

Southeast Early China Roundtable (SEECR) XVI

November 2-4, 2012

Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Friday, November 2

- 2 p.m. Check-in begins (Boone Tavern)
- 6:30 p.m. Opening dinner (Skylight Room, Boone Tavern)
- 8 p.m. Public Lecture (Baird Lounge, Alumni Building)
Guolong Lai (University of Florida)
“Who (or What) Guards The Tombs of Ancient China?”

Saturday, November 3

- 8 a.m. Meet in Boone Tavern lobby for shuttle service to Windswept
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Windswept)
- 9 a.m. Session #1: *State and Society*
- “The Appearance and Evolution of the *Shi* 士 in Early China”
Eric Henry (University of North Carolina)
 - “Is the Ideology of the Mandate of Heaven Already Present in Western Zhou Bronze Inscriptions?”
Mercedes Valmisa (Princeton University)
 - “Political Economy in the *Mèngzi* 孟子”
Kenneth J. Hammond (New Mexico State University)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m. Session #2: *Spirituality and Somaticity*
- “*Héng* 衡, *Huáng* 黃 and the ‘Jade Ring’ of Early Chinese Cosmology”
Jonathan Smith (Christopher Newport University)
 - “Mutilation and Self-Mutilation in Early China”
Jianjun He (Western Kentucky University)
 - “Serenity and the Facilitation of Womb Breathing: A Brief Discussion of the *Tāixījīng zhù* 胎息經註”
Stephen Eskildsen (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (Windswept)
- 1:30 p.m. Session #3: *Desire and the Daemonic*
- “The Uses and Erasures of Ghosts (*guǐ* 鬼) in Han Histories”
Karin Myhre (University of Georgia)
 - “The Literary Representation of *Píngkāng fāng* 平康坊 as the Fountain of Romance”
Rebecca Shuang Fu (University of Pennsylvania)
 - “Constructing the Sacred-Erotic Genre: The Reincarnation of *Lí Sāo* 離騷 in Heian Japan”
Michael Rich (Georgetown College)

- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. SEECR Business Meeting
Chair: Keith N. Knapp (The Citadel)
- Shuttle service to Boone Tavern
- 6:30 p.m. Meet in Boone Tavern lobby for shuttle service to dinner

Sunday, November 4

- 8 a.m. Check-out
Meet in Boone Tavern lobby for shuttle service to Windswept
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Windswept)
- 9 a.m. Session #4: *Categorization and Cultures*
- “The Creation of Philosophical Daoism”
Paul Fischer (Western Kentucky University)
 - “The Southern Dynasties and the Lingnan Frontier”
Andrew Chittick (Eckerd College)
 - “Ethnicity, Politics, and Religion in the Nanzhao Kingdom (649-903 CE)”
Megan Bryson (University of Tennessee at Knoxville)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m. Session #5: *Scholarship and Statecraft*
- “Unheralded but Indispensable: Confucian Scholars in Early Medieval China”
Keith N. Knapp (The Citadel)
 - “Memorials of Gratitude in Tang China”
Anthony DeBlasi (University at Albany)
 - “For the Lost Dreams: Literati and Their Political Pursuits in the Late Tang and Early Five Dynasties Period”
Hongjie Wang (Armstrong Atlantic University)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (Windswept)
- Shuttle service to Boone Tavern
- Departures