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**“Oh, Hell! The Horrible and the Hilarious in Secular Japanese Picturebooks”**

Professor Blair will examine the transformation of Buddhist hell from dreadful to hilarious in picturebooks for pre-literate children and emerging readers ages 4 to 7. She will show how hell has become a cornerstone in a national vernacular tradition and that it continues to serve moralizing purposes even as it makes us laugh.

**December 2 4:15 pm**

**Peeler Auditorium**

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