

“Converting the Religious Supernatural: A Fairy Tale”

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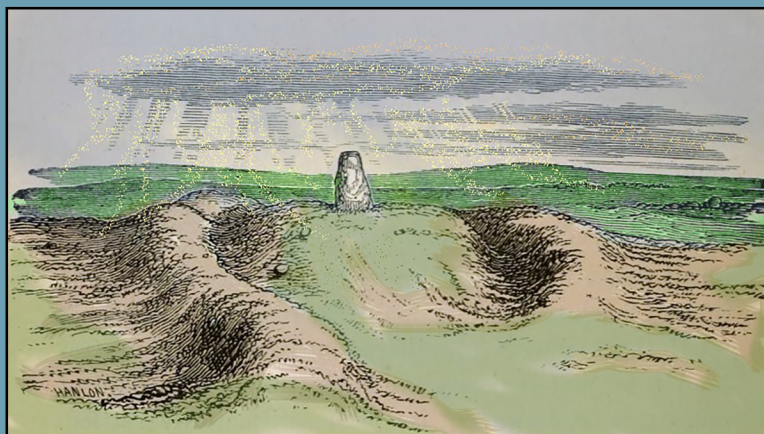


Professor Lisa Bitel will address the persistence of the Otherworld in ancient literature and modern folklore as well as in graphic and digital media. In Ireland and elsewhere believers continue to encounter the aos síthe (folk of the Otherworld) and similar "small gods" and to exploit them for both tourism and religion. These small gods, by way of Wales, also became French fairies (Fée); while the faeries of post-Norman England eventually became a lucrative modern business in fantasy literature, garden decor, and other popular media. Bitel examines this co-evolution of story and Otherworld over the long haul, asking: Why do some forms of the supernatural and their veneration survive major religious shifts while others disappear?

Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:00PM

Pre-lecture Reception at 5:00PM

**Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering
610 Commonwealth Ave, Room 101**



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