NEWS & EVENTS

EMERGING THEMES IN THERAVADA STUDIES

Washington, DC Conference

On March 22nd, the Theravada Studies group in conjunction with the Theravada Civilizations Project hosted a conference in Washington, DC, on "Emerging Themes in Theravada Studies." The conference received assistance from the Association for Asian Studies and the ASU Center for Asian Research.

The conference delved into the study of Theravada Buddhism and focused on how it reflects broader themes and developments in the humanities and social sciences. Multiple sessions were held, covering topics including literary production, ritual and political authority in Sri Lanka and Burma, Theravada connections to other Buddhist literature, and more.

CAR director Juliane Schober issued welcoming remarks and held a session that examined the reconfiguration of Buddhist identities in contemporary and global contexts.
OPPORTUNITIES

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Columbia University

The Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life at Columbia University invites applications for postdoctoral research scholars for a period of three academic years beginning on September 1, 2018. The Institute plans to make two appointments (pending funding), with one position focused on Africa and the other on South Asia.

The postdoctoral research scholar(s) will actively participate in intellectual development and program activities related to the project, "Rethinking Public Religion in Africa and South Asia." The project envisions a partnership between IRCPL, the Institute for African Studies, and the South Asia Institute for research, programming, and coursework on the changing dynamics of interactions among religious communities in the modern world. They will consider the ways in which religion becomes public through diverse forms of encounter with a focus on interregional differences and flows across South Asia and Africa. The Institute is seeking outstanding applicants with demonstrated excellence in research, writing, and teaching in relation to Africa and/or South Asia. Topical expertise should include knowledge of one or more religious tradition, but might also include a focus on secularism, media, space, or the body.

The postdoctoral research scholar(s) will be expected to conduct his or her own research, teach classes (no more than one per semester), and actively participate in the planning of program activities for the Rethinking Public Religion in Africa and South Asia project. **Review of applications will begin on April 23, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled.**

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Pali at Harvard Divinity School-
Summer Language Program
Application Deadline: May 4, 2018

The Summer Language Program (SLP) at the Harvard Divinity School is an eight-week intensive language study program designed specifically for curriculum in theological and religious studies. The program offers over ten languages for study such as Elementary Pali, Arabic, Spanish, and Hebrew. There is a minimum of five students allowed per course, and students may only enroll in one course.

For more information and application:

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