Andrew L. Markus Memorial Lecture

This lectureship was established in memory of Andrew L. Markus, Associate Professor of Japanese Literature at the University of Washington from 1986-1995. Established through the generosity of family and friends, this annual lecture honors Professor Markus's contribution to the study of Asian languages and literatures.

The lecture series brings to the University of Washington distinguished scholars in the field of Asian Languages and Literature. The annual lecture is considered the premiere public event sponsored by the department and is the highest honor that the department can bestow on a scholar in the field.

Past Lectures

Professor John Treat, Professor Emeritus of Yale University
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Kane Hall - Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2018 - “The Appropriation of Tang Poetry in Later Chinese Painting”
Professor Ronald Egan, Confucius Institute Professor of Sinology from Stanford University
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. in Kane Hall - Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2017 - “On Native-Speaker-Hood, Translingual Competence, and Asian Language Education”
Dr. Junko Mori, Professor of Japanese language and linguistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
May 9, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)
2016 - "Clouded Mirror: The Uttarakāṇḍa of the Vālmīkirāmāyaṇa as an Occluded Guide to Statecraft"
Robert P. Goldman, William and Catherine Magistretti Distinguished Professor of Sanskrit, UC Berkeley
May 10, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2015 - "Manuscript Cultures of Asia"
Michael Friedrich, Center for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
May 12, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2014 - "Transplanting Buddhism on the Korean Peninsula"
Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles
May 13, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2013 - "Family Memorials, Waka, and Material Culture"
Edward Kamens, Yale University
May 7, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2012 - "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown: Some Buddhist approaches to kings and their problems"
Paul Harrison, Stanford University
May 8, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2011 - "Literary Languages, Koines, and the Emergence of Modern Standard Chinese"
South Coblin, University of Iowa
May 11, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2010 - "For the Gods Love the Obscure: On Translating the Rig Veda"
Stephanie Jamison, University of California in Los Angeles; Head, Program in Indo-European Studies
May 12, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2009 - "What Counts as Literature? The Astonishing Revival of The Cannery Ship (1929) in Recession-era Japan"
Norma Field, University of Chicago
May 7, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2008 - "Figures for Memory: Personal Moments in Medieval Chinese Poetry"
Paul W. Kroll, University of Colorado at Boulder
May 14, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2007 - "Heterodox Reasoning in Early Modern North India: To What Consequence?"
Monika Boehm-Tettelbach, University of Heidelberg
May 16, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2006 - "The Pleasures of Japanese Poetry"
Edwin Cranston, Harvard University
May 15, 7:30pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2005 - "Travels of a Culture: Chinese Poetry and the European Imagination"
2004 - "What's 'Lovely' About It? (Korean) Poetry's Appeal and Survival (even in English)"
David McCann, Harvard University
May 12, 8:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2003 - "With Kindness at Heart, a Song on the Tongue, and Gold and Steel in Hand: Religion, Power, and Ideology in the Mahabharata, the Great Epic of India"
James L. Fitzgerald, University of Tennessee
May 15, 8:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2002 - "Reading (or Not) the Tale of Genji"
Royall Tyler, Harvard University
May 16, 8:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2001 - "Cognitive Approaches to Chinese Historical Linguistics"
Christoph Harbsmeier, University of Oslo
May 22, 8:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

2000 - "On the Evolution of Hindi as a Language of Literature"
Ronald Stuart McGregor, University of Cambridge
May 23, 7:00pm, Walker-Ames Room (Kane Hall 225)

1999 - "Hong Taeyong and the Korean Rediscovery of China in the Eighteenth Century"
Gari Ledyard, Columbia University
May 3, 7:00pm, Seafirst Executive Education Building, Boeing Auditorium

1998 - "A Scene in Natsume Soseki's Last and Uncompleted Novel, Meian"
Edwin McClellan, Yale University
May 15, 7:00pm

1996 - The Andrew L. Markus Memorial Symposium on Tokugawa Japan
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