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EVENTS OF INTEREST AT THE AAR ANNUAL MEETING

The American Academy of Religion will hold its annual meeting in Chicago on November 19 - 22. As usual, there will be several panels and other events of special interest to SSJR members. Among these are the following:

Japanese Religions Group

- A68 Sun. 1:00pm Dealing With Death in the Japanese Religious Tradition
A109 Mon. 9:00am Kagura Performance and the Generation of Religious Meaning

Chinese Religions Group

- A25 Sat. 3:45pm New Approaches to the Taoist Classics

Korean Religions Group

- A144 Mon. 3:45pm Religion and Contemporary Society

Buddhism Section

- A2 Sat. 1:00pm Relevance of Buddhist Values
A39 Sun. 9:00am Modes of Traditional and Scholarly Interpretation of Buddhism
A64 Sun. 1:00pm Heidegger and Buddhist Thought
A78 Sun. 3:45pm Elite and Popular Styles of Buddhist Practice
A120 Mon. 1:00pm Institutional Aspects of Chinese Buddhist Monasticism
A158 Tue. 9:00am Issues in Buddhist Doctrine

Films

- A95 Sun. 9:15pm 1) The Yamaguchi Family: Religion in Contemporary Japan
2) Bodhisattva Way of Peace

SSJR ANNUAL DUES

The Executive Committee of the Society has decided to end the moratorium on dues. The return to dues is necessitated by the publication of the Newsletter and Annual Meeting Supplement. Members are therefore asked to pay the 1988-89 annual dues of \$10. Students are exempted from this fee. Checks made payable to the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions should be sent to William E. Deal, School of Religion, 406 Gilmore Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. 52242.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING PLANS

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies. The 1989 meeting will be held March 17-19 in Washington. Professor Joseph M. Kitagawa has kindly consented to our using his recent volume, On Understanding Japanese Religions (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987), as the basis for our roundtable discussion. The format will be the same as for the 1988 meeting: two critiques of the book with a response by the author, followed by open discussion. Our meeting time has been increased to two hours to allow for adequate debate of the issues raised.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Recent and Forthcoming Publications:

None reported

Research in progress:

James B. Leavell is currently processing a questionnaire given to Shugendo pilgrims participating in the Omine "fall peak."

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