Medicine & Culture: Chinese-Western Medical Exchange
Friday, March 9, 2007, San Francisco

The history of Chinese-Western medical exchange will be the focus of a one-day symposium to be held at USF on Friday, March 9, 2007. The symposium will provide scholars with a forum to present their research on the interaction between China and the West through medicine and pharmacology from the Qing dynasty through the early 1950s. Scholars will highlight themes related to this interaction, such as social and cultural roles, social reform, education, cultural exchange, encounters with Christianity, relations of power, modernity, and issues of race and gender. Panels will focus on conceptualizing mind and body, practicing Western medicine in late imperial China, translation and linguistic hybridity, and medical reform. The keynote address by Prof. Marta Hanson (Johns Hopkins University) will kick off the symposium the evening of March 8, 2007.

For more information, please visit: http://www.usfca.edu/ricci/events/index.htm#medicine

CANTON ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

The Ricci Institute is the depository of seven boxes of photocopies of archival documents from the Canton Diocese. Among the more than one-thousand documents, mostly hand written letters in French, Latin, Chinese, Italian, and English, covering the years 1890 to 1940, one finds fascinating glimpses into the activities of missionaries in this area of China. The documents address a wide variety of topics of interest to historians including information on schools, orphanages, and leper colonies as well as descriptions of the contemporary social, political, and military situation, reports from the Bishop to the MEP General Superior in Paris, correspondence with the French consulate and with Chinese authorities about banditry, anarchy, trials, and about internal administrative and disciplinary problems. Once Fr. Michel Marcil, SJ’s work in creating an inventory of the archives is complete, a list of the archival holdings will be posted on our website to provide researchers and scholars with access to this valuable resource.
FR. JOHN MEEHAN, S.J. (University of Toronto) visited the Institute in June to research the history of the Jesuits in Shanghai in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Fr. Meehan’s research focuses on the Catholic district of Xujiahui and the impact of refugees in the area during the war with Japan.

RIVER HE (Doctoral Candidate, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Dept. of History) visited the Institute in June to conduct research on the Maryknoll missions to Hong Kong.

DR. EUGENIO MENEGON (Boston University) spent two weeks last August at the Institute after gathering materials from European archives used in the compilation of the Chinese Rites project. Dr. Menegon also brought digital copies of rare source documents from the Franciscan General Archives, Propaganda Fide, and Dominican libraries.

Recent Publications

Tao Feiya 陶飞亚 ed., 《性别与历史：近代中国妇女与基督教》[Gender and History: Modern Chinese Women and Christianity] (Shanghai, 2005).

http://www.usfca.edu/ricci/publications/gender_hist.htm


http://www.usfca.edu/ricci/publications/liujiafeng.htm

DR. YANG HUILIN (People’s University of China, Beijing) spent two months in summer 2006 at the Ricci Institute as Distinguished Visiting Fellow of the EDS-Stewart Chair. While at USF, Dr. Yang presented two public lectures on the culture, society, architecture, and religious life in one northern Chinese village today.

DR. GENE CHO (ZHUO RENXIANG) (University of North Texas College of Music) visited the Institute to conduct research on music and musical instruments in China during the 16th century with a focus on the Jesus introduction of Western techniques to China. Dr. Cho particularly enjoyed recordings of late Ming-early Qing music of Pedrini and Amiot held in the Ricci Institute collection.

What’s On Your Desk? Interesting Books Being Read by Ricci Institute Research Staff


Xiaoxin Wu, EdD: 《终极赢家的18项伦理修炼》 (Beijing, 2004).

Each year the Ricci Institute awards scholarships to Chinese doctoral candidates at Chinese universities to further their dissertation research on topics related to the history of Christianity in China. This year the Ricci Institute received an unprecedented number of applicants for this competitive scholarship, reflective of both the rising popularity of the topic and the breadth of the field which now encompasses a variety of disciplines. For the 2006-2007 academic year, the Ricci Institute is proud to grant awards to the following four candidates:

ZHU JING 朱静, doctoral candidate in the Department of English at Peking University, will travel to the United States in early 2007 to do archival research on Western women missionaries’ and Chinese women’s translations of Western literature during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. While in the U.S., Zhu Jing will spend a week utilizing the Ricci Institute’s library collection.

ZHANG SHUQIONG 张淑琼, doctoral candidate in the Department of History at Zhongshan (Sun Yat-sen) University, Zhang's research on Christianity and Western science in the cultural scope of Guangya Academy intersects both the fields of the history of Christianity in China and East-West cultural exchange in the realm of science. Zhang is particularly interested in examining the attitudes of the Chinese cultural elite towards Christianity and science.

ZHANG LONGPING 张龙平, doctoral candidate in the Department of History at Zhongshan (Sun Yat-sen) University, will use his award to travel to archives in Hong Kong and various cities within China to explore the process of indigenization of Christian education in modern China through the activities and publications of the Chinese Christian Education Association.

Sino-Western Encounters through Comparative Literature
November 25-26, 2006, Beijing

The USF Ricci Institute and the Institute of Comparative Literature and Culture at Peking University will cohost a two-day seminar focusing on Sino-Western Encounters through comparative literature and culture, with an emphasis on the history of Christianity in China. Over the course of two days, six senior Chinese scholars will serve as mentors for fifteen young scholars, faculty, recent PhDs, and doctoral candidates. Participants at this innovative conference will represent twenty universities from throughout China. Paper topics range from education, the YWCA, the activities of female missionaries in translation projects in China, to Christian culture and the development of the novel in China. A selection of papers from the seminar will be published (in Chinese) in an edited volume.

3rd International Young Scholars’ Symposium on “Christianity and Chinese Society and Culture”
December 7-11, 2006, Hong Kong

Doctoral candidates and recent PhDs from around the world will gather in Hong Kong in early December to participate in the 3rd International Young Scholars’ Symposium on Christianity and Chinese Society and Culture. This four-day conference, co-sponsored by the USF Ricci Institute and the Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, Chung Chi College at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, will provide young scholars with the opportunity to present their research, receive comments from three of the leading scholars in the field (Prof. Richard P. Madsen, University of California San Diego, Prof. James Shih-Chieh Cha, Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan, and Prof. Yang Huilin, People’s University, China), and to network with other young scholars in the growing field of the history of Christianity in China.