



Interdisciplinary colloquium:

**A Tale of Ten Cities: Sino-American Exchange in the
Treaty Port Era, 1840-1950**

Date: 23- 24 May, 2011

Time: 9 a.m – 5 p.m.

Venue: Room 809, 8/F, Council Chamber,
Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

Program in Brief

Monday, May 23

9:00-10:45 – Session I. Welcoming Remarks & Introduction to the Colloquium

10:45-11:15 – Coffee and Tea

11:15-1:00 – Session II. The Rise of Institutions: Science, Health, and Medicine

1:00-2:30 – Break for Lunch

2:30-4:15 – Session III. Language of the Physical: Artifacts, Spaces, and Places

Tuesday, May 24

9:00-10:45 – Session IV. Transforming the Trade: Merchants in the Treaty Port Era

10:45-11:15 – Coffee and Tea

**11:15-1:00 – Session V. Consuls and Commissioners: The Evolving Role of U.S.
Officials**

1:00-2:30 – Break for Lunch

2:30-4:15 – Session VI. Writing *for* China, *from* China, *about* China



Expanded View:

Session I. Welcoming Remarks & Introduction to the Colloquium

Opening Remarks:

Kam Louie, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, The Hong Kong University

Kendall Johnson, Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, The University of Hong Kong

Glenn Shive, Executive Director of the Hong Kong-America Center

Presentations:

John Haddad, Fulbright Scholar, American Studies Program, Hong Kong University

Introduction to the Colloquium and its Themes

Robert Nield

President of The Royal Asiatic Society (Hong Kong Branch)

The Treaty Port - Not Quite a Colony

Session II. The Rise of Institutions: Science, Medicine, and Museums

Moderator: **Glenn Shive**

Hong Kong-America Center

Peter Buck

Professor, History of Science, Harvard University

Reorientation: American Science and Modern China after Thirty Years

Steven Conn

Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at Ohio State University

How to Look at China: The Structure of Visual Experience in American Museums

Marjorie King

Associate Professor, Center for International Studies, Shantou University, China

The Social Service Department at the Rockefeller-sponsored Peking Union

Medical College, 1920-1937

Stefani Pfeiffer

Ph.D. candidate, History Department, Rutgers University

The Administration of Modern Medicine: An American Healthcare Bureaucracy in China and its Social Effects



Session III. Language of the Physical: Spaces and Places

Moderator: Wayne Cristaudo

Division Head West Studies, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, The University of Hong Kong

Cole Roskam

Assistant Professor of Architectural History and Theory, Department of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong

Paper Title: "Permanency and a Fixed Purpose": Building an American Consulate in Shanghai, 1861 – 1937

John Haddad

Associate Professor of American Studies and Literature, Penn State Harrisburg
Fulbright Scholar, American Studies Program, Hong Kong University

From Shanghai to Philadelphia's World's Fair: America's Dual Encounter with China in the Self-Strengthening Era

Elsha Yiu

Independent Scholar

Idealizing Space: America's Opened Port of Swatow

Vincent Wai-kit Ho

Assistant Professor from the History Department of the University of Macau

An Observation on the American-related Historical Monuments in China during the Treaty Port Era

Session IV. Transforming the Trade: Merchants in the Treaty Port Era

Moderator: Vincent Wai-kit Ho

Assistant Professor from the History Department of the University of Macau

John Wong

Ph.D. Candidate in History, Harvard University; Fulbright Scholar, Chinese University of Hong Kong

A Chinese 'Swiss Account' in 19th-Century America: The Enduring Ties between Houqua and his Sino-American Trading Partner

Sibing He

Guest Professor at the Center for the Study of Overseas Chinese Culture, Huaqiao University

Russell and Company in Shanghai, 1843-1891: U.S. Trade and Diplomacy in Treaty Port China



George Cautherley

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Augustine Heard & Co: An American Perspective on China Trade in the Early Treaty Port Era

Session V. Consuls and Commissioners: The Evolving Role of U.S. Officials

Moderator: Priscilla Roberts

Associate Professor of History, The University of Hong Kong

Eileen Scully

Professor of History, Bennington College

On Distinguishing Dirt from Diplomacy: American Consular Corruption Scandals in Late Qing China

Aili Li

Associate Professor, History Department, Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou

American Commissioners' Contribution to Sino-American Intellectual Exchanges: A Study Based on the Experiences of E. B. Drew and H. B. Morse.

Qing Liu

Assistant Professor of History, Sun Yat-sen University

The Open Door Policy and the Shaping of the American Paternalistic Attitude toward China.

Session VI. Writing *for* China, *from* China, *about* China

Moderator: Karen Joe Laidler

Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong

Kendall Johnson

Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, The University of Hong Kong

Samuel Wells Williams, Printer: Opening the Treaty Ports and Closing The Chinese Repository

Selina Lai

Doctoral Student in American Studies, The University of Hong Kong

Lighting Out For the Chinese Territory: Mark Twain and 'Sivilization' in China



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FACULTY OF ARTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Louise Edwards

Professor of Modern China Studies, The Hong Kong University
The 1930s Shanghai Girl's American Dreams

Staci Ford

Honorary Associate Professor in the Department of History, The Hong Kong University

“Deeply, almost domestically at home in the world”: Emily Hahn, Gendered Exceptionalisms, and US Journalists in China, 1930-1947