

The 12th North American Zoroastrian Youth Congress

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KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jenny Rose

Jenny Rose is a historian of religion, with a particular interest in Zoroastrian Studies. She has an MA in Religious Studies from the University of London, where she studied with the late Prof. Mary Boyce. The focus of her MA thesis was the role of women in the Indian and Iranian Zoroastrian communities. In 1993, Jenny received her Ph.D. from Columbia University. An abbreviated version of her dissertation was published in 2000 under the title *The Image of Zoroaster: The Persian Mage Through European*

Eyes.

Jenny currently teaches classes on the Zoroastrian tradition in the Religious Studies departments at both Stanford University and Claremont Graduate University. She has published many articles relating to Zoroastrianism with a particular focus on the role of women, the use of iconography as visual text, and the historical interaction between the Zoroastrian tradition and other belief systems. Jenny continues to produce educational materials about the Zoroastrian religion for use in British schools, and has just been commissioned to write a new textbook Introduction to Zoroastrianism for use by a new generation of undergraduates and interested others!



“SATYA MEDITATION”

Shiraz Zack-Kanga

Go on a journey of self realization and unfold your full potential. Through simple techniques and positive affirmations you will learn to naturally clear negative thought processes and habits. This will help you get peace and balance in your life.

Instructor Shiraz Zack-Kanga is from San Francisco and has been teaching meditation for 18 years. She will help guide you through your subtle nervous system and energy centers. Shiraz has mastered this meditation technique under the guidance of Villy Doctor, Ph.D. who developed this technique by researching it during her thesis on “Psycho-biological changes through meditation.”

Workshops of this meditation have been held at Google (California), UConn Health Center (Connecticut), Nokia (Dubai), Tata (India), Bhabha Atomic Center (India) and various schools in India.



Nahid Dashtaki

In 2005 Nahid Dashtaki received a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations as well as Comparative Literature from the University of California, Irvine. She has international work experience in India and Iran. Currently Nahid is working to complete her master’s in both Dispute Resolution and Public Policy at Pepperdine University.

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“CEO and Founder of Experience Technologies”

Jai Hudes

I am THE GAME visionary. I am also a writer, web developer and spent the better part of my life conceiving, understanding, developing, testing, refining and now bringing eXperience THE GAME, and an array of connected products and storyline content, into the world.

Background: Born in Brooklyn, New York, I was brought up on Long Island. Early on I became a rebel. Between 1970 and 1978 I "checked out" withdrawing from the world as we know it. A series of powerful encounters prompted me to into having a great transformation. In 18 months I was a new person and enrolled in Friends World College making my way to Great Britain to find my wife Shanti, start a new life, find my life work and learn SO MUCH about my self. The GAME was born in 1980. Around this time I met the most remarkable person who became my Teacher, Master Ram. Shanti and I lived in his Ashram for 18 years. During this time I worked in the cable Industry, helped start up a Publishing Company, did business development for a start up software company. When the internet came around I formed a company called World Wide Webport producing websites and community building projects. At the end of the 20th Century, with all the hype about the Y2K bug, the nature of my work shifted. I was invited to help represent "World Peace and Prayer Day." I launched a "Millennial Timecapsule" in 2000. In 2002 I went to the Olympics to represent the Navajo Nation Discover Navajo Pavilion. In 2004 I hired a team to built a virtual reality demonstration of our community building process.

In '06 we formed eXperience Technologies, Inc. to bring THE GAME to the market.



“GATHAS”

Nirvana Marzbani Anoosheh

Nirvana Marzbani Anoosheh was born in Iran. Her dad was born in India and her mom in Iran. She had an International upbringing, living in Iran, Italy, France, Australia and presently in the USA. Nirvana graduated from Sydney University Dental School with honors.

She moved to California as a consequence of marriage and has been engaged in research and teaching at UCSF since 1992 and practices in Sunnyvale, CA. She is married to Khashayar Anoosheh and have three children, Asha, Autrina and Autessa.

She became interested in truly understanding the Gathas after realizing the significance of the word Asha and its application to daily life.

“OVERVIEW OF WZCC”

Eric Engineer

Eric Engineer is a Senior Associate at Sevin Rosen Funds -- a Dallas-based Venture Capital firm with a 28-year history of teaming with innovative entrepreneurs to build world-class technology companies. Eric is focused on early-stage investments in software, Internet, digital media, mobile, and information services. He works closely with the Boards of several Sevin Rosen portfolio companies--including Invodo (e-commerce video syndication) and BIAP (software for cable set-top boxes).

Eric has a breadth of operational experiences in technology-related product management, development, marketing, and sales. At Microsoft, he held a variety of roles, including Product Manager for the suite of Windows Mobile developer tools, Product Planner for the Windows CE and Windows XP Embedded operating systems, Associate Account Manager calling on enterprise software customers, and Program Manager Intern for Hotmail. Eric was a top performer in the company's highly-selective fast-

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track leadership program and was awarded the Microsoft Gold Star Award for outstanding performance. Prior to Microsoft, he worked at Trilogy Software, an Austin-area technology startup, where he served as a Technical Sales Consultant focused on the automotive industry.

Eric sits on the Board of Directors for TeXchange Dallas and is a regular participant/speaker for other local technology entrepreneurship organizations including: the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship, The Indus Entrepreneurs, and the Dallas Business Club. Eric serves as the Youth Representative on the Global Board of Directors for the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Congress and is an active member of the Dallas Chapter. He was recently selected to participate in the World Zoroastrian Congress's Youth Leadership Enhancement Program.

Eric earned his MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was President of the Technology and Media Club and first place winner of the Harvard Business School Venture Capital Investment Competition. Eric holds a Masters degree in Distributed Computer Systems from Rice University—where he also earned his undergraduate degree (cum laude) with majors in Computer Science and Managerial Studies.

World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce: Professional Networking Mixer

The session will begin with a brief overview of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (www.wzcc.net)—a worldwide network of Zoroastrian entrepreneurs and professionals. You'll learn about its mission, initiatives/activities, and how you can join. You'll then have the opportunity to network with other young Zoroastrians who share your career interests. We'll split into career-oriented groups, get to know each other, share contact information, and enter into a discussion facilitated by a group moderator—during which you can ask questions of each other, share experiences, and find peer mentors.



"? IS MORE THAN SOME OF ITS PARTS": Arya Goudarzi

Arya is a young engineer and entrepreneur who is in pursuit of creating ways to enhance people's communication and relationships through self-realization and openness. Born in Iran, he has lived most of his life independently gaining personal experience from dealing with challenges in early ages. He has a bachelor degree in Computer Science and Engineering from UCLA. Currently, he is a Software Architect at Yahoo! Search and serves on the board of directors of PZO. He can prepare 15 different omelets, and in his free time he likes to write. Last but not least, he practices Zoroastrianism as a philosophy rather than a religion.



Camille Patel

Camille Patel teaches a style of Hatha Yoga Vinyasa and Yoga Therapy that has evolved out of her studies of Tantric and Vedantic philosophy and ritual as well as her training of Ayurveda both in the Bay Area and India. She brings to her classes and workshops both great depth as well as a light heart, and inspires with her passion and grace. Camille is blessed to have studied at the VYASA Yoga University & Ashram in India, as well having had the expert guidance of teachers Jim Bernhaert, Carlos Pomedá, Nicole Becker, and Elise Collins. She continues her studies of Ayurveda with Dr. Yashashree Mannur and her passion for the healing arts is ever evolving. She offers reiki as well as spiritual counseling. In all of her practices she offers an authentic, true-to-herself experience as well as an awareness of the constantly evolving Oneness of our True Nature. www.rememberinghowweare.com

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Wednesday July 1 – Day 1 WELCOME

- 11.00 am – Ongoing Registration
- 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm Opening Ceremony
- 5.00 pm – 5.30 pm Meet the inventor of “Life” Game and Learn How to Play it over the next 4 days
(Ice Breaker)
- 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm Opening Speaker
Nahid Dashtaki – FEZANA, Assistant Secretary
Zumard Safarova – Guest Speaker – An overview of Z’s in Tajikistan
- 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Dinner
- 8.30 pm – 11.30 pm Talent Show and Dance Icebreakers

Thursday July 2 – Day 2 Let’s Focus Our Minds on GOOD THOUGHTS

- 7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast Open
- 8.00 am – 9.00 am Learn and Practice - Meditation Sessions
Begin your day with the spirit of calmness – Shiraz Kanga
- 9.45 am – 11.15 am Key Note Speaker – Prof Jenny Rose
(Sponsored by Khorshed Jungalwala Lecture Series)
- 11.30 am – 12.15 pm Nirvana Anooosheh – “Gathas”
- 12.30 pm – 1.45 pm LUNCH
- 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm SESSIONS - Leadership & Career Development
2.00- 2.30 Cyrus Mistry
2.30 –3.00 Arya Goudarzi “? is more than some of its parts”
3.00 – 3.30 Camille Patel – “Cancer Treatment and Prevention”
- 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm BREAK
- 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm Fezana Initiatives
Participation/Updates on YELP Projects, WZCC, NextGen & Others
4.00 –4.30 Eric Engineer
4.30 –5.00 Afreed Mistry
5.00 –5.30 Zubin Mistry
5.30 – Day closing announcements
- 7.00 pm – 12.30 pm Dinner and Dance Music by DJ Ali Reza
Special performance 8.30 – 9.30 Swing with the Beatles (Live Band)

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Friday July 3 – Day 3 Let's Focus Our Minds on GOOD WORDS

- 8.00 am – 9.00 am *Learn and Practice - Meditation Sessions*
Begin your day with the spirit of calmness – Shiraz Kanga
- 9.30 am – 10.00 am *Vegetarianism in Zoroastrianism – Armaity May*
- 10.00 am – 10.30 am *Cancer Prevention and Treatment – Shirin Abadi*
- 10.30 am – 1.00 pm *BRUNCH*
- 1.00 pm – 8.00 pm *Trip to San Francisco*
- 8:30 pm – 12.00 am *Game & Karaoke Night, T-shirt signing*

Saturday July 4 – Day 4 Let's Focus Our Minds on GOOD DEEDS

- 7:00 am– 9:00 am *Breakfast Open*
- 8.00 am – 9.00 am *Learn and Practice - Meditation Sessions*
Begin your day with the spirit of calmness – Shiraz Kanga
- 10.00 am – 11.30 am *Building Your Own Business & Negotiating Profitable Deals – David Smith*
- 11.30 am – 12.00 pm *Coping with Stress – Jim Arjani*
- 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm *LUNCH*
- 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm *Tirgan Celebration at San Jose Dar-e-Meher*
(Sponsored by PZO/ZANC/FEZANA) (Water slides)
- 7.00 pm – 1.00 am *Gala Dinner and Entertainment Night*
Ballet Afshane and other entertainment
Afghan/Persian Dinner and Dance DJ Ali Reza

Sunday July 5 – Day 5 CLOSING

- 7:00 am – 9:00 am *Breakfast Open*
- 9.00 am – 10.30 am *Jashan – All Youth Mobeds are invited*
(Lead by 14 year old youth Ervard Varun Bhada)
- 10.45 am – 11:15 am *ZYNA Session -- Reflections & Where Do We Go From Here*
- 11.30 am *Closing Ceremony*
Welcome to World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2011, Vancouver, BC.
Good Bye and T-shirt signing continues....

Note: Above program and speakers are subject to change without notice

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Armaity May

Armaity May, DVM is a house call veterinarian for dogs and cats, currently practicing in the West Los Angeles area. Dr. May obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in June 2005. After graduating from veterinary school, Dr. May spent 20 months working at a 24-hour emergency dog and cat hospital. She is now certified in veterinary acupuncture through the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine. Armaity became a vegan and animal advocate while a student at UC Berkeley. One of her professional goals is to have her own vegan-friendly integrative veterinary practice that incorporates animal advocacy into the practice. Armaity May is an avid supporter of educational vegan outreach and humane education programs. Dr. May is a member of the national, state, and local veterinary medical associations, as well as the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. She also serves on the Board of Directors for United Animal Nations, an animal welfare organization dedicated to bringing animals out of crisis situations and into care.



“Cancer Treatment and Prevention”

Shirin Abadi

Shirin’s specialty is Cancer Treatment and Prevention. She has a Doctorate degree in Clinical Pharmacy from the University of Toronto and works as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Education Coordinator at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver. Shirin also teaches as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy and has given a number of talks on cancer treatment and prevention in the past, as well as other health-related topics.



Zubin Mistry

My Name is Zubin T. Mistry. I was the Trustee-At-Large for the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington Inc (ZAMWI) from 2007-2009. I am a graduate from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), with a B.A. in Health Administration & Public Policy. Currently applying to graduate school, I plan to get my Masters in Public Health and eventually get my PHD in Health Administration. While applying for grad-school I work under the Johns Hopkins Health Care Corporation System.



“Leadership Within an Organization”

Cyrus Mistry

Cyrus Mistry is an Enterprise Product Manager at Google in Silicon Valley, California. He has successfully launched multiple multi-million dollar businesses including the Google Mini, the Google Search Appliance, and Enterprise Labs.

He is responsible for the entire life cycle of each product including performing market and competitive analysis, convincing executive management to fund the project, recruiting engineers to build the product, prioritizing features, determining pricing, and launching the product.

Nearly 20 years ago, Cyrus founded his own PC Consulting business and since then, he has held roles in software development, consulting, program management, product management, marketing, pricing strategy, and business development.

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He has worked domestically and internationally with over 100 Global 2000 clients across all major industries including technology, communications, pharmaceutical / health care, consumer packaged goods, office products, retail, and automotive.

Previous to Google, Cyrus managed a team of Business Intelligence analysts at The Walt Disney company, was in charge of business development at a small technology company where he helped launch multiple profitable businesses, and was responsible for product strategy at Trilogy, where he was responsible for generating over \$14M in revenue and \$20M in professional services revenue. He is qualified in the TAS and SPIN selling methodologies. His responsibilities included competitive analyses, deal pricing, contract definition, client training, and follow-on sales.

Cyrus graduated Valedictorian of Novi High School and Cum Laude with Honors from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, Master of Science in Computer Science, and Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering, and Minor in Applied Mathematics. His areas of concentration include Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence. His research has been published with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins School of Engineering, Applied Physics Laboratory, National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute of Health. Cyrus currently holds National Society Memberships with the National Biomedical Engineering Society, the National Biomedical Engineering Honor Society, the National Thespian Society, and the National Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi.



"Building Your Own Business & Negotiating Profitable Deals"

David Smith

David is currently the founder and chairman of Tynax Inc. a global patent and technology exchange and managing partner at Cambridge Manhattan Group, a startup creation and incubation company. As Apple World Marketing Manager in the early 1990's, David was responsible for Apple Computer's marketing

programs in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

A pioneer of the early Internet and worldwide web, David's was founder and CEO of SurfMonkey, Inc., developing the leading web browser and safety service for kids. As CEO of MediaLive Inc., David designed one of the first web browsers, email and TV-set-top-box systems. His inventions have been awarded U.S. patents and his software and multimedia products have won critical acclaim. David has addressed U.S. government congressional hearings and appeared on several radio and TV shows.

David is president of ASTECS, the Association of Technology Entrepreneurs and authored the book Zero-to-IPO, now published in Japanese as well as English language.

He holds a BSc.(Hons.) Computer Science & Economics from the University of Leeds (U.K.), a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the University of Westminster (U.K.) and a J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law (U.S.).

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"Coping With Stress": Jim Arjani

Jim Arjani is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. He has a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from John F. Kennedy University. Prior to launching his private practice in 2002 in Mountain View, CA he worked in school, sub-acute hospital, and university settings. Currently he specializes in treatment issues include victims of physical and sexual abuse, anxiety, stress management, depression, trauma, relationship difficulties, parenting skills, social skills, and adjustment to stages of development. In addition, he has been a consultant for the California Air National Guard since 2006 where he helps airmen and their families with deployment related issues.

The Khorshed Jungalwala LECTURE SERIES



Khorshed F. Jungalwala 1940-2007

Khorshed was the granddaughter of Khan Saheb Pestonji Wadia and the daughter of Dhanjishah and Tehmina. She was born in Surat and grew up in Poona. At the University she studied History, Political Science and International Law. She worked with the prestigious firm Mulla and Mulla in Bombay, and later married Dr. Firoze B. Jungalwala, a professor of neurochemistry in 1968. Khorshed was also a Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, London, in piano and voice and performed both in India and England. She spent three years with her husband at Cambridge University, England, after which they came to USA in 1971, when Firoze joined Harvard University for research in neurochemistry. They have daughter, Ferzin and a son, Jehangir.

Firoze and Khorshed were founders of the Zoroastrian Association of the Greater Boston Area in 1983 and both served as Presidents of the association. She was actively involved in Zoroastrian Community affairs, organizing seminars and conferences - the Gatha Conference in Houston, Harvard seminars, the International Avesta Conference in Boston, participating as Chair and Speaker at several national and international conferences. She was a member of the FEZANA Historic Research and Preservation Committee, a Director of the Zoroastrian Education and Research Society and the Chair of the FEZANA Publication Committee, she also served as chair of the committee to modify the WZO charter so that it became a truly world body for Zoroastrians.

IN HONOR OF HER WORK AND DEDICATION TO FEZANA, FEZANA SET UP THE JUNGALWALA LECTURE SERIES WHICH INCLUDES A FUND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE TRANSPORT, BOARDING, LODGING AND OTHER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN PART OR IN WHOLE TO A RECOGNIZED SCHOLAR FOR A GIVEN YEAR TO PRESENT THEIR SCHOLARLY PAPERS OR WORK AT ANY FEZANA MEMBER ASSOCIATION HOSTED SEMINAR OR CONFERENCE. THE SELECTED SCHOLARS MAY BE ZARATHUSHTI OR NOT AND MAY BE FROM ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

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