

## In Memoriam: Joseph Thomas O'Connell, 1940–May 6, 2012



Joseph Thomas O'Connell passed away on May 6, 2012, at the age of 72, following a brain hemorrhage.

O'Connell was an exceptional scholar who did much for the study of Gaudiya Vaishnavism. His interest in India began at a young age when he wrote a paper on Gandhi in his sophomore year at the College of the Holy Cross. O'Connell went on to earn his PhD from Harvard University, writing his dissertation on Caitanya Vaishnavism.

O'Connell was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Religion at the University of Toronto, having taught there and at St. Michael's College from 1968-2000. He served in the last decade as a visiting professor at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. In 1999–2000, O'Connell was the Academic Director at the Oxford Center for Hindu Studies.

For a more in-depth In Memorial, see the December 2012 issue of the [Journal of the American Academy of Religion](#).

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