



2015 Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought

Southern Connecticut State University

Adanti Student Center (ASC) Ballroom (3rd floor)

November 7-8, 2015

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:30am: Coffee/tea/juice and light breakfast available (ASC Ballroom)

9:00-10:30am Panel 1: Confucian Virtues (Confucian Moral Psychology)

Chair: Mick Hunter (Yale University)

Speaker 1: Mathew Foust (Central Connecticut State University), "Atonement in the Analects"

Speaker 2: Hagop Sarkissian (CUNY-Baruch College), "Experimental philosophy and Chinese philosophy—exploring some connections"

Speaker 3: Thorian Harris (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), "Moral perfection as the counterfeit of virtue"

Coffee break: 10:30-10:50am

10:50am-12:00pm Panel 2: Early Confucianism

Chair: Steve Angle (Wesleyan University)

Speaker 1: Ben Huff (Randolph-Macon College), "Conceptions of the highest good in early Confucianism"

Speaker 2: Dobin Choi (SUNY-Buffalo), "Three steps of extension: Mengzi 1A7 revisited"

12:00pm -1:30pm Lunch Break (Buffet at ConnHall on campus with meal tickets)

1:30-2:30pm: Panel 3: Mencius

Chair: Manyul Im (University of Bridgeport)

Speaker 1: Bruce Brooks (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), "Mencius and Lau Dan"

Speaker 2: Taeko Brooks (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), "After human nature"

2:40-3:40pm Panel 4: Moral Cultivation

Chair: Qiong Wang (SUNY-Oneonta)

Speaker 1: Kyle Smith (Grand Canyon University), "Christian moral development: Mengzi and Lewis compared"

Speaker 2: Eirik Lang Harris (City University of Hong Kong), "Moral cultivation and the student's dilemma"

Coffee Break: 3:40-4:00pm

4:00-5:00pm Panel 5: Neo-Confucianism

Chair: Ellen Nesar (Sarah Lawrence College)

Speaker 1: Michael Harrington (Duquesne University), "Dispassion and self-reversion in the Cheng Brothers"

Speaker 2: Ari Borrell (Modern Language Association International Bibliography), "When Zhuxi studied Zen"

5:00-5:30pm Business meeting

6:00-8:00pm Dinner for speakers and pre-registered attendees (**Clarion Hotel & Suites** 2260 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT, Tel: 203-288-3831)

Sunday, November 8, 2015

8:30am: Coffee/tea/juice and light breakfast available (ASC Ballroom)

9-10:00am Panel 6: Zhuangzi

Chair: Krystyna Gorniak (Southern Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: Asia Guzowska (University of Warsaw, University of Chicago), "What to make of the utmost man: the status of fantasy in the Zhuangzi"

Speaker 2: Tim Connolly (East Stroudsburg University), "Zhuangzi, pluralism, and the committed life"

Coffee break: 10:00 -10:15am

10:15-11:15am Panel 7: Contemporary Chinese Philosophy

Chair: Tom Radice (Southern Connecticut State University)

Speaker 1: Andrew Lambert (College of Staten Island, City University of New York), "Li Zehou's aesthetic theory"

Speaker 2: Theresa Lee (University of Guelph), "Madness, civilization and Confucian rationality"

11:15am-12:15pm Panel 8: Contemporary Chinese philosophy

Chair: Hagop Sarkissian (CUNY-Baruch College)

Speaker 1: Josh Mason (West Chester University of Pennsylvania), "Metaphor use and cultural diversity"

Speaker 2: Bin Song (Boston University), "A misguided form of holism and ultimate concern: the reinstitutionalization of contemporary Confucianism"

Lunch break: 12:20-2:00pm (Buffet at ConnHall with meal tickets)

2:00pm: End

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