

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable Conference  
November 14-16, 2008  
University of North Florida

**Friday, November 14 Keynote Address, 6:30 PM**

Suzanne Cahill, University of California-San Diego, "Government Attempts to Prescribe Material Expressions of Status and Identity: Essays on Vehicles and Clothing in the Official Histories of the Tang Dynasty"

**Saturday November 15,**

**Panel One: 8:30-10:30 AM Rites and Boundaries in Early China**

Lai Guolong, University of Florida

Religious Boundaries and Imperial Politics in Early China

Keith N. Knapp, The Citadel  
The Contours of Chinese Ritual

Liang Cai, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, History Department  
A Reshuffle of Power: Witchcraft Scandal in the Western Han Dynasty

Wang Huaiyu, Georgia College & State University  
Ren, Gantong, and Early Chinese Shi Rites.

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

**Panel Two: 10:45-12:15 Fieldwork and Teaching on Early China**

Mario Poceski, University of Florida

Teaching and Writing about the History of Chinese Religions

Eric Henry, University of North Carolina  
Remnants of Ancient Vietic Kingdoms in China: A Field Report

**Panel Three: 1:45-3:15 Gods of War and Dreamless Sages**

Jeffrey L. Richey, Berea College

Zhuangzi's and Liezi's Dreamless Sages

Galway Traynor and Christine Welter, Eckerd College  
The Guandi Myth in Early China

**Coffee break, 3:15-3:30**

**Panel 4, 3:30-5:30 PM Religion in the Tang: Healing, Iconography and Imperial Patronage**

Dorothy C. Wong, University of Virginia

The Art of Huayan Buddhism at the Courts of Empress Wu and Emperor Shōmu

Michelle C. Wang, Louisiana State University  
Mogao Cave 14 and Esoteric Buddhist Art of the Tang Dynasty

Livia Kohn, Boston University  
Healing Exercises in Highest Clarity Daoism

**Sunday Morning Panel Five, 8:30-11:30: Politics, Poetry and Plastrons in Tang China**

Hongjie Wang, Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Diplomatic Culture in Five Dynasties China: The Case of Former Shu-Later Liang Relations

Norman Harry Rothschild, University of North Florida  
Wenmu and Wu Zhao: Two Mothers of Zhou

Andrew Chittick, Eckerd University  
Dragon Boat Racing in Tang Dynasty Poetry

Ashleigh Dean, University of North Florida  
Five Aspects of the Numinous Tortoise

Jonathan Karam Skaff, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania  
Heavenly Qaghans, Propaganda Wars, and the Origins of Simultaneous Kingship in Eastern Eurasia