



# *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**  
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**Friday, March 31**  
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**5:00p 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**

**9:00-11:30a Session I**

### **NEGOTIATING BOUNDARIES THROUGH RITUAL**

Chair: PAULA M. KANE, University of Pittsburgh

"The Accidental Ritualist"  
DAVID HABERMAN, Indiana University, Bloomington

"Ritual as Dharma: The Narrowing and Widening of a Key Term"  
ALFRED HILTEBEITEL, George Washington University

"Encountering the Holy Mundane: Maruti, Mountains, and  
Middle-Class Devotion in Maharashtra"  
JEFFREY BRACKETT, Ball State University

"Murugan and his Malaysian Devotees at the Beginning  
of the 21st Century"  
ELIZABETH COLLINS, Ohio University

Respondent: DONALD S. SUTTON, Carnegie Mellon University

**12:00-1:00p SPECIAL SCREENINGS**

"Pilgrimage to Pittsburgh"

"Pankuni Uttiram: Festival of Marriage"

Produced and directed by FRED W. CLOTHEY, University of  
Pittsburgh

**1:00-3:00p Session II**

### **RELIGION AND IDENTITY**

Chair: JASON FULLER, Depauw University

"The Medieval Murukan: Meanings and Manifestations in the  
Chola Period"  
LESLIE C. ORR, Concordia University, Montréal

"Tale of Two Weddings: Gendered Performances of  
Tulsi's Marriage"  
TRACY PINTCHMAN, Loyola University of Chicago

"The 'Non-Brahmin' Śrīvaiṣṇava Revival: Ritual, Proselytism, and  
Politics in Contemporary Tamil Nadu"  
KATHERINE K. YOUNG, McGill University, Montréal

Respondent: JOSEPH S. ALTER, University of Pittsburgh

**3:15-5:30p Session III**

### **RELIGION IN DIASPORA**

Chair: ADAM SHEAR, University of Pittsburgh

"From Diaspora to Civil Society: New Hindu-Based Religious  
Movements in Chennai and Singapore"  
JOANNE WAGHORNE, Syracuse University

"Canadian Hinduism: A New Homeland or an Ethnic Community?"  
PAUL YOUNGER, McMaster University

"Hindu Children in the United States"  
RAYMOND BRADY WILLIAMS, Wabash College

"Women, Ritual, and the Ironies of Power at a North American  
Goddess Temple"  
CORINNE DEMPSEY, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point

Respondent: ALEXANDER ORBACH, University of Pittsburgh

**7:00p DINNER IN HONOR OF FRED W. CLOTHEY**

**Sunday, April 2**  
**Tour of the Sri Venkatesvara Temple**

**Convened by Linda Penkower, University of Pittsburgh**  
**Co-organized by Jason Fuller, Depauw University**  
**Administered by Dianne F. Dakis, Elizabeth Greene,**  
**Doreen Hernández and Judith Macey**

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