

INSTITUTE OF
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Institute of Buddhist Studies

2021 Virtual Graduation & Commencement Ceremony

May 21, 2021, 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time

[Zoom Registration](#)

Introductions

Rev. Dr. David R. Matsumoto, President

Service

Rev. Marvin Harada, BCA Bishop
Ministers

Opening Remarks

Scott A. Mitchell, Ph.D., Dean

Conferral of Emeritus Status to Rev. Seigen Yamaoka, D.Lit.

Words of Appreciation by

Rev. Dr. David R. Matsumoto, President

Dr. Leroy Morishita, IBS Board Chair

Christopher Lee Dunford, Jr.

Conferral of Graduate Degrees and Certificates

Dr. Scott A. Mitchell, Dean

Dr. Leroy Morishita, IBS Board Chair

Closing Remarks

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, President

2020-2021 Graduates:

Christopher Lee Dunford, Jr.
GTU Master of Arts and Certificate in
Buddhist Chaplaincy

Thesis: *Radical Acceptance as a Shin
Buddhist Theology of Liberation for
LGBTQ+ Peoples*, passed with honors
Advisor: David Matsumoto

Harumichi Fukaya

GTU Master of Arts

Thesis: *Across the Sea: A Study of
Tenrikyo's North American Mission
before World War II*
Advisor: Scott Mitchell

Jennifer Akiko Rogers

Master of Divinity and Certificate in Shin
Buddhist Studies

Thesis: *Amida's Vow for All Beings: An
Analysis of the Historical Development of
Universal Acceptance in in Jōdo Shinshū
Doctrine*
Advisor: David Matsumoto

Ungyo Lynn Sugiyama

Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies

Thesis: *The Wasan: Aspects for a
Teaching Tool in Shin Buddhism*
Advisor: David Matsumoto

Todd Tadao Tsuchiya

Master of Divinity

Thesis: *Taiko as "Jishin Kyō Ninshin" in
US Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Communities*
Advisor: David Matsumoto

Susan Bachman

Certificate in Theravada Buddhist Studies

Jeffrey Alan Haines

Certificate in Shin Buddhist Studies

2019-2020 Graduates:

Joseph Schuman

GTU Master of Arts and Certificate in
Buddhist Chaplaincy

Thesis: *Arising, Ceasing: Hegemonic
Masculinity, Complicated Grief, and
Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy*
Advisor: Daijaku Kinst

Ryoze Wada

GTU Master of Arts

Thesis: *Public and Private Aspects of
Seikaku: Tendai Preacher and Pure Land
Buddhist*
Advisor: David Matsumoto

Gabrielle Hailey

Certificate in Buddhist Studies

Ryuki Thomas Hawkins

Certificate in Sōtō Zen Buddhist Studies

Melissa Opel

Certificate in Shin Buddhist Studies

Special Recognition

Thomas Ross Calobrisi

Doctor of Philosophy, GTU

Dissertation: *Beyond Belief: How a
French Text on Indian Buddhism
Changed American Culture*
Advisor: Scott Mitchell

JUSEIGE

LEADER: GA GON CHŌ SE GAN

EVERYONE: HIS-SHI MU JŌ DŌ

SHI GAN FU MAN ZOKU

SEI FU JŌ SHŌ GAKU

GA O MU RYŌ KŌ

FU I DAI SE SHU

FU SAI SHO BIN GU

SEI FU JŌ SHŌ GAKU

GA SHI JŌ BUTSU DŌ

MYŌ SHŌ CHŌ JIP-PŌ

KU KYŌ MI SHO MON

SEI FU JŌ SHŌ GAKU

RI YOKU JIN SHŌ NEN

JŌ E SHU BON GYŌ

SHI GU MU JŌ DŌ

I SHO TEN NIN SHI

JIN RIKI EN DAI KŌ

FU SHŌ MU SAI DO

SHŌ JO SAN KU MYŌ

KŌ SAI SHU YAKU NAN

KAI HI CHI E GEN

MES-SHI KON MŌ AN

HEI SOKU SHO AKU DŌ

TSŪ DATSU ZEN SHU MON

KŌ SO JŌ MAN ZOKU

I YŌ RŌ JIP-PŌ

NICHI GATSU SHŪ JŪ KI

TEN KŌ ON PU GEN

I SHU KAI HŌ ZŌ

KŌ SE KU DOKU HŌ

JŌ O DAI SHU CHŪ

SEP-PŌ SHI SHI KU

KU YŌ IS-SAI BUTSU

GU SOKU SHU TOKU HON

GAN NE SHITSU JŌ MAN

TOKU I SAN GAI O

NYO BUTSU MU GE CHI

TSŪ DATSU MI FU SHŌ

GAN GA KU E RIKI

TŌ SHI SAI SHŌ SON

SHI GAN NYAK-KOK-KA

DAI SEN Ō KAN DŌ

KO KŪ SHO TEN NIN

TŌ U CHIN MYŌ KE

LEADER: NA MA N DA BU

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LEADER: GAN NI SHI KU DOKU

EVERYONE: BYŌ DŌ SE IS-SAI

DŌ HO-TN BO DA-I SHIN

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