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Vedic Living in a Modern World

31 July – 3 August 2014

Maharishi University of Management
Fairfield, Iowa

Program

Thursday, 31 July 2014

11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Registration, Argiro Student Center Lobby

11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Book exhibition, Argiro Student Center Lobby

1:30–2:00 p.m. WAVES board meeting, Board Room, Argiro Student Center

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

7:00–9:45 p.m. Inaugural session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Peter Scharf |
| 7:00 | Chairs and hosts | <i>Welcome</i> |
| 7:10 | Sashi Kejriwal | <i>Welcome on behalf of the World Association of Vedic Studies</i> |
| 7:15 | Maharishi Vedic Pandits | <i>Invocation</i> |
| 7:30 | Girish Momaya | <i>Vedānta: Human Life in perfection and complete alliance with natural law</i> |
| 8:15 | Craig Pearson | <i>Higher states of consciousness: the Vedic tradition's most sublime gift to humanity — understanding the exalted experiences of history's great geniuses, fulfilling the perennial philosophy, and transforming human life</i> |
| 9:00 | Neil Paterson | <i>Maharishi's revival of the Veda and Vedic Literature: the Apauruṣeya Bhāṣya of Veda, and creating World Peace — Rām-Rāj — through the daily group performance of yoga and yajña by 9,000 Vedic Viśva-Praśāsaks (Vedic Pandits)</i> |

10:00–11:15 p.m. Late night Skype talks. Frat. 110 lecture hall

Friday, 1 August 2014

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Late registration, Argiro Student Center Lobby

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Book exhibition, Argiro Student Center Lobby

9:00–9:45 a.m. Morning plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Rajiv Malhotra |
| 9:00 | Peter Scharf | <i>Re-orienting orientalism</i> |

9:50–11:05 a.m. Morning parallel sessions I**A. Yoga. Dalby Hall**

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| Chair | T. S. Rukmani |
| William Sands | <i>Aṣṭāṅga yoga in the philosophy of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi</i> |
| Usha Rani | <i>Importance of āsanās in aṣṭāṅga yoga</i> |
| M. Jayaraman | <i>Prayatnaśaitilya and Anantasamāpatti — Two techniques prescribed by Patañjali for the practice of āsana: a study of contemporary understanding vis à vis traditional interpretations</i> |

B. Leadership and management. Festival Hall

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| Chair | Chand K. Bharadwaj |
| Maxwell Rainforth & David Goodman | <i>Creating organizational success by applying deep principles of Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |
| Dennis Heaton & David Goodman | <i>Teaching business management in the light of Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |
| Michael Sternfeld | <i>Ram's Dharma, Leadership secrets of the ultimate warrior-sage-prince</i> |

C. Vedic performance. Board Room

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| Chair | Vinod Deshmukh |
| Tina McQuiston | <i>The technology of Vedic sound</i> |
| Vijay Shankar Shukla | <i>Vedic tradition and its transmission</i> |
| Sudhir Kaicker | <i>www.gitamritam.org: an online resource for Bhagavadgītā studies</i> |

D. Āyurveda and women. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | Veronica Butler |
| Vaidya Priyanka | <i>Āyurveda and kāyakaḥpa: ancient knowledge for modern day living</i> |
| Shalini Verma | <i>Description of the concept of a test tube baby in Vedic literature</i> |
| Margot Suettmann | <i>The pivotal role of the mother-child relationship in the early years of pregnancy and infancy for the brain and consciousness development of the child according to modern science and Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |

11:05 a.m. Tea, Argiro Student Center Lobby

11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Morning parallel sessions II**A. The implications of holistic Vedic knowledge for modern science, dualism, and religious life. Dalby Hall**

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| Chair | Shashi Tiwari |
| Robert Boyer | <i>A new interpretation of quantum theory based in the holism of Veda</i> |
| Bina Gupta | <i>Can an Advaitin pray? The role of upāsana in Advaita Vedānta</i> |
| Candace Badgett | <i>Vedānta and the primordial feminine principle</i> |

B. Literature, rhetoric, and writing. Festival Hall

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| Chair | R. V. Rama Krishna Sastry |
| Suzanne Araas Vesely | <i>Universality of vision in William Blake's Milton: A Poem: A Consciousness-BasedSM Approach</i> |
| Anne Melfi | <i>The Vedic root of rhetoric: ṛta in the light of Ṛg Veda 1.164</i> |
| Sasha Parmasad | <i>Writing and Transcendence: Experience and Exploration of Cosmic Knowledge</i> |

C. Socioeconomics and the news. Board Room

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| Chair | B. V. K. Sastry |
| Tribhuwan Singh | <i>The riddle of economic and sociological mismatch in colonial India</i> |
| S. S. Rama Rao Pappu | <i>Is a Hindu rāṣṭra compatible with secular India?</i> |
| Rahul Chandra | <i>Indic/Vedic news reporting in a modern world</i> |

D. Consciousness-based education. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | Cathy Gorini |
| Rod Eason | <i>Consciousness-based education</i> |
| Sanford & Randi Nidich | <i>Consciousness Based Education: knowing the self as the fulfillment of modern education</i> |
| Robert Markowitz | <i>Slide presentation of M.U.M. Rotating University tour of India (M.U.M. Rotating University tour of India and silence and dynamism in Ved-Bhumi Bharat)</i> |

E. Mothers, Āyurveda and music. Veda Bhavan 211

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| Chair | Phil D'Agastino |
| Simi Summer | <i>The role of mother in creating invincibility for the nation and peace for the world</i> |
| Isabelle Matzkin | <i>Gandharva Veda music in the ancient Vedic civilization and today</i> |
| Graciella Zogbi | <i>Exploring the intimate and profound connections between the two Upavedas: Āyurveda and Gandharva-Veda: creating balance, health, longevity, and world peace through life lived in accord with natural law</i> |

12:30 p.m. Lunch, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

1:30–3:00 p.m. Afternoon plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Shashi Tiwari |
| 1:30 | T. S. Rukmani | <i>Upaniṣadic ideas in present day Hinduism</i> |
| 2:15 | Ved P. Nanda | <i>Human rights in the Vedic tradition and the current discourse of human rights</i> |

3:00 p.m. Tea, Argiro Student Center Lobby

3:15–4:30 p.m. Afternoon parallel sessions**A. The spiritual foundation of philosophy and religion. Dalby Hall**

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| Chair | Jonathan Shear |
| Ken Chandler | <i>Veda and Greece: descriptions of the experience of pure consciousness in the writings of Aristotle</i> |
| Evan Finkelstein | <i>Seeing unity in diversity: Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism.</i> |
| John Boncheff | <i>The interconnectedness of the Nyāya Sūtras and the six Upāṅgas</i> |

B. Sthāpatya Veda. Festival Hall

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| Chair | Charles Heath |
| Jonathan Lipman | <i>The revival of Sthāpatya Veda by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, validation by modern science, and application to contemporary architecture and planning—case study: Maharishi University of Management</i> |
| David Fisher | <i>The Schwartz-Guich Sustainable Living Center at Maharishi University of Management</i> |
| Donald R. Shaifer | <i>Design of the Universe: An architectural investigation into the structure of the Veda</i> |

C. World peace. Board Room

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| Chair | C. L. Prabhakar |
| Barry Spivack | <i>The Maharishi Effect and the angels of our better nature: resolving the crises in Syria, Ukraine, and Iraq*</i> |
| Vivek Vaidyanathan Iyer & Bhupendra Dave | <i>Creating world peace using Vedic technologies</i> |
| David Leffler | <i>Invincible defense technology: a Vedic response to terrorism</i> |

D. Veda and its manifestation. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | Maxwell Rainforth |
| William Sands | <i>Maharishi's commentary on R̥k Veda: Apauruṣeya Bhāṣya</i> |
| Mark Toomey | <i>The human physiology is the expression of Veda</i> |
| Alarik Arenander & Cynthia Arenander | <i>The electronic model of Veda in the human physiology: The practical application of the Discovery of Veda and the Vedic Literature in Human Physiology*</i> |

E. Vedic knowledge in everyday life. Veda Bhavan 211

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| Chair | Bela Bhattacharya |
| Rohit Chauhan | <i>Assimilation of universal Vedic knowledge in everyday life</i> |
| Pradheep Chhalliyil | <i>A handy Universal pattern to understand Vedic knowledge</i> |
| Brad Mylett | <i>A brief overview of Maharishi University of Management</i> |

*Skype talk.

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

7:00 p.m. Entertainment. Dalby Hall

7:00–9:45 p.m. Evening plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Ken Chandler |
| 7:00 | Bob Wynne | <i>Maharishi Vedic City and Maharishi University of Management: living Veda in daily life</i> |
| 7:30 | John Hagelin | <i>Is consciousness the unified field? A field theorist's perspective</i> |
| 8:15 | Fred Travis | <i>Transcending during Transcendental Meditation practice: the driver for growth of higher states of consciousness</i> |
| 9:00 | David Scharf | <i>On the Immortality of the Soul: Yama's Reply to Nachiketas from the Perspective of Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |

10:00–11:15 p.m. Late night Skype talks. Frat. 110 lecture hall

Saturday, 2 August 2014

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Book exhibition, Argiro Student Center Lobby

9:00–9:45 a.m. Morning plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Peter Scharf |
| 9:00 | Ashok Aklujkar | <i>Vedic living as a historical concept</i> |

9:50–11:05 a.m. Morning parallel sessions I**A. Environment.** Dalby Hall

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| Chair | Jonathan Lipman |
| John Collins & Fred Travis | <i>The relationship of different human traits and environmentally conscious living</i> |
| Bela Bhattacharya | <i>Ecology during the Buddha era</i> |
| Dinesh Gyawali | <i>Holy or healthy: modern approach to sacred vedic plants</i> |

B. Vedānta and the nature of the individual soul. Festival Hall

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| Chair | Evan Finkelstein |
| Swami Jyotirmayananda | <i>The global vision and mission of Swami Vivekananda, and how it inspired the Indian spiritual thrust worldwide</i> |
| Vinod Deshmukh | <i>Individuality (jīvatva) and universality (vibhū-tva): from egocentricity to ecospirituality</i> |
| Eshan & Arnav Kejriwal | <i>Atman of Hinduism: an analysis and comparison to the soul and spirit of Abrahamic religions</i> |

C. Yajur Veda and the role of trust. Board Room

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| Chair | Daniel Pal |
| C. L Prabhakar | <i>Adoption of Yajur Vedic discipline for smooth modern living</i> |
| Kalyan Viswanathan | <i>Hermeneutics of śraddhā</i> |
| B. V. K. Sastry | <i>Temple Vedic chants: A deliberation on mantra-puṣpam in the Taitirīya Āraṇyaka of the Yajur Veda</i> |

D. Coherence in nature and in the nervous system. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | William Sands |
| Alex Perlman | <i>Coherence in nature</i> |
| Alcine Potts | <i>A mathematical model of cognition</i> |
| Harald Harung | <i>Higher mind-brain development and world-class performance in the light of Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |

11:05 a.m. Tea, Argiro Student Center Lobby

11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Morning parallel sessions II**A. Linguistics.** Dalby Hall

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| Chair | Ashok Aklujkar |
| R. V. Rama Krishna Sastry | <i>The contribution of ancient Indian sages to modern linguistics</i> |
| Peter Freund | <i>Unfolding the full potential of life through Śīkṣā: para brahman as the fruit of Vedic study, according to Ātreya Śīkṣā</i> |
| Peter Scharf | <i>Recreation of divine speech: computational implementation of Pāṇini's Aṣṭādhyāyī</i> |

B. Models of cosmology, epistemology, and cognition. Festival Hall

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| Chair | Robert Boyer |
| Adarasupally Nataraju | <i>Theory of creation (sṛṣṭi-vāda) in Sāṅkhya and Advaita Vedānta schools of philosophy</i> |
| Richard Wolfson | <i>A proposed correspondence between the stages of sequential structuring of the physiology according to Ayurveda and the sequential structuring of our physical universe out of the Big Bang according to modern cosmology</i> |
| Park Hensley | <i>The Vedic Upāṅga as a comprehensive means to gain scientific knowledge</i> |

C. Philosophical traditions. Board Room

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| Chair | Rama Rao Pappu |
| Kamlesh Kapur | <i>Philosophical traditions in the Upaniṣads and the attainment of bliss</i> |
| Ram Sewak Dubey | <i>Tradition of Vedic philosophy in Allahabad</i> |
| Chand K. Bharadwaj | <i>Modern Vedic living for sustainable, humane transformation</i> |

D. Psychology. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | Denise Denniston Gerace |
| Roeland Van Wijk | <i>The ultra-weak endogenous light of humans in meditation</i> |
| Raju Chidambaram | <i>Method based on principles of Vedanta for computing the state of mind of a jīva on encountering objects of the world</i> |
| Garima Shukla | <i>The impact of Vipasana on the personality of criminals: a psychological study</i> |

E. Vedic concepts for advancing modern science. Veda Bhavan 211

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| Bal Ram Singh, coordinator |
| Vinod Deshmukh |
| Gururaj Mutalik |
| Diana Lurie |
| Robert Schneider |

12:30 p.m. Lunch, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

1:30–3:00 p.m. Afternoon plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Candace Badgett |
| 1:30 | Nancy Lonsdorf | <i>Healing the emotional heart: insights and practical tools from Maharishi Ayurveda</i> |
| 2:15 | Robert Schneider | <i>Vedic Psychiatry: Towards a model of total mind-body health based on principles of Maharishi Ayurveda</i> |

3:00 p.m. Tea, Argiro Student Center Lobby

3:15–4:30 p.m. Afternoon parallel sessions**A. Agriculture, food, and genetics. Dalby Hall**

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| | Chair | Bal Ram Singh |
| | Steve Druker | <i>Why the genetic engineering of our food is deeply discordant with the Vedic vision of life</i> |
| | Diana Lurie | <i>How we can integrate western scientific studies into food and diet practices of Ayurvedic medicine</i> |
| | Supaya Wenuganen | <i>The Transcendental Meditation Program affects both the ojas level and differential global gene expression</i> |

B. Neurophysiology. Festival Hall

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| | Chair | Fred Travis |
| | Cynthia Arenander & Alarik Arenander | <i>Brainwaves of individuals experiencing the self-referral mechanics of Veda, the constitution of the universe utilizing Maharishi's technologies of consciousness*</i> |
| | Suzanne Stryker | <i>Personal experiences of Veda with His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh's comments and Vedic references</i> |
| | Jonathan Shear | <i>Realizing an ancient gift to the modern world</i> |

*Skype talk.

C. Women's panel discussion: A Vedic perspective on the societal impact of the changing attitudes of and about women. Board Room

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| Candace Badgett, Ph.D., Chair |
| Shashi Tiwari, Ph.D. |
| T. S. Rukmani, Ph.D. |
| Kamlesh Kapur |
| Aditi Banerjee, Esq. |
| Nancy Lonsdorf, M.D. |

D. Creating harmony. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | John Boncheff |
| Madeline de Joly | <i>Visualizing the Vedas: an art installation</i> |
| Matthew Beaufort | <i>The art of yoga: transcending to higher consciousness through effortless meditation</i> |
| Charles Heath | <i>Maharishi's contribution to the disciplines of Jyotiṣa and Yajña</i> |
| Falguni P. Zaveri | <i>Jainas contribution to the world for harmonious living</i> |

E. Music. Veda Bhavan 211

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| Chair | Graciella Zogbi |
| Nandkishor Muley | <i>Fundamentals of Indian classical music</i> |
| T. Seetharamalakshmi | <i>Traditions and trends of Veda in music compositions</i> |
| Ed Sarath | <i>Music, the development of higher stages of consciousness, and Vedic thought: turyātūta, bhagavat, and brāhmī cetenā in contemporary music practice</i> |

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

7:00 p.m. Entertainment. Dalby Hall

7:00–9:45 p.m. Evening plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Michael Sternfeld |
| 7:00 | Rajiv Malhotra | <i>The evolution of the meaning of Yajña in various texts</i> |
| 7:45 | Shashi Tiwari | <i>Synthesis: The governing principle of the Vedic way of life</i> |
| 8:30 | P. C. Muraleemadhavan | <i>Vedic Mahavakya - Tattvamasi: an ethical exegesis</i> |
| 9:15 | Anand Sagar | <i>The impact of the Ramayan in modern media on Indian culture</i> |
| 9:45 | Nandkishor Muley & Anjaneya Sastry Kappagantu | <i>Santoor and tabla concert</i> |

10:00–11:15 p.m. Late night Skype talks. Frat. 110 lecture hall**Sunday, 3 August 2014**

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Book exhibition, Argiro Student Center Lobby

9:00–9:45 a.m. Morning plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | Girish Nath Jha |
| 9:00 | Bal Ram Singh | <i>Popular recipes for the failure of Vedic values in the modern world</i> |

9:50–11:05 a.m. Morning parallel sessions I**A. Math and consciousness. Dalby Hall**

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| Chair | Anne Dow |
| Ravi Joshi | <i>Integral Unity In Mathematics: The Leap From One To Zero And Back</i> |
| Cathy Gorini | <i>The mathematical concept of symmetry illuminated by verse 4.18 of the Bhagavad-Gītā</i> |
| Paul Corazza | <i>Mathematics of pure consciousness</i> |

B. Ethics. Festival Hall

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| Chair | Craig Pearson |
| Ankit Chaudhary | <i>The mistakes of Hastinapur</i> |
| Naresh Beohar | <i>Interpretation of the Vedic scriptures by Mahatma Gandhi in the context of contemporary circumstances</i> |
| Aditya Kumar Gupta | <i>Tattvamasi: the extension of upanishadic morality to animals</i> |

C. Medicine. Board Room

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| Chair | Robert Schneider |
| Ragnhild Boes | <i>The Maharishi Ayur-Veda mother and baby program*</i> |
| Gururaj Mutalik | <i>Longevity and wellness through the Vedic way of living</i> |
| Veronica Butler | <i>Insights from the Veda for healthier lives</i> |

*Skype talk.

D. Transforming collective consciousness. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | David Goodman |
| Jocelyne Comtois | <i>Consciousness and Human Resources Management</i> |
| Rachel Goodman | <i>The relationship between individual and collective consciousness in Maharishi Vedic Science</i> |
| David Gannon | <i>Vedic leadership: world transforming management models leading our world from darkness and suffering to light and bliss, heaven on earth</i> |

11:05 a.m. Tea, Argiro Student Center Lobby

11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Morning parallel sessions II**A. Medicine and women.** Dalby Hall

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| Chair | Nancy Lonsdorf |
| Denise Denniston Gerace | <i>Women and Stress: A Vedic Solution to a Modern Problem</i> |
| Veronica Butler | <i>A woman's best medicine</i> |
| Leslee Goldstein | <i>The effect of the Transcendental Meditation Technique on self-efficacy, perceived stress, and quality of life in mothers in uganda: a model of empowerment from within</i> |

B. Epic treasures. Festival Hall

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| Chair | P. C. Muraleemadhavan |
| Raja Bandaru | <i>Six jewels of Mahābhārata</i> |
| Daniel Pal | <i>When there is no dharma: the Bhagavad Gītā on transcendence, action and facing the challenges of life</i> |
| Peter Freund | <i>Discovery of the Varuṇa Upapurāṇa</i> |

C. Heritage and pedagogy. Board Room

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| Chair | Vamshi Krishna Ghanapathi |
| Girish Nath Jha | <i>Sanskrit manuscripts digitization and beyond: the current status in India</i> |
| Raja Bandaru | <i>Use of emerging technologies to simplify the teaching of Sanskrit</i> |
| Vamshi Krishna Ghanapathi | <i>Traditional studies — contemporary deficiencies</i> |

D. Vedic metaphysics and peace. Veda Bhavan 111

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| Chair | Adarasupally Nataraju |
| Patricia Saunders | <i>Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's perspective on ātmā and its expression as the Veda</i> |
| Shiv Talwar | <i>A mathematical and graphical contemplation on Vedic metaphysics</i> |
| Will Davis | <i>Combining Lorentz Contraction with gravity maps to confirm the Maharishi Effect</i> |

E. Vedic living in a modern world. Veda Bhavan 211

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| Chair | Swami Jyotirmayananda |
| Chander Khanna | <i>How relevant are the 21st century BC understandings of rishis in 21st century AD?</i> |
| Sai Sravan Cherukuri | <i>The glory and grandeur of Lord Sūrya</i> |
| Sai Keerthana & Sai Saketh Cherukuri | <i>$E=MC^2$ and the Gaṇapati Atharvaśīrṣa</i> |

12:30 p.m. Lunch, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

1:30–4:40 p.m. Afternoon plenary session. Dalby Hall

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| | Chair | David Scharf |
| 1:30 | Benjamin Feldman | <i>Attainment of brahman and the nature of the master</i> |
| 2:15 | John Hagelin | <i>Higher states: the neurophysiology of enlightenment — scientific foundation for a Vedic civilization</i> |
| 3:00 | Nandkishor Muley & Anjaneya Sastry Kappagantu | <i>Santoor and tabla concert</i> |
| 4:00 | Maharishi Vedic Pandits | <i>Vedic performance</i> |
| 4:30 | Sashi Kejriwal | <i>Vote of thanks</i> |

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Wilson Dining Hall, Argiro Student Center

7:00 p.m. Open meeting to discuss the future collaboration of Indian and American scholars, WAVES and MUM. Dalby Hall

7:30 p.m. Entertainment. Dalby Hall

10:00–11:15 p.m. Late night Skype talks. Frat. 110 lecture hall

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