

SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIETY OF BUDDHIST-CHRISTIAN STUDIES

At the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA

November 2024

SESSION 1

Reflecting on Buddhist-Christian Double Belonging: A 2024 Update

- Saturday, November 23
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Grand Hyatt, America's Cup AB
- Theater (rows of chairs facing the front of the room)
- 50 people
- Session ID: P23-201*

General Description:

This session will serve as a current update on various aspects of the oft-discussed theme and growing phenomenon of Buddhist-Christian double belonging. The panelists come from various backgrounds but what binds them together is that each one of them has been engaged deeply in the practice of and reflection about Buddhist-Christian double belonging. Each of them will therefore offer important reflections as well as concrete suggestions about this current phenomenon and its promise and potential problematic aspects.

Panelists and Topics

- Moderator: Grace Song, board member, SBCS
- James Ford: A Three Body Problem
- Kunihiko Terasawa: Understanding the Ultimate & Social Engagement from a Buddhist-Christian Perspective
- Todd Grant Yonkman: Multiple Religious Belonging and Community Leadership from a Buddhist-Christian Perspective
- Ruben L.F. Habito: Problems and Perils of Multiple Religious Belonging
- Respondent: Sarita Tamayo-Moraga

SESSION 2

Honoring Ruben Habito's Many Contributions to Buddhist-Christian Studies

- Sunday, November 24
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- Grand Hyatt, America's Cup AB
- Theater (rows of chairs facing the front of the room)
- 50 people
- Session ID: P24-202*

General Description:

This session will be a special tribute to former SBCS president, theologian and Zen Rōshi, Ruben Habito, for his many significant contributions to Buddhist-Christian Studies. The panelists will address various aspects of Habito's work, such as multiple religious belonging, the healing character of Buddhism and Christianity, Zen and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, as well as the intersection between Zen, spirituality, and Christian trinitarian reflection. It will conclude with a response-reflection from Habito himself.

Panelists and Topics:

- Moderator: Julius-Kei Kato, vice-president SBCS
- Jane Lancaster Patterson: Called Twice: An Experience of Multiple Religious Belonging
- Paula Arai: A Heart-Mind that Heals
- Sarita Tamayo-Moraga: Proceeding in the Way of Zen and the Ignatian Exercises: Ruben Habito's Legacy
- Karen Baker-Fletcher: Ruben Habito on Zen, Spirituality, and Christian Theology
- RESPONDENT: Ruben Habito

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, our official board meeting will be held as follows:

Board Meeting 1:

- Friday, November 22
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Omni (Hotel) Boardroom 2
- Conference (one large table with up to 16 chairs surrounding it)
- 15 people
- Session ID: P22-106*---