CRAZY IN JAPAN
Ethnographic Perspectives on Psychiatry and Mental Illness
November 14-15, 2008
Organized by Karen Nakamura (Yale University), Chikako Ozawa-de Silva (Emory University) and Ellen Rubinstein (Ph.D. Student, Yale University) and sponsored by the Council on East Asian Studies and the Department of Anthropology at Yale University

The awe-inspiring 1980s image of “Japan Inc.” has all but collapsed in the new millennium. The Japanese social machine has been crippled by self-doubt and the seeming increase of such psychosocial maladies as group suicide, alcoholism, domestic violence, mental illness, eating disorders, shut-ins, and school refusal syndrome. This two-day conference brings together leading medical anthropologists and clinical researchers from Japan, Canada, and the United States to discuss the current state of mental illness and social anomie in the world’s second largest economy.

Room 105, Anthropology Building, 10 Sachem Street, New Haven, CT

SESSION ONE  Friday, November 14 (1:30 PM–6:00 PM)
SESSION TWO  Saturday, November 15 (9:00 AM–3:00 PM)

Laurence Kirmayer (McGill University) will deliver the Keynote Address on Friday at 1:30 PM

List of Participants
Amy Borovoy – Princeton University
Junko Kitanaka – Keio University
Naoko Miyaji – Hitotsubashi University
Karen Nakamura – Yale University
Chikako Ozawa-de Silva – Emory University
Ken Vickery – Harvard University
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