Participants

American-Chinese Relations in the Cold War era

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This table examines a variety of materials dealing with American-Chinese relations in the Cold War era and draws upon four collections available in the Manuscripts and Archives of Sterling Memorial Library. The papers of Cyrus Vance contain documents detailing his visits to China during his tenure as Secretary of State under Jimmy Carter and in the 1980s. The papers of gay activist Christopher Phillips offer materials on Chinese-Americans he collected as well as notes on his trips to China. Additionally, the papers of the diplomat T’ang Wu contain documents relating to Chinese-American relations in the 1960s. Lastly, Cold War era ephemera from the Right Wing Pamphlet Collection will provide insight into politically conservative views of China in this period.

China and American engagement with the Chinese in the 19th and 20th centuries

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Manuscripts and Archives, in Sterling Memorial Library, has extensive collections documenting China and American engagement with the Chinese in the 19th and 20th centuries. Areas of collection strength include diplomatic history and foreign relations, descriptions of travels in China, and missionary, educational, and medical efforts in China. Highlights include the records of the Yale-China Association and individuals associated with its work, and the personal papers of Yung Wing (B.A. 1854), the first Chinese citizen to graduate from an academic institution in the United States. This table focuses on highlights from several of these collections.

China’s foreign relations and Chinese immigrants in the 19th and early 20th centuries

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This table displays materials from the Beinecke Rare Books & Manuscript Library to highlight China’s relations with foreign countries since the late 18th Century and the attempt of early Chinese immigrants in the United States to integrate into English-speaking communities.

China resources at the Divinity Library

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The Yale Divinity Library is world-renowned for its manuscript holdings documenting the Protestant missionary movement in China. It holds more than 1700 linear feet of manuscript and archival materials related to missionary work and the Christian church in China. Records of nearly 400 former China missionaries are represented, primarily from the years 1832 to 1950. These records are of use both in providing information about events, movements, and institutions in China, and in providing insight into the interaction between Western societies and China.

English primary sources on China and the Chinese diaspora from the Sterling Memorial Library

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This table features five major categories of English primary sources on China and the Chinese diaspora from the SML general collections and online databases, namely translations from Chinese sources, personal accounts, government archives, newspapers & journals from pre-1949 China, and statistics.

Medicine and health in China from the Medical Historical Library

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This table focuses on medicine and health in China, through the 19th-century Yale medical missionary Peter Parker’s papers, Chinese hospital reports, public health materials, books on opium use, and more!