University of Toronto/McMaster University
NUMATA BUDDHIST STUDIES PROGRAM 2014-15

LUCIA DOLCE (School of Oriental and African Studies)
LECTURE: Of Monks and Embryos: Tantric Practices and the Ritualization of Buddhist Embryology in Mediaeval Japan
THURSDAY, September 18, 2014, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
READING GROUP: Taimitsu Rituals in Medieval Japan: Sectarian Competition and the Dynamics of Tantric Performance
FRIDAY, September 19, 2014, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

ANNABELLA PITKIN (Barnard College, Columbia University)
READING GROUP: The ‘Age of Faith’ and the ‘Age of Knowledge’: Secularism, Devotion and Modern Tibetan Miracle Narratives
THURSDAY, November 6, 2014, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
LECTURE: Miracles, Magic and Modernity: Modes of Tibetan Buddhist Power and their Interpretations
FRIDAY, November 7, 2014, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

CARL YAMAMOTO (Towson University)
READING GROUP: Mastering Space, Time, Symbol: Lama Zhang and the Buddhist Hegemonization of Central Tibet
THURSDAY, January 15, 2015, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
LECTURE: Orphan Texts: Making Sense of Genre Anomalies in Lama Zhang
FRIDAY, January 16, 2015, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

SHI HUIFENG (Fo Guang University)
READING GROUP: Literary Parallelism. Connecting Criticism and Hermeneutics in an Early Mahāyāna Sūtra
THURSDAY, January 22, 2015, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
LECTURE: Chiasmus in Buddhist Literature: Theory and Case Studies
FRIDAY, January 23, 2015, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

VINCENT TOURNIER (School of Oriental and African Studies)
LECTURE: Self-ordination in an Indian Monastic Code
THURSDAY, February 12, 2015, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
READING GROUP: The Mahāvastu and the Vinayapitaka of the Mahāsāṃghika-Lokottaravādin
FRIDAY, February 13, 2015, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

LORI MEEKS (University of Southern California Dornsife)
LECTURE: A Wondrous Gift For Women?: The Blood Bowl Sutra in Buddhist Commentaries from Early Modern Japan
THURSDAY, March 5, 2015, 2:30-4:30 pm, UTM, Faculty Club, DV3140
READING GROUP: Changing Views of Nunhood in Kamakura-Period Japan: The Case of Kenreimon’in
FRIDAY, March 6, 2015, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

DOMINIC STEAVU (University of California Santa Barbara)
LECTURE: Material Culture and Technology in East Asian Esoteric Buddhism
THURSDAY, March 12, 2015, 2:30-4:30 pm, UTM, Faculty Club, DV3140
READING GROUP: Buddhist Medicine and the Affairs of the Heart
FRIDAY, March 13, 2015, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

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JUSTIN McDaniel (University of Pennsylvania)
READING GROUP (Co-sponsored by the Asian Institute’s Centre for Southeast Asian Studies):
The Bird in the Corner of the Picture. Some Problems with the Use of Buddhist Texts to Study the Buddhist Ornamental Art of Thailand
THURSDAY, September 19, 2013, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
LECTURE: Architects of Buddhist Leisure
FRIDAY, September 20, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

Rupert Gethin (Bristol University)
READING GROUP: The Good, the Bad and the Undetermined: Reflections on the Theravada, Sarvastivada, and Yogacara Listing of Dharmas
THURSDAY, October 31, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122
LECTURE: The Quest for the Historical Buddha and the Path to Enlightenment
FRIDAY, November 1, 2013, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317

Alexander Von Rospatt (University of California Berkeley)
READING GROUP: The Sacred Origins of the Swayambhucarya and the Nepal Valley. Foreign Speculation and Local Myth, and The Mural Paintings of the Swayambhupurana at the Shrine of Saptipur, and their Origins with Pratapa Malla
THURSDAY, November 7, 2013, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
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, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

Lori Meeks (University of Southern California)
LECTURE: A ‘Wondrous Gift’ For Women?: The Blood Bowl Sutra in Buddhist Commentaries from Early Modern Japan
THURSDAY, November 14, 2013, 2-4pm, UTM, Dean’s Lounge, 262 NE
READING GROUP: Changing Views of Nunhood in Kamakura-Period Japan: The Case of Kenreimon’in
FRIDAY, November 15, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

Nicolas Morrissey (University of Georgia)
LECTURE: Reflections on an Enigmatic Structure at Nalanda and Visual Eclecticism in the Buddhist Art of Medieval Bihar and Bengal
THURSDAY, January 23, 2014, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
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, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

Anya Bernstein (Harvard University)
LECTURE: More Alive Than All the Living: Sovereign Bodies and Cultural Politics in Buddhist Siberia
THURSDAY, February 27, 2014, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
READING GROUP: Buddhist Body Politics: Life, Death, and Reincarnation in Transnational Eurasia
FRIDAY, February 28, 2014, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

John Kieschnick (Stanford University)
READING GROUP: Karma as a Historical Force in Chinese Buddhist Historiography
THURSDAY, April 3, 2014, 4-6pm, McMaster, University Hall 122
LECTURE: The Encounter with Modernity in Chinese Buddhist Historiography
FRIDAY, April 4, 2014, 3-5 pm, UTSG, JHB 317
SHAMAN HATLEY (Concordia University)
LECTURE (co-sponsored by the Hindu Studies Colloquium and the Centre for South Asian Studies):
Between Buddhism and Shaivism: The Figure of the Yogini in the Tantric Traditions of Medieval India
THURSDAY, November 22, 2012, 4-6 pm, Munk School for Global Affairs, 1 Devonshire Place, 208N
READING GROUP: Converting the Dakini: Goddess Cults and Tantras of the Yoginis between Buddhism and Shaivism
FRIDAY, November 23, 2012, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

MATTHEW KAPSTEIN (University of Chicago / Université La Sorbonne)
LECTURE: Buddhist Idealism in a Jaina Perspective
THURSDAY, January 24, 2013, 3-5 pm, UofT, JHB 317
READING GROUP: ‘Spiritual Exercise’ and Buddhist Epistemologists in India and Tibet
FRIDAY, January 25, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

ROBERT CAMPANY (Vanderbilt University)
LECTURE: The Incredible Vanishing Religion: Glimmers of Buddhist Imagination from Early Medieval China
THURSDAY, January 31, 2013, 2-4 pm, UTM, IB 220
READING GROUP: Religious Repertoires and Contestation: A Case Study Based on Buddhist Miracle Tales
FRIDAY, February 1, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

CRISTINA SCHERRER-SCHAUB (Université de Lausanne)
READING GROUP: Tibet. An Archaeology of the Written
THURSDAY, February 7, 2013, 3-5 pm, UofT, JHB 317
LECTURE: Texts and Masters on the Road: from Magadha to Termez, back and forth, and beyond
FRIDAY, February 8, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

GEOFFREY SAMUEL (Cardiff University)
LECTURE: The Multiple Meanings and Uses of Tibetan Sacred Dance: ‘Cham in Context
THURSDAY, February 14, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

LORI MEEKS (University of Southern California)
READING GROUP: Changing Views of Nunhood in Kamakura-Period Japan: The Case of Kenreimon’in
THURSDAY, February 28, 2013, 3-5 pm, UofT, JHB 317
LECTURE: A ‘Wondrous Gift’ For Women?: The Blood Bowl Sutra in Buddhist Commentaries from Early Modern Japan
FRIDAY, March 1, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

GEOFFREY SAMUEL (Cardiff University)
READING GROUP: Tibetan Longevity Meditation
Friday, March 15, 2013, 3-5 pm, UofT, JHB 317

JENS-UWE HARTMANN (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
READING GROUP: The Early Growth of Buddhism in India
THURSDAY, April 4, 2013, 3-5 pm, UofT, JHB 317
LECTURE: A Hub and a Cradle: Gandhara and the Spread of Buddhism
FRIDAY, April 5, 2013, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122
FALL 2011

MICHELLE WANG (Georgetown University)

LECTURE: “Reflections of the Garbhadhātu Maṇḍala at Dunhuang"
Thursday, November 10, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

Friday, November 11, 3-5 pm, U of T, East Asian Studies Department, Robarts Library

TORU FUNAYAMA (Kyoto University)

READING GROUP: “Kamalaśīla’s View on Yogic Perception and the Bodhisattva Path”
Thursday, December 1, 3-5 pm, U of T, Jackman Humanities Building, Room 317

LECTURE: "Mahāyāna Vinaya? Aspirations for the Composition of a Vinaya for bodhisattvas in India and China"
Friday, December 2, 4-6, McMaster, University Hall 122

UPCOMING IN WINTER/SPRING 2012

LARA BRAITSTEIN (McGill University)

LECTURE: Thursday, January 26, 4-6, McMaster, University Hall 122

READING GROUP: Friday, January 27, 3-5, U of T, Jackman Humanities Building, Room 318

PIERCE SALGUERO (Penn State University, Abington College)

READING GROUP: Thursday, March 1, McMaster, University Hall 122

LECTURE: Friday, March 2, U of T, Jackman Humanities Building, Room 318

COLLETT COX (University of Washington)

LECTURE: Thursday, March 22, McMaster, University Hall 122

READING GROUP: Friday, March 23, U of T, Jackman Humanities Building, Room 318

JOHANNES BRONKHORST (University of Lausanne)

READING GROUP (Co-hosted by the Hindu Studies Colloquium): Greater Magadha and Buddhism in the Shadow of Brahmanism
Tuesday, March 27, U of T

CHRISTINA SCHERRER-SCHAUB (University of Lausanne)

READING GROUP: Thursday, April 5, 4-6, McMaster, University Hall 122

LECTURE: Friday, April 6, 3-5, U of T

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NATASHA HELLER (University of California Los Angeles)
LECTURE: How to Be a Buddhist Recluse in the Yuan Dynasty.
Thursday, October 14, 2010, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

READING GROUP: Buddhism and Revenge: Tales of Injustice from Taiping Guangji.
Friday, October 15, 2010, 4-6 pm, UofT, JHB 317

TODD LEWIS (College of the Holy Cross)
LECTURE (co-hosted by the Centre for South Asian Studies):
Sources and Sentiments in Sugata Saurabha, a mid-20th Century Narrative on the Buddha’s Life from the Kathmandu Valley.
Thursday, November 18, 2010, 4-6 pm, Munk Centre, Room 208N

READING GROUP: Sugata Saurabha.
November 19, 2010, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

CHARLENE MAKELY (Reed College)
LECTURE: Spectacular Compassion: ‘Natural’ Disaster and National Mourning in China’s Tibet.
Thursday, January 13, 2011, 4-6 pm, UofT, JHB 317

Friday, January 14, 2011, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

ANNE MONIUS (Harvard University)
LECTURE: With No One to Bind Action and Agent: The Fate of Buddhists as Religious ‘Other’ in Tamil Šaiva Literature.
Thursday, February 3, 2011, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

READING GROUP: The Viñacōlyam. Language, Literary Theory, and Religious Community, and Imagining Community through Commentary.
Friday, February 4, 2011, 4-6 pm, UofT, JHB 317

ALBERT WELTER (University of Winnipeg)
LECTURE: The Buddhist School of Principle and the Intellectual Climate of Song Dynasty China.
Thursday, February 17, 2011, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122

READING GROUP: Strange Brew: The Fictional Background to Yulu Encounter Dialogues.
Friday, February 18, 2011, 4-6 pm, UofT, JHB 317

CHRISTIAN WEDEMEYER (University of Chicago)
LECTURE: The Trouble with Tribals: Indian Esoteric Buddhism and Fantasies of the Primitive.
Thursday, March 3, 2011, 4-6 pm, UofT, JHB 317

READING GROUP: Locating Tantric Antinomianism:
Friday, March 4, 2011, 4-6 pm, McMaster, University Hall 122