New Books on Japan: "Madness in the Family" author Yumi Kim (Johns Hopkins) in conversation with Daniel Botsman (Yale) - Weds. March 10 at 7pm EST/4pm PST on Zoom

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The Modern Japan History Association (mjha.org) presents a "New Books on Japan" conversation between Yumi Kim (Johns Hopkins University), author of Madness in the Family: Women, Care, and Illness in Japan (Oxford University Press, 2022) and Daniel Botsman, (Yale University). The event is free and open to the public and will be held over Zoom. Pre-registration is required.

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 10, 7pm EST / 4pm PST

Register for Zoom here: https://mjha.org/Madness-in-the-Family

Event details:

The Modern Japan History Association invites the wider community to a conversation with H. Yumi Kim (Assistant Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University). Professor Kim will be speaking about her new book, Madness in the Family: Women, Care, and Illness in Japan (Oxford University Press, 2022). Madness in the Family explores how, following the introduction to Japan of Western ideas about psychiatry and mental illness in the 1880s, the family came to be seen as the natural provider of care for those suffering from mental illnesses. As Professor Kim demonstrates, women and families navigated a shifting therapeutic landscape by producing their own gendered approaches to madness that would take precedence over the claims of psychiatry, the law, and the state. By decoupling the history of mental illness from the discipline and institutions of psychiatry, Madness in the Family reveals the power and fragilities of gender, kinship, and care in the creation of different modes of caring for and understanding mental illness that persist in Japan to this day. Daniel Botsman (Professor of History, Yale University) will serve as discussant.