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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