22nd Southeast Early China Roundtable

The University of North Florida—Jacksonville, Florida

Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 21

Our thanks to the President’s Office of the University of North Florida, The Confucius Institute, the Dep’t. of History, the Dep’t. of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and the UNF Asia Council

Friday 10/19

2:00-5:00pm check-in at The Indigo Hotel (9840 Tapestry Park Circle)

5:00pm: Depart for University of North Florida (1 UNF Drive, Arena Parking Garage)

5:30-6:30pm: Keynote Address (39/1009)
Victor Mair, the University of Pennsylvania, “Origins and Evolution of the Concept of Heresy in Early China”

7:00pm Dinner @ Golden House (5201 Baymeadows Rd)

Saturday 10/20 (All Panels at Bolles School, Varn Conference Room, 7400 San Jose Blvd)

7:40 Depart for Bolles from Hotel Indigo

8-8:30 AM Breakfast at Bolles

8:30-10:30 Panel 1: Following the Money, the Currency of Verse, and Introducing the Remarkable Lord Pei

Andrew Chittick (Eckerd), “The Remittance System: Tracking and Understanding Cash Flow in the Jiankang Empire”


Matt Wells (Kentucky), “The Biography of Lord Pei and the Genre of nei zhuan in Early Medieval China”
Aaron Creller (UNF), “Early Chinese Epistemology”

10:30-10:50 Coffee break

10:50-11:50 Panel 2 Deceased Dualities and Translated Taskin
Leslie Wallace (Coastal Carolina), “Dual Portraits of the Deceased in a Han Tomb from Northern Shaanxi”

Eric Henry, (UNC) “The Russian Translation of Guóyǔ (Words of the States) by Vsevolod Sergeevish Taskin”

12-1:20pm Lunch

1:20-2:50 Panel 3: Beast Motifs

Petya Andreeva (Oakland U.), “Beasts Made of Gold: The Optics and Theatrics of Warring States Elite Burials in Majiayuan, Gansu Province”

Jeff Richey (Berea), “One (Half of a) Ring to Rule Them All; or, I’ve Got a Tiger by the...Tooth? Tracing the Development of an Early Eastern Eurasian Ornamental Motif”

2:50-3:20 Coffee break

3:20-4:20 Panel 4: Between Court and Bureaucracy: Shamans and Diviners in Early and Medieval China

Stephen Kory (Coll. of Charleston), “What Traditions of Mid-Medieval Artisans and Technicians Say and What They Suggest”

Wang Huaiyu (Georgia State), “Reevaluating the relevance of “Axial Age” to Early Chinese Civilization”

4:20-5:20 Panel 5: Everybody Wang Chong Tonight

Benjamin Daniels (Berkeley), “Clay Dragons: Wang Chong as Radical Traditionalist”

5:20-5:30 SEECR business meeting

6:00 Dinner catered at Bolles (Four Rivers BBQ)
Sunday October 21: (All Panels at The Bolles School, Varn Conference Room)

7:40 Depart for Bolles from Hotel Indigo

8-8:30 AM Breakfast at Bolles

8:30-10 AM Panel 6: Community, Cave-chapels, and Keeping it Real: Buddhism and Gender in Medieval China

Kate Lingley (UH Mānoa), “Women as Community Leaders in Medieval Buddhism”

Sarah Mattice (UNF), “The Heart Sutra: Imagining Authenticity”

Yi Lidu (FIU), “Cross-cultural Buddhist Cave-chapels: Yungang, the Silk Road and Beyond”

10-10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Panel 7: The Phenomenal, the Adaptive, and the Therapeutic in Early and Medieval China

Greige Lott (FSU), “Ritual as Apologetics”

Mercedes Valmisa (Gettysburg College), “What is Adaptive Agency?”

Rohan Sikri (UGA), “Dividing and Forgetting: Therapeutic Methodologies in the Zhuangzi Neipian”

11:50 Bag Lunch Picnic on the Shores of the St. John’s River and Tearful Departures