

# Institute for Japanese Studies Lecture Series

## Rakugo (落語) "Sit-Down Comedy"

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Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Sullivant Hall 220 (1813 N High St)



## Yanagiya Tozaburo

Rakugo (落語) is a traditional Japanese form of solo storytelling in a style similar to “stand-up” comedy but performed entirely in a kneeling position seated on a zabuton cushion. With only a folding paper fan and a folded handkerchief as props, Rakugo storytellers rely on eye movements, facial expressions and body language to help convey their stories. Tozaburo is a master rakugo performer with the shin’uchi title. His performance will include Japanese storytelling with English subtitles and English storytelling, as well as a short audience participation session followed by Q&A. Come and join us in an evening of exposure to one of Japan’s classical forms of entertainment.

Free and open to the public

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