

PROFESSOR MARY ANN STENGER is Professor Emerita in Humanities at the University of Louisville where she taught Religious Studies and Women's Studies for 35 years. She taught courses in the Humanities Division, beginning in 1974. Her courses included Women in Religion, World Religions, Eastern Religions, and Comparative Mysticism. She has been a Distinguished Honors Faculty Fellow of the University of Louisville and a distinguished Tillich scholar. She was awarded the Red Apple Alumni Award for teaching in 2003 and the University Career Service Award in 2012.

Her primary research interests lie in the areas of religious pluralism, feminism, and ethics. She is published widely. Her publications include articles on "The Problem of Cross-Cultural Criteria of Religious Truths", "Ultimacy in Relation to Affirmation and Negation: Buddhist and Christian Perspective", "The Problem of Criteria of Religious Truths in the Face of Religious Pluralism", and "Feminist Philosophy of Religion."

At the American Academy of Religion, her presentations include "The Problem of Criteria of Religious Truths in the Face of Religious Pluralism" and "The Understanding of Christ in Relationship to Non-Christian Religions: A Comparative Assessment of Tillich and Barth". She also presented a paper on "Revelation: Empowering or Deterring Interfaith Dialogue," at the New Delhi Congress in 1993. She has made a number of other scholarly presentations in the U.S. and abroad on her areas of religious concern and expertise.

Professor Stenger was a member of a U.S. delegation of teachers, preachers and community activists, which traveled to Pakistan, India and Pakistan in the summer of 2004. The visit to South Asia was part of an exchange program called "*Islamic Life in the U.S.*" between South Asian Muslims and Americans which was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State through a grant awarded to the University of Louisville. This program was developed and directed by Professor Riffat Hassan and was part of an initiative launched by the U.S. Department of State in the wake of the September 11, 2001, to promote peace and understanding between Muslims of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh and Americans. Professor Stenger participated in many educational and cultural events during her visit. She also had the opportunity to meet General Pervez Musharraf, President of Pakistan, and Professor Iajuddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh, and many other dignitaries and leaders from the cities she visited.