

Westminster College and The Heinz Lectures in Religion and the Religions  
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# THE MONKS OF GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY



**October 13 – 16**

**All events to be held in Lakeview Witherspoon Room  
of the McKelvey Student Center**

*All events are free and open to the public.*

The monks of the Gaden Shartse Monastery, part of the Tibetan Gelugpa or yellow-hat order of which the Dalai Lama is the head, will visit Westminster College from October 13-16. A Sand Mandala will be constructed in the foyer of the McKelvey Center over a period of four days and will then be swept up in a ceremonial dissolution on the evening of Oct. 16.

## EVENTS:

- **Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.:** Serene Mind, Compassionate Heart. The monks will give a talk on the Buddhadharma or the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.:** Healing Ceremony. The monks will demonstrate the ancient healing arts of Tibet. Those experiencing any ailments or disabilities who might benefit from the alternative medical practices of the Buddhist Order are encouraged to participate.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.:** Serene Mind, Compassionate Heart. The monks will give another talk on the Buddhadharma, the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama.
- **Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.:** Dissolution of the Sand Mandala. Despite the hours of painstaking effort and intense concentration required to construct this beautiful and meaningful artifact, the final product is not meant to be preserved but to be dismantled and ceremonially “dissolved.”

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