



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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2015 RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY – BSC SPRING SEMINAR: MARCH 25, 2015

The keynote lecturer for this year's Ryukoku University–Buddhist Study Center's Spring Seminar is Professor Akio Tatsudani of Ryukoku University. Professor Akio Tatsudani was born in Tsuruga city of Fukui Prefecture. In 1983, he completed his Ph.D. course at the Department of Shin Buddhism at Ryukoku University. He started his teaching career at Ryukoku University in 1985 and is currently a Professor in the Department of Shin Buddhism and the Dean of the Graduate School of Practical Shin Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University. Professor Tatsudani's main field of studies are the history of Shin Buddhist Studies and the history of Interpretation on Shin Buddhist Doctrine (Shinran's thought). Professor Tatsudani's lecture at the Spring Seminar will be on Daiei Kaneko.



MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT - JINJI

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii welcomed its newest minister, Rev. Mieko Majima, on March 1, 2015. Rev. Majima is originally from Nagoya city, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. After graduating Ryukoku University, she moved to the United States to work at the ZEMI Corporation as a researcher. She became a localization specialist there and then worked for different software companies. In 2003, she became an independent contractor for US software companies and Japanese Medias, and started to write articles for magazines. She has supervised 43 software localization projects, proofread a few movies and TV programs. In 2010, she returned to Japan to further her study at the Department of Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University for both the Masters Course and Ph.D. Course. Rev. Majima is currently under orientation during the month of March, and she will be assigned to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as of April 1, 2015. Rev. Majima said, "First of all, I would like to thank Bishop Matsumoto, for inviting me as a minister to beautiful islands of Hawaii. I really appreciate to have the opportunity to join Sangha here. I also would like to thank everyone at Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for sharing Buddha dharma with me. Thank you."



A DIALOGUE ON DEATH PENALTY – Legal, Ethical and Buddhist Perspectives

A dialogue on social issues sponsored by the Honolulu Hongwanji Council and funded by the HHMH Committee on Social Concerns.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Buddhist Study Center
1436 University Ave Honolulu, HI 96822
This event is free and open to the public

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii conducts educational and awareness sessions on social issues and topics. Participants are offered an opportunity to understand issues from Buddhist and various other perspectives. In addition, participants may be able to reflect and consider their personal ideas and views on a social issue.

This event will focus on the death penalty in our criminal justice system. The following resource speakers will contribute to furthering our awareness and understanding of the death penalty in the U.S. and other societies:

Williamson B.C. Chang – Professor of Law, The [University of Hawaii at Manoa](#) (UHM) at the William S. Richardson School of Law. He has taught a wide variety of courses including corporations, securities regulations, Native Hawaiian Rights, Indigenous People’s Law, Legal Aspects of Water Resources in Hawai’i, Jurisprudence, Conflict of Laws and Legal Practice. Recently, he continues to teach Conflict of Laws, Jurisprudence, Legal Practice, Legal Aspects of Water Resources in Hawaii and Business Associations.

Joel A. Lebel -- Lecturer/Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai’i at Manoa (UHM); B.A. in Philosophy, Chinese, Bates College (2006); M.A. in Philosophy (Asian and Comparative), UHM (2012); Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, UHM (expected 2016). Mr. Lebel is originally from Maine and Montana and came to Hawaii (2010) to complete graduate studies in philosophy. His dissertation research brings together three primary themes: A) Classical Chinese philosophical views on human creativity, interpretation and meaning, and moral/political engagement; B) Examining the faculty of imagination to take up a critical stance toward the history of Western political theorizing, C) Contemporary resources for understanding the central role played by the political imagination in terms of making judgments about the past, present, and future. Additional research interests include futures studies, philosophy of mind, and non-Western theories of morality and politics.

Pat Masters -- Associate Director, campus diversity programs, University of Hawai’i at Manoa (UHM) ; Masters Degree in Buddhist Studies, UCLA and a PhD in Political Philosophy, UHM; Past President, Hawaii Association of International Buddhists; Meditation teacher, Bodhi Tree Meditation Center. Ms. Masters was born and raised in Los Angeles, to an Episcopalian mother and a Jewish father; and was exposed to many religious traditions growing up; became a Buddhist at 18 years old. She studied and taught in Japan, Nepal and India for many years; lived in a monastery for three years in Bodh Gaya, and was ordained as a Buddhist nun. Created and directed a Buddhist Studies Program in Kyoto for an American university; lived in monasteries in Kyoto, Koyasan and Hashimoto. Pat has lived in Hawai’i for 38 years.

HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

HQ Bookstore recommends 2 books about our founder Shinran Shonin in memory of **Dr. Taitetsu Unno (1929-2014)** and **Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi (1927-2014)** who are well-known as Shin Buddhist scholars and passed away last year.

“TANNISHO A Shin Buddhist Classic” Translated by Dr. Taitetsu Unno (\$13.00)

This book was published in 1984 by the Buddhist Study Center Press and is the best seller book at our HQ bookstore so far.

“This work contains the sayings of Shinran (1173-1263), the founder of Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism, which claims the largest following in Japanese Buddhism. Compiled several decades after his death by a disciple named Yui-en, this work consists of 18 sections. The Tannisho is one of the most widely read works in Japanese Buddhism, known not only as a religious but literary classic. It is impossible to translate such a work into English adequately and fully, but I have attempted to transmit some sense of its flowing style, religious content, and spiritual flavor.” (From “TANNISHO A Shin Buddhist Classic” FOREWORD by Dr. Taitetsu Unno)

“Hearing the Buddha’s Call - THE LIFE, WORK AND WORDS OF SHINRAN”
By Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi translated and edited by Dr. Toshikazu Arai (\$15.00).

This book was published in 2012, the newest book published by the BSC Press.

“Shinran’s words are difficult because his thought is extremely profound, but if this book is hard to understand, that is because I lack sufficient knowledge or sufficient ability to express my thought. I am very sorry about that. However, if this book is of any help to the readers when they read Shinran’s works, I am more than happy.” (From “Hearing the Buddha’s Call - THE LIFE, WORK AND WORDS OF SHINRAN” POSTSCRIPT by Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi).

These two books will help you touch Shinran’s profound thought and teaching and also know 2 great Shin Buddhist scholars’ work. HQ Bookstore offers 10% discount if it is a Hongwanji Temple order. Please call 522-9202 or e-mail to hqbooks@honpahi.org

PBA TAIKO FESTIVAL

With the Taiko Festival less than a month away, please consider purchasing your tickets today! The Festival, a showcase for one of the premier Taiko programs in the United States, takes place on Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m., at Leeward Community College Theater. Tickets are \$25, general admission, \$20 for students/seniors, and \$35 at the door. They may be purchased by calling 532-2649, in person at PBA’s Main Office, or online via: www.showtix4u.com/index.php?submit=Search+for+Events¤t_client=1212011412182203

For more information about great Taiko Festival **sponsorship** benefits, please call Rüdiger Rückmann at 532-2649, ext. 209, or email him at rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org. Please spread the word about the Festival to your friends and relatives!



Ministers, PBA students, and Jr. YBA members participated in the Rainbow Ekiden on March 8. Thank you Runners for your great race!

HAWAII BUDDHIST COUNCIL
**Buddha Day Celebration –
Hanamatsuri**
Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 9:00 am
Soto Mission of Hawaii
(1708 Nuuanu Ave, Honolulu)
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jay Sakashita
(Professor of Religion, Arts and Humanities at
Leeward Community College and University
of Hawaii at Manoa)