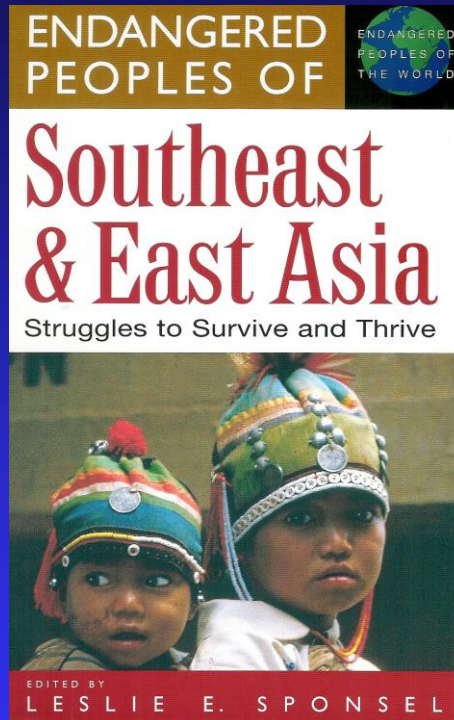


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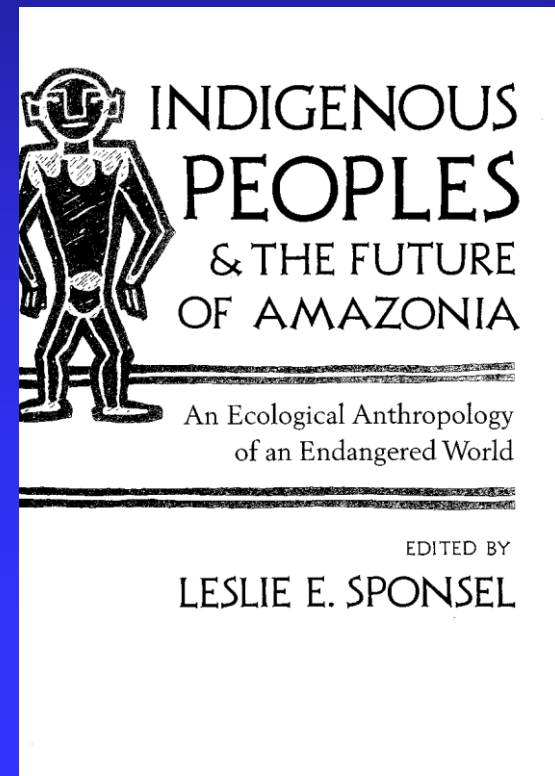
■ Thailand, mainland Southeast Asia

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**E-W Center Environment and Policy
Cultural Values & Tropical Ecology Conference - June 10, 1983**

Landscape at sunset in southern Thailand





- **On the right, Sulak Sivaraksa – famous publisher, prolific Thai author, social critic, and socially engaged Buddhist**
On the left, Nilchawee Sivaraska, Sulak’s wife
In the middle, Dr. Poranee Natadecha-Sponsel
- **<http://www.sulak-sivaraksa.com>**

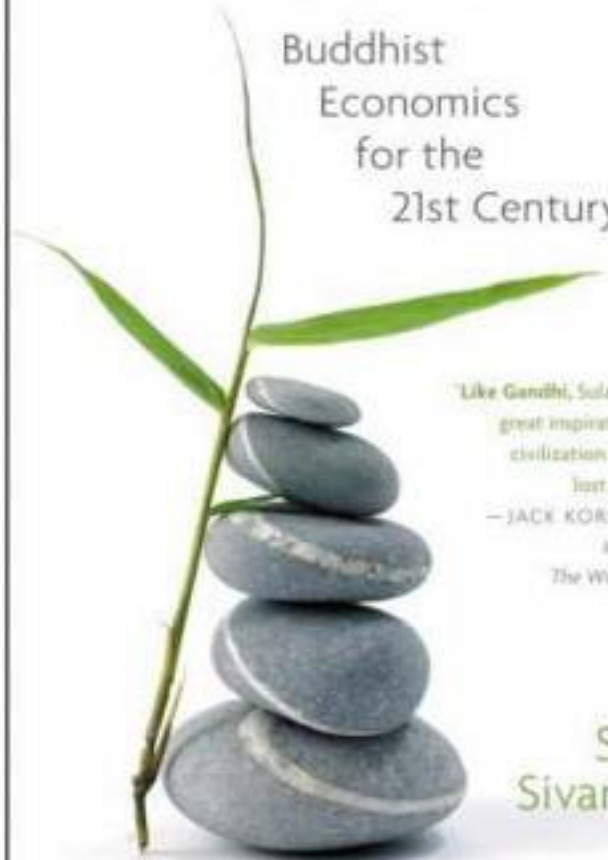
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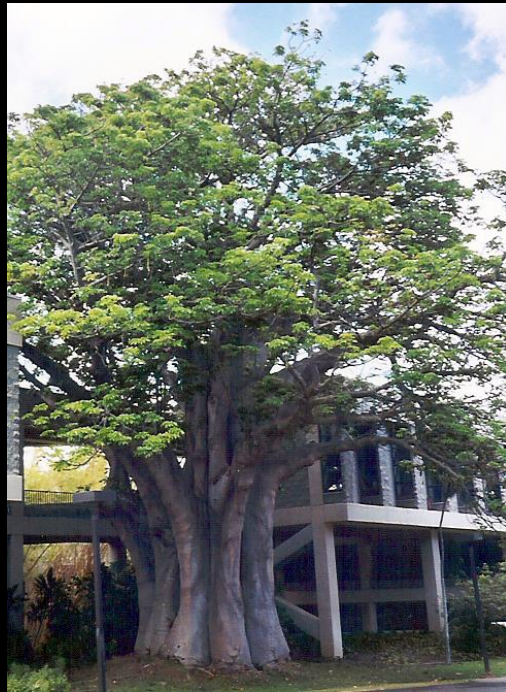
"Like Gandhi, Sulak offers
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— JACQ KÖRNFIELD
author of
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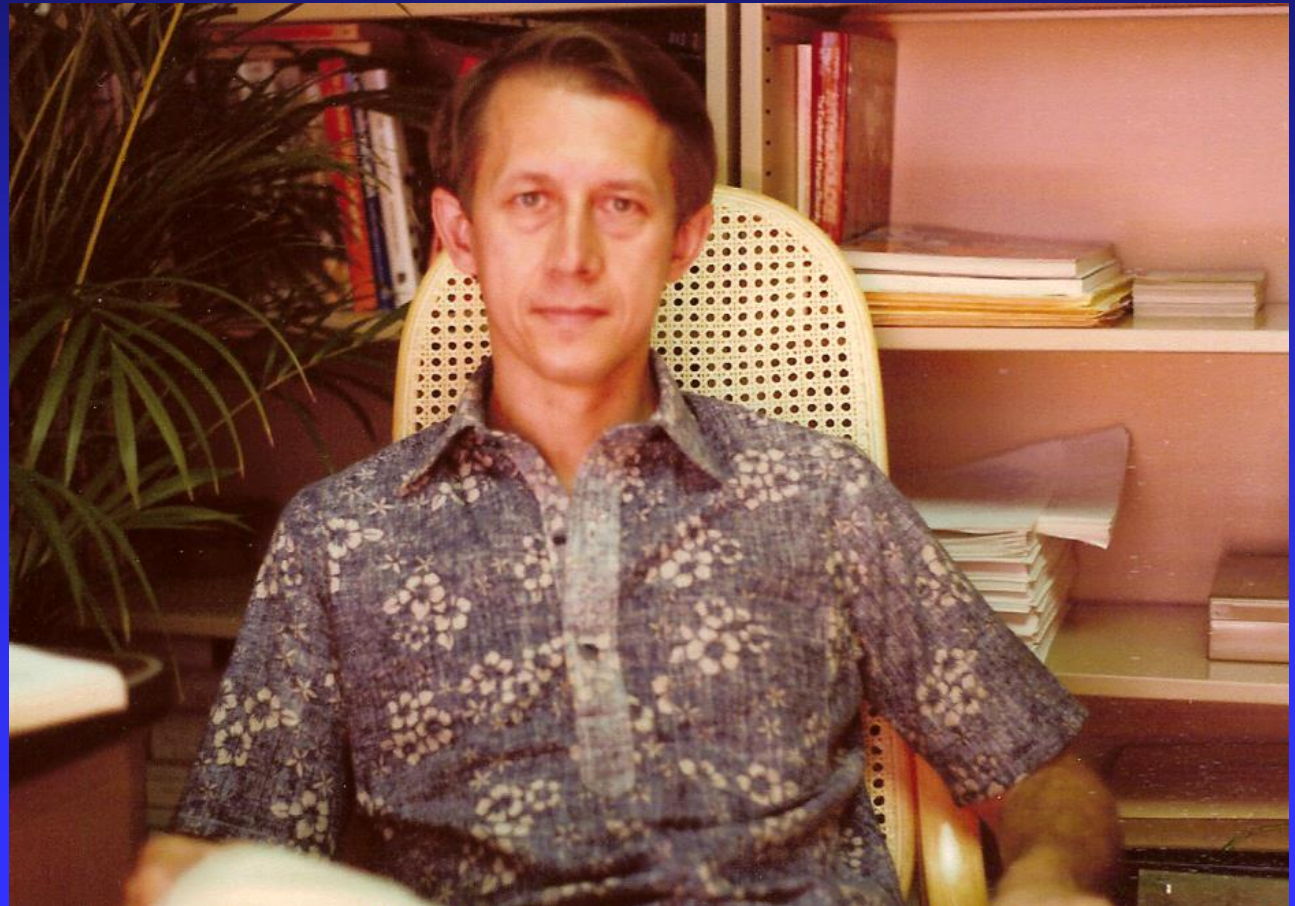
Some books that have been especially influential for me

- *Theoretical Anthropology* – David Bidney 1957/1967
- *Reinventing Anthropology* – Dell Hymes, ed., 1969/1999
- *Victims of Progress* – John H. Bodley, 1982/2008
- *Darkness in El Dorado: How Scientists and Journalists Devastated the Amazon* – Patrick Tierney, 2000/2001
- *Nonkilling Global Political Science* – Glen D. Paige 2002/2009
- *Ritual and Religion in the Making of Humanity* – Roy A. Rappaport 1999
- *Ethics for the New Millennium* – HH 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet

University of Hawai`i campus trees



1981, first year at the University of Hawai`i, Manoa



U H Manoa

■ Ecological Anthropology Program (1981-2010)

- ◆ Spiritual Ecology Concentration
(2003-2010)**
- ◆ Environmental Anthropology and
Conflict Resolution Concentration
(2003-2010)**

Definition – Ecological Anthropology

explores how culture influences the dynamic interactions between human populations and the ecosystems in their habitat through time.

“Ecological Anthropology” 2007,
http://www.eoearth.org/article/Ecological_anthropology

By far the best book for introductory survey:

Environmental Anthropology: From Pigs to Policies,
Patricia K. Townsend, 2009,
Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, Inc.

ECOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM*

Core 1

415 Ecological Anthropology → 620H Human Ecology

Concentrations

**ENVIRONMENTAL
ANTHROPOLOGY &
CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY

Recommended

345 Aggression, War & Peace

422 Anthropology of Religion

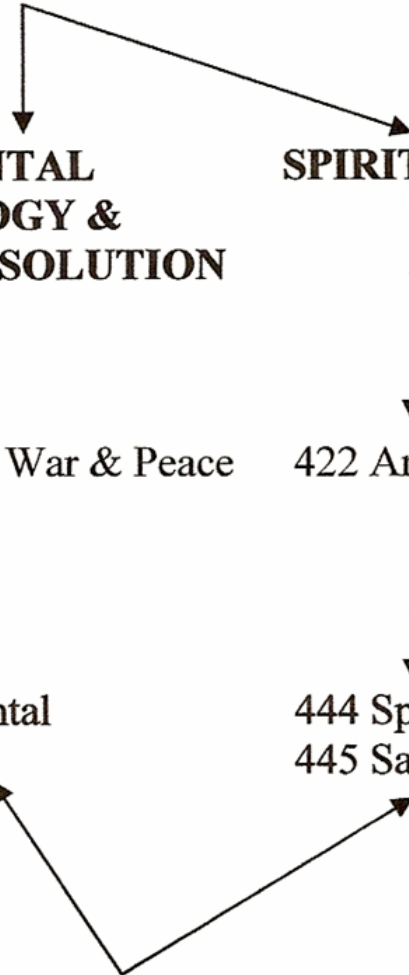
Core 2

482 Environmental
Anthropology

444 Spiritual Ecology &
445 Sacred Places

Applications

481 Applied Anthropology



Main courses

- **150 Human Adaptation**
- **200 Cultural Anthropology**
- **340 Primate Behavior and Ecology**
- **345 Aggression, War, and Peace**
- **410 Ethics in Anthropology**
- **415 Ecological Anthropology**
- **422 Anthropology of Religion**
- **423 Social and Cultural Change**
- **435 Human Adaptation to Forests**
- **443 Anthropology of Buddhism**
- **444 Spiritual Ecology**
- **445 Sacred Places**
- **482 Environmental Anthropology**
- **620 Human Ecology**

Ph.D.'s (served as committee member, several as chair)

- **Thomas Headland – Summer Institute of Linguistics**
- **Carolyn Cook – Freeport Mining & Amung-me, Irian Jaya**
- **Usha Prasad – applied anthropology consultant, HI**
- **Akiro Goto - Miyagi Women's College, Japan**
- **Rajindra Puri – U Kent, Canterbury, UK**
- **Shankar Aswani – UC Santa Barbara**
- **Frozo Daniggelis – U Hawai`i**
- **Narumon Hinshiranan – Chulalongkorn U, Bangkok**
- **Morgan Brent – spiritual ecology researcher and teacher**
- **David Adams – Institute of Cultural Ecology**
- **Glenn Dolcemascolo – UNESCO**
- **Eric Cunningham - UHM**

MA's (served as committee member, mostly as chair)

- David Adams
- Shankar Aswani
- Morgan Brent
- Chalita Bundhuwong
- Annie Claus
- Carolyn Cook
- Eric Cunningham
- Ephrosine Daniggelis
- Glenn Dolcemascolo
- Cynthia Fowler
- Lynn Fukuda
- Kate Gillogly
- Corey Hayashi
- Narumon Hinshiranan
- Paula Loya
- Regina Luna
- Ryan Luskin
- Tamara Luthy
- Micah Morton
- Phong Nguyen
- Thao Cong Nguyen
- Usha Prasad
- Rajindra Pur
- Torsten Ringberg
- Robban Toleno



EAP alumni in session at 2009 AAA meetings - left to right in back row: Morgan Zedalis, Aletta Biersack (guest discussant), Patricia Townsend (guest discussant), Marla Chassels, Merrily Stover, Ephrosine Daniggelis, Cynthia Fowler, and front row Morgan Brent, Leslie Sponsel, Thomas Headland, Eric Cunningham

EAP students with MA finishing doctorate as of 2012

- **Chalita Bundhuwong - Thailand**
- **Marla Chassels - Thailand**
- **Eric Cunningham - Japan**
- **Regina Luna – Hawai`i**
- **Tamara Luthy - India**
- **Thao Cong Nguyen - Vietnam**

Websites of some EAP alumni

David Adams

<http://www.cultural-ecology.com>

Shankar Aswani

<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/faculty/aswani/>

Morgan Brent

<http://www.tribesofcreation.com>

Eric Cunningham

[http://www2.hawaii.edu/~ericjc/In the Pines/Welcome.html](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~ericjc/In_the_Pines/Welcome.html)

Ryan Luskin

<http://www.savagesailing.com>

Rajindra Puri

http://www.kent.ac.uk/sac/staff-profiles/profiles/environ-anthropology/academic-staff/puri_rajindra.html

UH affiliations

- **Center for Southeast Asian Studies**
- **Evolutionary Ecology and Conservation Biology**
- **Resource Management Certificate**
- **Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace**

My successor in ecological anthropology at UHM

■ Jonathan Padwe

<http://www.anthropology.hawaii.edu/People/Faculty/Padwe/index.html>

<http://www.meatradio.com/>

My current projects (2012)

- **Research Institute for Spiritual Ecology (RISE)**
 - ◆ **Developing program and website**

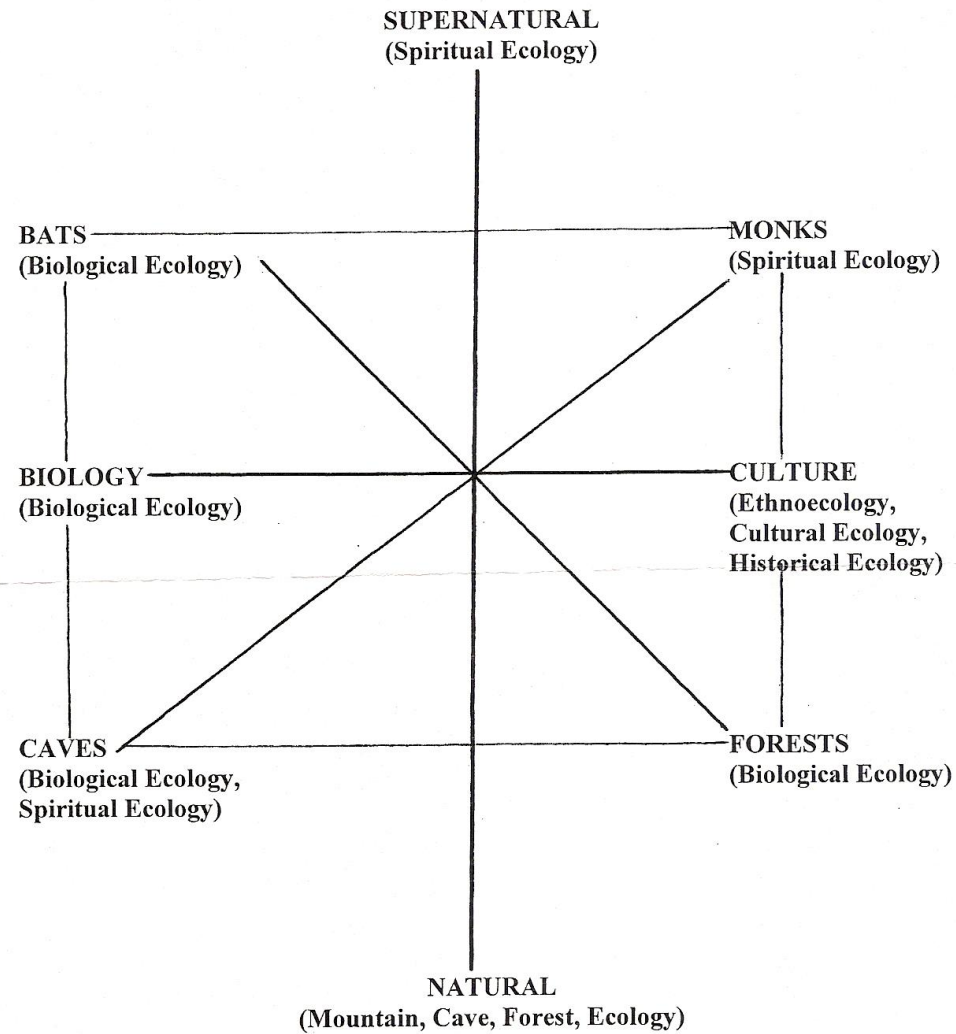
- **Research**
 - ◆ **Buddhist Monks and Sacred Caves in Thailand (annual fieldwork)**
 - ◆ **Buddhist Environmentalism in the USA (internet and other research)**

- **Books**
 - ◆ *Natural Wisdom: Meditations on Buddhist Ecology* (book)
 - ◆ *Ecocide or Ecosanity? An Ecological Anthropology of Diversity* (textbook)

Sacred Cave Research



Conceptual Model for Research



Materialism-Mentalism
Animality-Humanity
Myth, Ritual, & Symbol
Cultural & Biological Diversity





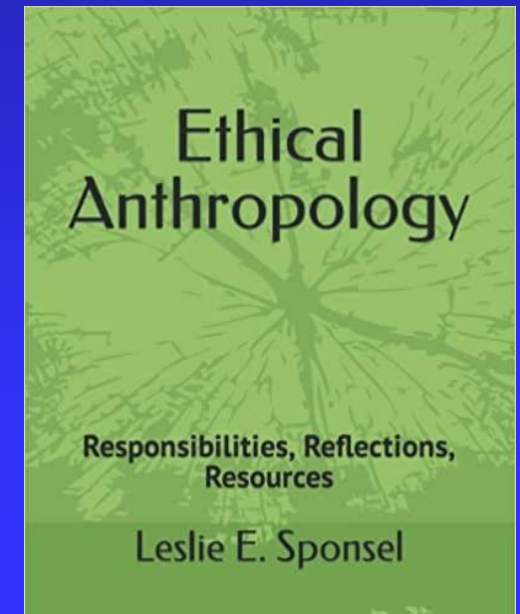
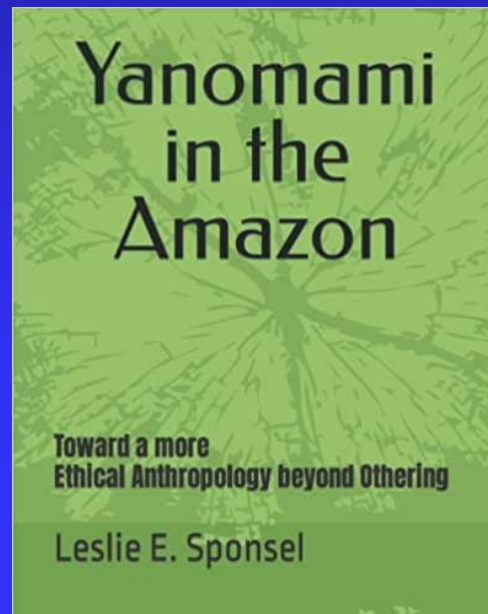
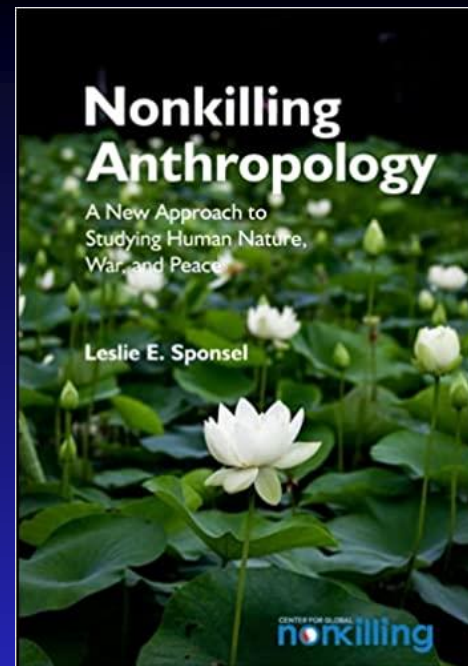
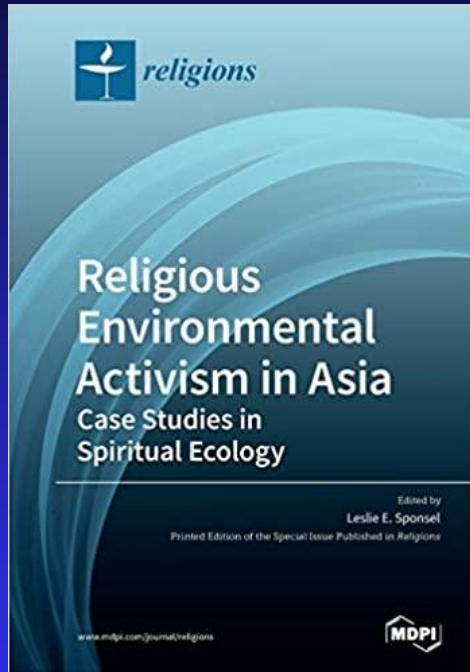
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- **“Religion, Nature and Environmentalism”**
- **“Sacred Places and Biodiversity Conservation”**

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- 2012, "Sacred Caves of the World: Illuminating Darkness," in *The Changing World Religions Map*, Stan Brunn, ed., New York, NY: Springer.

New Books



For more information:

<http://www.spiritualecology.info>

<http://www.eiine.com/rise/>

<http://www.anthropology.hawaii.edu/People/Faculty/Emeritus/Sponsel/index.html>

<http://www.soc.hawaii.edu/Sponsel>

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