

Tentative Schedule for 2017 Conference

Royce 306

Thursday, May 11

10:30 am **Registration**

10:45 am **Introduction:** Professor Carol Bakhos, Director for the Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA

11:00 am **Professional Development Workshop:** State of the Field and Prospects for Graduates

Speakers: Professor Carol Bakhos and Professor Diane Winston (USC)

12:00 pm **Light Lunch**

1:00 pm **Panel:** Physical Artifacts of Religious Performance

“Politics of Shrines, The Overlapping of Sanctity and Sacred Space in Būyid Baghdad”

Taryn Marashi, Vanderbilt University

“Political Conciliation in Ritual: Praying for Powers on Stone Steles in Northern Wei Dynasty China”

Junfu Wong, Peking University

“Production, Storage, and Use of Altars at Olynthus”

Sophia Taborski, Cornell University

“The Performing Images on the Waterwork of Mŷ SŌn E1 (Champa, Southern Vietnam)”

Mya Chau, University of California, Los Angeles

2:45 pm Respondent: TBD; Open Discussion

3:15 pm **Break**

4:00 pm **Keynote Lecture**

“Paradisiacal Realms in Ancient Egypt and Early China”

Anthony Barbieri-Low, Professor of Chinese History at the University of California, Santa Barbara

6:00 pm **Dinner**

Friday, May 12

10:00 am **Morning Reception**

10:15 am **Panel:** Crossroads of Ancient and Modern--Adaptation and Subversion

“The Śtimantonnayana Saṃskāra: Ritual Adaptations to Time, Place, and Gender”

Viraj Patel, The University of Chicago Divinity School

“Inventing Tradition Through Image and Ritual: The “Living Body Offerings” Ritual and Enshrinement of Kūkai’s Image at the Temple of Tōji in 1240”

Elizabeth Kochinsk, University of Southern California

“Internet Piety: Cyber-Hinduism and the Performance of Online Devotion”

Mitchell Winter, University of California, Santa Cruz

11:30 pm Respondent: TBD; Open Discussion

12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm **Panel 3:** Body and Speech in Ritual Performance

“Kuthartheeb and Sacred Pain: Detachment and Absence of Pain in Self Torturing “Violent” Religious Rituals”

Mubamed Riyaz, Indian Institute of Technology

“Gelongma Palmo’s Tibetan Fasting Practice: Considering the Interiorization of Ritual”

Darcie Wallace, Northwestern University

“Daoist Offering Manuscripts, Narration, and Dramatization: A Study of the Liturgy “Offering for the Marshal Sage Thearch”

Tyler Feezell, Arizona State University

2:45 pm Respondent: TBD; Open Discussion

3:15 pm **Concluding Remarks**