

Bhagwan Mahavir Professorship of Jain Studies

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First Annual Mahavir Jayanthi Lecture

Visions of the Conqueror – Jain Art Lecture by Phyllis Granoff, Yale University

April 13, 2011 | 6 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Frost Art Museum

Phyllis Granoff, the Lex Hixon Professor of World Religions at Yale University, will deliver the First Annual Mahavir Jayanthi Lecture at FIU. She will present an illustrated lecture based on her most recent book *Victorious Ones: Jain Images of Perfection*, copies of which will be available for purchase and signing. The program will open with a raga by Jorge Alfano on the bansuri flute and Jeffrey Deen on the tabla, and followed by a reception hosted by the Jain community. Granoff is one of the world's leading scholars of Indian religions whose work has focused on mythology, cults, image worship, art, literature, poetry and medieval Indian law codes. She is fluent in Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali, Ardha Magadhi, Bengali, Hindi, Assamese, Gujarati and Oriya. Among her books are *The Forest Thieves and the Magic Garden: An Anthology of Medieval Jain Stories* (1998); *The Journey: Stories by Kishor Charan Das* (2000); *Images in Asian Religions* (2004); *Pilgrims, Patrons and Place: Localizing Sanctity in Asian Religions* (2003); and *Speaking of Monks: Religious Biography in India and China* (1992).

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