

## Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?



**Dr. Scott Mitchell**, author of *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, examines Buddhism in the United States before, during, and after World War II, when Nisei Jodo Shinshu Buddhists reacted to the trauma of racial and religious discrimination by laying claim to an American identity inclusive of their religious identity. In the pages of temple-supported magazines, such as the *Berkeley Bussei*, Nisei argued that Buddhism was both what made them good Americans but also what they had to contribute to America, a rational and scientific religion of peace.



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## June 20-24, 2022 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. CLASS SCHEDULE

(Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

Monday, June 20, 2022
6-8 pm Opening Service and Lecture: "The Buddhist Movement in America"
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
6-8 pm Lecture: "Buddhist Modernism, Shin Modernism"
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
6-8 pm Lecture: "The Nisei Problem"
Thursday, June 23, 2022
6-8 pm Lecture: "Transpacific Buddhist Crossing"
Friday, June 24, 2022
6-8 pm Closing Service and Lecture: "The Foundations of American Buddhism"

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