

Next semester the Asia-Canada program will offer a third-year course that looks at Buddhist institutions in British Columbia and another, fourth-year course, will consider Asian heritage religious organizations in the evolving context of multicultural public policy and public philosophy and dramatically shifting demographics stemming from immigration.

University of British Columbia

Dewei Zhang

The Department of Asian Studies held a workshop titled, “The Space That Is More than Space: New Perspectives on Buddhist Sacred Sites in East Asia” in the UBC Asian Centre on August 2, 2013. This workshop was sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). It had one keynote speech and two panels. The keynote address was given by Ven. Shengkai 釋聖凱 (Associate Professor, Tsinghua University) and was titled, “Zhongguo fojiao ‘Sida mingshan’ xinyang de xingcheng” 中國佛教“四大名山”信仰傳統的形成 (The formation of the tradition of belief in the “Four Famous Mountains” in Chinese Buddhism).

University of Calgary

Wendi L. Adamek

The 2013 Leslie S. Kawamura Memorial Lecture, titled “Vision, Song, and Self: Contemplative Practice in Western and Tibetan Landscapes,” was given by Professor Anne Klein/Rigzin Dolma of the Department of Religious Studies at Rice University. She also gave a talk for Religious Studies faculty and students, “Nine Vehicles, One Path: Short Takes from Jigme Lingpa and Longchen Rabjam.” We are pleased to announce that the 2014 speaker will be Professor Jan Nattier, dates and topic to be announced.

Wendi L. Adamek will be joining the Religious Studies faculty in January as the new incumbent of the Numata Chair in Buddhist Studies. Dr. Adamek received her doctorate from Stanford University and specializes in medieval Chinese Buddhism.

James B. Apple published seven articles as well as a book, *A Stairway taken by the Lucid: Tsong kha pa’s Study of Noble Beings* (Aditya Prakashan: Śāta-piṭaka Series, 2013). He was also recently a Research Fellow at the Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.