

# *Snake Oil*

## **Snake Women in East Asia and Their Afterlives in Literature, Theatre, and Film**

**A UCLA-UBC Joint Online Conference**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 18:00 Pacific Daylight Time**

The conference focuses on versions of and interconnections between two key East Asian tales about snake women: the Japanese *Dōjōji* 道成寺 and the Chinese Legend of the White Snake 白蛇傳. The four guest speakers each offer a thirty-minute talk. Excerpts of performance videos of three versions of the Noh play *Dōjōji*, the stop motion anime *Dōjōji* (1976), and one version of the Beijing Opera *The Tale of the White Snake* will be shown with English commentary and subtitles. In addition, there will be the world premiere of *Snake Oil*, a new play by Carol Fisher Sorgenfrei, and two graduate students' presentations.

### **Event Coordinators**

Carol Fisher Sorgenfrei (University of California, Los Angeles)

Sharalyn Orbaugh (University of British Columbia)

Siyuan Liu (University of British Columbia)

### **Guest Speakers**

Wilt Idema (Harvard University)

Susan Blakeley Klein (University of California, Irvine)

Liang Luo (University of Kentucky)

Satoko Shimazaki (University of California, Los Angeles)

### **Graduate Student Presenters**

Victoria Davis (PhD candidate, University of California, Los Angeles)

Yuewei Wang (PhD student, University of British Columbia)

### **Zoom Webinar Registration Link**

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