

4:35-4:55p Respondent: ALEXANDER ORBACH, University of Pittsburgh
4:55-5:30p ~Discussion~
7:00p **CLOSING DINNER IN HONOR OF FRED W. CLOTHEY**
Holiday Inn University Select, Schenley Ballroom (by invitation)

Sunday, April 2 ~ Tour of the Sri Venkatesvara Temple

ABOUT FRED W. CLOTHEY

Dr. Fred W. Clothey is a leader in the creation of the field of Ritual Studies and the pioneer of ethnographic fieldwork and documentation of religious practice in India. He is cofounder (with Ron Grimes) and longtime coeditor of the *Journal of Ritual Studies* (1986-1998), served as a Trustee of the American Institute of Indian Studies (1981-1998), was cofounder and first Chair of the Conference on South Indian Religion, is cofounder and co-coordinator of the Pitt in India Program (with the University of Hyderabad, 1986-) and was resident co-coordinator of the Great Lakes Colleges Association Year in India Program (1971-1972). A distinguished scholar and documenter of ritual, Dr. Clothey is editor of five special issues of the *Journal of Ritual Studies*, author of some twenty articles and Tamil story translations and six books: *Religion in India: A Historical Introduction* (2004); *Quiescence and Passion: The Vision of Arunakiri, Tamil Mystic* (1996); *Rhythm and Intent: Ritual Studies from South India* (1983); *Experiencing Siva: Encounters with a Hindu Deity*, coeditor (1984, 2003); *Images of Man: Religion and Historical Progress in South Asia*, editor (1982); and *The Many Faces of Murukan: The History and Meaning of a South Indian God* (1978). He is also producer/director of six documentaries: "Journey of Faith: Serbian Orthodox Americans in Pittsburgh" (1992); "Pilgrimage to Pittsburgh" (1990); "Consecration of a Temple (1979, 1990); "Pankuni Uttiram: A Festival of Marriage (1974); "Skanda-Sasti: A Festival of Conquest" (1973); and "Yakam: A Fire Ritual in South Asia" (1973). The last three films are reproduced as "The Festivals Experience of South India" (1992). Dr. Clothey's current book projects are *Ritualizing on the Boundaries: Tamils Away from Home* and *What's in a Festival? Studies of Bonalu in Hyderabad*, editor.

Fred Clothey has served as a consultant to various universities on developing the study of religion, as consultant to the Discovery Channel on its Ritual around the World Series, and has often appeared on radio and television as an interviewee and commentator. His contributions have been recognized by the Fulbright Commission (1991, 1998), Pitcairn-Crabbe (1997-2000), American Institute of Indian Studies (1966-1967, 1981-1982, 1990, 1994), Kodenkandeth Foundation (1993-1996), Exxon Foundation (1986), Vira Heinz Fund (1983), Fulbright-Hays (1978, 1982), Sri Venkatesvara Temple (1983-1988, 1993-1995), Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania (1978, 1987), Dora Hillman Bequest (1984), and Arcadia Foundation (1979). Dr. Clothey is listed in *Notable Americans*, *Who's Who in Religion*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, *Men of Achievement*, *International Who's Who in Community Service*, *International Who's Who in Education*, *International Directory of Scholars and Specialists in the Third World*, *Directory of American Scholars*, and *Who's Who in the East*. He has spent some sixteen years in India and has lived and worked in Malaysia and Singapore (1991) and the Czech Republic (1999).

Fred W. Clothey (PhD, Chicago) joined the faculty of the Department of Religious Studies at Pitt in 1975, was promoted to associate professor in 1978, and has been full professor since 1984. Dr. Clothey served as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies (1978-1988, 1991-1992, 1995-1998), Academic Dean of Semester at Sea (fall 1988), and Acting Director of Asian Studies (1979-1980). He retires in 2006 after thirty years of research, teaching and service.

Convened by Linda Penkower, University of Pittsburgh
Co-organized by Jason Fuller, Depauw University
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Ritualizing, In, On, and Across the Boundaries of the Indian Subcontinent

*A conference in honor of
Fred W. Clothey*

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006
Frick Fine Arts Auditorium and The Cloisters

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006
Provost's Suite
2500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

University of Pittsburgh
Additional Information: www.pitt.edu/~relgst

CONFERENCE THEME

Thanks to the pioneering efforts of such scholars as Fred W. Clothey, to whom this symposium is dedicated, and Ronald L. Grimes, who delivers the keynote address, beginning in the 1970s, the field of ritual studies has been recognized as a discrete area of scholarly pursuit within religious studies. *Ritualizing, In, On, and Across the Boundaries of the Indian Subcontinent* brings together a dozen North American scholars whose work on the ritualizing process and ritual theory and on ritual activity and performance continues to contribute to our understanding of the social, political and religious function of ritual for South Asian individuals and groups both on the Indian subcontinent and in diaspora.

The conference is organized around three sessions -- *Negotiating Boundaries Through Ritual, Religion and Identity*, and *Religion in Diaspora* – and coalesces around two overarching themes. First, it challenges how we understand the ritualizing process by critiquing the way we define ritual and what we accept as ritual theory. These theoretical reconsiderations are made necessary by the contributions of indigenous views of the ritual experience and their globalization; the affects of the ethnographer and videographer on the ritual process; the interactions of the languages of politics and religious expression as well as other issues. The conference seeks to explore the tensions between and among ritual participants and scholars and suggests new and responsible ways to envision, broaden and enhance the study of ritual.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 31 ~ Frick Fine Arts Auditorium and The Cloisters

- 5:00p** **OPENING REMARKS**
- 5:15p** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
“Shooting Rites”
RONALD L. GRIMES, Wilfrid Laurier University
- 6:15p** **OPENING RECEPTION**

Saturday, April 1 ~ Provost’s Suite, 2500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

- 8:00a** Continental Breakfast for participants
- 9:00a** Opening Remarks
- 9:15-11:30a** **SESSION I: NEGOTIATING BOUNDARIES THROUGH RITUAL**
Chair: PAULA M. KANE, University of Pittsburgh
- 9:15-9:35a** “The Accidental Ritualist”
DAVID HABERMAN, Indiana University, Bloomington
- 9:35-9:55a** “Ritual as Dharma: The Narrowing and Widening of a Key Term”
ALFRED HILTEBEITEL, George Washington University
- 9:55-10:15a** “Encountering the Holy Mundane: Maruti, Mountains, and Middle-Class Devotion in Maharashtra”
JEFFREY BRACKETT, Ball State University

- 10:15-10:35a** “Murugan and his Malaysian Devotees at the Beginning of the 21st Century”
ELIZABETH COLLINS, Ohio University
- 10:35-10:55a** Respondent: DONALD SUTTON, Carnegie Mellon University
- 10:55-11:30a** ~Discussion~
- 11:30a-1:00p** Luncheon for participants
- 12:00-1:00p** **SPECIAL SCREENINGS**
Produced and directed by FRED W. CLOTHEY, University of Pittsburgh
- 11:55a** “Pilgrimage to Pittsburgh” (30 min.)
- 12:30p** “Pankuni Uttiram: Festival of Marriage” (25 min.)
- 1:00-3:00p** **SESSION II: RELIGION AND IDENTITY**
Chair: JASON FULLER, Depauw University
- 1:00-1:20p** “The Medieval Murukan: Meanings and Manifestations in the Chola Period”
LESLIE C. ORR, Concordia University, Montréal
- 1:20-1:40p** “A Tale of Two Weddings: Gendered Performances of Tulsi’s Marriage”
TRACY PINTCHMAN, Loyola University of Chicago
- 1:40-2:00p** “The ‘Non-Brahmin’ Śrivaishṇava Revival: Ritual, Proselytism, and Politics in Contemporary Tamil Nadu”
KATHERINE K. YOUNG, McGill University
- 2:00-2:20p** Respondent: JOSEPH S. ALTER, University of Pittsburgh
- 2:20-2:45p** ~Discussion~
- 2:45- 3:15p** Coffee break
- 3:15-5:30p** **SESSION III: RELIGION IN DIASPORA**
Chair: ADAM SHEAR, University of Pittsburgh
- 3:15-3:35p** “From Diaspora to Civil Society: New Hindu-Based Religious Movements in Chennai and Singapore”
JOANNE WAGHORNE, Syracuse University
- 3:35-3:55p** “Canadian Hinduism: A New Homeland or an Ethnic Community?”
PAUL YOUNGER, McMaster University
- 3:55-4:15p** “Hindu Children in the United States”
RAYMOND BRADY WILLIAMS, Wabash College
- 4:15-4:35p** “Women, Ritual, and the Ironies of Power at a North American Goddess Temple”
CORINNE DEMPSEY, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point