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2021 CBE Seminars Online For All

FALL: SEPTEMBER ~ NOVEMBER

SATURDAYS, 11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME)

Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu Buddhist doctrine, practice & culture

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"SHINJIN"

A Special 2-Part Seminar by Guest Speaker:

REV. DR. DAVID RYOE MATSUMOTO

President, Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS)
George & Sakaye Aratani Professor of Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies

Two Saturdays: September 18 & 25, 2021

***11 AM - 1 PM (PST) *Check your local time**

"*Shinjin* is central to the Shin Buddhist teaching and life. It is at the core of the Shin Buddhist path of enlightenment – the "true essence of the Pure Land Way." Yet, why does it seem that *shinjin* is rarely spoken of and rarely brought up for discussion, even in Shin circles? Is it too complex? Too mysterious? Too untouchable?

In these two lectures, we will look closely at Shinran Shōnin's writings as we consider the nature, arising, and implications of *shinjin* in his thought, and the challenges posed by it. We will find that *shinjin* evokes a broad range of religious meaning, from a simple faith in Amida Buddha's Vow to an ever-deepening experience of awakening within the unfolding of wisdom as compassion in our lives.

Finally, I will suggest that *shinjin* signifies this: The Buddha's Vow-mind becomes fulfilled when we are exposed and emptied, even as we find ourselves embraced and enabled to live with a deep sense of interconnectedness and gratitude for all existences."

— Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto



Rev. Dr. David Ryo Matsumoto is the President of IBS, George and Sakaye Aratani Professor of Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies, and former resident minister at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. He earned a Ph.D. degree in Shin Buddhist Studies at Ryūkoku University, M.A. degrees from Ryūkoku University and the Institute of Buddhist Studies, and a J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota. Publications include the translations and commentaries, *Bearer of the Light: the life and thought of Rennyo* by Jitsuen Kakehashi, *The Shin Buddhist View of Birth-and-Death: the path transcending life and death* by Jitsuen Kakehashi, and *Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path: a life of awakening* by Takamaro Shigaraki, as well as numerous translations, commentaries and articles in scholarly and religious journals.



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JODO SHINSHU MODERNITY:

Introducing Transformations in the 20th & 21st Centuries

Guest Speaker:

DR. GALEN AMSTUTZ

Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies & Author, *INTERPRETING AMIDA: HISTORY AND ORIENTALISM IN THE STUDY OF PURE LAND BUDDHISM*

Saturday, October 16, 2021

***11 AM - 1 PM (PST)** *Check your local time

“Shin Buddhism today is a very large and diffuse phenomenon which is not easy to get a handle on. With an emphasis on the way Shin looks to general scholars of Japan (i.e. outside, relatively objective observers), the lecture (after taking a nuanced position on what the relationship between Shinran and the Honganji organizations really has been) will introduce several main themes of the modern story:

- ♦ *how the encounter with the West created intellectual challenges for the tradition (at least for the leadership);*
- ♦ *how Shin through much of the 20th century was greatly influenced by Japanese imperialism, war and ethno-nationalism; and*
- ♦ *how Shin is responding to a significantly declining institutional situation today.”*

— Dr. Galen Amstutz



"Galen Amstutz, (a scholar of) Pure Land, Nembutsu, Amitabha), grew up in an Asian American neighborhood in Sacramento, California. He became interested in Buddhism after teaching English in Japan in the 1970s, studied at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California, and qualified as a minister of the Nishi Honganji True Pure Land organization. Later, having continued his academic study with a Ph.D. in Asian Religions from Princeton, he worked for Florida State University, the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University, and Ryukoku University in Japan. He is particularly interested in communications and interpretations problem related to Pure Land Buddhism and has published a book on the issue (*INTERPRETING AMIDA*, 1997) among other writings."

- Oxford Bibliographies



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Submit your photos to the Google form.
<https://forms.gle/QDQ9x7aZhSRY8Cd59>

Any photos submitted are free to be used by the Buddhist Churches of America at their discretion



BCA UPDATE

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JOINT CELEBRATIONS AT HONGWANJI IN KYOTO SET FOR 2023

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha has announced that The Joint Celebrations of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching will take place on the following dates:



1 st Session	March 29 – April 3, 2023
2 nd Session	April 10 – April 15
3 rd Session	April 24 – April 29
4 th Session	May 6 – May 11
5 th Session	May 16 – May 21

This celebration is our great opportunity to express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin who founded the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. Because of his universal teaching that excludes no one, we are enabled to live with peace of mind entrusting ourselves to Amida Buddha's salvific working. The Hongwanji looks forward to welcoming Nembutsu followers from the BCA and other overseas districts for this once in fifty-year observance.

In conjunction with these celebratory observances, the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention is scheduled for May 11-12, 2023. Many seats have been secured for the overseas delegations (BCA, Hawaii, Canada, South America etc) for the following service dates:

May 10	Morning Observance
May 10	Afternoon Observance

Members from the overseas districts are also welcomed to attend any of the other dates and sessions as well. The Initial registration deadline is December 31, 2021.

Please submit registrations forms with your temple/church's choice of session date by December 1, 2021 to Rev. Michael Endo, Executive Assistant to the Bishop. A copy of the registration form has been included as an attachment.

E-mail your registration forms to: Rev. Endo at mendo@bcahq.org.

You can also mail your forms to Rev. Endo to: Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA, 94704

The initial information & registration packet was sent to all BCA ministers and temple/church presidents to help you as you make your plans to attend. Information can also be found on the Hongwanji International Center website URL: <http://international.hongwanji.or.jp/>

Applications from the overseas districts will be given high priority during this first application period ending December 31, 2021. Please note that while registration for the celebrations will continue to be accepted after December 31, 2021, your requested date(s) and session(s) may not be available and you may be asked to select another date and session.

CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Yasuko Ouchi, wife of the late Rev. Sadamaro Ouchi (Minister Emeritus), passed away on July 4, 2021 at the age of 89. A private family service was conducted on July 22, 2021. Mrs. Ouchi is survived by son, Hiromaro Ouchi, and daughter, Atsuko Ouchi. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Atsuko Ouchi at 7436 Dusty Willow Court, Canyon County, CA, 91387.

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If you have any questions, please contact Alex Tsukahara at atsukahara@bcahq.org.

EIN NUMBER - ACTION REQUESTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2021:

We ask that every BCA Church and Temple contact BCA Administrative Assistant Pam Matsuoka, pmatsuoka@bcahq.org, by December 31, 2021, to verify it is using its own Employer Identification (EIN) number (and not the BCA National Organization EIN).

REMINDER: BCA GROUP EXEMPTION

Please note that BCA Churches and Temples are not automatically covered under the BCA 501(c)(3) Group Exemption. Churches and Temples must be added to the BCA Group Exemption to be covered under BCA -- please notify BCA Administrative Assistant Pam Matsuoka, pmatsuoka@bcahq.org, if your Church or Temple would like to be added to the BCA Group Exemption.

REMINDER: UNDER AGE 30 NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Please be advised that in early 2022 when BCA asks for Church / Temple membership counts as of December 31, 2021, the new Under Age 30 membership count will also be requested.

CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION (CBE) PROGRAM NEWS

News from BCA Center for Buddhist Education (CBE)

Email: cbe@bcahq.org Ph: (510) 809-1460 web: buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/events

Videos on YouTube - BCA Center for Buddhist Education Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnWr3XlAtiwwVIPWvTMqIPw>

1) New: More convenient flyer downloads and online registration: Visit BCA website <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education> for CBE program flyers in downloadable PDF format/ registration links.

2) Thank you to all who participated in the [2nd BCA Virtual Obon](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow7Mu5TWTF4> attended by over 200. Co-hosted by Michiko Inanaga and Koichi Mizushima, with video contributions from 23 temples of favorite bon dances. You can find a list of dance titles, participating temples and timecodes below the YouTube screen.

3) BCA YOUTH PROGRAMS: The 2021 Summer Virtual BYR (Buddhist Youth Retreat) successfully took place in July, with 15 youth from throughout BCA temples. Please contact Youth Program Coordinator, Koichi Mizushima for current program information: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

4) BCA VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT: September 19-26 Visual artists from the BCA community have submitted a variety of artwork to share with the BCA sangha and beyond. Everyone is invited to enjoy the boundless creativity online at the [BCA website](#). Exhibit coordinators are Rev. Dennis Fujimoto and Koichi Mizushima. The Virtual Art Exhibit is another effort to enrich our sangha connections, especially youth, through art and culture.

5) CBE Seminars Online For All (SOFA) continues to program online seminars on two Saturdays a month featuring a diverse array of speakers to explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture. The seminars are free and open to the public and include sessions that are meant to enrich and deepen an appreciation of Shin Buddhism, for newcomers and longtime Shin followers alike. *In this period when CBE is unable to offer Minister's Assistants Program (MAP) or Minister's Continuing Education (MCE), minister's assistants and ministers are encouraged to participate in these dynamic online dharma gatherings.*

- **[Summer SOFA](#) (Seminars Online For All)** events are now online at the [BCA Center for Buddhist Education YouTube Channel](#), including the Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra's 8/21 lecture, "[Rennyō's Contributions to Hongwanji Thought](#)," the final lecture in the summer series.
- **[Fall SOFA](#) (Seminars Online For All) - September ~ November Calendar**
Flyer with registration links is attached and it's also online.

Fall events of particular interest to minister's assistants and ministers include the following:

- **September 18 & 25: "Shinjin"** A special 2-part seminar by **Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, IBS President**. "*Shinjin*," he notes, "is central to the Shin Buddhist teaching and life. It is at the core of the Shin Buddhist path of enlightenment – the "true essence of the Pure Land Way." Yet, why does it seem that *shinjin* is rarely spoken of and rarely brought up for discussion, even in Shin circles? Is it too complex? Too mysterious? Too untouchable?" Read more, [register](#) and download flyers [here](#).
- **October 16: "Jodo Shinshu Modernity: Introducing Transformations in the 20th & 21st Centuries"** Guest speaker: **Dr. Galen Amstutz, Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies & Author, *Interpreting Amida: History And Orientalism In The Study Of Pure Land Buddhism* (SUNY Press 1997).** Flyer is attached and [online here](#).

Complete [Fall SOFA Calendar](#) listing:

All events are on Saturdays, 11 am - 1 pm (Pacific)

Saturday, September 18 & 25, 2021

SHINJIN - Part 1 & Part 2

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

President, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Register online: <https://forms.gle/zQVGSZExun1MYCvw7>

Saturday, October 16, 2021

JODO SHINSHU MODERNITY

Dr. Galen Amstutz

Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies

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Saturday, October 23, 2021

Japanese Seminar: with Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra: "Hongan no Kokoro"

日本語セミナー

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Saturday, October 30, 2021

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THE THREE POISONS

Rev. Marvin Harada

Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)

Register online: <https://forms.gle/6PxLrRudinuQQghz6>

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Japanese Seminar with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara: "Jodo Shinshu wo tatoeruto?"

日本語セミナー

浄土真宗をたとえると？

桑原 浄信

パークレー仏教会 開教使 * マリン仏教会 開教使

Register online: <https://forms.gle/8XXe4kRcTaVNQh58A>

Saturday, November 20, 2021

KOICHI'S KITCHEN

Koichi Mizushima

Guest Chef/ CBE Youth Program Coordinator

Register online: <https://forms.gle/RFAxvfArT4YZrAn9>

6) Thank you for supporting CBE! CBE is appreciative and encouraged by the many donations in support of CBE seminars and events! CBE Donations are always welcome at this link:

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