

Hori's co-edited book, *Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada*, was published in August by McGill-Queen's University Press. The fellow editors are Professor John Harding of the University of Lethbridge and Professor Alexander Soucy of St. Mary's University. *Flowers on the Rock* is a sequel to *Wild Geese: Buddhism in Canada* (2010), the first collection of essays on Buddhism in Canada, also co-edited by Harding, Hori and Soucy.

The Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies for 2014 is Professor Burkhard Scherer of Canterbury Christ Church University in the U.K. where he is the chair in Comparative Religion, Gender and Sexuality. At McGill, he is teaching a course titled "Issues in Contemporary Buddhism(s)" and will be giving a public lecture on "Variant Dharma: Buddhist Queers, Queered Buddhisms" (the third event in the following series).

During fall term 2014, the Numata Foundation and the Faculty of Religious Studies are presenting a speaker series on Buddhism and Gender:

Ajahn Brahm

"Women and Gender Equality in Theravāda Buddhism"

October 20, 5:00 pm, Birks Heritage Chapel

Khenpo Sodargye

"Women in Tibetan Buddhism"

November 5, noon, Birks Heritage Chapel

Professor Bee Scherer

"Variant Dharma: Buddhist Queers, Queered Buddhisms"

November 19, 4:30pm, Birks room 111

McMaster University

James Benn

There are currently six Ph.D. students in Buddhist Studies (three in Chinese Buddhism, three in Indian Buddhism), and two MA students (both in Indian Buddhism). Stephanie Balkwill (Ph.D. candidate) currently holds a Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies, and Chris Jensen (Ph.D. candidate) holds a BDK Canada scholarship that supports his research in Kyoto.

We welcome applications to study at the Ph.D. or M.A. level, and interested students should consult the information on our website: <http://www.religiousstudies.mcmaster.ca/graduate-program/admissions>

Shayne Clarke's (Indian Buddhism) recent book *Family Matters in Indian Buddhist Monasticisms* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014) has attracted several positive reviews. James Benn (Chinese Buddhism) currently serves as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies. His new book is *Tea in China: A Religious and Cultural History* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2015). Mark Rowe is currently finishing a book on "non-eminent monks" which continues his successful research in contemporary Japanese Buddhism published in works such as *Bonds of the Dead: Temples, Burial, and the Transformation of Contemporary Japanese Buddhism* (University of Chicago Press).

Dr. Fumi Yao joined us in 2013 on a Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) postdoctoral fellowship. She is working on sutra texts embedded in sections of the monastic law code of the Mūlasarvāstivādins and is supervised by Dr. Clarke. She has recently secured additional funding that will bring her back to McMaster for another two years of research.

In 2013-14 we offered the following graduate seminars in Buddhist Studies in addition to first and second-year Sanskrit and Literary Chinese. Buddhist topics are also covered in our graduate seminars on East Asian Religions:

- RS 711 / Topics in Buddhist Thought and History: Introduction to the Study of Indian Buddhist Epigraphy
- RS 712 / Topics in the Study of Chinese Buddhist Texts I: Translated Texts
- RS 714 / Topics in Indian Buddhist Texts: Introduction to the Study of Monastic Law
- RS 715 / Readings in Indian Buddhist Texts
- RS 718 / Topics in Buddhist Studies: Recent Scholarship

McMaster University cooperates with University of Toronto in the Yehan Numata Buddhist Studies Program. In 2013-14 McMaster hosted the following events in that series:

Justin McDaniel (University of Pennsylvania)
Lecture: Architects of Buddhist Leisure
Friday, September 20, 2013

Rupert Gethin (Bristol University)
Reading Group: The Good, the Bad and the Undetermined: Reflections on the Theravāda, Sarvāstivāda, and Yogācāra Listing of Harms
Thursday, October 31, 2013

Alexander Von Rospatt (University of California Berkeley)
 Lecture: Reflections on the Coexistence of Buddhist and Hindu
 Traditions in the Historical Nepal. The Case of the Old Age Rituals
 among the Newars
 Friday, November 8, 2013

Nicolas Morrissey (University of Georgia)
 Reading Group: On the Cult of the Lotus Sutra in India: A New
 Interpretation of a 5th Century Painting from Ajanta
 Friday, January 24, 2014

Anya Bernstein (Harvard University)
 Reading Group: Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation
 in Transnational Eurasia
 Friday, February 28, 2014

John Kieschnick (Stanford University)
 Reading Group: Karma as a Historical Force in Chinese Buddhist
 Historiography
 Thursday, April 3, 2014

University of Lethbridge

John Harding

Book Announcement

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Flowers on the Rock follows up an earlier book, *Wild Geese: Buddhism in Canada*, also published by McGill-Queen's University Press. The essays in these two books examine the dramatic growth of Buddhism in Canada. Individual chapters contain methodological critique of the study of Buddhism in the West, biographies of prominent Buddhist personalities, field reports of important Buddhist temples, and analytical reflection on currents within the study of Buddhism such as gender and multiculturalism.