



A Short Biography

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With a heartfelt dedication to The Message of the Unity of Religious Ideals and Spiritual Liberty which was introduced to the western world by Hazrat Inayat Khan, Karima Gita Erickson has studied the teachings of this Master and has been an initiate on the path of Universal Sufism for seventeen years.

Karima Gita has had the unique opportunity to participate in a women's spiritual pilgrimage in India, experiencing the eastern religions and the culture of the northern regions of that country. Her experiences on this journey combined with her Christian heritage and her studies of Hazrat Inayat Khan's lectures has supported her life long ideal of living with respect for all religious traditions and gaining deeper understanding into the truths that unify the many spiritual paths of the world.

Karima Gita formally studied western classical music on the piano and has sung in university and church choirs. While living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, she further developed an attunement to meditation through devotional music at the Hanuman temple in Taos and in the Sufi circle where she offered zikar practice and readings from the Gathas of Hazrat Inayat Khan. At this time, she guides a circle in meditation and devotional music in her local community in Kansas.

As a professional designer for more than 20 years, Karima Gita Erickson has worked in firms and businesses in New York City, Chicago, and Kansas City and is the recipient of a professional award for product design.

She has also been a design educator at institutions in Missouri and Kansas and has published articles relating to design education. Currently, Karima Gita dedicates her time to design students as a full time professor.