

## The Contemplative Studies Initiative at Brown University presents:

**Shinzen Young** became fascinated with Asian culture while a teenager in Los Angeles. Later he enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Buddhist Studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Eventually, he went to Asia and did extensive training in each of the three major Buddhist traditions: Vajrayana, Zen, and Vipassana. Upon returning to the United States, his academic interests shifted to the burgeoning dialogue between Eastern meditation and Western Science.

Shinzen is known for innovative “interactive, algorithmic approach” to mindfulness, a system specifically designed for use in pain management, recovery support, and as an adjunct to psychotherapy.

He leads meditation retreats throughout North America and has helped establish numerous mindfulness centers and programs. He also consults widely on meditation-related research, in both the clinical and the basic science domains.

He often says:

“My life’s passion lies in exploring what may arise from the cross-fertilization of the best of the East and the best of the West.”



# The Science of Enlightenment

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a lecture by  
**Shinzen Young**

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5:30pm  
RI Hall 108

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