

Cece Briggs, PhD, Core Faculty and Co-Chair Seattle Undergraduate Studies

Cece guides the Spiritual Studies Concentration at AUS, and teaches the Transformative Education course to incoming students. She offers a wide range of courses in the Humanities including explorations in: Depth Psychology, Mythology, Comparative Religion, Spiritual Studies, Literature, Poetry, and Short Story Writing. Cece organizes and hosts *Spirituality in the 21st Century*, a monthly forum that generates conversations around the shifting landscape of religion and spiritual concerns of our time. She also oversees the *Anima Mundi Scholarship* distribution, which provides financial support for students with a penchant for 'tending the soul of the world.' An active board member of the Seattle Jung Society, Cece extends her passion for Depth Psychology into the larger community by supporting programs designed to address the cultivation of collective consciousness. Cece is a mother of 2 boys, a creative writer, art admirer, and loves to explore the great Pacific Northwest through sailing, surfing, climbing, and hiking.

Education:

BA in Literature and Creative Writing with a Minor in Comparative Religion from Western Washington University.

MA in Mythological Studies with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute.

PhD in Mythological Studies with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute.

Teaching Statement:

As a teacher, I strive to create a safe container for students to learn about themselves and their world in highly reflective and experiential ways. It is important to me that students engage in what feels especially meaningful to them, and that they follow the thread of inspired vocation. My heart's desire is that students cultivate empathy, resilience, and practical skills to help them navigate the complexities of an ever-shifting reality on the planet. Extending compassion for the human and more than human world in times of distress lies at the core of my teaching philosophy.

