

# DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS:

## The Venerable Blind- Donkey: The Philosophical Poetry of Ikkyū Sōjun 一休宗純

One would be hard pressed to find someone living in Japan—even today—who does not know of the fifteenth-century Zen monk Ikkyū Sōjun 一休宗純 (1394-1481), and yet, the Ikkyū they know has little to do with the actual character of this most controversial figure. Although his writings have been translated by a select number of Japanologists in the latter part of the last century, the underlying philosophy of his thought remains largely unexplored. I present a selection of key philosophical elements from Ikkyū's writings in order to draw attention to the valuable insights to be found in his poetry.



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### WHEN

Tuesday,  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

### WHERE

Kennesaw Campus  
Social Sciences  
Room 5074



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