

Contemplative Environmentalism

WORKSHOP for EDUCATORS & ACTIVISTS

July 14-19, 2025

at the [Lama Foundation](#) near Taos, New Mexico, USA

Cost: \$800

(includes tuition, meals, and accommodations but not travel expenses)



(Sunset at Lama Foundation)

Recent political developments threaten to intensify social injustice and environmental collapse around the world. This workshop brings together environmental professors and activists to explore how best to teach and advocate in these challenging times. It provides tools for finding emotional strength, perfecting pedagogical skills, and cultivating activist courage at this historical moment.

Much of the workshop will focus on the interface between our inner lives and planetary realities. We will use meditation, deep listening, writing, yoga, immersion in nature, and other contemplative practices to infuse our environmental work with greater self-awareness and compassionate commitment. In this sense, the workshop aims to help us reset priorities, become ethically more alive, and live with greater personal and professional purpose. *(No prior experience in meditation or contemplative practices is necessary.)*

The workshop will take place at the [Lama Foundation](#), an off-grid, retreat center in the mountains of northern New Mexico, USA. Lama receives its electricity from the sun, water from a spring, and much of its food in the summer from its gardens. The place is stunningly beautiful. It provides an ideal setting for integrating our deepest spiritual yearnings with our professional and personal environmental commitments. Think of the workshop as a professional ‘conference’ focused directly on *you* and your deepest aspirations as a teacher, activist, and human being. Please join us!

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We ask interested participants to complete a brief application to explain why the workshop will be of benefit. To request an application and to receive more information about the workshop, please email Leticia or Paul.