

Institute on Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum 2014

Religion in Premodern Japan

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1. Short bio

Helen J. Baroni is a Professor in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her primary area of specialization within Japanese religions is Zen Buddhism in the early modern and modern periods, particularly Obaku Zen, and new religious movements. Her more recent research relates to the development of Buddhism in the United States. Her publications include *Obaku Zen: The Emergence of the Third Sect of Zen in Tokugawa Japan* (UH Press, 2000), *Iron Eyes: The Life and Teachings of Ōbaku Zen Master Tetsugen Dōkō* (SUNY Press, 2006) and *Love, Roshi: Correspondence between Robert Baker Aitken and his "Distant Correspondents"* (SUNY Press, 2012). Her current research relates to Robert Aitken and Honolulu Diamond Sangha.

2. Recommended Reading List

A. Religion in Japan:

Paul L. Swanson and Clark Chilson, *Nanzan Guide to Japanese Religions* (University of Hawaii Press 2006)

Ian Reader, *Religions in Contemporary Japan* (UH Press 1991)

Ian Reader and George Tanabe, *Practically Religious: Worldly Benefits and the Common Religion of Japan* (UH Press 1998)

B. Shintō:

Helen Hardacre, *Shintō and the State, 1868-1988* (Princeton 1989)

Thomas P. Kasulis, *Shinto: The Way Home* (UH Press 2004)

Kuroda Toshio, "Shinto in the History of Japanese Religion," in *Religion & Society in Modern Japan*

John K. Nelson, *A Year in the Life of a Shinto Shrine* (U. Washington 1996)

Inoue Nobutaka (ed.) et alia, *Shinto - A Short History* (RoutledgeCurzon 2003)

Sokyo Ono, *Shinto: The Kami Way* (Tuttle 1962)

C. Japanese Buddhism:

Helen Baroni, *Obaku Zen: The Emergence of the Third Sect of Zen in Tokugawa Japan* (UH Press 2000)

Stephen G. Covell, *Japanese Temple Buddhism: Worldliness in a Religion of Renunciation* (UH Press 2005)

James C. Dobbins, *Jōdo Shinshū: Shin Buddhism in Medieval Japan* (UH Press 2002)

Paul Groner, *Saichō: The Establishment of the Japanese Tendai School* (UH Press 2000)

Richard M. Jaffe, *Neither Monk Nor Layman: Clerical Marriage in Modern Japanese Buddhism* (Princeton 2001)

Kenneth Kraft, ed., *Zen Tradition & Transition* (Grove Press 1988)

Duncan Ryūken Williams, *The Other Side of Zen: A Social History of Sōtō Buddhism in Tokugawa Japan* (Princeton 2005)

3. Assigned reading:

Introduction in John Breen and Mark Teeuwen, *Shinto in History: Ways of the Kami*, pp. 1-8.

Chapter on Buddhism in Paul L. Swanson and Clark Chilson, *Nanzan Guide to Japanese Religions* (University of Hawaii Press 2006), pp. 38-64.

This chapter includes an extensive bibliography.

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4. See attached syllabus.