

# TIBETAN NUNS PROJECT

*with Guest Speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Napper*

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7:00 p.m.

Student Center 160, Seattle University



Please join Academic Salons in welcoming Dr. Elizabeth Napper of the Tibetan Nuns Project to Seattle University! Dr. Napper is the co-director of the Tibetan Nuns Project, a non-profit organization devoted to educating and supporting Tibetan Buddhist nuns living in exile.

Since 1991, Dr. Napper has been working fulltime with the Tibetan Nuns Project, responding to the needs of a tremendous influx of refugee Buddhist nuns from Tibet into India. Many of the women are fleeing torture and imprisonment in Tibet for their peaceful demonstrations on behalf of the Tibetan cause. They arrive in India seeking religious freedom and education, but possess no money or resources. The Tibetan Nuns Project was initiated to assist these women to obtain the basics of food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Now the sponsorship program has grown to support over 700 nuns living in eight different nunneries in India. The long-term goal of the Tibetan Nuns Project is to bring up the educational level of the nuns, and to this end it has established the Dolma Ling Nunnery and Institute, the first educational facility of its kind for Tibetan Buddhist nuns.

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**Elizabeth Napper** received her Ph.D. in Buddhist studies from the University of Virginia and has taught at the University of Virginia, Stanford, and the University of Hawaii. She is author of *Dependent-Arising and Emptiness*, co-author of *Fluent Tibetan*, editor of *Mind in Tibetan Buddhism*, and co-editor of *Kindness, Clarity, and Insight* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

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