

DOCTORAL & POST-DOCTORAL WORKSHOP ON THERAVADA BUDDHISM

Deadline for proposals: **December 15, 2011**

With generous support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the Theravada Civilizations Project is pleased to announce for a one-day intensive workshop at the University of Toronto on March 11, 2012. The Theravada Civilizations Project is housed at Arizona State University and facilitates the Collaboration of scholars from universities such as Chicago, Harvard, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Washington, Toronto, Vermont, Louisville, Missouri State, London (SOAS), and the École Française d'Extrême-Orient.

More than 150 million people practice Theravada Buddhism throughout the world. The scholarly study of this religious traditions began with the scrutiny of Pali and Sanskrit literature and today includes many disciplines such as cultural studies, literature, religious studies, ethics, anthropology, philology, philosophy, history, political science, urban studies, and art and material culture. The workshop brings together doctoral students and post-doctoral academics in the humanities and social sciences whose current research engages aspects of Theravada Buddhist practices, literatures or artistic traditions in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Nepal and Sri Lanka or among its global networks of diaspora communities and others practicing Insight (vipassana) meditation. Participants will discuss and receive feedback on current work in progress that may range from dissertation proposals, to the early phases of research and dissertation writing, to revising recent dissertations for publication.

Applications must include: (1) a current Curriculum Vitae, and (2) a 10-page, double spaced statement consisting of either (i) a dissertation proposal; or, if the work is already in progress, (ii) a research statement, including its intellectual approach, or (iii) a 10 page prospectus (that includes a table of contents) of an unpublished dissertation or manuscript. Application materials must reach Professor Justin McDaniel at jmcdan@sas.upenn.edu prior to December 15, 2011. The committee will select workshop participants based on applications and their distribution across disciplinary perspectives, intellectual traditions, and regions. Selected participants will be awarded a travel stipend. Applicants will be notified in January 2012. For further information about the workshop, or eligibility, please contact Professor Christoph Emmrich atchristoph.emmrich@utoronto.ca.