

Numata Chair of Buddhist Studies at University of Calgary

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Numata Chair in Buddhist Studies, the Department of Religious Studies is pleased to announce the first tenured appointment to the Chair: **Dr. Leslie Kawamura**, Full Professor of Buddhist Studies in the Department of Religious Studies. The Numata Chair in Buddhist Studies is funded by an endowment based on initial donations of \$300,000 from Mr. Yehan Numata of the Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (Tokyo) and \$35,000 from the members of the Honpa Buddhist Church of Alberta. Visiting Scholars from around the world have held the Chair for brief periods of time since its inception in 1988.

The coming to maturity of the endowment fund has made possible the appointment of Dr. Kawamura to the Chair on a permanent basis.

The Chair was launched with a lecture by Prof. Kawamura on *The State of Buddhist Studies in Canadian Universities*, followed by a reception.

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Buddhist Studies at University of Victoria, BC

The University of Victoria has seen a number of exciting new developments in the area of Buddhist Studies over the last year. The Department of Pacific and Asian Studies has added three new Buddhism related courses to their curriculum: Indo-Tibetan Religious traditions, Readings in Buddhism, and East Asian Religions. These courses are scheduled to come on stream next fall. In addition, the University's Religious Studies Program is set to expand its capacities from a minor to

a full BA major beginning in the Fall of 2010. It is expected that further opportunities for courses in Buddhism and other Asian traditions will arise as a result. The instructors for these courses and other introductory courses dealing with Buddhism are Martin Adam (Ph.D., McGill University) and David Higgins (Ph.D. candidate, Université de Lausanne). Together they continue to lead the University of Victoria's Sanskrit and Tibetan Studies group, which meets at regular intervals to read and translate Buddhist texts.

News & Views Roundup

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invites submissions

for inclusion in a new feature,
News & Views Roundup

By way of keeping ourselves informed of the Buddhist Academic scene in Canada, *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* plans to include a new feature, **News & Views Roundup**. This is to invite you to make your submissions, reporting any developments in your department / faculty, and/or in relation to yourself. Below is an indicative list of information to be considered for inclusion:

Research completed, being done or being planned.

Conferences at the university or elsewhere,
being planned, or attended.

Courses / Programs offered or planned to offer.

Visiting lectures by professors or Buddhist dignitaries.

Meditation initiatives on campus, organized by
faculty or students.

Buddhist **outreach** programs, on campus or elsewhere.

This is obviously a partial list, and you may add your own.

It needs to be noted that this is **not** a refereed feature, but merely information sharing.

I thank you for your kind consideration of our invitation. This is also an invitation to make the *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* your Journal of choice—for your submissions, recommending for your library, and word of mouth publicity.

In Metta!

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