

SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

Scattered Goddesses: Travels with the Yoginis

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Collecting and scattering can be the same activity experienced from different points of view. They were for 19 sculptures that endured from a tenth-century goddess temple in South India to pass through the hands of the archaeologist Gabriel Jouveau-Dubreuil in 1926, into the hands of the art dealer C. T. Loo in Paris, and on to museums and mansions across the West, becoming more thoroughly separated from their companions over the course of the 20th century. Padma Kaimal, who traces these journeys in her book, *Scattered Goddesses: Travels with the Yoginis* (Ann Arbor: Association of Asian Studies, 2013), will speak at McGill on March 20, exploring the generosity, theft, idealism, and desire that powered the flight of these goddesses around the globe.

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