



Mr. Brian Po-huei Hsieh Awarded Taniguchi Medal



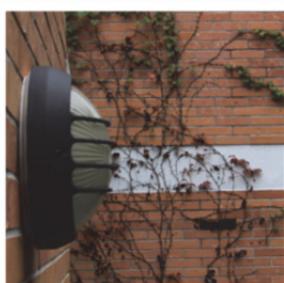
Congratulations to Mr. Brian Po-huei Hsieh (PhD, Year 1), who has been awarded the Asian Society for the History of Medicine (ASHM) **Taniguchi Medal 2012**.

The prestigious medal commemorates the late Mr. Taniguchi Toyosaburo. For over two decades Taniguchi's foundation supported research in the history of medicine, particularly in comparing the East and the West, and, each year, the Taniguchi medal is awarded to a postgraduate student for an outstanding research paper. This year, Brian earned the award with a paper titled *Wang Shuhe Maijue (The Pulse-diagnostic Song of Wang Shuhe 王叔和脈訣) Controversy and the Construction of Scholarly Medical Knowledge in Late Imperial China.*

Brian's article takes on both a theoretical and a practical perspective and probes into the use of pulse diagnosis from Northern Song to late Ming dynasty. Particularly of interest is how pulse diagnostics caused a groundswell of opinions in late imperial China, reshaping public attitude towards traditional medicine.

The award will be presented at the ASHM annual meeting, held in Tokyo from November 29 to December 1, 2012. Brian will attend the presentation ceremony.

Featured News



Our offices have moved into May Hall!

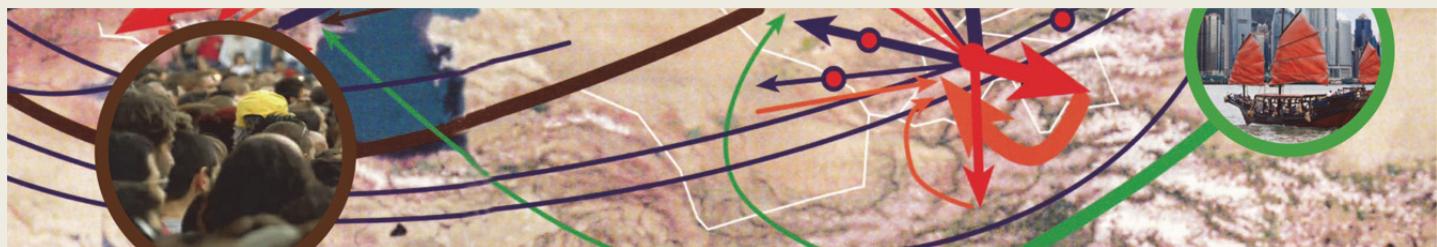
May Hall is on the list of Grade I historic buildings in Hong Kong and we are thrilled to be the occupants of its newly renovated first and second floors. Renovation work has also begun for the ground floor, and when finished, its east wing will be the core area for our postgraduates while the west will be gradually transferred to the Institute while current occupants relocate to other parts of the university campus. We look forward to enjoying a spacious area for learning, teaching and academic exchange when all is said and done.

May Hall provides not only the where of the Institute but also the what. The Institute has worked hard over the years to preserve what humanistic traditions and essence worth preserving. May Hall, having stood the test of time, echoes

both our value and our vision. We welcome and embrace what emblematic representation the building has for us.

The Institute is now working closely with the University's Estates Office to restore the original architectural beauty and character of May Hall. Contact us at sycheng2@hku.hk if you would like to support this project.

Collaborations



Following up on a successful conference held in Hong Kong in June 2012, the Institute, together with the New York-based Social Science Research Council, Yale University, National University of Singapore, University of Göttingen, and Koç University, is planning a fifth conference on **Inter-Asian Connections** in October 2013.

The conference will be held over four days in Istanbul. We hope to re-conceptualize and effect a paradigm shift in studies of the history, geography and cultural formation of Asia, or what has come to be collectively known as the Asian expanse. Workshops will not only showcase innovative research in the social sciences and other related disciplines, but also explore areas beyond the conventional east-to-west and north-to-south boundaries of Asia.

The Organizing Committee has invited workshop proposals for the conference and has received 43 applications from around the world. The committee reviewed those applications in late October 2012.

Upcoming Activities

Lecture and Seminar Series

Distinguished and Public Lectures



Public Lecture on “**The Technique of Using Silk-thread to Suture Back Incisions of the Windpipe in 16th-century Chinese Medicine**” (November 22, 2012, HKU)

By Prof. Li Jianmin, Research Fellow, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica

Public Lecture on “**Culture Sensitive of Organ Donation and Chinese Practice**” (November 27, 2012, HKU)

By Dr. Yu Chengpu, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Sun Yat-sen University

Distinguished Lecture on “**Body, Text, and Stone: The Crafting and Connoisseurship of Inkstones in the Early Qing**”

(December 3, 2012, HKU)

By Prof. Dorothy Ko, Professor of History, Barnard College, Columbia University

Distinguished Lecture on “**From Irrigation Culture via Territorial Warfare to Proto-Immunity: Re-imagining the Body in late imperial China**” (December 11, 2012, HKU)

By Prof. Volker Scheid, Reader and Director of East Asian Science and Traditions in Medicine Research Unit, University of Westminster.

Distinguished Lecture on “**Post-socialist Families and Marriages: the Experience of Shanghai**” (January 15, 2013, HKU)

By Prof. Deborah S. Davis, Professor of Sociology, Yale University

Lunchtime Series on Interdisciplinary China Studies

This series features the wide range of continuing research on China and is intended for scholars from across the University. Research projects are carried out in and across various disciplines, and seminars from the series, held every Tuesday at noon in May Hall Room 201, provide researchers an excellent opportunity to showcase their work. Each hour-long seminar begins with a 30-minute presentation, followed by a discussion session. The following guests/colleagues will speak in November and December 2012:

November 6: Ms. Melissa Inouye, Harvard University

November 13: Dr. Tian Xiaoli, HKU Department of Sociology

November 20: Prof. Xu Chenggang, HKU Faculty of Economics and Business

December 4: Dr. Koon Yee Wan, HKU Department of Fine Arts

Departmental Seminar Series

The purpose of the series is to give students, colleagues and friends a platform to engage in intellectual discussions with guest speakers and in-house researchers. The Institute's young researcher Dr. Renaud Egreteau will present on December 5, 2012, while Dr. Chan Man Sing is scheduled for February 6, 2013.

Conferences & Workshops

International Conference on “Philanthropy, the State and Globalisation” (December 6-8, 2012, Hong Kong and Guangzhou)

This two-day conference is co-organized by the Institute and the Centre on Philanthropy of the Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou. 17 papers will be presented on five different themes: (1) State and Charities: Legal Accountability and Local Transformation; (2) Charities as Surrogates of the State or Competitors of the State; (3) Charities: The Invisible Hand in a Globalizing World; (4) Strategic Adaptation of Charities to the Local Environment; and, (5) Political Impact of Charities: New Models of Relations with State and Global Partners. Immediately following the conference will be fieldwork in Guangzhou on December 8. Participants will visit three charitable organizations: Lions Club, Institute for Sustainable Communities (China), and Bike Guangzhou.

Workshop on Multi-cultural Encounters in Hong Kong (January 3, 2012, HKU)

Convened by Dr. Elizabeth Sinn, the workshop has been part of a larger effort to highlight the global nature of historical Hong Kong and how much history continues to intertwine with Hong Kong's present positioning as a business and cultural hub. Prof. Leo Ou-fan Lee will give the keynote speech, and 12 other scholars from Hong Kong and overseas will present papers and participate in discussions.

Recent Activities

Lunchtime Series on Interdisciplinary China Studies

Dr. Wasana Wongsurawat of Chulalongkorn University and Prof. Fu Hualin of HKU Law gave presentations in September 2012. Dr. Wongsurawat's talk on "Beyond Jews of the Orient: Moving Away from the Eurocentric History of Colonial Southeast Asia" and Prof. Fu's talk on "The Political-Legal Committee and Law: Reconciling Party Leadership and Judicial Autonomy" generated interest from both faculty members and students from the University. Following in October were Dr. Janet Borland (Department of History, HKU) on "Showcases of Modernity: School Architecture and Social Change in Interwar Japan" and Mr. Brian Tsui (Columbia University) "Total War and Spiritual Mobilization in Nationalist China, 1939-1945". Both presentations were very well-received.



Public Programs

Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series: Meeting the Director (November 23, 2012, HKU)

“Dr. Ma’s Clinic” (馬大夫的診所) by Cong Feng (叢峰)

Director Cong Feng reveals to the world an episode of rural China through his camera lens. In this episode, he captures stories from the difficult life that faces local farmers in a small town in Gansu through their interaction with one doctor in town. Ma Bingcheng is the name of the doctor. He is highly respected and regarded for his medical skills as his modest clinic is always packed with help seekers. Director Cong sees his clinic as the perfect platform to tell these rural stories.



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Departmental Seminar Series

Dr. Wong Wai Ling gave a seminar on "**How Oral History Explains ‘Community’**" in October 2012. Dr. Wong spoke on the Hong Kong Memory Project and, enhanced with illustrations from the exhibition's website, shared with the audience the concept, method, process and outcome.

Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series: Meeting the Director

“In Macau” directed by Marico Loureiro, Chu Iao Ian, Ivo M. Ferreira (September 28, 2012, HKU)



On September 28, the first of the **Contemporary Chinese Documentary Series** of this semester featured the film "**In Macau**". The film was a collaboration of three filmmakers and one of the directors, Chu Iao Ian (朱佑人), graciously agreed to a dialogue with the audience after the screening. Over 110 people, including faculty members, general public and students from Hong Kong as well as from Macau, attended the event and gave a very positive response. During the conversation, members from the audience were eager to ask questions surrounding the issue of identity as well as other post-colonial challenges arising in Macau since its handover.

A Visit by Dr. Thomas McClanahan

On October 18, Dr. Thomas McClanahan, Associate Vice President for Research, California State University, Fresno visited HKU. Dr. McClanahan sought partnerships in research and educational projects on various aspects of Chinese history and culture. The Institute's Director, Prof. Angela Leung hosted a meeting, and among those invited to meet with the visitor were Prof. John Carroll (History), Dr. Tang Siufu (Chinese), Dr. Wang Aihe (Chinese), Prof. Gerry Postiglione (Education), Prof. Joseph Chan (PPA), Dr. Elizabeth Sinn (HKIHS) and Dr. Jascha Yu (HKIHS).

A Visit by Prof. Elizabeth Perry

Prof. Elizabeth Perry, Harvard-Yenching Institute Director and long-term partner of the Institute, paid a visit on October 22. She and Institute Director Prof. Angela Leung exchanged ideas on current projects and possible future collaborations.

Postgraduate Studies at the Institute in 2013-14

The deadline of first round application for admission to postgraduate studies on **Medicine, Science and Technology** at the Institute 2013-14 is as follows:

Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF) Scheme

Initial application to the Research Grants Council (RGC):

Early September - December 1, 2012, 12 Noon

Full application to the University: September 1 - December 1, 2012

HKU Main Round Application

Full application to the University: September 1 - December 1, 2012

Enquiry: ihsrrpg@hku.hk

Institute's News

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Fellows and Honorary Staff Appointments

The Institute is pleased to announce these following honorary staff appointments:

- Dr. Guan Wanna, Honorary Research Associate from September 1, 2012.
- Prof. David Lung (Architecture, HKU), Honorary Professor from October 1, 2012.
- Dr. Louie Kin Sheun, Honorary Research Associate from October 15, 2012.
- Prof. Lynn White (Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University), Honorary Professor from October 15, 2012.
- Dr. David A. Palmer, Sin Wai-Kin Junior Fellow from November 1, 2012.

If colleagues have news to share with the Institute, please email your materials to sy Cheng2@hku.hk.

Visiting Professors

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Prof. Paul A. Cohen (Harvard University), Mr. Leo Goodstadt (University of Dublin) and Prof. Yoshihiko Minamizawa (Kyushu University), who will be visiting the Institute in October and November 2012, respectively.

Staff Appointments

- Mr. Eric Chan joined the Institute as Senior Technical Officer from October 25, 2012.
- Miss Coco Lo Ka Ho and Miss Nadia Ho Yan Wong joined the Hong Kong Memory Project as Research Assistant II from October 15, 2012 and November 1, 2012, respectively.

Staff Departures

Mr. Jeff Leung, Senior Technical Officer left the Institute with effect from August 27, 2012. We wish him every success in his future endeavors.