

The Issei Buddhism Conference (Sept. 3-5, 2004 - UC, Irvine)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

3:30-6p.m. Panel 1 Pioneer Buddhists and the Establishment of Buddhist Temples

“The Early History of the Buddhist Mission of North America: The Years Under Bishop Koyu Uchida (1905-23)” Tadashi Tsutsui (Ph.D. candidate; Nagoya University)

“Nichiren-shû Mission in Early 20th Century Hawaii: Findings from its Early Documents in the 1910s” Naofumi Annaka (Assistant Professor; Risshô University)

“The Issei and the Jôdo Sect in Hawaii During the 1920s: Research Based on the ‘Propagation Records’ of That Time” Teishin Washimi (Professor; Taishô University)

“The Sôtô Zen Mission in the Early 20th Century” Senryô Asai (Lecturer; Aichi Gakuin University)

DISCUSSANT: Richard Jaffe (Associate Professor; Duke University)

7-9p.m. Public Event

Welcome

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Keynote Address

Camp Dharma: Buddhism and the Japanese American Incarceration during World War Two
Duncan Ryûken Williams (Assistant Professor; U-California, Irvine)

Photo Exhibit

Buddhism in the Camps (curated by Eiko Masuyama; Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

8:30-10:45 a.m. Panel 2 Issei Buddhism in Canada and South America

“Bukkyôkai and the Japanese Canadian Community in British Columbia” Masako Iino (Professor; Tsuda College)

“Belief, Custom, and Ethnicity: Japanese Buddhism in Brazil” Hideaki Matsuoka (Professor; Shukutoku University)

“The Issei Experience in Southern Alberta Buddhism” Leslie Kawamura (Professor; University of Calgary)

“Can I Put This *Jizô* together with the Virgin Mary in the Altar?: Creolizing Zen Buddhism in Brazil” Cristina Rocha (Postdoctoral Researcher; University of Western Sydney)

DISCUSSANT: Mark Mullins (Professor; Sophia University)

10:45-1p.m. Panel 3 Ethnicity and the Social Fabric of Early Buddhist Temples

“Jôdo Shinshû Fujinkai (Buddhist Women's Association) Activities in Seattle: 1900-1940s” Aya Honda (Ph.D. candidate; Osaka University)

“Life Under the Golden Gate: Japanese Religion in Northern California” Tara Koda (Ph.D. candidate; UCSB)

“A Pure Land in the East: A Study of a Sangha on the East Coast” Ayako Sairenji (Ph.D. candidate; New School)

“The Early History of the Americanization of Shin Buddhism: The Case of Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku” Michihiro Ama (Ph.D. candidate; U-California, Irvine)

DISCUSSANT: Barbara Ambros (Assistant Professor; International Christian University)

1p.m.-2p.m. LUNCH

Afternoon: Bus Tour of Japanese American Buddhist Temples in Southern California

6pm-8p.m. Reception at the Japanese American National Museum

*Remarks by Duncan Williams and Robert Dirig (Archivist; Buddhist Churches of America Archives)

*7-8pm special opening and guided tour of the permanent collection

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

10-Noon:15 Panel 4 The Place of Issei Buddhism in American Society

“Conversation, Connection and Conversion: Issei Buddhists and American Buddhist Modernism” Lori Pierce (Assistant Professor; DePaul University)

“The United States-Japanese War and Tenrikyo Ministers in the United States” Akihiro Yamakura (Professor; Tenri University)

“Buddhist and Christian Conflict over Hawaii's Japanese Language Schools in the Early 20th Century” Noriko Asato (Assistant Professor; University of Nebraska)

DISCUSSANT: Duncan Ryūken Williams (Assistant Professor; U-California, Irvine)

Noon:30-1:30p.m. Lunch

2:00-4:15p.m. Panel 5 Transmission of Buddhism from the Issei to the Nisei

“‘Fall, Make Yourself Fall’--A Continuity of Buddhist Spirituality in Hawaii: How It Was Passed from Issei and Was Acculturated” Keiko Wells (Professor; Ritsumeikan University)

“Discourses on ‘Tradition’ and ‘Americanization’ in Issei and Nisei Buddhist Publications” Tomoe Moriya (Associate Professor; Hannan University)

“Japanese American Religiosity in the United States: 1999-2003” Tetsuden Kashima (Professor; University of Washington)

DISCUSSANT: Kenneth Tanaka (Professor; Musashino University)

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