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Her special area of study is Asian religions. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in Japanese Confucianism. Since 1997 she has been a Research Associate at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard. Her Confucian publications include: [Moral and Spiritual Cultivation in Japanese Neo-Confucianism](#) (SUNY, 1989) and [The Philosophy of Qi](#) (Columbia University Press, 2007). With Tu Weiming she edited two volumes on [Confucian Spirituality](#) (Crossroad, 2003, 2004).

Her concern for the growing environmental crisis, especially in Asia, led her to organize with John Grim a series of ten conferences on World Religions and Ecology at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard (1995-1998). Together they are series editors for the ten volumes from the conferences distributed by Harvard University Press. In this series she co-edited [Buddhism and Ecology](#) (Harvard, 1997), [Confucianism and Ecology](#) (Harvard, 1998), and [Hinduism and Ecology](#) (Harvard, 2000).

After the conference series she and Grim founded the [Forum on Religion and Ecology](#) at a culminating conference at the United Nations in 1998. They now direct the Forum at Yale where they also teach religion and ecology. To help shape this new interdisciplinary field they edited [Worldviews and Ecology](#) (Orbis, 1994) and a *Daedalus* volume titled [Religion and Ecology: Can the Climate Change?](#) (2001). Tucker also wrote: [Worldly Wonder: Religions Enter Their Ecological Phase](#) (Open Court Press, 2003). Together they completed a new overview of the field titled [Ecology and Religion](#) (Island Press, 2014). Tucker, Grim, and Willis Jenkins co-edited the [Routledge Handbook on Religion and Ecology](#) (Routledge, 2016).

Tucker and Grim studied world religions with [Thomas Berry](#) in graduate school and worked closely with him for 30 years. They are the managing trustees of the Thomas Berry Foundation. Tucker edited several of Berry's books: [The Great Work](#) (Random House, 1999), [Evening Thoughts](#) (Sierra Club Books and University of California Press, 2006), [The Sacred Universe](#) (Columbia University Press, 2009), and with Grim, [The Christian Future and the Fate of Earth](#) (Orbis, 2009), and [Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community](#) (Orbis, 2014).

To bring Berry's work forward she has also worked closely with evolutionary philosopher, Brian Swimme, for some 25 years. Together they have created a multi-media project called [Journey of the Universe](#) which includes an Emmy award winning film, which was broadcast on PBS and is now available to watch on Amazon Prime. The companion book which Swimme and Tucker authored is published by Yale University Press (2011). There is also a DVD series of 20 interviews that Tucker did with leading scientists, educators, and environmentalists, titled *Journey Conversations*. (For the website see: www.journeyoftheuniverse.org) She is also a co-editor of another volume bringing science and religion together, [When Worlds Converge](#) (Open Court, 2002). Tucker and Grim co-edited [Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to Journey of the Universe](#) (Orbis Books, 2016).

Tucker and Grim have spoken and written extensively about the Papal Encyclical on the environment titled *Laudato Si'*. See especially their article "Laudato Si'" in *The Quarterly Review of Biology* in September 2016.

Tucker has been involved with the [Earth Charter](#) since its inception. She served on the International [Earth Charter Drafting Committee](#) from 1997-2000 and was a member of the Earth Charter International Council.

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