



*James Barnett Lecture Series on  
Religious Cultures*

Presents

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**11:00-12:20 pm**

**Family Studies Bldg, Rm 216**

# **The Form and Function of Religion in the Tyva Republic**

Tucked away in the mountains of southern Siberia, the Tyva Republic maintains elements of a prehistoric religious system that has endured and evolved for at least 7,000 years. In this talk, Purzycki will introduce the republic and briefly detail how the animist-shamanic tradition there has developed, points to reasons why it has endured for millennia, and how it is likely to change in the future.

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