Popular Culture in Japan

Conversation with Jolyon Thomas

Dr. Thomas, a scholar of popular culture in Japan who has researched temples and anime, will meet with students interested in Japan and Asian Studies to discuss his research. Dr. Thomas’s research interests include Japanese visual media and popular culture (especially manga and anime), Buddhism, Shintō, and other Japanese religions, and religious freedom, secularity, and religion-state relations. His conversation will touch on his previous research on Miyazaki Hayao’s anime and the influence on manga from the Aum Shinrikyo movement gas attacks.

Dr. Thomas will also present the Day Lecture for the Department of Religious Studies on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm in Smith 205. Both events are open to all students.

Thursday Sept 24
2:00 pm
Anderson Room
(3rd floor, Ferguson Center)

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