

2026 BSC Summer Session Kauai Satellite Seminar

“Show, Don't Tell”

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Aaron Shōken Proffitt



Many parents wonder how to weave Buddhist teachings into the fabric of family life. Bringing children to temple, enrolling them in Dharma School, chanting together before the butsudan — these are all meaningful entry points. But in this talk, I want to suggest something that may seem counterintuitive: that the most powerful way to share the Dharma with our children is not to teach it at all. When we ourselves are immersed in the teachings and practices of Buddhism — when the Dharma shapes how we speak, how we respond to difficulty, how we treat others — we don't need to explain that we are Buddhist. Our children will simply see it. The Dharma transmits not through instruction, but through presence. In other words: talk less. Show up more.

Rev. Dr. Aaron Shōken 正見 Proffitt is an Associate Professor of Japanese Studies in the East Asian Studies Department and an ordained Buddhist priest (tokudo) in the Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha lineage. Originally from Lynchburg, Tennessee, Rev. Dr. Proffitt received his BA and MA in religious studies from the University of Colorado, and his PhD in Buddhist studies from the University of Michigan. He studied Japanese at the Inter-University Center in Yokohama from 2009 to 2010 and conducted research as a Fulbright Fellow at Otani University, Koyasan University and Ryukoku University from 2014 to 2015. Rev. Dr. Proffitt serves the UAlbany Interfaith Center and Buddhist Student Association as a Buddhist chaplain. He also co-founded the Albany Buddhist Sangha (albanybuddhist.org) and regularly teaches mindfulness and meditation for community organizations in the Albany area.

Registration Fee: Free

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