

PERSONHOOD, PLACE, & POSSESSION

Embodiment & Emplacement in Special Contexts

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McCune Conference Room,
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This conference will explore social, cognitive, philosophical, and religious conceptions of personhood. Presenters will offer cross-disciplinary theories and methods for imagining the creation, transformation, and loss of personhood in a variety of cultural and religious settings.

Panels are organized around the following themes:

The Fantastic, the Demonic and the Gothic; Theology and Animality; Personhood and Memory; Oracular Possession in South Asia; AfroCaribbean and Pentecostal Possession; and Suffering, Healing, and Conversion. The conference will also feature a special screening of the film "Jathilan: Trance and Possession in Java."

Keynote speakers:

Thomas Csordas is professor of anthropology at UC San Diego and author of *Body/Meaning/Healing*. He is researching contemporary exorcisms.

David Hershenov is professor of philosophy at the University at Buffalo and works on metaphysics, bioethics, and religion, in relation to identity.

Tanya Luhrmann is professor of anthropology at Stanford University and author of *When God Talks Back*. She is conducting ongoing research into theory of mind and unusual sensory experiences.

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