Friday March 18

9:00 am  Introductory remarks & Continental breakfast
9:30-11:00 am  Session I: Mortality and Mourning
   Discussants: Daniel Picus and Caroline Kory, Brown University
   - “From Birth to Death: Midwifery and Mourning, Women's Religious Roles in Ancient Israel,” NaShieka Knight, Towson University
   - “Family, Genealogy, and Religion in Contemporary American Gravemarkers: 1990-2014,” Adrianne Zahner, University of Massachusetts, Boston
   - Group Conversation: Family and the Lifecycle
1:00-3:00 pm  Session II: Fictive Families
   Discussants: Adrien Stoloff and Justin Byrd, Brown University
   - “Gender Relations and Gendered Relations in Hindu Devotional Piety,” Dimple Dhanani, Syracuse University
   - “Two Lakṣmī-ś: Varied Genealogies and Discourse,” Darcie Price-Wallace, Northwestern University
   - “Priez pour nous, maman’: Filiality and the Making of the Catholic World,” James Padilioni, Jr, College of William and Mary
   - “God’s Friends and Buddha’s Sons: Disrupting the Master-Disciple Paradigm of Mystic Lineage,” Jessica Stilwell, McGill University
3:30-5:30 pm  Session III: Transmission and Inheritance
   Discussant: Mark Cladis, Brown University
   - “The Emergence of Genealogical Legitimation in Early Islam: The Simultaneous Development of Historical Visions and Communal Definitions,” Samuel Miller, University of Chicago
   - “Memory, Inheritance, and Religion,” Hannah Roh, University of Chicago
   - “Tell Me About My Mothers: Hybrid Genealogies and the Quest for Complex Subjectivity in Octavia Estelle Butler's Fledgling,” E. Zora Hamsa, Rice University
6:00 pm  Keynote address by Professor Tomoko Masuzawa

Saturday March 19

8:30 am  Continental breakfast
9:00-10:30 am  Session IV: Adapting Across Boundaries
Discussants: Nicholas Friesner and Megan McBride, Brown University

- “Temple of My Heart’ (Pran’er Mondir): Affective Dimensions of Religious Space in Montreal’s Hindu-Bangladeshi Community,” Aditya Bhattacharjee, McGill University

- “Bakiné as indigenous creativity: one performance of family in the chaotic Atlantic Modern,” Hector Varela Rios, University of Chicago

11:00 Closing remarks by Professor Masuzawa