

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
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Anya Bernstein (Harvard University)
 Reading Group: Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation
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 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

Flowers on the Rock: Global and Local Buddhisms in Canada. Edited by
 John S. Harding (University of Lethbridge), Victor Sōgen Hori (McGill
 University) and Alexander Soucy (St. Mary's University). McGill-Queen's
 University Press, 2014.

<http://www.mqup.ca/flowers-on-the-rock-products-9780773543379.php>

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.

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Simon Fraser University

Paul Crowe

Simon Fraser University does not have a department of Religious or Asian Studies. Our teaching and research activities related to Buddhist studies take place in the context of the Department of Humanities and its Certificate of Religious Studies, the David See-Chai Lam Centre for International Communication, and our Asia-Canada program.

In the department of Humanities Paul Crowe offered a new third-year course on Buddhist ethics and contemporary society. The course took classical texts as a point of departure and then turned to consideration of challenges including reproductive rights, economic justice, sexuality, euthanasia, political activism, among others, through the lens/es of Buddhist ethics.

The SFU Faculty of Education hosted a forum titled “Ecology, Meditation and Meaningful Education”. The forum was convened by Dr. Heesoon Bai (SFU Education) & Derek Rasmussen (SFU Education). Invited panelists were Dr. Mark Winston director (Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, SFU), Dr. Kimberly Franklin (Faculty of Education, Trinity Western U.), Dr. Robert Daum (Green College, UBC), Dr. Paul Crowe, (Humanities Department, SFU), Dr. Avraham Cohen (Counselling Programs, City University of Seattle). The keynote was given by Tarchin Hearne a Buddhist writer and teacher from New Zealand.

In addition to publications related to Yuan dynasty golden elixir (*jindan*) alchemy and literati thought, and work on Chinese mobilities in relation to spirit-writing groups in Hong Kong and Canada, Paul Crowe published a chapter titled “Dharma on the Move: Vancouver Buddhist Communities and Multiculturalism” in Harding John S., Victor Sōgen Hori and Alexander Soucy eds., *Flowers on the Rock*. McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2014.