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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

The air is crisp, but the sun is still warm here in the midlands--time to let you know that the 2001 Supplement to the Bulletin of the SSJR is now available online at our website (<http://www.wfu.edu/Organizations/ssjr/>). The Supplement contains a transcript of the discussion of Jackie's Stone's *Original Enlightenment and the Transformation of Medieval Japanese Buddhism* that took place at our spring meeting in Chicago. I would like to thank all three speakers, James Dobbins, Ryuichi Abe, and Jackie Stone, for offering us their stimulating contributions, in both oral and written form.

According to the by-laws of the Society, it is time for us to begin soliciting nominations for the next SSJR election, which will be held in spring 2002. Richard Jaffe, the current Vice-President, and I will officially end our term as officers with the close of the 2002 annual meeting. Please send your nominations to the Executive Secretary, Jay Ford ([fordj@wfu.edu](mailto:fordj@wfu.edu)). (You may also nominate yourself!) We will compile a list of all who receive nominations, plus Richard and myself (we are both willing to stand for reelection, and Jay is willing to serve as executive secretary for another term). The ballot will be sent out by February 2002.

My warmest regards to all of you,

Janine T. A. Sawada  
President

## WEBSITE--A NOTE FROM JAY FORD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

You may already have noticed that I have redesigned the SSJR website (<http://www.wfu.edu/Organizations/ssjr/>). The content has not changed dramatically but I have tried to think of new ways to make this a useful resource for research, teaching, and other information within the discipline. I am open to any suggestions here. I continue to update the web resources and announcements related to job openings, conferences, fellowship opportunities, and member news. Of course, this is only as useful as the information provided so please forward any information or announcements to me ([fordj@wfu.edu](mailto:fordj@wfu.edu)) that may be of interest to the field. This includes any news of recent publications, presentations, employment changes, or other noteworthy accomplishments. I have also created pages for course syllabi, video resources, and photographs related to Japanese religion. With respect to the latter, if you have any photographs (either scanned or digital) that you would be willing to share with others for use in the classroom, send them to me and I will post them with appropriate credit.

DUES: 2001-2002

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#### AAR ANNUAL MEETING

For those of you planning to attend the AAR annual meeting in Denver (Nov. 17-20), we have listed below panels related to Japanese religions. We are also including this as an attachment (rich text format) for those who would like to print it out separately.

#### **A30**

##### **Buddhism Section**

**Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**ADM-Tower Court A**

Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding  
Theme: Buddhism on the Silk Road

Jason Neelis, Florida State University  
Long-Distance Transmission of Buddhism from South Asia to the Silk Routes: New Evidence from Rock Drawings and Inscriptions in Northern Pakistan

Vadim N. Yagodin, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan  
The Civilization of Ancient Chorasmla and Buddhism

Joseph Walser, Tufts University  
Mahayana Textual Production on the Silk Route

Mariko Namba Walter, University of New England  
Death, Burials, and the Afterlife in Buddhist Central Asia

Peter Zieme, Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften  
Special Traits of Uighur Buddhism

Responding:  
Jan Nattier, Indiana University, Bloomington

**A43**  
**Japanese Religions Group**  
**Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**  
**ADM-Vail**

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, Presiding  
Theme: Sacred Space, Haunted Place

James L. Ford, Wake Forest University  
Jokei and the 'Place' of Devotion in Medieval Japanese Buddhism

Ian Reader, Lancaster University  
Geography, Footsteps, Legends, and Symbols: The Construction of an Emotional Landscape in the Shikoku Pilgrimage

Susan Blakeley Klein, University of California, Irvine  
The Historical Development of Premodern Japanese Ghosts

Elizabeth Kenney, Kansai Gaidai University  
Hanako, the Toilet Ghost

Responding:  
Elizabeth G. Harrison, University of Arizona

**A47**  
**Religion and Ethics in Healthcare Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group**  
**Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**  
**C3-Room C110**

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding  
Theme: Cultural Responses to Illness and Death

Heather D. Curtis, Harvard University  
"The Lord for the Body": Sickness, Health, and Divine Healing in Nineteenth-Century Protestantism

Kathleen Garces-Foley, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Buddhism, Hospice, and the American Way of Dying

Margaret R. McLean, Santa Clara University

End of Life Issues Personally and Spiritually Explored (ELIPSE) – Lessons from a Latino Community

Responding:

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University

**A55**

**Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group**

**Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**ADM-Tower Court A**

Robert Rhodes, Otani University, Presiding

Theme: Current Research on the Jish?

J. Todd Brown, University of Arizona

Flowers from the Sky: Auspicious Portents in Two Jish? Hagiographies

James H. Foard, Arizona State University

The Jish? Appropriation of Icons: The Case of the Burned-Cheek Amida

S. A. Thornton, Arizona State University

The Yugy? Sh?nin, Izumi Shikibu, and the Rededication of the Seiganji in 1580

Diana E. Wright, Western Washington University

Concerns Both Sacred and Mundane: The Jish? Nuns of Mantokuji

Responding:

Janet Goodwin, California State University, Stanislaus

**A68**

**Korean Religions Group**

**Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**C3-Room A209**

Young Chan Ro, George Mason University, Presiding

Theme: Korean Transformation of Buddhism or Buddhist Transformation of Korea?

Panelists:

Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles

Robert M. Gimello, Harvard University

John R. McRae, Indiana University, Bloomington

Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

Cuong Tu Nguyen, George Mason University

**A70****New Religious Movements Group****Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm****C3-Room A110**

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: Metaphysical Religions: Christian Science and New Thought in American Culture

Dell deChant and Dawn Hutchinson, University of South Florida

The Problem of Contemporary Gnosticism: Encounters with a Suspect Term

Margo Smith, University of South Florida

Christian Science and Buddhism: Healing Modalities for the New Millennium?

Holly Folk, Indiana University, Bloomington

Problems of Leadership in Chiropractic History: A Study of the Palmer Family

John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University

Was Mary Baker Eddy an Apocalyptic Eschatologist or an Ethical Eschatologist?

Business Meeting

Mike Ashcraft, Truman State University, Presiding

**A90****Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section****Sunday, 9:00 am-11:30 am****C3-Room C209**

Sidney Brown, University of the South, Presiding

Theme: Reading Texts, Paradigms, and Cultural Practices: New Pedagogical Strategies

Larry Golemon, Graduate Theological Union

Ethnography, Contextual Theology, and Postcolonial Teaching Practices

Marilyn Gottschall, Whittier College

Teaching Epistemic Diversity through Sacred Sound

David Mellott, Emory University

What Our Students Have to Teach Us: Pedagogical Reflections on Teaching an Introductory Course on the History of Christianity

Eve L. Mullen, Universität Hamburg

Buddhism and Western Pop Culture in the Classroom: Exposing Orientalism

Andrew L. Pratt and Allen Gathman, Southeast Missouri State University

Stacking the Deck to Teach Methodological Parallels in Science and Religion

**A92****Buddhism Section and Chinese Religions Group****Sunday, 9:00 am-11:30 am****C3-Room A106**

Robert Sharf, University of Michigan, Presiding  
Theme: Merit and Exchange in Chinese and Indian Buddhism

Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America  
The Paradox of Precepts in Chinese Pure Land Buddhism

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College  
Gifts, Merit, and Reciprocity in Indian Buddhism

Michael Walsh, Vassar College  
The Possibilities of Merit in Thirteenth-Century Chinese Buddhist Monastic Arenas

Yu Xue, University of Iowa  
Merit Making and Merit Transfer in Chinese Buddhism

Responding:  
Jamie Hubbard, Smith College

**A122****Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group****Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm****C3-Room A101**

Julian Kunnie, University of Arizona, Presiding  
Theme: Religion, Aging, and Eldership in North America

Dianne Stewart, Macalester College  
Eldership in Trinidad's Yoruba/Orisha and Spiritual Baptist Traditions

Peter Yuichi Clark, Emory University  
Dynamics of Hoping in Aging Second Generation Japanese Americans

Michael D. McNally, Harvard University  
Elders Making Tradition: Elders, Authority, and Ojibwe Culture in Motion

Responding:  
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

**A130****Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group****Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm****C3-Room A206**

Natalie Gummer, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Medicine and Buddhism in Indo-Tibetan Tradition

Stephen Jenkins, Humboldt State University

Continuity and Contrast in Indian Buddhist Medical Metaphor and Practice

Frances M. Garrett, University of Virginia

Becoming Human in Early Tibetan Scholasticism: Tibetan Embryology and the Intertwining of Medical and

Religious Rhetoric

Janet Gyatso, Amherst College

Ideology vs. Empiricism in the Service of Gender Distinction: A Debate in Tibetan Medicine

Kurtis Schaeffer, Harvard University

Textual Scholarship and Medical Learning in Tibet

**A133****Studies in Yogācāra Buddhism Seminar****Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm****ADM-Governor's Square 15**

Joe Wilson, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Theme: Yogacara Buddhism in East Asia

Dan Lusthaus, University of Missouri, Columbia

Kuiji's Invention of a Dharmapala Lineage

Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

Weonhyo's Problem with the Two Hindrances

Zhihua Yao, Boston University

A Huayan Reception of Self-Cognition

Jiang Wu, Harvard University

The Revival of Yogacara Studies in Seventeenth-Century China and the Use of Buddhist Syllogism in Anti-Christian Polemic

Business Meeting

Dan Lusthaus, University of Missouri, Columbia and Joe Wilson, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Discussion of papers pre-circulated among seminar members. Papers and other communications are available at the seminar's Web site: <http://www.uncwil.edu/p&r/yogacara/eastasia>.

**A134**

**Tokugawa Religion Seminar**  
**Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**  
**ADM-Governor's Square 14**

Paul B. Watt, DePauw University, Presiding  
Theme: Playing at Buddhism: Double Sixes on the Road to Paradise

Elizabeth G. Harrison, University of Arizona and Dennis E. Lishka, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Playing at Buddhism: Double Sixes on the Road to Paradise

Business Meeting  
Dennis E. Lishka, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Presiding

This session is the final meeting of this seminar on the AAR program.

**A141**

**Buddhism Section**  
**Sunday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**  
**ADM-Vail**

Robert Thurman, Columbia University, Presiding  
Theme: Issues of Identity and Alterity in Buddhist Traditions

David Gray, Princeton University  
Eating the Heart of the Brahmin: Representations of Alterity and the Formation of Identity in Tantric Buddhist Discourse

John C. Maraldo, University of North Florida  
Alterity and Non-duality in the Oxherding Pictures of Chan/Zen

Ananda Abeysekara, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Contingent Conjectures in the Postcolonial Study of Buddhism, Alterity, and Difference

Wendy Cadge, Princeton University  
American Buddhists? The Religious Identities of Theravada Buddhist Practitioners in the United States



C. John Powers, Australian National University  
Fighting with History: The Ideological Battle between the Tibetan Exile Government and the Peoples' Republic of China

Responding:  
Joseph Walser, Tufts University

**A179**  
**Buddhism Section**  
**Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am**  
**C3-Room A209**

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding  
Theme: Prophecies, Buddhist Monks, and Politics

Karen Derris, Harvard University  
Towards a Typology of Theravadin Predictions

Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University  
Prophecy in Action: Shambhala and the Mongols

Mario Poceski, University of Florida  
From the Province to the Capital: The Role of State Support in the Spread of the Hongzhou School of Chan Buddhism

Roseanne Freese, Arlington, VA  
The Monk Tanwuchan: Mentor of Men and Victim of Kings

Business Meeting  
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University and John S. Strong, Bates College, Presiding

**A182**  
**History of Christianity Section**  
**Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am**  
**C2-Room A208**

Bonganjalo Goba, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: Making Christians in Asia

Elizabeth Cameron Galbraith, Coe College  
Christian Imperialism: The Case of Indian Christianity

Eric Reinders, Emory University

Penetration of the Interior: Victorian Missions to China and the Necessity of Violence

Sung Deuk Oak, Boston University

The Kingdom of God and the Japanese Empire: Preached Messages of Korean Christians under Japanese Colonialism, 1905-1945

Thomas Pearson, Muhlenberg College

To Win Their Hearts and Minds: Evangelical, Humanitarian, and Military Missions during the Vietnam War

Responding:

Amanda Porterfield, University of Wyoming

## **A211**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

**Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**C3-Room A208**

Jan Nattier, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: Buddhism in Asian America

Lori A. Pierce, University of Hawaii

Buddhist Modernism: Meiji Reform and the Issei Generation

Joseph Cheah, Graduate Theological Union

Monastic School (Phongyi Kyaung) as a Metaphor of Identity of the Burmese American

Buddhist Group

Consciousness

Sharon A. Suh, Harvard University

Surrendering the Mind to Maitreya Buddha: Women's Devotional Practices and the Development of Self-Esteem in

Koreatown, Los Angeles

Responding:

Duncan Williams, Trinity College

## **A216**

**Korean Religions Group**

**Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**C3-Room C103**

Wi Jo Kang, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: On the Korean Transformation of Buddhism

Sang Yil Kim, Hanshin University  
Wonchuk's Transformation of Yog?c?ra Buddhism: A Process View

Eunsu Cho, University of Michigan  
Creating a Buddhist Tradition: Wonhyo and the Making of a Korean Buddhist Identity

Pori Park, Carleton College  
A Korean Buddhist Response to Modernity: Han Yongun's Doctrinal Reinterpretation for His Reformist Thought

Goun Ho Kim, State University of New York, Stony Brook  
Neo-Confucian Elements in State-Protection Buddhism (Hoguk Pulgyo): Hyujong's Syncretic Approach to Buddhism and Confucianism

Responding:  
Kang-Nam Oh, University of Regina  
Jin Y. Park, American University

Business Meeting:  
Sungtaek Cho, State University of New York, Stony Brook and Bockja Kim, Hong Kong University, Presiding

**A223**  
**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**  
**Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**  
**ADM-Beverly**

Georges Dreyfus, Williams College, Presiding  
Theme: Pilgrims and Pixels: Tibetan Buddhism in Traditional and Contemporary Academic Practice

Alexander C. McKay, University of London  
Will the Real Kailas Please Stand Up!: Towards a Theory of Himalayan Pilgrimage

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Harvard University  
The Life and Fasting Ritual of dGe slong ma dPal mo: The Experiences of a Leper, Founder of Smyung Gnas, and  
Transmitter of Buddhist Teachings on Suffering and Renunciation in Tibetan Religious History

David Germano, University of Virginia  
Digital Library and the Study of Tibetan Buddhism

Alejandro Chaoul, Rice University  
The Magical Wheel: Mind-Body Relationship in the Bon Tradition and Its Applications in Today's World

Eve L. Mullen, Universität Hamburg  
The Dalai Lama and Rangzen: Changing Symbols

Business Meeting  
Georges Dreyfus, Williams College, Presiding

**A227**

**Buddhism Section**

**Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**C3-Room A110**

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding  
Theme: Engaged Buddhist Ethics: The Dialectics of Buddhist Tradition and Contemporary Globalism

George D. Bond, Northwestern University  
The Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka: Gandhian Discourse and Millennialist Visions in Response to Buddhist Nationalism

Christopher Queen, Harvard University  
Gentle or Harsh? The Practice of Right Speech in Engaged Buddhism

John Marston, Colegio de México  
Buddhist Values and Cambodian Human Rights NGOs

Sallie B. King, James Madison University  
Justice for All? Engaged Buddhist Avoidance of Justice Language

Responding:  
Donald K. Swearer, Swarthmore College

**A228**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

**Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**C3-Room A202**

Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: Weeping in the Religious Imagination

Gary L. Ebersole, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
The Poetics and Politics of Ritualized Weeping in Early and Medieval Japan

Kay A. Read, DePaul University

Productive Tears: Weeping, Water, and the Underworld in Aztec Tradition

Gay Lynch, Graduate Theological Union

"Why Do Your Eyes Not Run like a River?" Ritual Tears in Greek Funerary Traditions

Nehemia Polen, Hebrew College

Holy Tears and Divine Weeping in Rabbinic Literature and Hasidism

Responding:

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

## **A229**

### **History of Christianity Section**

**Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**C3-Room A103**

Scott W. Sunquist, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: The Love-Hate Relationship between Mission and Empire

Haruko Nawata Ward, Princeton Theological Seminary

Women and Confraternity of Misericórdia in the Early Modern Portuguese Empire

Arun W. Jones, Princeton Theological Seminary

Working Out the Mission Theory of Charles Henry Brent, Episcopal Bishop of the American Empire in the Philippines, 1901-1917

Karen Seat, Franklin & Marshall College

"The British of Asia": The Rise of Japanese Imperialism and Its Impact on American Understandings of Race, Religion, and Missions

Responding:

Andrew F. Walls, University of Edinburgh

Business Meeting

Georgia Frank, Colgate University and Anne Thayer, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

## **A241**

### **Japanese Religions Group**

**Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**C3-Room A109**

Christopher Ives, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

Theme: Studies in Shinto and Japanese Society

Takeshi Kimura, Yamaguchi University  
Kamiari-sai in the Month of Kan'nazuki

Hiromi Maeda, Harvard University  
Court Ranks for Local Tutelary Shrines: The Spread of Yoshida Shinto in Mid-Tokugawa Society

Jonathan Stockdale, University of Chicago  
"The Profoundest Bow": The 1890 Imperial Rescript on Education and the Construction of Imperial Divinity

Susan G. Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies  
Amaterasu-O-Mi-Kami: Great Ancestor of the Emperor and Mother of the Japanese Nation

Responding:  
Ian Reader, Lancaster University

Business Meeting  
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University and Christopher Ives, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

**A243**  
**New Religious Movements Group**  
**Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**  
**ADM-Tower Court C**

Brenda E. Brasher, Mount Union College, Presiding  
Theme: Asian New Religions in Asia and the West

Edward A. Irons, Graduate Theological Union  
Suma Ching Hai: Commerce, Image, and Femininity in a New Syncretic Movement

Paul Alan Laughlin, Otterbein College  
Not All Sweetness and Light: The Controversy over Sukyo Mahikari outside Japan

James E. Deitrick, University of Central Arkansas  
Socially Engaged Buddhism? Asian and American Sources of an Emergent Religious Tradition

Craig A. Burgdoff, Syracuse University  
Why Falun Gong? A Report to the Academy on an Emerging Religious Movement

**A255**  
**Buddhism Section**  
**Tuesday, 9:00 am-11:30 am**  
**ADM-Vail**

Kyoko Tokuno, University of Oregon, Presiding  
Theme: Cults, Transformations, and Transnationalism in Buddhism

Abraham Zablocki, Cornell University  
The Maitreya Project: A Case Study in Transnational Tibetan Buddhism

Zhi-Ru Ng, Pomona College  
The Sah? Triad as a New Buddhist Pattern of Cultic Devotion: Image Worship and Restructuring Religious Consciousness in Modern Taiwan

David Quinter, Stanford University  
The Shingon Ritsu School and the Hannyaji Monju Cult: Image, Economy, and Magic

Bryan Phillips, University of Virginia  
The M?ni-y?na: A Medieval Tibetan Unification Discourse from Guru Chos-kyi dbang-phyug

Cristina Rocha, University of Western Sydney  
Zazen or Not Zazen? The Predicament of Sotoshu's Missionaries in Brazil