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SSJR ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Washington, D.C. on March 17- 19 at the Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel. The Society's meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Conservatory on the Terrace Level. Professor Joseph M. Kitagawa (University of Chicago) will be our guest for the roundtable discussion that will focus on his recent volume, On Understanding Japanese Religions (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987). Neil McMullin (University of Toronto) and Edmund Gilday (Bowdoin College) will present brief critiques of the book followed by a response from the author. The meeting will then be opened to general discussion. Please note that our meeting time has been increased to two hours to allow for adequate debate of the issues raised.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST AT THE AAS ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to the Society's meeting, there will be several panels and other events of special interest to SSJR members. Among these are the following panels and papers concerned with topics in Japanese and Chinese religion:

Ancestors and the Self: Reconstructing the Dead in China, Japan and Korea (#9: Fri. 9:30am)

Helen Hardacre: "Who Owns the Ancestors, the Spouse, the Ie, or the State?"

Takie Sugiyama Lebra: "Resurrecting the Ancestral Charisma: Aristocratic Descendants in Contemporary Japan"

The Enduring Paradigm: The Confucian Bedrock in Japanese Thought (#13: Fri. 9:30am)

Andrew Edmund Goble: "The Medieval Confucian Template"

Herman Ooms: "Confucian Shintø, Ideologized Shintø"

Samuel Hideo Yamashita: "The Confucian Debate on the 'Righteous Martyrs' of Ako"

W. Dean Kinzley: "Confucian Language and Social Values in Meiji and Taishø"

Body, Space and Consciousness: Defining the Sacred in Japan and India (#27: Fri. 2:00pm)

James H. Sanford: "Salvational Embryology in Shingon Buddhism"

Norris Brock Johnson: "The Body-Temple Homology and the Geometry of the Zen Buddhist Garden"

Studies in Japanese Esoteric Buddhism (#33: Sat. 9:00am)

Allan G. Grapard: "K kai, Politics, and Religion: The Building Blocks"

Paul Groner: "Bigger and Better: Political Pressure and Esoteric Ritual in Tenth-Century Japan"

George J. Tanabe, Jr.: "Legends and Legitimacy: The Founding of Mt. Kōya and Its Cults."

Paul B. Watt: "The Rise of Shingon Risshō: The Careers of Eison (1201-1290) and Ninshō (1217-1303)"

Taishō Christianity as Mainline (#100: Sun. 1:00pm)

Cyril H. Powles: "The Seikōkai and Nationalism"

Margaret Prang: "A Canadian Social Gospeller in Japan"

John F. Howes: "The Marunouchi Lectures of Uchimura Kanzō"

George M. Oshiro: "Shibusawa Eiichi and Christian Internationalism"

Chinese Religion from the Ground Up: Reports from the Chinese Popular Culture Project (#10: Fri. 9:30am)

Immortal Lifestyles: Paradigms of Transcendence in Chinese Religion (#72: Sat. 4:00pm)

The Emergence of Tao-hsueh as Neo-Confucian Orthodoxy (#93: Sun. 9:30am)

Film

"The Yamaguchi Family: Religion in Contemporary Japan" (Sat. 11:30am)

SSJR ANNUAL DUES

This is a reminder that the Executive Committee of the Society has decided to end the moratorium on dues. 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. Payment of dues makes it possible to continue the publication of the Bulletin and Annual Meeting Supplement.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

None reported.

Research in progress

Edmund Gilday is continuing research on kagura, matsuri, and popular religion.
Hee-Jin Kim is presently at work on "The Limitless Journey: Further Selections from Døgen's Shøbøgenzø," the second of a three volume translation project; and an essay, "Nonthinking as the Essence of Meditation: Døgen's View of Authentic Thinking."
James B. Leavell is currently processing questionnaires administered to Shugendø and Saikoku pilgrims.

Whereabouts Unknown

We no longer have current addresses for some members. Does anyone know the whereabouts of the following individuals:
John Buscaglia
John Kendall
Chung Hee Soh

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