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 Pingkāng 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