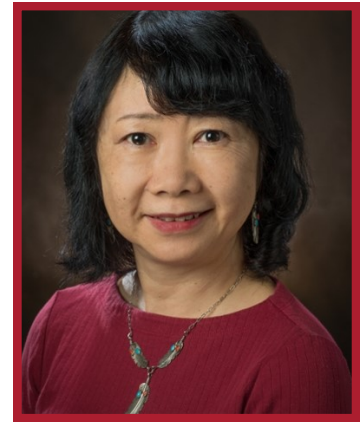


The International Education Committee Presents:

## ***Yamauba*, A Benevolent and Malevolent Mountain Witch**

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A *yamauba* is an enigmatic woman living in the mountains, and one of the most popular *yōkai* (weird or mysterious creatures). She is generally anthropophagous. However, she is not entirely negative or harmful as she is also credited with some nurturing aspects. She can give a principal good character useful advice and treasures. By the end of the seventeenth century, *yamauba* came to be considered the mother of Kintarō, a legendary child with Herculean strength raised in the mountains. The presentation considers some major characteristics of *yamauba*, her image, and what a *yamauba* is.

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