

# THE NAROPA CHAPLAINCY PROJECT:

## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE NAROPA COMMUNITY

What is pastoral care?

Traditionally, pastoral care is understood as counseling, or ministry, provided by clergy or other religious figures. Our staff considers themselves members of a caring community or "team," dedicated to the welfare of each individual and those close to them. We offer ourselves as companions and helpers to people as they reflect on their emotions, gifts, situations, relationships, and spiritual journey. We are spiritual friends as well as allies.

Who sees the on-campus chaplain interns?

Students, staff and faculty working with spiritual issues and life challenges of all kinds are welcome.

Who are the chaplain interns?

For the 2006-2007 academic year, the Naropa Chaplaincy Project will be staffed by eight Master of Divinity candidates and supervised by two Religious Studies faculty members. The interns have recently completed internships in hospital, hospice, elder care and prison settings. Biographies for each of the chaplain interns appear on the back of this page.

### 2006-07 NAROPA CHAPLAIN INTERNS

- \*Dave Christy
- \*Robert Lee
- \*Richard Masterson
- \*Loren Arienne Olds
- \*John Smith-Lontz
- \*Donald Stikeleather
- \*Nathaniel Vose
- \*Shoshonah Woolf

### SUPERVISORS

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**Dave Christy** is a chaplain at Boulder Community Hospital, where he has helped patients work with chronic conditions such as cancer, the dying process, grief and loss as well as the emotional issues that come up with prolonged illness. For two years he also worked with college students struggling with the transition from home – to life away from family and friends. Dave’s approach to working with people is centered on working with the spark of life and creativity within each of us. He has been studying meditation in the Zen tradition for six years, and holds a BA in Philosophy from Michigan State University.



**Robert Lee** is a member of the Nalandabodhi sangha and a student of the Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche. He is currently in internship as a Hospice chaplain and has recently co-facilitated grief groups at Naropa. Robert has an extensive background in the arts, working as a writer, musician, and actor before coming to Naropa. He earned his MFA in Writing at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also taught poetry for several years. Robert aspires to bring his creativity, earthiness, humor, and compassion to the service of others.



**Richard Masterson** has a MS in Counselor Education from Emporia State University and 20 years’ experience counseling college students, coordinating support groups, and managing crisis situations. He has served as a Chaplain Intern at Boulder Community Hospital, is a member and student of the Boulder Center for Human Validation, and is finishing his Marriage and Family Therapy License, his Certified Addiction Counselor I license, as well as his Professional Counselors License. As a queer man, Richard values a just multi-cultural society and has spent most of his adult life living in and serving Latino, African-American, and GLBTQQI communities.



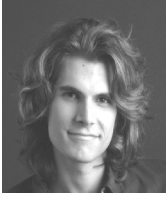
**Loren Arienne Olds** brings to chaplaincy a rich background in the performing arts as well as extensive training in diverse somatic therapies. She has worked as a movement therapist with autistic and D.D. Children, and a movement and music educator with kids of varying ages and abilities. Loren is a qualified Meditation Instructor and recently completed her chaplaincy internship at Hospice. She found her call to the ministry and midwifing of the dying through the journey of her own mother's passage. Her ministry practice seeks to offer fearless witness to the ever changing challenges of life's transitions while aspiring to provide support and reflection of each person's innate wisdom and intelligence.



**John Smith-Lontz** has been trained as an interfaith chaplain and as a meditation instructor, and has just completed his internship as a chaplain at the hospice and hospital in Greeley, Colorado. John is interested in providing spiritual counseling that encourages a greater depth of awareness of one’s own innate beauty. As a pastoral counselor at Naropa University, John brings space and opportunity for spiritual exploration and looks forward to continuing this practice.



**Donald Stikeleather** has completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education over the past six years, serving a diversity of populations, including hospital, hospice, college, elder and correctional settings. Donald also holds an MFA in Dance from the University of Illinois-Urbana, taught college for 15 years, and is a Certified Healing Touch practitioner. Raised United Methodist, he brings a compassionate presence, intuition and humor to an interfaith population. He is a Tibetan Buddhist practitioner in the lineage of Chögyam Trungpa. This is his second year as both a Naropa Chaplain Intern and a chaplain at Longmont United Hospital.



**Nathaniel Vose** is currently working towards his LMFT (license in Marriage and Family Therapy). He has enjoyed working and volunteering in various settings including Cabrini Hospice of NYC, United Cerebral Palsy of NYC, and here in Boulder at Boulder County Mental Health. A student of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, his work is deeply informed by his practice of mindfulness and utilizing mindfulness as a means to touch peace and understanding within oneself and in the world of daily living. Nathaniel’s aspiration in working with others is to help cultivate supportive environments of compassion and understanding that allow for the innate wisdom and beauty of each individual to shine forth.



**Shoshonah Woolf** has worked in the healing arts for 30 years, most recently as a hospice nurse the past eight years. She also practices Reiki and other energetic modalities. She has completed her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education this past summer as a chaplain at Longmont United Hospital. Raised in the Methodist church, she now uses an eclectic approach to interfaith spiritual care. Her approach to pastoral care involves holding the space in which healing can arise.