

## University of Calgary

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Buddhist Studies at the University of Calgary was formerly located in the Department of Religious Studies and is now within the newly merged Department of Classics and Religion.

We welcome applicants for our MA and Ph.D. programs, please consult our website: <http://rels.ucalgary.ca/graduate>.

We are pleased to announce Chris Framarin's new book, *Hinduism and Environmental Ethics: Law, Literature, and Philosophy* (Routledge 2013). In addition, he has published articles in the journals *Environmental Ethics* 36/2 (June 2014) and *Philosophy East and West* 64/1 (Jan. 2014): 192-217. He also presented a paper at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL/ASOR Meeting, and two papers at the Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy.

James Apple has been very active, having published articles in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 134/1 (June 2014), the *Annual Report of the International Research Institute for Advanced Buddhology* Vol. XVII (May 2014), and the *Bulletin of the Institute of Oriental Philosophy* (February 2014). He also published a book chapter, "Buddhism in Tibetan History," in the *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to East and Inner Asian Buddhism* (2014). In addition, conference papers were presented at the American Oriental Society Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, the AAR Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting at the University of Calgary, the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Congress 2014, the International Association for Buddhist Studies Congress in Vienna, and the Western Branch, American Oriental Society Annual Meeting at Stanford University. In the 2014-2015 academic year he is on leave with a SSHRC research grant.

Wendi Adamek published an article in *Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 21.2 (Fall 2014). She also published a chapter in *Cultural Crossings: China and Beyond in the Medieval Period* (Singapore, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2014). In addition, she has presented papers at the the University of Iowa, the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL/ASOR Meeting, the University of Hamburg, the Sheng Yen Education Foundation Annual Conference in Taiwan, and in December will be giving a talk at King's College, London.

We are also very pleased to announce the inaugural season of the new series of Numata Lectures in Buddhist Studies at the University of Calgary. Our first speaker (in September) was Professor Wendy Swartz of

Rutgers University, who presented “A Poet’s Repertoire in Early Medieval China,” on Buddhist and Lao-Zhuang thought in the works of Sun Chuo (314-371). In December we welcome Professor Burkhard Scherer, topic TBA, of Canterbury Christ Church University (U.K.), currently Numata Visiting Chair in Buddhist Studies at McGill University.

## **Carleton University**

Angela Sumegi

In March, 2014 the College of the Humanities Religion Program hosted The Annual Edgar and Dorothy Davidson Lecture: “Pali Buddhist Practices of the Self.” Renowned Pali scholar Steven Collins situated Buddhist meditation in the larger context of spiritual practices and technologies of the self. He began by noting that “the denial that there is an eternal, unchanging self does not invalidate ordinary language talk about self; ‘practices of the self’ refers to an area of mental/physical focus, not to an item of metaphysics.”

Collins is the Chester D. Tripp Professor in the Humanities, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago. He specializes in the social and cultural history of Buddhism in premodern and modern South and Southeast Asia, and in Pali language and literature. Among numerous other works in the field of Pali Buddhist Studies, Professor Collins is the author of *Selfless Persons: imagery and thought in Theravada Buddhism*, Cambridge University Press, 1982, and *Nirvana: concept, imagery, narrative*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

## **McGill University**

Victor Sōgen Hori

Professor Lara Braitstein spent the summer of 2014 at the Rangjung Yeshe Institute in Kathmandu, Nepal, developing her research on the life of the 10th Shamarpa Chōdrup Gyatso (1742-1792). Professor Victor Hori was on sabbatical leave during 2013-14. He spent three months at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in Japan, two months as Visiting Researcher-in-Residence at VU University in Amsterdam and a term at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at University of Victoria in B.C. He worked on his SSHRC-funded research project “The Modernization of Buddhism in Global Perspective.”