

## **SOCIETY FOR TANTRIC STUDIES**

MEETING AT THE LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2005 THROUGH SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND,  
2005

### **SESSION 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2005 -- 2:00-4:30 PM**

PANEL: GODDESSES OF TANTRA

Chair: TBA

1. Susan Landesman, Drew University

*How to Get a Goddess Cult off the Ground: Ritual, Iconography, and Secrecy in the Tara-mula-kalpa*

2. Malcolm McLean, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

*Ramprasad's Mad Bitch Goddess: A Study of Three Bengali Songs*

3. Hillary Rodrigues, University of Lethbridge

*Fluid Control: Orchestrating Blood Flow in the Durga Puja*

4. Helen Crovetto, Independent Scholar

*Bhairavi Chakra: The Role of Yantra and Mandala in Two Contemporary Tantric Rites*

Respondent: TBA

5-7 PM Dinner Options in Flagstaff

**SESSION 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2005 -- 7:30-9:00 PM**

PANEL: THREE FACES OF BHAIRAVA

Chair: TBA

1. Paul Muller-Ortega, University of Rochester

*A Subversive Hermeneutic of Tantric Ritual? Vijnana-Bhairava-Tantra 145-54, and Related Exegetical Texts*

2. Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

*Domesticating Bhairava: Prosaic Tantra's Animating Affect*

3. Charles Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

*Looking for Bhairava: The Cult of Terrifying Deities in Continental East Asia*

Respondent: Jeffrey C. Ruff, Marshall University

**SESSION 3: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2005 -- 9:00-11:30 AM**

PANEL: ABHINAVAGUPTA AND HERMENEUTICS

Chair: TBA

1. Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University

*Abhinavagupta: Perspectives on Texts and Cultures*

2. Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

*Two into One: Abhinavagupta's Technique with Binaries.*

3. David Lawrence, University of North Dakota

*Otherness as Incompleteness: Reflections on "Overcoding" in the Writings of Abhinavagupta*

4. Kerry Skora, Hiram College

*The Hermeneutics of Touch: Abhinavagupta's Tactile Subversion of the Brahmanical Hegemony of Vision*

Respondent: Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

## **SESSION 4: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2005 -- 1:00-3:30 PM**

PANEL: METAPHORS OF TANTRA

Chair: TBA

1. Glen A. Hayes, Bloomfield College

*Flowers, Fluids, and Bones: Conceptual Blending Theory and the Study of Vaisnava Sahajiya Texts*

2. Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

*Tantroid Phenomena in Early Indic Literature: A presentation in Honor of Jim Sanford*

3.. David Gray, Santa Clara University

*The Logic of Transgression in the Yoginitantra*

4. David Gardiner, Colorado College

*Access to the Preaching of the Dharmakaya as Evidence of Tantra's Supremacy*

Respondent: TBA

**SESSION 5 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2005 -- 4:00-5:30 PM**

**\*\*A CELEBRATION OF JIM SANFORD\*\***

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Robert Gimello, Harvard University

DISCUSSION: Still Vexed After All These Years: Persistent Problems and Issues in the Theory and Method of the Study of Tantra

Reception after the address. Dinner options in Flagstaff.

**SESSION 6: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2005 -- 9:00-11:30 PM**

PANEL: DIMENSIONS OF TANTRIC PRACTICE

Chair: TBA

1. Istvan Keul, Free University of Berlin

*Religious Polysemantics in Hirapur: Tantric Tradition and the Yogini Temples of Orissa*

2. Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

*The Hidden Presence of the Esoteric in an Exoteric Biography: The Role of Tantra in Geshe Sopa's Autobiography*

3. Richard Payne, Institute of Buddhist Studies

*The Shingon Votive Fire Offering for Prosperity*

Respondent: TBA