Alumni Fall 2018 Newsletter

Welcome from RYI Principal

On behalf of all staff and faculty at RYI, I would like to extend greetings to all our alumni. I hope this newsletter will remind you that you still have a home in Boudha, and let you know what is going on at RYI these days.

Best wishes,
Philippe Turenne

Welcome from Head of Student Services

Dear Alumni,

Heartfelt greetings from RYI!
We would love to hear from you, please stay in touch. If you are in Nepal, please come and visit!
We are also looking forward to meeting many of you at our annual alumni dinner (please see details below).

Warmly,
Tina Lang

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Have you ever studied or taught at RYI?

Then you (and your significant other) are invited to join RYI’s annual alumni dinner:

Date: Saturday, November 17 (during annual RYI fall seminar)

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: TBD, Boudhanath, Nepal

RSVP:
Please let us know whether you can attend or not by Thursday, November 15.
Please email tina.lang@ryi.org.
New Alumni! Congratulations RYI Graduates of 2018!

- Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies
  - Bimala Ghising
  - Cho Hei Chio
  - Johanna Knutzen
  - Kuenga Yarpel
  - Sagnik Dutta Roy
  - Erica Merritt
  - Laurie Lange

- Master of Arts Buddhist Studies
  - Costanzo Allione
  - Joseph Faria
  - Julie Jay
  - Martina Cotter

- Master of Arts in Translation, Textual Interpretation, and Philology
  - Nicholas G. Schmidt
  - Oriane Lavole
  - Stefan Mang

RYI News

Library Inauguration
On October 4, 2018, RYI celebrated the inauguration of its beautiful new library. We were happy to host guests from Kathmandu University, and many students and staff joined the celebration. Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche, Ram K. M. Shrestha, the Vice-Chancellor of KU, and some teachers and students shared heart-touching thoughts about RYI. Please come and visit this treasure in the center of RYI.

New Summer Courses

We are happy to announce the introduction of Buddhist Literary Chinese and Pāli for beginners to our Summer 2019 Program. As with all our summer intensive courses, these two offer full immersion into language study over an eight-week period. The courses run from June 12 - August 9, 2019 (eight weeks including four days of orientation). For more information on summer courses click here. There is an Early Application Fee Reduction of 10% available for these two courses for all successful applications received before November 30, 2018.

Philosophy Classes taught by ordained professors:

- Lopon Karma Sherab: Rgyal sras lag len - The 37 Practices of the Bodhisattva
- Khenpo Tokpa Tulku: Mahāyānottaratantra Śāstra (rgyud bla ma) - The Sublime Continuum
- Lopon Drubgyu Sherab: Bodhicaryāvatāra (spyod 'jug) - The Way of the Bodhisattva
- Lopon Thubten Wangmo: Refuge and bodhicitta and Brilliant Sun.
- Khenpo Lodro Rabsel: Nges shes sgron me- The Beacon of Certainty
- Lopon Shedrub Gyatso: Madhyamakāvatāra (dbu ma la 'jug pa) - Introduction to the Middle Way

Library Membership for RYI Alumni and Former Staff

While RYI's new library is mainly for present students and staff, as a special alumni perk, RYI alumni and former staff are welcome to either keep their library memberships, or if they haven’t joined yet, they are welcome to sign up, and enjoy the great diversity of academic and religious books in several languages that are available.

Early Application Fee Reduction: An Early Application Fee Reduction of 10% is available for the two new summer courses for all successful applications received before November 30, 2018.

Would you like to explore the world and contribute to or work at Gomde centers? Many of the Gomde centers around the world provide internship opportunities, looking for translators, language teachers, Buddhist Studies teachers, or offering a general internship. Choose a center at https://gomde.org/ and contact them for internships.
Sample a Class

At Rangjung Yeshe Institute

Embarking on a degree program is a big decision, and you may be reluctant to take the leap without knowing exactly what you are getting into. To help you decide, RYI offers the option of sampling classes for up to five days, as an observer, free of charge.

Prospective students may visit classes during the fall and spring semesters, from September through mid-December, or from January through late April. To register, simply come to the RYI office at least one day in advance. RYI staff will work with you to determine which classes would be suitable and will notify faculty that you will be a guest in their classes. You may sample as many classes as are appropriate each day over the course of five days.

Many students have enrolled in RYI degree and certificate programs as a result of having participated in the Sample a Class experience.

Sign up now!

For further information on trying out the Sample a Class option, please email the administration office at admin@ryi.org or phone 491 5975 or visit us at Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Ke-Nying Shedrub Ling Monastery (Seto Compa), Boudhanath.

Please note that sampling classes is meant for prospective students, and is not open to students who have already attended RYI in any capacity, as they will already be familiar with RYI.
· **Update your contact information**: Please contact us at admin@ryi.org to do so. Keeping your contact information up to date will allow us to send you our bi-annual newsletters and other important news.

· **Support a monastic or local lay student to study at RYI**: Scholarship funds are needed to help students who would otherwise not be able to study with us. Please consider contributing to our special alumni fund. $10 a month can go a long way!

· **Are you interested in staying connected with other activities of Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche**? Would you like to find out if there is a Dharma center, a practice or study group near you? Please check out www.shedrub.org or contact me at tina.lang@ryi.org. Furthermore, you are welcome to sign up for the newsletter of Rinpoche’s activities and the student photo site for Rinpoche.

**Are you interested in contributing to this bi-annual alumni newsletter?** We would really love to hear from you and learn more about where you are and what you are doing now. It would be wonderful if this newsletter became YOUR newsletter, so please keep your ideas coming on how it can best cater to your needs and interests. And if you would like to be more involved in any of its aspects (such as lay-out, etc.), please let me know. You can email me at tina.lang@ryi.org.

I would also like to invite all of you to join the **RYI Alumni Facebook page** and become an active participant in sharing readings and resources, job opportunities, and announcements concerning courses and teachings around the world. Please help to make the Facebook page become “more alive,” so it is a helpful tool and builds a sense of community for all those connected to RYI.

Many greetings from your RYI family, and looking forward to helping you to stay connected with Boudhanath, RYI, and the monastery.

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