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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING PLANS

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. The 1992 AAS meeting will be held April 2-5 in Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel. Our meeting time will be Friday, April 3, 6:30-8:30 P.M. in Monroe East. The topic of our roundtable discussion will be announced in a forthcoming letter from Society President Paul Watt.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Wilbur Fridell has completed two essays, *Kokka Shintø* (State Shintø) and *Kokutai* (nation-body/ national essence), for a forthcoming encyclopedia of Japanese nationalism edited by James Huffman, Department of History, Wittenburg University.

Joseph M. Kitagawa has published the book *Spiritual Liberation and Human Freedom in Contemporary Asia* (Peter Lang Publishing, 1990) and wrote the preface to Donald L. Philippi's *Norito* (Princeton University Press, 1990). His article, "Some Reflections on Japanese Religion and its Relationship to the Imperial System," appeared in the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. 17, Nos. 2-3 (1990).

Barry D. Steben has published "The Kansei Prohibition of Heterodoxy and the Late Tokugawa Revival of Neo-Confucianism," in *East Asia Insight* (Canadian Asian Studies Association).

Research in progress

David Dilworth, in collaboration with V. H. Viglielmo, is compiling an anthology of twentieth century Japanese philosophers.

Conferences and Workshops

Willis Stoesz presented "Shinto as Viewed by a Non-Japanese" at the Shinto Workshop on Global Survival organized by Kurozumikyo for the Global Forum held at Kurozumikyo headquarters in Okayama, Japan during November 1990.

Grants

Elizabeth Harrison and Bardwell Smith have received a three year NEH Collaborative Research Grant for a study of *mizuko kuyō*.

John K. Nelson is doing research at the Kamigamo Shrine, Kyōto, on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Correspondence

David Dilworth has been named Chair of the Philosophy Department, State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Elizabeth Harrison has accepted an appointment in East Asian Studies at the University of Arizona.

Tom Kasulis has been elected Chair of the Steering Committee of the Japanese Religions Group of the American Academy of Religion.

John K. Nelson won second prize in an essay contest sponsored by the Yomiuri Shimbun and the Japan/U.S. Culture Center.

New Members

Richard K. Payne
J. W. Traphagan

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that the SSJR reports the death of Society member Minor Rogers. Rogers, who received his doctorate in 1972 from Harvard University, died of cancer on August 25, 1991. He was duPont Professor of Religion at Washington and Lee University. A specialist in Japanese Pure Land Buddhism, Rogers did extensive research on the Honganji branch of the Jōdo Shinshū. Most recently, he collaborated with his wife, Ann Rogers, on a book about the pivotal fifteenth century Jōdo Shinshū priest, Rennyo. Memorial gifts may be made to the Rogers Fund of the Virginia Military

Institute Foundation, or to the Department of Neurology Research Fund, Columbia University, 710 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032.

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