonviolent Social Change; and Living Gandhi. For more visit www.cpp.edu/ahimsacenter



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Kristi Wiley, PhD is retired from the University of California at Berkeley, where she had taught Sanskrit and courses on Indic religions in the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies. She is the author of the Historical Dictionary of Jainism and articles on various aspects of Jainism related to karma theory. She is a co-editor of the Brill's Encyclopedia of Jainism, along with Paul Dundas, Knut A. Jacobsen and John E. Cort.



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Claire Maes, PhD a native of Belgium, is a scholar of South Asian religions and languages. She is a Junior Professor at the Department of Indology at the University of Tübingen in Germany. Prior to this, Dr. Maes was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin where she taught Jainism, Buddhism, and Sanskrit, among other South Asian topics. She researches and teaches on Jainism, Death and Dying, Indian Philosophy and the Practice of Non-Violence, among other topics. She is currently working on a monograph that investigates the Jain practice of fasting.



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Shivani Bothra, PhD is Bhagwaan Mahavir/Chao Family Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Jain Studies at Rice University. She explores migration of Jain communities within India and the United States. Her research focuses largely on the religious education within the context of keeping the tradition alive outside the homeland. The main themes of her research have been migration, religious education, curricula, and gender roles. Before joining Rice University, she was a lecturer in Jain studies at University of California, Santa Barbara. For more visit: <https://chaocenter.rice.edu/people/shivani-bothra>



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Srinivas Reddy is a scholar, translator, and musician. He studied classical South Asian languages and literatures at UC Berkeley and currently teaches at Brown University (USA) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India. Dr. Reddy is also a concert sitarist and spends his time performing, teaching and conducting research around the world. His latest book is *Raya: Krishnadevaraya of iyanagara* (2020). For more visit: www.srinivasreddy.org



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John Cort, PhD Denison University, Ohio John E. Cort is Professor Emeritus of Asian and Comparative Religions at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he also taught in the East Asian Studies, Environmental Studies and International Studies programs. He is the author of *Jains in the World: Religious Values and Ideology in India* (2001) and *Framing the Jina: Narratives of Icons and Idols in Jain History* (2010), as well as several dozen articles on the Jains, and on the culture, history and literature of western India. He is co-editor with Andrea Luithle-Hardenberg and Leslie C. Orr of *Cooperation, Contribution and Contestation: The Jain Community, Colonialism and Jainological Scholarship* (2020); and with Paul Dundas, Knut Jacobsen and Kristi L. Wiley of *Brill's Encyclopedia of Jainism* (2020).



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Nalini Balbir, PhD teaches Indology at Sorbonne-Nouvelle University and Middle Indian philology at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris. The Jain tradition in its diversity (narrative literature, canonical texts but also aspects of contemporary Jain practice) is her main area of research. During the last years her focus has been on Jain manuscript collections. This has implied cataloguing but also investigating colophons and paintings and, more broadly, the ways texts and visuals interact. Details on her publications will be found on the website of the Research Group on Indian Studies (GREI, EA 2120, Paris).



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Olle Qvarnström, PhD is a professor of History of Religions at Lund University, Sweden. His research has primarily been devoted to medieval philosophical and theological traditions of Brahmanism, Buddhism and Jainism, whose ideological systems, conflicts, and mutual influences have been studied from previously unworked source material in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Tibetan; even Indian art and Jain relations to Islam has been part of his research.



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Peter Flugel, PhD is a Founding Chair Center of Jaina Studies and Professor of the Study of Religions and Philosophies at the Department of History, Religions and Philosophies in the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. He has published extensively on the history, anthropology and sociology of contemporary Jain schools and sects, Jain relic stūpas, Jaina-Vaiṣṇava syncretism, and on the socio-political and legal history of the Jain tradition. He is also working on social theory, and questions of comparative philosophy, pluralism and non-violence. He convenes the Annual Jaina Studies Workshops at SOAS, is editor of the International Journal of Jain Studies, series editor of Routledge Advances in Jaina Studies, and Jaina Studies of Harrassowitz, and principal investigator of the Jaina-Prosopography project.



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Christopher Key Chapple, PhD is Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology and founding Director of the Master of Arts in Yoga Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. A specialist in the religions of India, he has published more than twenty books, including the recent *Living Landscapes: Meditations on the Elements in Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain Yogas* (SUNY Press) and, co-edited with Shugan Jain, *Sallekhana* (DK). He serves as advisor to multiple organizations including the Forum on Religion and Ecology (Yale), the Ahimsa Center (Pomona), the Dharma Academy of North America (Berkeley), the Jain Studies Centre (SOAS, London), the South Asian Studies Association, and International School for Jain Studies (New Delhi).



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Robert P. Goldman, PhD is Professor Emeritus and Professor in the Graduate School of Sanskrit at the University of California, Berkeley, where for many decades he was a colleague of Professor Jaini. He is editor and co-translator of the seven-volume translation of the Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmīki, and author of many books and articles on India and Sanskrit, including the widely used introductory textbook Devavāṇīpraveśikā: An Introduction to the Sanskrit Language.