

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH★TEXAS™

Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies

presents  
A Lecture By

## *Yuriko Saito* *The Moral Dimension of Japanese Garden Aesthetics*

The Japanese garden aesthetics, like many other Japanese aesthetic objects and activities, embodies long-held design strategies: (1) respect for the native characteristics of the materials, and (2) responsiveness to the needs and interests of the experiencing agent.

By focusing on the use and treatment of rocks and illustrated by ample visual images, this presentation will demonstrate how the aesthetic dimension of Japanese garden design is informed by, and conducive to cultivating, the attitude of respect for others, understood as both nature and humans.



Yuriko Saito, a native of Japan, is Professor of Philosophy at the Rhode Island School of Design. Her work in environmental aesthetics and Japanese aesthetics has appeared in various journals and anthologies, and her book on Everyday Aesthetics is forthcoming from Oxford University Press later this year.

*Tuesday, Sept 4 at 3:30 pm in ENV 115*

This lecture is free and open to the public.

For special accommodation, contact us at 565-2266 or  
[philosophy@unt.edu](mailto:philosophy@unt.edu)