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Note:
During the past two decades, research on Buddhism in North America has expanded tremendously. This bibliography is meant to serve as a preliminary guide to the main scholarly accounts on the history, development and state of affairs of Buddhism in the U.S.A. and Canada. It is not intended to provide an exhaustive listing of studies. Rather, mainly important books and articles are compiled herein. These are added by some few practitioners’ observations or memoires and occasionally followed by references to web-pages, videos and films. These listings certainly remain incomplete and suggestions for further entries are gratefully appreciated. The bibliography is structured in a threefold way:

- Section 1 lists studies surveying generally Buddhism in North America.
- Section 2 delineates 'American Buddhism' according to the variety of Buddhist traditions and schools. This section is arranged roughly in accordance with a tradition's appearance in North America.
- Section 3 refers to issues at stake in the history and adaptation of Buddhism in North America.

1. General Studies. Surveying American Buddhism

1. Basic Books and Editions


2. Directories and Compilation of University Theses


Williams, Duncan Ryuken. "North American Dissertations and Theses on Topics Related to Buddhism." In In Duncan Ryuken Williams and Christopher S. Queen (eds.), American Buddhism: Methods and Findings in Recent Scholarship. Richmond, UK: Curzon Press, 1999, 267-311. [some 850 titles]


3. Further Books and Articles


"Journal of Buddhist Ethics" [on-line] (17 May, 1999) URL http://jbe.gold.ac.uk/


4. Buddhism in Canada


### 2. Buddhist Traditions and Schools in North America

#### 1. Chinese Buddhism


"Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation" [on-line] (17 May, 1999) URL http://www.tzuchi.org/


#### 2. Japanese Buddhism: Pure Land: Jodo Shinshu


#### 3. Japanese Buddhism: Zen


4. Japanese Buddhism: Nichiren Shoshu and Soka Gakkai


5. Vietnamese and Korean Buddhism


6. Laotian and Cambodian Buddhism


7. Theravada Tradition and Vipassana Meditation


8. Tibetan Buddhism


"Nyingma in the West" [on-line] (17 May, 1999) URL http://www.nyinma.org/


9. Western Buddhism, 'New Buddhism'


3. Topics and Issues in American Buddhism

1. Buddhism and Early Encounter


2. Engaged Buddhism


Queen, Christopher (ed.). *Engaged Buddhism in the West*. Wisdom Publ. 1999.


3. Women Roles and Involvement in Buddhism


4. Theoretical and Methodological Questions


Williams, Duncan Ryuken. "Where to Study?" Tricycle: The Buddhist Review 6, 3 (Spring 1997), 68-69, 115-117.

5. Further Topics, Miscellaneous


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Joomla! is Free Software released under the GNU/GPL License. An estimated quarter of American Buddhists are considered “converts” from traditional Christianity, Judaism, or secularist philosophies. Religion scholar Peter N. Gregory emphasizes that Buddhism encompasses a wide range of traditions, rituals, and philosophies, developing as it did in diverse cultures from India through Southeast Asia. Their Buddhism is more aligned to that practiced in monasteries in Asia than it is to family-oriented temple culture.
Throughout Buddhist history, there has been a direct and open connection between Buddhism and trade, mainly because of the dependence of the Buddhist monasteries on offerings and support from lay people, as well as from wealthy merchants more. Buddhism, once thought of as a mysterious religion from the East, has now become very popular in the West, including the United States. As Buddhism does not require any formal "conversion", American Buddhists can easily incorporate dharma practice into their normal routines and traditions. The result is that American Buddhists come from every ethnicity, nationality and religious tradition. In 2012, U-T San Diego estimated U.S. practitioners at 1.2 million people, of whom 40% are living in Southern