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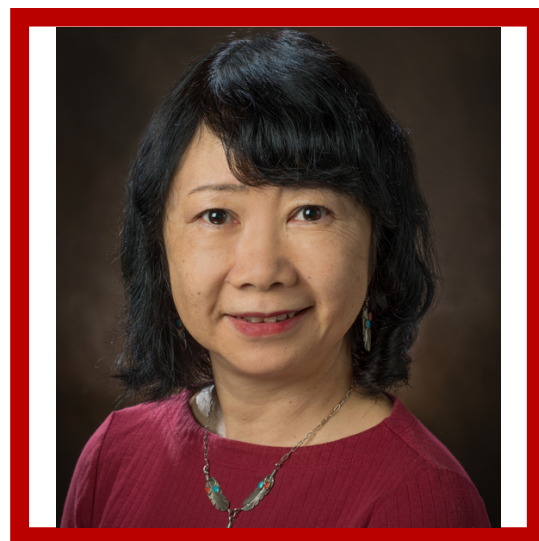
2023 THE DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN
LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, EAST
ASIAN STUDIES CENTER, INSTITUTE FOR
JAPANESE STUDIES, AND THE OSU CENTER
FOR FOLKLORE STUDIES PRESENT:

“SNOW WOMAN: YUKI ONNA”

NORIKO T. REIDER

Professor of Japanese, Miami University of Ohio

Yukionna (snow woman), a Japanese supernatural being that represents snow or wintry weather, is frequently described as a striking, ethereal female figure. Among the numerous legends of snow women, arguably the most famous one was written by Lafcadio Hearn. The talk gives a brief history of yukionna while considering how the symbolic role of snow relates to conceptions of the female and to female yōkai (weird or mysterious creatures), and it will give a special attention to Hearn's rendition of yukionna as an amalgamation of Japanese and Western traditions and its influence on the character in subsequent tellings.



Free and open to the public

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