

# PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS



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## What is an Endowed Professorial Chair?

An endowment is a legacy gift from a donor intending to provide a permanent income stream from funds held and invested in perpetuity. An endowed professorial chair is a faculty position supported by the annual revenue from the endowment. The endowment can also fund research projects and its supporting staff.

The reliable income stream provides financial stability to an institution like IBS, ensuring that we can continue to meet our mission — providing quality education for our students.

- IBS Endowed chairs sometimes reference a particular area of study. This signals our commitment to the specific area of research and education.
- IBS Endowed chairs are named for person(s) or organizations who made significant contributions to the propagation of the Dharma, creating bonds of karmic connection between IBS and our donors.
- Appointment to an endowed chair is an academic honor. It is a recognition of accomplishment, scholarship and academic performance.

## OUR NEWEST CHAIR | Women and Buddhism

### The ESHINNI & KAKUSHINNI PROFESSOR OF WOMEN AND BUDDHIST STUDIES

**Established:** November 2020

**Founding Donors:** The BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA)

The chair originated as a draft proposal in 2015. The formal proposal to the worldwide supporting organizations was presented and approved at the 16th World BWA conference in 2019 in San Francisco.



Lady Eshinni is recognized for her appreciation and wholehearted support of the Nembutsu teaching of her husband, Shinran Shonin, and for his effort to share these teachings with people from all walks of life. Their youngest daughter, Kakushinni, worked to ensure her father's legacy through the establishment of the Hongwanji and its propagation of the Nembutsu teaching.

## LEGACY PROFESSORIAL CHAIR ENDOWMENTS

The Institute of Buddhist Studies operates with six Legacy Professorial Chair Endowments. Most of these endowments are no longer able to support a full-time faculty member. Today, a "fully-funded" professorial chair needs a minimum of \$3,000,000 to fulfill its purpose.

In 2019, the IBS Board of Trustees approved the "Legacy Professorial Chair Fund Drive", to bring each chair to full funding. In 2020, the IBS joined forces

with the BCA and the BCA Endowment Foundation and folded this fund-raising drive into the comprehensive long-term development program called the Dharma Forward Campaign.

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# IBS LEGACY PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS



## The GEORGE and SAKAYE ARATANI PROFESSOR OF CONTEMPORARY SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES

### Specialty:

Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies

### Established:

August 2018

### Founding Donor:

Mr. George T. Aratani and the Aratani Foundation



## The NUMATA CHAIR

### Specialty:

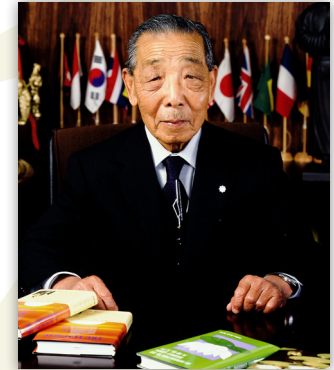
Japanese Buddhist Studies

### Established:

July 16, 1986

### Founding Donor:

Rev. Dr. Yehan Numata, founder of the Bukkyo  
Dendo Kyokai (BDK)



## The H. E. KOSHO OHTANI, Monshu Emeritus, CHAIR FOR SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES (Originally The Hongwanji Chair)

### Specialty:

Shin Buddhist Religious Education, Buddhist  
Ministry

### Established:

September 1985

### Founding Donor:

Rev. Koshin Ohtani, Monshu Emeritus in  
honor of his father



## The NOBORU and YAEKO HANYU BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY PROFESSORIAL CHAIR

### Specialty:

Buddhist Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy

### Established:

July 2002

### Founding Donor:

Mr. Noboru Hanyu, in memory of his wife, Yaeko



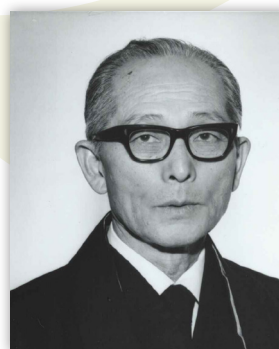
## The HOJO TOKUNAGA CHAIR

### Established:

August, 1990

### Founding Donors:

The Ando Family and the San Jose  
Buddhist Church Betsuin in honor of  
the Reverends Ejitsu Hojo and Kyoshito  
Tokunanga



## The REV. YOSHITAKA TAMAI CHAIR

### Current Specialty:

Buddhism in the West, Buddhist  
modernism, media studies

### Established:

September 6, 1986

### Founding Donor:

Tri-State Buddhist Temples in memory of Rev.  
Yoshitaka Tamai

