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Jeff Smith Public Lecture

## East Meets West in Deep South: Stories of Prisoners in Search of Peace and Redemption

by

**Dr. Jenny Phillips**

**Sunday, May 16, 2010 • Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major**  
Lecture & Documentary 2:30-4:30 p.m. • Reception 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

In addition to the public lecture, this event will also feature, *Dhamma Brothers*, a documentary about human potential and transformation as it closely follows the stories of prison inmates at Donaldson Correction Facility, the first maximum security prison in North America to hold an extended Vipassana meditation retreat lasting ten days. The book and the DVD will be available during reception for purchase.



**Jenny Phillips** is a cultural anthropologist, writer, and psychiatric nurse. Over the past ten years, she has worked with men in both state and county prisons, teaching courses on emotional literacy skills. Based upon her experiences working with prisoners and recording their lives behind bars, Phillips wrote an article, *Culture of Manhood in Prison*, which was published in 2002 by the American Psychological Association journal, *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*.

In 2008, Phillips released *The Dhamma Brothers* into movie theatres. While working on the film, she received more than 200 letters from the Alabama prisoners documenting their lives in prison and their quest for inner peace. These collected letters were published in 2008 by Pariyatti Press as *Letters From the Dhamma Brothers*.

Jenny is the granddaughter of legendary editor Maxwell Perkins, who was both editor and close friend to Ernest Hemingway. <http://www.dhammabrothers.com/BioJennyPhillips.htm>

Event is free. Campus Parking \$3.00.

**Space is limited. Registration required by May 12, 2010.**

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