

Buddhist Studies in UK Universities, Update to website list

Must also check: <http://audtrs.org/handbook-of-departments/>

Note that I did not include some of the info I was sent from various academics at different universities who volunteered that they taught some aspects of Buddhism in their courses, where it transpired that they actually do not have a serious research interest in Buddhism (can be checked by their own announcement of research interests in their university webpage, plus a check of their publications). For UKABS' mission to promote Buddhist Studies in UK, it should be a bottom line that we are not promoting anything other than reputable specialist Buddhist Studies teaching and research. So we are only including academics with a Buddhist Studies research interest (broadly defined, not in any elitist way!), and their teaching.

From the original letter of 2013, needed again in some cases to specify our requirements:

The information we need is:

The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s), and for each of them,

A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

If there are any new developments, such as major research projects, new courses to be launched, staffing changes etc., these would be of particular interest.

2014

Dear xxx,

I write to you as Secretary of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies (UKABS, <http://www.ukabs.org.uk/ukabs/>). In our mission to promote and support Buddhist Studies in the UK, we take an active interest in the state of the field at different UK universities. In order to ensure that our website list of Buddhist Studies courses and academic staff <<http://www.ukabs.org.uk/ukabs/resources/buddhist-studies-in-uk-universities/>> is up to date, I would like to check whether there is anything to change this year in your University's entry, which I enclose below? I realise that in some cases, the entry includes more than one department, so you may need to consult others.

If notified in time, I will also be able to report any major developments to the Association's AGM (on July 1st 2014).

One general point: some submissions received last year had to be edited down, so that we have a reasonably consistent format, with a fairly basic list of courses with Buddhist Studies components, and of staff with Buddhist Studies interests.

If you are no longer able to act as the contact person to deal with the request, perhaps you could put someone who is appropriate in touch with me?

Many thanks,
Cathy

Dr Cathy Cantwell
Secretary, UK Association for Buddhist Studies

University of Aberdeen

To: Dr. **Will Tuladhar-Douglas** [<mailto:w.t.douglas@abdn.ac.uk>]
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(note that I did not include some of the info he sent me on people from different departments, who taught some aspects of Buddhism in their courses, because none of them actually had a serious research interest in Buddhism.)

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From: Alice Collett [A.Collett@yorksja.ac.uk]

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Replies for 2013

University of Aberdeen

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. **Will Tuladhar-Douglas** [<mailto:w.t.douglas@abdn.ac.uk>]

Sent: 15 June 2013 13:21

To: Cathy Cantwell

Cc: Martin Mills

Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Cathy,

I'm here, and can get back to you with an updated entry - just very busy with research and family commitments. End of next week?

-WBTD.

On 15 Jun 2013, at 13:00, Cathy Cantwell <catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

> Dear Martin (and Will, if you are there?)
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> Unfortunately, I haven't yet had any response from Will (nor to a
> previous message). Perhaps he is still away. I enclose the entry;
> could you figure out if it is okay as it is?
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> Thanks,
> Cathy
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> University of Aberdeen
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> Basics of world religions
> Encountering Buddhism
> South Asia: Religion, Politics and History Buddhist Philosophy:
> Mahayana theory and practice Conquer, Cure or Liberate: The beginning
> and ends of Vajrayana Mres in the Social Anthropology of Religion:
> Himalayan Studies
>
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> Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism
>
> Department of Anthropology
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> Dr Martin A. Mills, Senior Lecturer
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> Research: Ritual life and monasticism in Tibetan Buddhism, Religious
> politics and governance in the Himalaya.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Cathy Cantwell [<mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk>]
> Sent: 30 May 2013 18:17
> To: 'Will Tuladhar-Douglas'
> Subject: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities
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> Dear Will,
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> Hope all is going well with you. I hear great reports of your
> Wellcome project. With my UKABS hat, I'm coordinating responses for
> our update of the UKABS website with information about Buddhist
> Studies teaching and research in the UK (see earlier message to Martin
> below). Martin pointed out that he's now in Anthropology, and you
> would be better placed to deal with the update. I enclose the current
> entry, modified by putting Martin under Anthropology - perhaps you'd like
to edit it?
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> Many thanks,
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> Cathy
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From: Denise Cush [<mailto:d.cush@bathspa.ac.uk>]
Sent: 06 March 2013 23:41

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Hello Cathy

Hope you are keeping well

Quite a bit has changed since the entry you have on record - for instance, Jo Backus has retired, we are no longer a Department, we have branched out into Philosophy and Ethics etc

To answer your questions in order:

University: **Bath Spa University**

School: Humanities and Cultural Industries

Department: Department of Humanities

Subject: Religions, Philosophies and Ethics

Undergraduate Programmes with a Buddhist Studies Component

1. Religions, Philosophies and Ethics (Specialised Award) (Single honours)

2. Study of Religions (Major/Joint/Minor)

3. Philosophy and Ethics (Major/Joint/Minor)

The three programmes draw upon different combinations of modules

Modules dedicated to Buddhism at present

SR5001-20 *Buddhism: Historical and Doctrinal Developments*

SR6025-20 *Buddhism in Practice*

Modules with a substantial Buddhist content

SR/PE5000-40 *Darshana, Dharma and Dao* (Indian and Chinese philosophies)

SR6006-20 *Religion, Culture and Society in Japan*

Modules where aspects of Buddhism as religion or philosophy or both are studied alongside other traditions

PE/SR4003 *Global Religions and Philosophies*

PE5003-20 *Ethics, Religion and Humanism: Contemporary Moral Dilemmas*

SR/PE5009-20 *Philosophy, Religions and the Environment*

SR5000 or SR6001-40 *Studying Religions in the Contemporary World*

(includes a one week field placement, which could be in a Buddhist community, and study of Buddhism and modernity, Buddhism in the UK etc.)

PE/SR6014-20 *Religion, Philosophy and Gender*

SR/ED6077-20 *Without Fear or Favour: National and International Perspectives on Religion, Culture and Education* - includes teaching

Buddhism at school level.

No taught PG provision at present

PhD supervision possible in areas of Buddhism, especially Theravada

Buddhism, Buddhist Ethics (with a special interest in war and peace)

Buddhism in education.

Staff with an interest in Buddhism

Mainly Dr Mahinda Deegalle. Research interests: Theravada Buddhism, ethics of war and the role of

religion in conflict and peace building, Buddhist preaching. Professor Denise

Cush also teaches and researches in some aspects of contemporary

Buddhism and Buddhism in Education. and Dr Catherine Robinson teaches

Indian and Chinese Buddhist philosophy.

In 2012-13 Dr Deegalle is seconded to Colgate University NY, and Dr Paul Fuller is teaching the two modules dedicated to Buddhism.

Dr Fuller's research interests include early Indian Buddhist philosophy, particularly the ideas of belief and truth, and the Buddhist ideas of the Burmese pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. He also has wider research interests in Engaged Buddhist theory and practice and the notions of discrimination and blasphemy in contemporary Buddhism.

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Cambridge University

Dr Margaret Cone wrote back to say that she is retiring and Pali will be lost. I have now written to Hildegard Diemberger of the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit. hgmd2@cam.ac.uk

From: Scherer, B (burkhard.scherer@canterbury.ac.uk)
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Sent: 10 March 2013 13:20
To: Cathy Cantwell
Cc: Burton, David (david.burton@canterbury.ac.uk)
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

thank you for your message!

We are very happy to be featured at the UKABS website and/or its publications - I have compiled the requested information. Let me know if I can be of any other help.

Kind regards,

B

Professor B. Scherer
Chair in Comparative Religion, Gender and Sexuality
Canterbury Christ Church University, U.K.

The **Department of Theology and Religious Studies** at **Canterbury Christ Church University** prominently includes Buddhist Studies modules in its undergraduate programme, **BA (hons) in Religious Studies** (single and combined honours).

To a lesser extent, Buddhism features in the *BA (hons) in Theology* (single honours).

Specific Buddhist studies module include

Yr2 Indian Traditions (core module)

Yr3 Tibetan Buddhism (option)

Modules with a strong element of Buddhism include

Yr1 World Religions (core module)

Yr1 Text and Context in the Study of Religions (core module)

Yr2 Understanding Asian Philosophy (option)

Yr2 Ethics in World Religions (option)

Yr3 Religions and Visual Culture (option)

Yr3 Modern Critiques of Religion (option)

Buddhist Studies may be additionally pursued within

Yr3 Individual Study (compulsory for single honours)

In the past years, Buddhist studies related Study trips organised within the department went to India (Buddhist sites of Maharashtra) and Spain (Buddhism in Andalucia with Temple Stay 2011; and International Lay Buddhist Forum 2012 in Malaga). The department regularly organises excursions to Buddhist groups and musea with Buddhist collections within the UK.

Interested undergraduate students should consult the department's website (<http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-humanities/theology-and-religious-studies/UndergraduateProgrammes/Home.aspx>) and contact the department's undergraduate director, Dr David Burton (david.burton@canterbury.ac.uk)

Additionally, the department offers a 1Yr (2Yr part time) MA by research and MPhil/PhD supervision (3Yr FT/5Yr PT).

Recent and ongoing research Buddhist Studies postgraduate research includes topics such as "The collected work of the 3rd Karmapa", "Stupas built in Europe" and "Thai Buddhist amulets".

Interested postgraduate students should consult the department's postgraduate websites (<http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-humanities/theology-and-religious-studies/PostgraduateStudy.aspx>) and contact the department's Postgraduate director, Professor B. Scherer (b.scherer@canterbury.ac.uk).

The department is home to two prolific Buddhist Studies specialists:

Dr David Burton (Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies) has a particular interest in the philosophy of religion from a Buddhist perspective. He has written extensively on Madhyamaka – in particular on Nāgārjuna –, Buddhist Epistemology, and Comparative Philosophy and is currently working on an innovative book about philosophy of religion from a Buddhist perspective. His interests also include Religion and Film/Visual Culture.

Dr Burton welcomes research students in the areas such as Buddhist Thought; Asian Religions and Visual Culture; Comparative Philosophy and the Philosophy of Religion.

Professor B. Scherer (Chair in Comparative Religion, Gender and Sexuality) has worked widely in the area of Buddhist narratives; Buddhist philosophy – in particular on Nāgārjuna –, and the globalisation of Buddhism(s); moreover, Professor Scherer works at the intersection of Queer Theory and Buddhist Studies. As founder of [Queering Paradigms](#) and as editor of the journal [Religion and Gender](#), Professor Scherer builds upon multi-disciplinary experiences in the areas of philology, history, anthropology and critical theory, favoring a complementarily combined diachronic and synchronic approach to the study of religious identities.

Professor Scherer welcomes research students in areas such as Asian Religions, Gender and Sexuality/-ies; Buddhist Studies; Hindu Studies; Tantra; Tibetan Studies; Shamanism; New Religious Movements; and Queer Theory.

cardiff

Dear Cathy,

I will try to collect this information in the next couple of days. If I don't react, please remind

me since it is a bit crazy at the moment with eight hours of teaching and admin going on - I forget things more easily in such a situation (age!!).

best wishes,

Max

-----"Cathy Cantwell" <catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk> wrote: -----

To: "Max Deeg" <DeegM1@cardiff.ac.uk>

From: "Cathy Cantwell" <catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

Date: 03/07/2013 04:07PM

Subject: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

University of Chester

From: Wendy Dossett [mailto:w.dossett@chester.ac.uk]

Sent: 09 March 2013 07:01

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy

Many thanks for this. We did meet MANY years ago and briefly, in Lampeter.

Yes, I would be the Chester person to speak to. In Lampeter now the person to contact would be Dr Maya Warrier m.warrier@tsd.ac.uk (Lampeter has undergone many changes as you probably know, but they still teach some Buddhism).

thanks for your work on this

Responses to your questions below - let me know if you have any further queries

best wishes

Wendy

The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s), and for each of them,

Department of Theology and Religious Studies: Faculty of Humanities

A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

LEVEL 4 TH4043 Encountering Religion: Buddhism

LEVEL 6 TH6045 Minority Faith Communities in Europe: (Buddhism component 1/5th of module)

LEVEL 6 TH6046 Religion and Culture: transformations of British religious life 1960-2010 (one session on Buddhism)

A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

TH7046 Buddhist Concepts of Awakening (20 credit MA module in MA Religious Studies programme).

Ability to supervise in Pure Land Buddhism.

A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

Dr Wendy Dossett, Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies - Japanese Pure Land Buddhism

If there are any new developments, such as major research projects, new courses to be launched, staffing changes etc., these would be of particular interest.

Day conference as part of AHRC Philosophy and Religious Practices Network

Buddhism and Human Flourishing - 25th June 2013 - University of Chester. Key note speaker Professor Peter Harvey.

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University of Durham

-----Original Message-----

From: JAMES S.P. [<mailto:s.p.james@durham.ac.uk>]

Sent: 11 March 2013 17:07

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Dr Cantwell,

Thanks for your message. I'm not sure whether Sandra is still happy to supervise postgraduate theses on Buddhist Studies. You'll have to check with her (sandra.bell@durham.ac.uk). As for Philosophy, our undergraduate programme includes one second-year module (Philosophy of Religion) which in most years includes two or three lectures on Buddhism. Furthermore, although I'm not sure whether it will be running next year, we usually include a seven-seminar module on Buddhist philosophy as part of our Taught MA in Philosophy. (For political reasons, the module is called 'Philosophy of Religion', but it's really about Buddhist philosophy.) What's more, I've supervised one PhD thesis on Buddhism and environmental philosophy, and I'd be happy to supervise other theses on that topic in the future.

As for staff - well, I've written two books and quite a few papers on Buddhism and environmental philosophy (see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/philosophy/staff/?id=2390>). I'm a senior lecturer in philosophy. Professor David E. Cooper (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/philosophy/staff/?id=510>) of Philosophy has also written a great deal about Buddhist philosophy, though since he's now retired, he won't be taking on any more PhD students. My colleague, Dr Ian Kidd (i.j.kidd@durham.ac.uk - an Addisison Wheeler in Philosophy) also has an interest in the area. Robin Conningham in Archaeology (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology/staff/?id=2880>) has recently been excavating the Buddha's childhood home in Lumbini. Furthermore, Michael Carrithers of Anthropology used to do a lot of work on Buddhism (he lived with forest monks in Sri Lanka and authored the Past Masters guide to the Buddha). You can find out more about him here: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/staff/academic/?id=126>

That's all I can think of right now - hope it's some use. Best of luck compiling the list.

Best wishes,

Simon

Edinburgh University

From: Naomi Appleton [mailto:nappleto@staffmail.ed.ac.uk]

Sent: 25 March 2013 16:29

To: Catherine Cantwell

Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Undergraduate

MA Religious Studies (4 year undergraduate programme in the School of Divinity), MA Chinese and MA Japanese (4 year undergraduate programmes in Asian Studies, School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures) include several options with a Buddhism component:

Year 1: *East Asian Civilisation 1* [Asian Studies]

Year 2: *Religions of South Asia* [Religious Studies] or *Indian Religion and Philosophy 2* [Asian Studies]

Pre-modern East Asia to 1600 [Asian Studies]

Honours level (years 3 and 4): The courses vary each year and are split between the two Schools, but they will usually include modules in early Indian Buddhism, Theravada Buddhism, and East Asian Buddhism.

Taught Postgraduate

MSc Asian Religions

This is a taught Masters offered by Asian Studies and will usually include a substantial Buddhism component.

MSc Religious Studies

Includes optional Buddhism courses.

Research Postgraduate

Research Masters and PhD programmes are offered in both Asian Studies and Religious Studies.

Staff

Naomi Appleton

Chancellor's Fellow in Religious Studies

Research interests: Early Indian Buddhism, Theravada Buddhism, Buddhist narrative.

Ian Astley

Senior Lecturer in Japanese

Research interests: The Shingon Buddhist tradition in Japan and its Chinese antecedents; Japanese and Chinese religions and philosophy, especially Buddhism.

Paul Dundas

Reader in Sanskrit

Research interests: Early Indian religions.

Joachim Gentz

Reader in Chinese

Research Interests: Chinese philosophy and religions, text and commentary, ritual and divination, and theories of cultural and religious studies.

From: Damien Keown [mailto:keown.damien@gmail.com]

Sent: 07 March 2013 00:34

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

I am well, thanks, and hope you are too. Sadly, the return for **Goldsmiths** is very simple. There are no courses with a Buddhist component any longer since my retirement, and no scope for postgraduate study.

Btw, AUDTRS also carries out a survey of this kind and produces a directory of courses in RS at UK universities.

Best wishes,
Damien

But Ronit is still there, so now becomes our only entry (Jo Cook has moved to UCL):

From: Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim [mailto:r.yoeli-tlalim@gold.ac.uk]

Sent: 08 March 2013 10:09

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

Lovely to hear from you.

There is also Joanna Cook from Anthropology (see:

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/anthropology/staff/cookjoanna/>)

In terms of my teaching: next year I will be teaching a course titled: Medicine on the Silk Roads: Traditions and Transmissions, which will have some Buddhist components. It will be offered as part of University of London History third year Special Subjects courses, which means that anyone from any college in University of London can take it (see description here: <http://www.history.ac.uk/syllabus/intercollegiate-courses/group3>).

In terms of my research: In my research on Tibetan medicine, Buddhism has a very important part.

Let me know if you need any more information.

best wishes,
Ronit

Dr Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim

Wellcome Trust University Award holder

History Department,

co-director, Centre of the Body www.gold.ac.uk/centreofthebody

Goldsmiths, University of London

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From: Richard King [mailto:r.e.king@kent.ac.uk]
Sent: 07 March 2013 17:41
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

Thanks for your email and kind regards. Essentially, I am the only person at the Uni of Kent offering any Buddhist Studies. That means :

Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism in year 1 (half of course on Buddhism)

2nd / 3rd year UG courses available on a biennial rotational basis:

Buddhism: its Essence and Development (focusing on early Buddhism, Theravada)

Foundations of Mahayana Buddhism (exploring the diversity of Mahayana traditions but with an emphasis on understanding its Indian roots)

Indian Philosophy of Religion (half of course on Abhidharma, Madhyamaka and Yogacara philosophy and their engagement with Brahmanical Philosophies)

Supervision of dissertations in Buddhist Studies

At masters level there is also some teaching on Buddhism on the mysticism and religious experience MA.

I am also supervising a PhD student on "Madhyamaka for the West" another on the use of Buddhist ideas and meditation in business and the US military, and a potential student working on Buddhist-Catholic dialogue.

As for Glasgow, they have recently advertised a position in religion and conflict (effectively my replacement) and hope for a specialism in what they would call "eastern religions", but the fact that the management have gone for a hot button theme rather than a specialism is rather endemic of the loss of academic values, in my view, at Glasgow.

Did I pick up from somewhere that you and your husband Robert live in Kent or at least have had some kind of teaching connection with Kent at some point. Is that correct? We don't seem to have ever quite crossed-paths I think.

Very Best wishes,

Richard

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Kings College London

From: Kate [mailto:kateffcrosby@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 31 May 2013 22:26
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Ah, you'll have to forgive me a little longer. Although the book I was finishing before is now in production, I have to complete a draft of the current one in 2 weeks and 3 days time!

I'm in Maurice Wilkins' old office and its 60 years this month that he first published the DNA findings that would win them the Nobel Prize. Kind of fun, though freezing. K

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 May 2013, at 18:31, "Cathy Cantwell"
<catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Kate,
Hope that it is all going well at Kings, and perhaps now, things are settling down and you can send me an entry on Buddhist Studies at Kings for the UKABS website? Incidentally, if there's any chance of further expansion, my Oxford contract may end August 2014 and I might be at a loose end... Just in case...

Hope to see you at the UKABS conference in July, if you can make it?

All the best,
Cathy

From: Kate Crosby [mailto:kateffcrosby@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 09 March 2013 07:10

To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: Re: ukabs meeting

Thanks, Cathy. I'll put a reminder about this in my diary for when things calm down. Just rushing to finish corrections this week for my current book so it can be out in time for AAR this year, and then have a July deadline for the next. Hope to return to some kind of normality in July.

The focus at King's will be on research including opening up new avenues of research. Yes, it's great about Ian. Also a few others coming and a couple of new appointments in my own area. So sad to leave SOAS, of course - marvelous library and students. I hope all is well with you. K

Prof. Ian Harris, Professor of Buddhist Studies
email: **chamkarmon@gmail.com**
Research: Buddhism in Cambodia; Buddhism and Politics; Buddhist Ethics.

From: Cathy Cantwell <catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk>
To: 'Kate Crosby' <kateffcrosby@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Saturday, 9 March 2013, 0:12
Subject: RE: ukabs meeting

Dear Kate,
I hear word that you are about to start at Kings... Since they seem to be advertising to replace you at SOAS, sounds like a real gain for Buddhist Studies, which is great news. Will you be doing something exciting at Kings? Actually, I have just been contacting various departments with the message below... Kings have not been on the UKABS list for some years, but perhaps now an entry is called for, especially since I hear that Ian Harris will be there too soon...
All the best,
Cathy

Lancaster University

From: Kawanami, Hiroko [mailto:h.kawanami@lancaster.ac.uk]
Sent: 13 March 2013 12:59
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies at Lancaster

Dear Cathy,

I apologise for the delay in getting back to you as I am on sabbatical and have just returned from Myanmar (where internet connection was so slow). Unfortunately, there are few scholars at Lancaster who are working in Buddhist studies or even interested in Buddhism. They are all in our department.

The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s), and for each of them:
[Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion](#)

A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

RST 100 World Religions: Introduction to Buddhism (4 weeks x 2 hours module for 1st year students)

EPR100: Ethics, Philosophy and Religion: EPR in Asia (4 weeks x 2 hours module for 1st year students)

PPR 240 Contemporary Issues in Asian Religions (20 weeks x 2 hours core module for 2nd year students) on contemporary religious issues from India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan, Taiwan and China)

PPR349 Politics and Ethics in Indian Philosophy (10 weeks x 1 hour module for 3rd year students), looks at Indian source texts on politics and ethics, and explores the concept of dharma in the inscriptions of Ashoka, Buddhist Nikayas, Arthashastra, Law Codes of Manu, Mahabharata, and Kamasutra.

PPR 354 Reading Buddhism (10 weeks x 1 hour module for 3rd year students), reads scriptural passages from important texts in both Mahayana and Theravada traditions.

A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

MA Modules:

PPR 475 Construction of Gender in Asian Religions

PPR 478 Buddhism and Society

A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

Hiroko Kawanami (PPR): Contemporary Buddhism in Southeast Asia, Japanese Buddhism, Buddhist monastic community and dissemination of knowledge, Buddhism and gender.

Brian Black (PPR): Hinduism, Buddhism, Indian Philosophy, Dialogue in Indian religious and philosophical traditions, Indian Ethics, multiculturalism, social justice, and secularism in South Asia.

C. Ram-Prasad (PPR): Indian philosophy - classical and modern, especially in: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, the self and consciousness studies, Hinduism, Indian Buddhism, Jainism.

All the best,

Koko

Leeds

From: Cathy Cantwell [mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]

Sent: 15 June 2013 13:22

To: 'M.Bauer@leeds.ac.uk'; 'Martin Seeger'

Subject: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Martin (and Dr Bauer, if this is indeed the right contact email for you?)

I wrote to Dr Bauer twice regarding the entry for Leeds Buddhist studies on the UKABS website. I am now chasing the stragglers so that I can get the new version of the details for UK universities up on the UKABS website in the next few days.

Do you think you could check the entry below and send any amendments?

Thanks,

Cathy

From: Cathy Cantwell [mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]

Sent: 30 May 2013 23:41

To: 'M.Bauer@leeds.ac.uk'

Subject: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Dr Bauer,

I don't think that you replied to my email about updating the information on the UKABS site about Buddhist Studies teaching and research in the UK (see earlier message below).

I'm now coordinating responses. Can we have an update for Leeds? I enclose the current entry - perhaps you'd like to edit it?

Many thanks,

Cathy Cantwell

University of Leeds

Department of Theology and Religious Studies

BA in Religious Studies:

The Samurai and the Sacred: Aspects of Japanese Religious Traditions
Buddhism

Dr Emma Tomalin, Senior Lecturer

email: e.tomalin@leeds.ac.uk

Research: Gender and Religion; Religion and Development; Religion and Environmentalism; Buddhism and Hinduism; South and South-East Asia

Department of East Asian Studies

BA in Thai and South East Asian Studies:

Buddhism: a Lived Tradition

Dr. Martin Seeger, Lecturer

email: m.seeger@leeds.ac.uk

Research: The history of Buddhism in Thailand, Contemporary movements in Thai Buddhism and their relations to society, politics and the economy, Disputes on Buddhist doctrines in Thailand, Canonical Theravada-Buddhism and its modern forms.

School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies

Dr. Ashley Thompson, Lecturer
email: a.c.thompson@leeds.ac.uk

Research interests: Southeast Asian cultural history, with a focus on classical and pre-modern art and literature.

From: Cathy Cantwell [mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]

Sent: 08 March 2013 14:32

To: 'M.Bauer@leeds.ac.uk'

Subject: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Dr Bauer,

I wonder if you could help with the following request for information about Buddhist Studies teaching and research at Leeds – or pass it onto others in the University who might be more appropriately placed to deal with it. I realise it will be a bit complicated at Leeds, since there are at least three Departments with Buddhist Studies interests (our current list has Theology/RS, East Asia, Fine Art etc.) It would be handy, however, if one person could act as a contact for this information, and Martin Seeger suggested that you might be the best person, since you have a broad span.

Many thanks,

Cathy Cantwell

I write to you as Secretary of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies (UKABS, <http://www.ukabs.org.uk/ukabs/>), which is the professional association for Buddhist Studies, holding annual conferences in UK and producing a journal, the Buddhist Studies Review <www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/BSR/about/editorialTeam>. In our mission to promote and support Buddhist Studies in the UK, we take an active interest in the state of the field at different UK universities. To date, we have kept up with developments in an informal manner, and we have also maintained a list of Buddhist Studies courses and academic staff <<http://www.ukabs.org.uk/ukabs/resources/buddhist-studies-in-uk-universities/>>. The UKABS committee have decided that we now need a more reliable system for maintaining up-to-date information. We have therefore decided to make contact with universities offering some Buddhist Studies courses or conducting relevant research, to request an annual update of relevant staffing changes, or changes in course provision. The UKABS Secretary will then be able to report major changes to the Association's AGM (such as entire new courses, research projects, academic staff etc.), and the same information can also be used for updates to our list of Buddhist Studies provision.

The information we need is:

The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s), and for each of them,

A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

If there are any new developments, such as major research projects, new courses to be launched, staffing changes etc., these would be of particular interest.

The plan would be for an annual request for updates in time for our annual conference in the summer.

Would you either be able to act as the contact person to deal with the request, or would you be able to discuss with others in your department, and put someone else in touch with me?

Many thanks,

Dr Cathy Cantwell

Secretary, UK Association for Buddhist Studies

Liverpool Hope

From: Elizabeth Harris [mailto:harrise@hope.ac.uk]

Sent: 07 March 2013 07:42

To: Cathy Cantwell

Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Hi Cathy

I can be the contact person for this - and I'll send the info asap. Things are rather frantic at Hope at the moment.

best wishes

Liz

Manchester.

teachers/researcher in Manchester at the moment I can list the following three people. Jane is a postdoc, an anthropologist who works on Tibetan Buddhism/Buddhists; Erica will start her appointment here next month, she works on religion and media and so also covers some Buddhism; I will ask them to give me some key words to define their own research interests and then pass this to you later:

Dr. Stefania Travagnin

Lecturer of Buddhist Thought and Practice

Department of Religions and Theology

email: stefania.travagnin@manchester.ac.uk

Buddhism in China, Tibetan Buddhism, Mongolian Buddhism, Taiwanese Buddhism, Fo GUang Shan, Buddhist ethics

Dr. Erica Baffelli

Senior Lecturer in Japanese Studies
Department of East Asian Studies
email: erica.baffelli@manchester.ac.uk

Dr. Jane Caple
Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship
Department of East Asian Studies
email: jane.caple@manchester.ac.uk

As for courses, there are three courses specifically on Buddhism run in the Dept Religions and Theology (and taught by me):
RELT 10412 The World of Buddhism
RELT 20262 Texts, Rituals and Practice in Mahayana Buddhism
RELT 30431 The Ethics of Killing in Buddhism: Texts and Contexts

And two courses on religion in Japan that also cover Buddhism (and will be taught by Erica Baffelli starting from 2013/2014 in the Dept East Asian Studies):
EALC 33062 Religion and Media in Modern Japan
EALC 20211 Religion in Japan

Best wishes
Stefania

Open University

From: Helen.Waterhouse [mailto:Helen.Waterhouse@open.ac.uk]
Sent: 13 March 2013 09:38
To: 'Cathy Cantwell'
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy
Here is the information you requested. I hope it's useful.
Best
Helen

- The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s),

Elements of Buddhism are taught within the Arts Faculty of the Open University. At stage1 (roughly equivalent to year 1) these elements are part of interdisciplinary Arts modules, at stages 2 and 3 (roughly equivalent to years 2 and 3) they are taught within Religious Studies modules.

- A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

We have no programmes, courses or modules that focus on Buddhism.

At stage 1, the introductory module (The Arts Past and Present 60 credits overall) includes a book length chapter with related sound and vision material on the reputation of the Dalai Lama. A follow on stage 1 module (Voices and Texts 30 credits) includes a book length chapter with related sound and vision material on the Metta Sutta. Put together these elements would be

worth perhaps 5 or 6 credits in total, it's difficult to be precise because they are embedded in other material.

At stage 2, the specialist religious studies module (Introducing Religions 60 credits) includes Buddhism amounting to about 10 credits.

At stage 3, the specialist religious studies module (Religion Today: Tradition, Modernity and Change 60 credits) includes material on Buddhism but is being replaced by a new module in 2013 which does not include specialist material on Buddhism.

- A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

There are no relevant postgraduate taught courses but possibilities for research degrees (MPhil and PhD)

- A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

Dr Helen Waterhouse
Senior Lecturer and Arts Staff Tutor, Arts Faculty

Soka Gakkai International
Prayer
Practice in religion and music.

Oxford

From: Stefano Zacchetti [mailto:stefano.zacchetti@balliol.ox.ac.uk]
Sent: 28 June 2013 16:17
To: Catherine Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,
Here is my file for the UKABS website. All the changes are highlighted in yellow (please check that everything is OK).
Best,
Stefano

Stefano Zacchetti
Numata Professor of Buddhist Studies
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Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE
United Kingdom

From: Cathy Cantwell [catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]
Sent: 15 June 2013 13:29

To: Stefano Zacchetti
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Stefano,
Another reminder... I'm just chasing stragglers now, so I hope you will be able to deal with it soon?
I'm now going to get on with checking where we have got to on our conference...
Many thanks,
Cathy

From: Cathy Cantwell [mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]
Sent: 30 May 2013 18:37
To: 'Stefano Zacchetti'
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Stefano,
I don't seem to have a record of a reply from you with an update for Oxford. Are you able to do it now? I am just coordinating the responses for the new version for the website.
Thanks,
Cathy

From: Cathy Cantwell [mailto:catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]
Sent: 11 March 2013 14:45
To: 'Stefano Zacchetti'; 'Ulrike Roesler'
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Hi, Stefano and Ulrike,

Certainly, we could talk on Skype if you like. But I had been thinking this morning (hadn't had time to act on it), that it would be best for me to send you the current entry for Oxford on the UKABS website, and you could just update it. For most UK institutions, they have only got one or two Buddhist Studies people, and perhaps a couple of courses, so it's easy, but at Oxford, there are quite a few of us, and it should be easier for you just to update what is already there. It may be that the main thing is just putting yourself in! But you might think of other things which should be added. And you will probably know if other people have joined or left. Perhaps Charles could possibly come out, but it may be better if he is still be mentioned as an honorary URL. It might be a little misleading if people think it is his main affiliation now, but it may be a good idea to make clear that he is still connected and has involvements in Oxford.

When we spoke the other day, Stefano, you mentioned about progress with the new MA plans. It is probably best if we announce this only when it is set up, because if there is some bureaucratic obstacle, it could be awkward if we have already publicised it. I will try to have things set up so it will be easy to update the site, even if it is not time for the annual update.

So here it is. Let me know if you'd like to Skype.
Cheers,
Cathy

SOAS:

Received from Ulrich:

From: Ulrich Pagel [mailto:up1@soas.ac.uk]
Sent: 11 March 2013 18:39
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Cathy
Tthis comes at a very busy moment, I fear. I have to offer the following names:

Antonello Palumbo

Lucia Dolce

Ulrich Pagel

Andrew Huxley

Philip Denwood (retired)

Lukas Nickel

We lost several people during the last a few years including Kate Crosby, Tadeusz, Tim Barrett and Brian Bocking. So the ranks are thinning out. You can always check the SOAS website, but this will be quite time consuming.

best

Ulrich

(Have now written to Peter Sharrock ps56@soas.ac.uk)

South Wales

From: Nick Swann [mailto:Nick.Swann@newport.ac.uk]
Sent: 07 March 2013 09:45
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

This is a really good idea, and I'll put the information together for you. However, over the next few weeks Newport is merging with Glamorgan to become a new 'entity' so it might be easier if I let the dust settle from that and then send the information when I know what faculty etc. RS is in, rather than send details which will be out of date almost immediately.

Best wishes,

Nick

From: Nick Swann [mailto:Nick.Swann@southwales.ac.uk]
Sent: 14 June 2013 14:19

To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

No problem - and I've been nagging myself about it since at least Monday! I'm glad this is off both our desks now.

Have a good weekend, and love to Rob,

Nick

From: Cathy Cantwell [catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk]
Sent: 14 June 2013 14:08
To: Nick Swann
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Nick,
This is splendid. I was just about to nag you, so thanks for pre-empting me!
Cathy

From: Nick Swann [mailto:Nick.Swann@southwales.ac.uk]
Sent: 14 June 2013 09:40
To: Cathy Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

Info below - although nobody seems certain what the School will be called ultimately!

I've attached a Word file too.

Best wishes,

Nick

University of South Wales
School of Humanities and Lifelong Learning
BA Religious Studies:

Introduction to Eastern Religions

Hinduism and Buddhism; history and development of Buddhism

Hinduism and Buddhism Today; contemporary issues in Buddhism 'East' and 'West'

MA Buddhist Studies:

Buddhist Traditions

Buddhist Ethics

Buddhist Philosophy

Buddhist Psychology and Meditation

Pali Language

[part-time, distance learning]

Dr Nick Swann, Senior Lecturer
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Research: Tibetan religion; anthropology and religion; religion in cyberspace

UCL

From: Cook, Jo [mailto:joanna.cook@ucl.ac.uk]
Sent: 13 March 2013 17:18
To: catherine.cantwell@orinst.ox.ac.uk
Subject: Re: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

Lovely to hear from you and sorry for the delay - a combination of difficultly accessing the Goldsmiths account and the brutality of term. I have, in fact, moved again, though I think it's the last time for a little while. I did one year of a lectureship at Goldsmiths before accepting a lectureship at UCL, which I began in January.

In the department here I am a **Lecturer in Medical Anthropology** and my research focus has turned to the introduction of Buddhist meditation techniques into therapy in Thailand and the UK. Full details of my research interests are on the web page (see the link at the bottom of this email), as are my recent publications and so on.

I hope that this helps. Looking forward to seeing you at a conference soon.

best wishes,
Jo

Dr. Joanna Cook
Lecturer in Medical Anthropology

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Research interests

Medical anthropology; the anthropology of ethics; mindfulness-based therapy; post-democracy; well-being and happiness; UK & Thailand. Her current research examines the introduction of meditation techniques into therapeutic practice in the UK focusing on questions of ethics, well-being and the dialogue between religion and therapy.

University of Winchester

Dear Cathy,

Thank you for your message. Please can I suggest you contact **Dr Paul Hedges** (paul.hedges@winchester.ac.uk) who is best placed to give you this information. Best wishes,

Mark.

Dr Mark Owen
Director
Centre of Religions for Reconciliation and Peace University of Winchester
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(Have now written to Paul Hedges)

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul.Hedges [<mailto:Paul.Hedges@winchester.ac.uk>]
Sent: 12 March 2013 13:37
To: Cathy Cantwell
Cc: Mark.Owen
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy,

Mark has mentioned this to me, and I'm very happy to feed back. I have answered the questions below. I have copie in MARK in case he has any extra information. I will also ask around the institution and let you know if I find any other Buddhist related stuff.

Please let me know if you want any more.

Best wishes,
Paul

The name of the relevant Department(s) or School(s), and for each of them,
Dept of Theology and Religious Studies

A list of Undergraduate programmes with a Buddhist Studies component, along with a list of the relevant courses or modules;

BA (hons) Theology & Religious Studies

BA (hons) History, Civilizations and Beliefs (newly validated for 2013 entry)

BA (hons) Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (subject to validation for 2014 entry)

The principle modules with Buddhist content would be shared between all these programmes:

Level 4/ Year 1:

Understanding Religion 1 (this + next has coverage of Buddhism amongst various 'world religions')

Understanding Religion 2

Understanding Philosophy of Religions (limited Buddhist content)

Understanding Ethics and Religion (limited Buddhist coverage)

Level 5/ Year 2:

Buddhism in Global Contexts (runs every second year)

Philosophy, Religion and Embodiment (one or more sessions on Buddhism)

Nature, Religion and Sustainability (some Buddhist content)

Level 6/ Year 3:

Mapping Mortality (session on Buddhism and death)

Some other modules may have sessions on or related to Buddhism

A similar list of relevant graduate taught courses and possibilities for research degrees.

MA The Rituals and Rhetoric of Death

Buddhist session(s) in some modules, i.e. Death in World Religions, Death and Martyrdom

No relevant research students that I am aware of

A list of academic staff with Buddhist Studies interests, their post title, and their main research interests.

Mark and myself - we both are UKABS members and have profiles on there; however, I am not a Buddhist scholar per se, my main work is in Christian theologies of religions and the history of interreligious encounters.

Dr Paul Hedges

University of Winchester

paul.hedges@winchester.ac.uk

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue and the history and theologies of encounter; Chinese Buddhism, especially representations of Guanyin and self-immolation.

Dr Mark Owen

University of Winchester, Centre of Religions for Reconciliation and Peace

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Religion, peacebuilding and conflict transformation; religion and reconciliation; Buddhist death rituals and practices; Tibetan Buddhism; ethnographic research methods.

Also, there are responses from other depts outside TRS:

Mark Rutter, Creative Writing:

I often use haiku in my first year poetry classes, along with the poetry of Gary Snyder and Allen Ginsberg, and refer to the Buddhist influence on haiku and Beat poetry. I also refer to Buddhist ideas of 'ego-lessness' in my Environmental Writing course, sometimes but not always in connection with the work of Snyder.

Dr Simon Roffey, Archaeology:

I teach sessions on the archaeology of early Buddhism in India for a first year module (Arch of Historic Period), second year module (Religion and Belief) and a third year module (Space and Place). I am currently writing a module on the archaeology of Buddhism. In terms of research I am conducting a pilot project next year in the Bihar region of India examining the Form, Fabric and Space of Early Buddhist Ritual Landscapes. : This project will apply methodologies, that have been used and developed in examining ritual space in medieval religious contexts (including monastic), to Buddhist ritual landscapes. These approaches will comprise view-shed analysis, building survey and phenomenology (subjects of my own published research in medieval contexts).

Dr Colin Goble, Health, Community and Social Care:

I am interested in this as practising Buddhist myself. Although I don't do any sessions which are overtly 'Buddhist' as such, it does exert and influence on my teaching in a number of areas. These include:- Looking at the Bhutanese example of 'gross national happiness' in a Module called 'Care & Community - International Contexts' on the BA Health, Community & Social Care programme. I also make reference to the 5 precepts as one of the main ethical systems influencing care and community in Asia, and increasingly in the West I also make reference to the Vietnamese Zen master Thich Nat Hans teaching on the need to cultivate a deep understanding of others in modules on Understanding Human Behaviour on the same programme and a similar module on the BA Childhood Youth and Community Studies programme. I have also referred to Buddhist philosophical and ethical teachings in relation health and bioethics, and taught basic mindfulness techniques as a way of cultivating self-awareness.

Dr Valérie Bonnardel, Psychology:

Buddhist mindfulness and psychology describes pretty well my interest. I hadn't had yet the opportunity to develop teaching material related to Buddhist studies, but - and I do not know if you will include this aspect in Buddhist studies-I participated to the Summer Research Institute 2011 - at the Mind and Life Institute-that was organised in memory of Francisco Varela who was my supervisor.

Simon Boxley, Education Studies:

Just one session, as part of a philosophical module on ecology:
<http://www2.winchester.ac.uk/edstudies/courses/level%20three%20sem%20two/ES3409outline.html> week 5. And indirectly in lectures on the educational philosophy of bell hooks and Krishnamurti.

York St John

From: Alice Collett [A.Collett@yorks.ac.uk]
Sent: 11 March 2013 11:44
To: Catherine Cantwell
Subject: RE: Buddhist Studies in UK Universities

Dear Cathy

There are no changes for the list entry for York St John.

I didn't know you were doing this... maybe it was decided at a meeting i didn't come to the year I was ill?? I sort of feel like I should be doing it,but only really because you do so much else besides for UKABS... But no worries, perhaps we can discuss at the meeting in April...

Hope all is well with you.

With best wishes
Alice

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