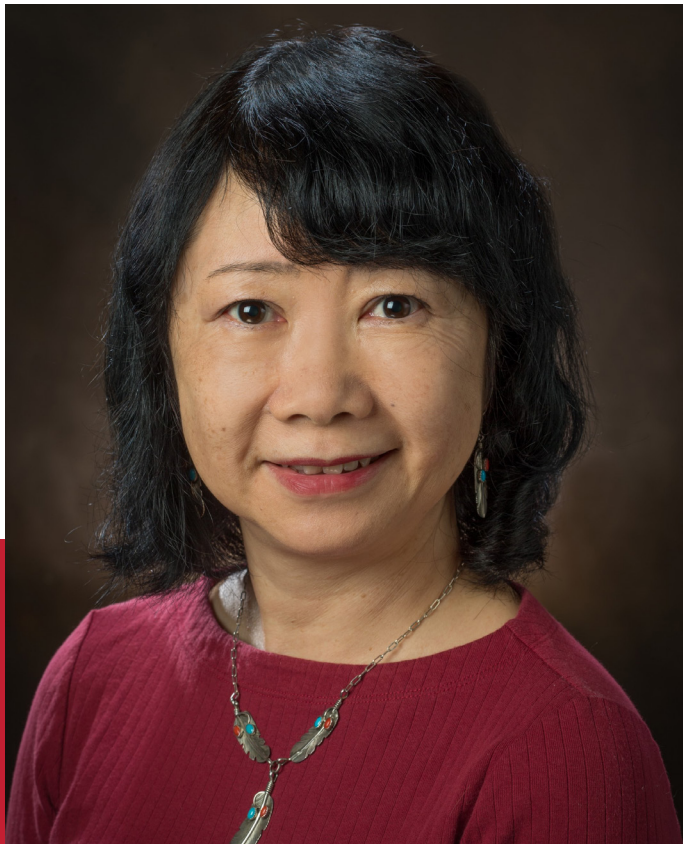

Snow Woman: Yuki Onna

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What is Yuki Onna?

Yuki Onna (Snow Woman), a Japanese supernatural being that represents snow or wintry weather, is frequently described as a striking, ethereal female figure. Among the numerous legends of snow women, arguably the most famous one was written by Lafcadio Hearn. The talk gives a brief history of the Yuki Onna while considering how the symbolic role of snow relates to conceptions of the female and to female yōkai (weird or mysterious creatures), and it will give a special attention to Hearn's rendition of Yuki Onna as an amalgamation of Japanese and Western traditions and its' influence on the character in subsequent tellings.