

## BSC Summer Session 2010

### “Rethinking Jodo Shinshu”

**Guest Speaker: Toshikazu Arai, PhD**  
**Professor Emeritus, Soai University**



The members of Buddhist community and friends are invited to attend 2010 BSC Summer Session to renew their interests in the heart of Jodo Shin Buddhism. Dr. Toshikazu Arai will explore important notions of Shin Buddhism with his joy of encountering Amida's compassionate heart each moment of his life. His approach to learning the Dharma is to nurture the subjective mind. He says,

“As followers of Shinran Shonin, we must always ask ourselves the fundamental question “What is Jodo Shinshu? How am I supposed to live my life as a follower of Jodo Shinshu?” During the summer session, I would like to present my present understanding of Jodo Shinshu as a basis for further thought and discussion.... I will make sure that the discussion be not too scholastic, and I hope that with active participation of the audience in the discussion, each session become reflective and enriching.”

Dr. Arai received doctorate degree in history at UH Manoa. While living in Honolulu, he learned Jodo Shinshu through the BSC program in late 1970's. He taught Buddhism at Soai University in Osaka, and spoke at various national and international conferences on Shin teaching. He is the author of an English book on Tannisho entitled, *Grasped by the Buddha's Vow*. Dr. Arai will cover the contents of the Pure Land sutras and basic Kyogyoshinsho when he discusses important concepts and Shin Buddhist teachings. For his lecture plan, Please see the next page.

**July 26-Aug. 6, 2010**  
**(no weekend sessions)**  
**6:30 pm to 9 pm**

The session will be conducted at the BSC (1436 University Ave.) There will be a **\$45 registration fee or \$20 for students** which includes handouts, the final day dinner, and other incidental expenses. **The registration fee is due on July 15.** For those of you not interested in attending the entire session, you may attend one or more days of class for **\$10 per class \$5 for students**, to be paid on the day of attendance. This fee does not include the price of handouts, nor the final session dinner. If you have any questions please contact :

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Please make check payable to: **Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

Note: your receipt will not be mailed to you but will be included in your registration packet.

Mail your registration form and fee to:

**Buddhist Study Center Summer Session 1436 University Avenue Honolulu, HI 96822**

### Sessions on Religion and Ethics Planned

BSC will offer two sessions on religion and ethical life in May and June. The speaker will be Dr. Alfred Bloom, and his topic is "Compassion in Action: Ethical Life in Shin Buddhism." Sessions will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesdays, May 26 and June 2

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Place: Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple

Public and members of Hongwanji temples are invited to the session which will be held jointly with Hawaii Betsuin Dharma Light Program. For registration contact BSC, [bscassist@gmail.com](mailto:bscassist@gmail.com).

### Four Members to Enroll Pre-Tokudo Program

Four members of the local temples who had applied for the Pre-Tokudo Training Program were approved to enroll the program past March. They are:

Kaethe Kauffman	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
Blayne Higa	Moiliili Hongwanji
Kathi Takakuwa	Moiliili Hongwanji
Henry Sims	Wahiawa Hongwanji

The four members will go through the training programs at local temples from this April to next year April to become familiar with the ministerial duties, the temple services and programs. The emphasis of the temple training will be practicum. The four students will take intensive State Level Training at BSC on two consecutive weekends next summer, followed by review by the Ministerial Training Committee. Upon approval of the Bishop, they will go to Honzan for the training and ceremony.

### Two Kyodan Scholarship Students to Return

Bishop Thomas Okano announced that David Fujimoto and Sol Kalu will be back to Hawaii for orientations this summer. David spent two years at Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley for the concentrated study of Jodo Shinshu. Sol was at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin in Kyoto for his study of Jodo Shin teaching and liturgy. After the orientation in Hawaii, they will have Kyoshi program, which is the major requirement for becoming full fledge minister of the Honpa Hongwanji.

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#### Lecture Plan (subject to change)

July 26 (Mo): Śākyamuni Buddha and Jodo Shinshu

July 27 (Tu): The *Larger Sutra*: why is it the "true teaching"?

July 28 (We): Amida Buddha, the Name, and the Nembutsu

July 29 (Th): The Story of Two Rivers and the White Path: Shinjin;

July 30 (Fr): Ajātaśatru and Salvation of the "Evil" ones

August 2 (Mo): The Phase of Going Forth (*Ōsō*) and the Phase of Returning to This World (*Gensō*)

August 3 (Tu): The *Contemplation Sutra* and the *Amida Sutra*

August 4 (We): Provisional and False Paths

August 5 (Th): Myokonin (1)

August 6 (Fr): Myokonin (2)