2014 Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought Central Connecticut State University Marcus White Living Room (MW 213) November 8-9, 2014

Saturday, November 8, 2014

8:00am: Coffee/tea/juice and light breakfast available

9:00am: Panel 1: Ages and Impulses in Chinese History

Chair: Thomas Radice (Southern Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: Michael Harrington (Duquesne University), "Li Ao and the Question of a Chinese Middle Ages"

Speaker 2: Peter Zarrow (University of Connecticut), "The Utopian Impulse in Modern China"

10:20am: Break

10:40am: Panel 2: Confucian Philosophy of Religion

Chair: Xiaomei Yang (Southern Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: Bin Song (Boston University), "Confucian Sacred Canopy in Yijing"

Speaker 2: Chi-keung Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong), "On Theories of Evil in Confucianism"

12:00pm: Lunch (box lunches available for all speakers and pre-registered attendees)

1:30pm: Panel 3: The Philosophy of Zhu Xi

Chair: Theresa Lee (University of Guelph)

Speaker 1: Stephen Angle (Wesleyan University) and Justin Tiwald (San Francisco State University), "The Three-Level Structure of Zhu Xi's Epistemology"

Speaker 2: Ari Borell (Modern Language Association International Bibliography), "Zhu Xi's Critique of Adulterated Learning: An Historical Perspective"

Speaker 3: Shuhong Zheng (King's College London), "A Critical Study of Zhu Xi's Da Xue Huo Wen (Q&A Concerning the Great Learning)"

3:30pm: Break

3:50pm: Panel 2: Clarifying Concepts: Qi 氣 and Zheng 正

Chair: Cameron Brewer (Central Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: Paul Goldin (University of Pennsylvania), "What is *Qi* 氣 and Why Is It a Good Idea?"

Speaker 2: Joshua Mason (Kennesaw State University), "Adjusting Zheng IE"

5:10pm: Break

5:30pm: NECCT Business Meeting

6:00pm – 8:30pm: Dinner for speakers and pre-registered attendees (Connecticut Room, Memorial Hall)

Sunday, November 9, 2014

8:00am: Coffee/tea/juice and light breakfast available

9:00am: Panel 5: The Philosophy of Mencius

Chair: Mathew A. Foust (Central Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: A. Taeko Brooks (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), "Confucius

Tradition in the *Mencius*"

Speaker 2: E. Bruce Brooks (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), "Mencius as a

Public Philosopher"

10:20am: Break

10:40am: Panel 6: Confucian Thought and Gender

Chair: Ellen Neskar (Sarah Lawrence College)

Speaker 1: Hwa Yeong Wang (Binghamton University), "Endeavor to Create Confucian

Patriarchal Society: Ritual and 17th Century Korea"

Speaker 2: Andrew Lambert (Western New England University), "Early Confucian

Thought and Care Ethics: An Amicable Split?"

12:00pm: Lunch (box lunches available for all speakers and pre-registered attendees)

1:30pm: Panel 7: Ethics and Expression

Chair: Irena Cronin (University of California-Los Angeles)

Speaker 1: Pengbo Liu (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), "Xunzi as a Meta-ethical Constructivist"

Speaker 2: Hagop Sarkissian (CUNY-Baruch College), "A Noble Burden: Leadership and Moral Sway in Classical Confucianism"

Speaker 3: David Elstein (SUNY-New Paltz), "The Possibility of a Ruist Doctrine of Free Expression"

3:30pm: End

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