STANLEY WEINSTEIN DISSERTATION PRIZE

The Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University is pleased to announce the fifth competition for the Stanley Weinstein Dissertation Prize, honoring Professor Weinstein’s many contributions to the study of East Asian Buddhism in North America. The prize will be awarded once every two years to the best Ph.D. dissertation on East Asian Buddhism written in North America during the two previous years. The dissertation must be based on original research in the primary languages and should significantly advance our understanding of East Asian Buddhism. East Asian Buddhism is understood for this competition to refer to those traditions in East Asia that take Chinese translations of the Buddhist scriptures as their basis (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese). Studies of East Asian Buddhist communities in the West are not eligible for consideration.

The recipient of the award will be invited to give a public lecture at Yale under the auspices of the Council of East Asian Studies. There is an honorarium of $1,000.

Ph.D. programs in Buddhist Studies/Religious Studies in North America are invited to nominate one dissertation that was completed during the academic years 2014-2015 and 2015-16.*

The deadline for this nomination is December 31, 2016. The nomination must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation, readers’ reports for the thesis, and one representative chapter of the thesis. All materials should be sent electronically (PDF format) to eastasian.studies@yale.edu.

A three-person committee will select three theses to be read in their entirety by all committee members. The authors of these three theses will be requested to submit the entire theses in PDF format for this final stage of the selection.

The result of the competition will be announced by the beginning of the next academic year.

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* Nominations by the authors themselves will not be accepted.