

PROGRAM

May 5, Friday

5:30 p.m. Opening Reception

1. Welcome Remarks

Dr. Paulo Zagalo-Melo, Associate Provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education, Western Michigan University

2. Keynote Speech: *Death and Dying through Japanese and East Asian Literatures*

Dr. Karen Thornber, Harvard University

3. Book Reading: *The Thorn Puller*

Hiromi Ito, Poet and Novelist, and Dr. Jeffrey Angles, Western Michigan University

May 6, Saturday

9-10:45 a.m. Panel I: Memorializing Children

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Juhn Ahn, University of Michigan

1. Dr. Grace Cheng-Ying Lin (John Abbott College)

Object Agency in the Taiwanese Abortion Ritual

2. Kelly Carlton (Princeton University)

Budding Flowers Withered by Frost: Medieval Chinese Buddhist Memorials for Deceased Children

3. Dr. Ling Ma (SUNY at Geneseo)

Narratives and Experiences of Fetal and Infantile Deaths in Late Qing and Republican China

4. Dr. Lihong Shi (Case Western Reserve University)

Parental Grief after China's One-Child Policy

11 a.m.-Noon Panel II: Suicide

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Mark Rowe, McMaster University

1. Xiangning Li (University of Chicago)

Suicidal Communists, Political Life, and Posthumous Punishment in North China, 1964-1976

2. Dr. Kirsten Cather (University of Texas at Austin)

Scripting Suicide in Modern Japan

3. Dr. Paul Goldin (University of Pennsylvania)

A Right to Suicide in Ancient China?

1:15-3 p.m. Panel III: Mourning and Ritual

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Huwy-min Lucia Liu, George Mason University

1. Dr. Alessandro Poletto (Washington University in St. Louis)

Mourning wives and daughters: court aristocrats, record-keeping, and grief in early medieval Japan

2. Dr. Thomas Radice (Southern Connecticut State University)

Family Drama: Theatricality in Early Confucian Mourning Rituals

3. Dr. Daniel Barish (Baylor University)

The Ritual Politics of Imperial Death in Modern China

4. Dr. Chris White (The Ohio State University)

Christian Graveside Rituals and "Non-Rituals" in Contemporary China

3:15-5 p.m. Panel IV: Space and Materiality

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Ruth Toulson, Maryland Institute College of Art

1. Yushuang Zheng (Johns Hopkins University)

The "Relatives" by Graveside: Mortuary Laborers and Urban-Rural Dynamics in Late Qing Jiangnan, 1821-1911

2. Lan Li (McMaster University)

A New Path to Immortality: Case Studies on the Funerary Practices of Female Buddhists in the 7th to 8th Century China

3. Lei Dou (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Itemized Burial Goods and Assigned Social Identities: "Mortuary Inventories" in Ancient China

4. Jiaqi Wang (Columbia University)

When Skeletons Put on Powder: The Transmedial Trope of Sex-Death in the Song, Yuan, and Ming Dynasties

May 7, Sunday

9-9:45 a.m. Invited Speech

Dr. Carl Becker, Kyoto University

Bioethics of life and death East and West--what can we learn from each other?

10-11:45 a.m. Invited Panel: Death and Dying in Contemporary East Asia

Chair and Respondent: Dr. Carl Becker, Kyoto University

1. Dr. Juhn Ahn (University of Michigan)

Varieties of Bhikṣuṇī Funerary Experience: Buddhist Nuns and their Varying Approaches to the Management of Death in Contemporary Korea

2. Dr. Ruth Toulson (Maryland Institute College of Art)

The Corpse as Material Culture: Notes from a Singaporean Chinese Mortuary

3. Dr. Huwy-min Lucia Liu (George Mason University)

Crying in Contemporary Chinese Funerals: Grief, Value Pluralism, and Emotion Regimes

4. Dr. Mark Rowe (McMaster University)

Illness, Ghosts, and Grief: The First Noble Truth in Contemporary Japan