

Manipulating Magic: Sages, Sorcerers, and Scholars

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Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 15, 2005

4:00 PM KEYNOTE LECTURE

Gregory Schopen, *University of California at Los Angeles*

***“The Life and Travels of a Sanskrit Verse, or Why We
Are All in the Same Room Today”***

Saturday, April 16, 2005

8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

8:30 AM WELCOME

8:45-10:45 AM **I. RELIGION AND MAGIC**

Chair: Donald McCallum, University of California at Los Angeles

Robert Sharf, *University of California at Berkeley* - Buddhist Enchantment

William Bodiford, *University of California at Los Angeles* - Foreign Threats and Domestic Devils: Christian Magic in Early Modern Japan

James Robson, *University of Michigan* - On (the) Word Magic in Medieval Chinese Religions

Stanley Insler, *Yale University* – Love Magic

10:45-11:00 AM COFFEE BREAK (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

11:00 AM-1:00 PM **II. TALES OF MAGIC AND MAGICIANS**

Chair: Stephen Teiser, Princeton University

Robert Brown, *University of California at Los Angeles* - Was the Buddha a Magician?

Daniela Berti, *CNRS Paris* - A Sorcerer's Views on Magic: The Case of Baba Mahant of Kullu (North India)

Donald Lopez, *University of Michigan* - Superman and Man (Magical Elements in the Buddha Biography)

Valerie Hansen, *Yale University* - Huili's Explanations, Miraculous and Not, in His Biography of Xuanzang

1:00-2:30 PM LUNCH (*2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall*)

2:30-3:30 PM **TALES OF MAGIC AND MAGICIANS, continued**

Chair: Stanley Weinstein, Yale University

James Benn, *Arizona State University* - Magic and the Military in Medieval China

Jinhua Chen, *University of British Columbia*, Monks, Magic and Market: Some Reflections on the Pancavarsika (Open-to-all Dharma Assembly) in Medieval China

3:30-3:45 PM COFFEE BREAK (*2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall*)

3:45-5:45 PM **III. MAGICAL OBJECTS AND THE OBJECTS OF MAGIC**

Chair: Edward Kamens, Yale University

Max Moerman, *Barnard College* - Promissory Notes: Talismans, Oaths, and Contracts in Premodern Japanese Religion

Koichi Shinohara, *Yale University* - From Miracle to Magic: The Framing of the Demon Jinja Daisho

Eugene Wang, *Harvard University* - Spell and Space: Two Eleventh-Century Dharani Prints from the Pagoda in Ruiguang Monastery, Suzhou

Mimi Hall Yiengpruksawan, *Yale University* - The Architectural Magic of the Golden Light Sutra

Sunday, April 17, 2005

8:30 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)

9:00-11:30 AM **IV. PRACTICING MAGIC**

Chair: **Jacqueline Stone**, *Princeton University*

Phyllis Granoff, *Yale University* - Magic in the Jain Vinayas? Context and Content in the Study of Indian Religious Practices

Robert Gimello, *Harvard University*, Control and Transcendence: The Homa Ritual in Chinese Occult Buddhism

Paul Groner, *University of Virginia*, Magic and Ordinations in Japanese Buddhism

Gilles Tarabout, *CNRS Paris* - Eclecticism and Materiality in Some Recipes for Occult Power in Kerala

Bernard Faure, *Stanford University* – Crushing the Enemy: Buddhist Exorcisms in Medieval Japan

11:30 AM-12:00 PM **SUMMATION**

12:00-1:30 PM LUNCH (2nd Floor Common Room, Henry R. Luce Hall)