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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all well as we move into the peak days of autumn. I write to inform you that the 2002 Supplement to the Bulletin of the SSJR is now available online at our website (http://www.wfu.edu/Organizations/ssjr/). The Supplement contains a transcription of Sarah Thal's presentation at our spring meeting in Washington, D.C., titled "Meiji Civilization and the Politics of Shinto at Kotohira Shrine." I would like to thank Sarah and all the participants of the meeting for their stimulating remarks on that occasion.

We are also attaching a list of AAR sessions of possible interest to those of you who are planning to attend the annual meeting in Toronto.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting, in conjunction with the AAS next spring. I will send you a notice with the details early in 2003. In the meantime, please accept my warmest regards.

Janine Sawada President

## A NOTE FROM JAY FORD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This is a reminder to members that the SSJR website remains a useful resource. I continue to update the web resources and announcements related to job openings, conferences, fellowship opportunities, member news, and so forth. Please forward any items of interest to me via email and I will post it as quickly as possible.

DUES: 2003-2003

Member dues remain the same as last year and are noted below. Please submit your checks payable to the "Society for the Study of Japanese Religions" to Jay Ford.

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# MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MARK BLUM** was promoted to Associate Professor at SUNY Albany. Recent publications include: *The Origin and Development of Pure Land Buddhism*. Oxford University Press, 2002; "Kierukegouru to Kiyozawa Manshi: rinri wo koeru shuukyouron" [Kierkegaard and Kiyozawa Manshi: Theories of Religion That Transcend Ethics] in *Kiyozawa Manshi: sono hito to shisô* [Kiyozawa Manshi: The Man and His Thought]. May, 2002.

**JAMES FORD** (Wake Forest University) was awarded a Japan Foundation Research Fellowship. He will be conducting research on *kôshiki* liturgical literature and *hôben* in medieval Japanese Buddhism at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture. Recent publications include "Jôkei and the Rhetoric of 'Other-Power' and 'Easy Practice' in Medieval Japanese Buddhism." *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, 28, 1-2, Spring, 2002.

**RICHARD GARDNER'S** (Sophia University) recent publications include "The Blessings of Living in A Country Where There Are Senryû": Humor inthe Response to Aum Shinrikyô," *Asian Folklore Studies*, 61 (Spring2002): 35-75; "A Revisited," *Monumenta Nipponica* 57 (Autumn 2002): 340-48 [A refers to "A2," a controversial movie on Aum].

**STEVEN HEINE** is now serving as Director for the Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Project, "South Florida Consortium for Asian Arts and Culture." His recent publications include: *Opening a Mountain: Koans of the Zen Masters* (NY: Oxford University Press, 2002) and "Did Dôgen Go to China? Problematizing Dôgen's Relation with Rujing and Chinese Chan," *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 30/1 (forthcoming, Spring 2003).

**RICHARD JAFFE'S** (Duke University) recent publications include *Neither Monk nor Layman: Clerical Marriage in Modern Japanese Buddhism* (Princeton, 2002) and "Shakuson o sagashite: kindai Nihon Bukkyou no tanjou to sekai ryokou" *Shisô* (October, 2002).

**GEREON KOPF** (Luther College) was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in collaboration with the Social Science Research Council to conduct research on the philosophy of Nishida Kitarou at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture. His new e-mail is **kopfg@ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp**.

**BILL LAFLEUR** provided the following note to members regarding his current research projects: "Unfortunately unable to be at the Toronto AAR due some commitments in Europe, I will miss that chance to catch up with many of you. I appreciate the Bulletin's provision of a chance

to give the following update on what I've been up to.

I am following up my studies of abortion in Japan with a volume that examines Japanese critics of America's biotech trajectory. Religious thinkers have a large place in this nearly completed study. A full biography of Saigyô and many new translations of his poetry to-date will appear in my Awesome Nightfall: The Life, Times, and Poetry of Saigyô coming out from Wisdom Publications this winter. Comparisons with the bioethical concerns of Germans and other Europeans, especially as these reflect upon Nazi experiments and to that extent match a growing Japanese willing to derive cautionary lessons from the infamous Unit 731 experiments, have led me to increased interactions with European scholars and will be the topic of an international conference here at Penn. Some recent publications are: "Suicide off the Edge of Explicability: Awe in Ozu and Kore'eda," Film History 14:2 [Spring 2002], pp. 158-165; [expanded republication] "From Agapé to Organs: Religious Difference between Japan and America in Judging the Ethics of the Transplant," Zygon 37:3 [sept 02]: 623-642; "Sex, Rhetoric, and Ontology: Fecundism as an Ethical Problem," in Stephen J. Ellingson and M. Christian Green, eds. Religion and Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective. New York and London: Routledge, 2002, pp. 51-81; "Rezipient als Kannibale: Japanische Bedenken gegenüber der Organtransplantationsethik," in Walter Schweidler, et. al. eds., Menschen Leben-Menschenwürde. Münster: LIT-Verlag, 2002; "Vegetation from Hell: Blossoms, Sex, Leaves, and Blades in Ominameshi," in Mae Smethurst, ed., Ominameshi: A Flower in Noh Viewed from Many Directions. Cornell University Press, 2002, pp. 149-162.

**JOHN NELSON'S** recent publications (2002) include "Myths, Missions, and Mistrust: The Fate of Christianity in 16th and 17th Century Japan." *History and Anthropology* 13(2): 93-111; "From Battlefield to Atomic Bomb to the Pure Land of Paradise: Employing the Bodhisattva of Compassion to Calm Japan's Spirits of the Dead." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 17 (2):149-164; "Tempest in a Textbook: A Report on the New Middle-School History Textbook in Japan." *Critical Asian Studies* 34 (1): 129-148.

**BRIAN RUPPERT** was awarded tenure at the University of Illinois in August, 2002. His recent publications include "Pearl in the Shrine: A Genealogy of the Buddhist Jewel of the Japanese Sovereign," *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 29, 1-2 (Spring 2002); "Buddhist Rainmaking in Early Japan: The Dragon King and the Ritual Careers of Esoteric Monks," *History of Religions* 42.2 (Fall 2002); and "Shari shinko to zoyo/shuseki/joho no nihon chusei shi," in IMAI Masaharu, ed., *Chusei Bukkyo no tenkai to sono kiban* (Tokyo: Daizo Shuppan, 2002), pp. 131-59.

**JANINE TASCA SAWADA'S** (University of Iowa) recent publications include: "Tokugawa Religious History: Studies in Western Languages," *Early Modern Japan* 10.1 (Spring 2002):39-64 and "Bibliography: Religion and Thought in Early Modern Japan," *Early Modern Japan* 10.1 (Spring 2002): 72-85. In consultation with James McMullen.

**BRIAN VICTORIA** (University of Adelaide) has a book forthcoming (December, 2002) entitled *Zen War Stories*. London: RoutledgeCurzon [Critical Studies in Buddhism Series], pp. 268. £65.00 hardback, £18.99 paperback.

**MICHIKO YUSA** published two books in 2002. *Zen and Philosophy: An Intellectual Biography of Nishida Kitaro* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii, 2002) and *Japanese Religious* 

*Traditions* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2002). The latter is a textbook intended for college students.

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY is pleased to announce A NEW Ph.D. PROGRAM in ASIAN RELIGIONS:** Building on Cornell's internationally recognized strengths in Asian area studies, this new Ph.D. program is designed to attract a diverse body of students with multiple interests and talents and to prepare them for careers in teaching and research. Students will develop a unique program of study to develop competence in several areas:

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**INTERNATIONAL SHINTO FOUNDATION** announces annual "Shinto Essay Competition for 2003." The competition is open to all university-level students and the deadline is May 31, 2003. Entrants should submit a 8-10 page essay on any of the following subjects: 1. Shinto and Taoism, 2. A Shrine and its Matsuri, 3. Sect Shinto. For more information, visit our website **www.shinto.org**.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY** announces the founding of the Stanford Society of Fellows in Japanese Studies. The society, housed in Stanford's Institute for International Studies, will sponsor a visiting professorship, postdocs, (internal) dissertation fellowships, lectures, and conferences. For information, see <a href="http://iis.stanford.edu/japanfellows">http://iis.stanford.edu/japanfellows</a> (under construction), or contact Carl Bielefeldt, director, at <a href="mailto:carl@stanford.edu">carl@stanford.edu</a>.

# **AAR ANNUAL MEETING**

For those planning to attend the AAR annual meeting in Toronto (November, 23-26), we have listed below panels related to Japanese religions.

# A39 HISTORY, METHOD, AND THEORY IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION

**CONSULTATION** 

Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

SC - Huron

Michel Gardaz, University of Ottawa, Presiding

Theme: Expositions and Journals in the Nineteenth Century

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University

The "Indian Sphinx": Conceiving South Asian Religion in A. W. von Schlegel's Indische

Bibliothek

Arie L. Molendijk, University of Groningen

Religion at the 1883 Colonial and Export Trade Exhibition in Amsterdam

John Harding, University of Pennsylvania

Exhibiting Buddhism: Religion, Nationalism, and Japanese Agency at the 1893 World's

Parliament of Religions

#### A44 BUDDHISM SECTION AND JAPANESE RELIGIONS GROUP

Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CC - Meeting Room 714

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Colonialism, Transnational Exchange, and Buddhism in China, Korea, and Japan

Micah L. Auerback, Princeton University

Rethinking "Pro-Japanese" Korean Buddhism

Akeshi Kiba, Otani University

Modern Japanese Buddhist Proselytization in East Asia: Societal Reform and the Doctrine of

Memorializing Enemies and Compatriots with Equal Compassion

Pori Park, University of Colorado, Boulder

The Intersection of Politics and Religion: The Japanese Buddhist Presence in Korea

Fumihiko Sueki, University of Tokyo

Modern Chinese Buddhist Perspectives on Japanese Buddhism

Responding:

Nam-lin Hur, University of British Columbia

#### A82 BUDDHISM SECTION

Sunday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

CC - Meeting Room 713

James C. Dobbins, Oberlin College, Presiding

Theme: Transnational Exchange and Buddhist Modernism in Asia

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University

A Cosmopolitan in Colombo: Hikkaduve Sri Sumangala's Nineteenth-Century Transnational Buddhism

Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Monk Travels and the Politics of Textual Production in Colonial Cambodia

Kosei Ishii, Komazawa Junior College

Thoughts and Genealogy of Ultranationalists Strongly Influenced by Buddhist Philosophy: The

Exchange of Japanese Nationalists and Ceylonese Buddhists

Richard Jaffe, Duke University

Paper, Ink, Bone, and Stone: Mapping Buddhism in an Age of Empire

Responding:

Richard King, University of Derby

#### A128 TIBETAN AND HIMALAYAN RELIGIONS GROUP

Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

RY - Confederation 4,5,6

Matthew Kapstein, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: The Tibetan Buddhist Encounter with Modernity

Gray Tuttle, Harvard University

Dharma Centers and Peace Rituals in Republican China (1914-1934): Tibetan Lamas Teach the

First Wave of Chinese Laity

Yinong Zhang, Cornell University

Renewing Religious Practice in a Tibetan Village of Post-Reformed China

Sharon J. Hepburn, Trent University

Cultural Continuity and Change among Tamang Thangka Painters in the Kathmandu Valley

Abraham Zablocki, Cornell University

Reformers vs. Traditionalists in Transnational Tibetan Buddhism

Responding:

Georges Dreyfus, Williams College

**Business Meeting:** 

Matthew Kapstein, Columbia University, Presiding

# A130 STUDIES IN YOGĀCĀRA BUDDHISM

Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

SC - Executive

Joe Wilson, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Theme: Yogacārā Buddhism in Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Panelists:

Mario D'Amato, Hampshire College

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College

John P. Keenan, Middlebury College

Dan Lusthaus, University of Missouri, Columbia

**Business Meeting:** 

Joe Wilson, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

# A131 RELIGIONS, MEDICINES, AND HEALING CONSULTATION

Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CC - Meeting Room 713

Jualynne E. Dodson, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding

Theme: The Living and the Powerful Dead: Cases of Affliction and Healing

Ulrike Wiethaus, Wake Forest University

Performing the Crucifixion as Healing Spectacle: Cult, Class, and Gender in the Case of the

German Stigmatic Therese Neumann

Paula K.R. Arai, Carleton College

Ancestors as Healers in Japanese Buddhism

Suzanne J. Crawford, University of California, Santa Barbara

Healing Waters: Sacred Springs and Wells in Ireland

Nathaniel S. Murrell, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Obeah: Mystery of Iniquity, or a Caribbean System of Medicine

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

**Business Meeting:** 

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, and Jualynne E. Dodson, University of Colorado, Boulder,

Presiding

# A136 BUDDHISM SECTION

Sunday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CC - Meeting Room 717

Collett D. Cox, University of Washington, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Manuscript Cultures

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Southwest Missouri State University

Writing the Past and Rewriting the Present in Sri Lankan Buddhist Manuscripts

Damchö Diana Finnegan, University of Wisconsin

Locating Meaning: The Written Text as a Physical Presence in the Tibetan Buddhist World

Daniel Marc Veidlinger, University of Chicago

Merit-Making Media: Pali Manuscripts from Northern Thailand

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College

The Fluid Boundaries of Buddhist Manuscripts: Towards an "Indefinite" Edition

Responding:

Anne Clark, University of Vermont

**Business Meeting:** 

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University, and Peter N. Gregory, Smith College, Presiding

#### A147 CONFUCIAN TRADITIONS GROUP

Sunday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

RY - Manitoba

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

Theme: Innovation and Transmission in Confucian Traditions

Jeffrey L. Richey, Berea College

Searching for Yan Hui: Transmission and Transformation in Early Confucian Traditions

Jane Geaney, University of Richmond

"Home-Schooling" as a Contested Concept in Early Confucianism

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

From Honoring Parents to Feeding Them: The Transformation of Lowly Yang into Exalted

Gongyang in Early Medieval China

Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, Wittenberg University

Ritual in Republican China: Creating Citizens for a Modern Nation

Responding:

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College

**Business Meeting:** 

Edward Slingerland, University of Southern California, and Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

#### A151 JAPANESE RELIGIONS GROUP

Sunday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

RY - Alberta

Peter Nosco, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: The Early Modern Characteristics of Tokugawa Religiosity

Diana E. Wright, Western Washington University

Keikoin: Ise's Tokugawa Convent

Nam-lin Hur, University of British Columbia

Buddhist Crime and Women in Tokugawa Japan: Nyobon and Early Modern Religiosity

Janine Tasca Sawada, University of Iowa

Divination as Cultivation

Barbara Ambros, Harvard University

Pilgrimage as Package Tour: Early Modern Pilgrimage Confraternities at Sagami Oyama

Responding:

Helen Hardacre, Harvard University

**Business Meeting:** 

Ruben L.F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, and Christopher Ives, Stonehill College,

Presiding

#### A170 BUDDHISM SECTION

Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

CC - Meeting Room 714

John D. Dunne, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

Theme: Translators and Translation Strategies in Buddhist History

Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

The Idea of the Esoteric: Using Theories of Translation and Metaphor to Explore the

Propagation of Esoteric Buddhism in Tang China

Vesna A. Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara

Translation Strategies of the Mongols: The Past and Present

Jonathan C. Gold, University of Chicago

Just How Much Sanskrit Do I Need? Sakya Pandita on Buddhism in Tibetan Translation

Jan Nattier, Indiana University, Bloomington

How to Do Things with Translations: Methodological Reflections on Early Chinese Buddhist

Texts

Responding:

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College

### A221 ZEN BUDDHISM SEMINAR

Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

SC - Conference Room D,E

New Program Unit

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

Theme: Zen and the Politics of Difference

Youru Wang, Rowan University

A Case Study in Daoist Influence and the Formation of Chan Identity

Mario Poceski, University of Florida

Attitudes towards Cannonical Authority in Early Chan

Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg

The Textual History of the Linji lu: The Earliest Recorded Fragments

A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

Jeong Dojeon and Gihwa: The Chan-Confucian Conflict in the Late Goryeo and Early Joseon

John R. McRae, Indiana University, Bloomington

The Rules of Zen Studies

**Business Meeting:** 

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, and Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

#### A224 BUDDHISM SECTION

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

**RY** - Territories

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding

Theme: Women, Death, and Salvation in Buddhism

Mark L. Blum, State University of New York, Albany

The Rhetoric of Inclusion: Rationalizing the Spirituality of Women in Kamakura Buddhism

Alan Cole, Lewis and Clark College

Fleshy Morality: Managing the Misdeeds of Mu Lian's Mother in Late Tang China

Zhiru Ng, Pomona College

The Scripture on the Past Vows of Dizang Bodhisattva: Female Practice of Filial Piety and

Buddhist Afterlife Beliefs in Medieval China

Michelle Sorenson, Columbia University

Women, Death, and Chiasmatic Complexities in gCod

Mariko Namba Walter, Harvard University

Women in Buddhist Heaven

Responding:

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

# A234 WOMEN AND RELIGION SECTION AND RELIGION, HOLOCAUST, AND

GENOCIDE GROUP

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CC - Meeting Room 809

Laurie Zoloth, San Francisco State University, Presiding

Theme: Gender and Genocide: Subjects, Objects, and Agency

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin

Gender Violence and Genocide During La Violencia in Guatemala

Nami Kim, Harvard University

Genocide or Gynecide? Japan's "Military Comfort System"

Tam Parker, University of the South

Survival of the Closest: Gender and Agency in Holocaust Resistance

Janet L. Jacobs, University of Colorado, Boulder

Double Vision: Feminist Ethnography and Women's Subjectivity in Holocaust Studies

### A252 BUDDHISM SECTION

Tuesday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

CC - Meeting Room 713

Taigen Daniel Leighton, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Discourse and Rhetoric in Medieval Japanese Buddhism

Ryuichi Abe, Columbia University

Poetics, Emptiness, and Mind-Only: On Myôe's Poems and the Yogācāra Theory

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union

Awakening and Language: Indic Theories of Language in Japanese Esoteric Buddhism

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Not Mere Written Words: Perspectives on the Language of the Lotus in Medieval Japan

Mark T. Unno, University of Oregon

The Body of Time and the Discourse of Precepts

Responding:

Mark L. Blum, State University of New York, Albany

## A263 JAPANESE RELIGIONS GROUP

Tuesday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

RY - Salon B

Micah L. Auerback, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: The Teachings of Traditional Buddhism in Contemporary Japan: Popular Authors,

Mountain Ascetics, the Hidden, the Engaged, and the Grave

Clark Chilson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

Overt and Covert Shinshu: The Rhetoric of Secrecy in Contemporary Secretive Shinshu

**Confraternities** 

Stephen Covell, Princeton University

What's Wrong with the World and How to Fix It: The Teachings of the Tendai Kaihogyô Ajari Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, Tokyo University

Soteriology and Social Action: From the Case Study of Hoonji, a Nichiren Buddhist Temple in Japan

Mark Rowe, Princeton University

Blurring the Lines: Buddhist Responses to the Changing Place of the Dead

George Tanabe, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Kino Kazuyoshi on Making Fantastic Absolutes Ordinary

Responding:

Paul L. Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

# ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

# AM1 WISDOM IN CHINA AND THE WEST: MEMORIAL CONFERENCE FOR JULIA CHING

Thursday, 8:30 am-5:30 pm 14087 Robarts Library

International program, over 15 papers on cross-cultural theme of wisdom. Keynote speakers: Robert Neville and Hans Küng. Hosted at East Asian Studies, University of Toronto. Registration and lunch both days free to pre-registrants. Contact: **vincent.shen@utoronto.ca** or Willard G. Oxtoby, 1-416-975-4040. Robarts Library is at St. George and Harbord streets. Nearest subway station: St. George.

AM162 PURE LAND BUDDHIST STUDIES SERIES RECEPTION Sunday, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm SC - Kent