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11th Annual Tessa J. Bartholomeusz Lecture



The Buddha’s Mother as Feminist Conundrum:

Exploring the Death of Gautami

Is the Buddha’s mother a feminist symbol? I explore her dramatic self-chosen death as depicted in Indian Buddhist accounts, asking whether her death should be seen as a marker of her spiritual accomplishments or a sign of her social subordination.

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Thurs. April 5, 5:00 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Reception following