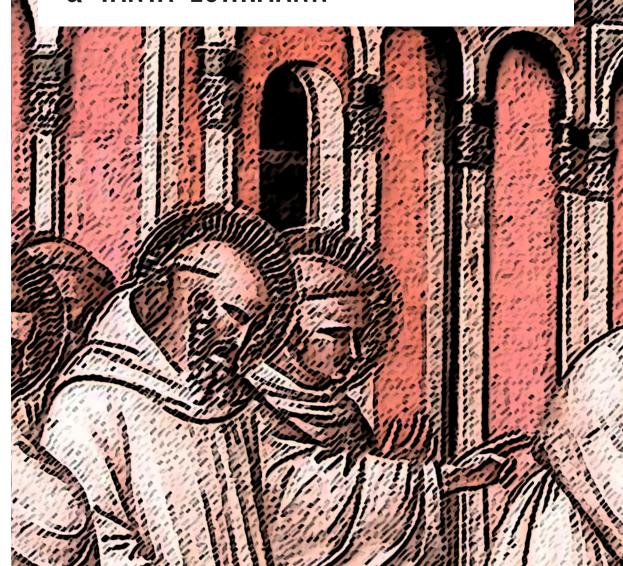
## PERSONHOOD, PLACE, & POSSESSION

**Embodiment & Emplacement in Special Contexts** 

May 28 & 29, 2013 McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

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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; AfroCarribbean 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 Csorda**s 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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