



WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR - 21ST CENTURY



“Fushidan Sekkyo”

DHARMA TALKS & STORY-TELLING IN JODO SHINSHU

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Mark Blum



Dr. Mark L. Blum is a Buddhist Studies Professor and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of *The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism* (2002), co-editor of *Ren-nyo and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism* (2006) and *Cultivating Spirituality: a modern Shin Buddhist anthology* (2011) and author of other works. He is currently working on completing *Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of nenbutsu thought, practice and culture*.

DHARMATHON:
Southern District Ministers

~ Presented in English and Japanese ~

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In Japan, Jōdo Shinshū priests often delivered Dharma messages in the form of fushidan sekkyō, which featured musical, often comical, forms of story-telling. Dr. Mark Blum will discuss this style of preaching and explain how, like rakugo (“fallen words”), a similar form of Japanese performance art, it is gaining in popularity today.

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2020
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Doors open at 9 am

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