

# **Philosophy of Zen**

Fall 2025

Final Exam Essay

Due Monday, December 15, 1:50 PM

**General Instructions: Upload a pdf file to Lamakū. Use the following format to title your file: lastname phil 430 final. All papers must be properly word processed or typed with 1" margins on the top, sides and bottom. Use double-spacing and no larger than 12pt font.**

## *The Philosophy of Zen*

Write a 6-8 page essay reflecting on the philosophy of Zen. You can focus on Dōgen's writings from the *Shōbōgenzō* or at least one of the texts in contemporary Zen examined in Part IV of the course. How is art important in Zen? What is the Zen view of enlightenment? How might the philosophy of Zen be relevant today in this time of global crisis? Has the philosophy of Zen changed your thinking about the meaning of life in any way? Has the philosophy of Zen left you with questions to ponder?