

LETTERS & EPISTOLARY CULTURE IN CHINA

Workshop at the University of Colorado at Boulder
Organized by Antje Richter, Department for Asian Languages & Civilizations



DAY 1: Friday, Aug. 17 — Norlin Library, British Studies Room M549

- 9:00–9:10 Welcome
- 9:10–9:50 Y. Edmund Lien (Univ. of Washington):
“Reconstructing the Relay Courier System of Ancient China”
- 9:50–10:30 Enno Giele (Heidelberg Univ.):
“Private Letters from Early Imperial China”
- 10:30–10:50 *Coffee & Tea Break*
- 10:50–11:30 David R. Knechtges (Univ. of Washington):
“Letters in the *Wen xuan*”
- 11:30–12:10 Tian Xiaofei (Harvard Univ.):
“Material & Symbolic Economies: Early Medieval Chinese Letters about the Transfer of Objects”
- 12:10–12:50 Matthew Wells (Univ. of Kentucky):
“Captured in Words: Functions & Limits of Autobiographical Expression in Early Chinese Epistolary Literature”
- 12:50–2:20 *Lunch Break*
- 2:20–3:00 Robert Joe Cutter (Arizona State Univ.):
“Letters & Memorials in the Early Third Century”
- 3:00–3:40 Antje Richter (Univ. of Colorado):
“Letters of Familial Admonition in the Han & Six Dynasties Periods”
- 3:40–4:20 Zeb Raft (Univ. of Alberta):
“The Space of Separation: Medieval Chinese Poetry of ‘Presentation and Response’”
- 4:20–4:40 *Coffee & Tea Break*
- 4:40–5:20 Paul W. Kroll (Univ. of Colorado):
“S.O.S. from the Mountains: Lu Zhaolin’s Letters to Luoyang”
- 5:20–6:00 Anna M. Shields (Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore County):
“The Inscription of Emotion in Mid-Tang Collegial Letters”

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DAY 2: Saturday, Aug. 18 — Eaton Humanities, Room 190

- 9:10–9:50 Imre Galambos (Univ. of Cambridge):
“Society Circulars from Dunhuang”
- 9:50–10:30 Natasha Heller (Univ. of California, Los Angeles):
“Halves & Holes: Collections, Networks, & the Epistolary Practices of Chan Monks”
- 10:30–10:50 *Coffee & Tea Break*
- 10:50–11:30 Ronald C. Egan (Stanford Univ.):
“Su Shi’s Informal Letters in Literature & Life”
- 11:30–12:10 Lincoln Lik Hang Tsui (Univ. of Oxford):
“Bureaucratic Influences on Letters in Middle Period China”
- 12:10–12:50 Suzanne E. Wright (Univ. of Tennessee):
“The History of Chinese Decorated Letter Papers”
- 12:50–2:20 *Lunch Break*
- 2:20–3:00 David Pattinson (Univ. of Leeds):
“Letters & the Social Network of Yan Guangmin”
- 3:00–3:40 Son Suyoung (Univ. of Colorado):
“Epistolary Space for Book Proprietorship in Late Imperial China”
- 3:40–4:20 Janet M. Theiss (Univ. of Utah):
“The Letter as Artifact of Sentiment & Legal Evidence”
- 4:20–4:40 *Coffee & Tea Break*
- 4:40–5:20 Tsai Weipin (Univ. of London, Royal Holloway):
“A Delicate Matter: Mailing Practices in Late Qing & Early Republican China”
- 5:20–6:00 Bonnie S. McDougall (Univ. of Sydney):
“Love-letters: Universal & Infinite Variations of Writing & Desire”
- 6:00–7:00 Final discussion

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