

# Beyond 'Good Wife, Wise Mother': Gender, Law, and the Meiji State

Presented by Dr. Susan Burns



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Stewart Center, Room 218 A&B

Dr. Burns is an Associate Professor of History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations in the Department of History at the University of Chicago. Her work focuses on Japan's long nineteenth century, the period from the late Tokugawa period to the end of Meiji. Her first book, *Before the Nation: Kokugaku and the Imagining of Community in Early Modern Japan* (Duke University Press, 2003), examines the Kokugaku discourse of the late Tokugawa period and explored how "Japan" was constituted as a form of cultural and social identity by nativist scholars. Her second project, still in progress, explores the medical culture of the nineteenth century and analyzes the impact of the rise of "Western medicine" and "public health" upon conceptions of the body and subjecthood.

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