Interdisciplinary colloquium:


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
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  

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
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