CALL FOR PAPERS

Legacies of the Book: Early Missionary Printing in Asia and the Americas

University of San Francisco
September 24–26, 2010

The Ricci Institute invites proposals for 20-minute papers (in English) for an international symposium to be held on the 400th anniversary of the death of the Jesuit missionary Matteo Ricci (1552–1610). The symposium will focus on the history of missionary printing outside of Europe. The aim is to outline a comparative cultural typology of books printed during the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries in the context of Christian missions as a means of transmission of faith, knowledge, and culture. It will also analyze the process of adaptation of the press to and the beginnings of production of movable type in non-European languages in Asia and the Americas. Travel funding and accommodation for scholars whose papers are selected is available.

Proposal submission deadline is January 15, 2010. For more information see: http://www.usfca.edu/ricci/

PUBLIC LECTURE AND WORKSHOP

Sojourners in a Strange Land:
Jesuits and their Scientific Missions in Late Imperial China

University of San Francisco, Fromm Hall

Public lecture and Book Signing:
Speaker: Florence Hsia, Ph.D.
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
5:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Free to the public

Workshop:
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
(Invited scholars and students only)

Workshop on the current state of the field in the study of science in Chinese-Western cultural history from the late Ming to mid-Qing period. To attend the workshop, please contact the USF Ricci Institute at: 415 422-6401, or send an e-mail inquiry to: ricci@usfca.edu

Dr. Florence Hsia is Associate Professor in the Department of History of Science and Integrated Liberal Studies at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She is a recipient of the 2006 Ricci Institute travel grant.

„Narratives from the Hinterland“ Project Goes to Northwest and South China

After the completion of the inaugural program at Inner Mongolia University, the Ricci Institute has reached agreements with two other universities in China for the second and third programs as part of the Luce Foundation grant-funded Narratives from the Hinterland Project. The project aims to promote study of Christianity in Chinese-Western cultural history at universities in remote provinces of China.

The second program will be held at Lanzhou University in Lanzhou, Gansu Province. It will cover the northwest region of China. The third will be held at Yunnan Nationalities University in Kunming, Yunnan Province. It will cover South China. The Ricci Institute will also welcome visiting scholars to San Francisco next year from these universities.
In the past few years, I have been engaged in two interlocking projects: a history of the Chinese Rites Controversy, sponsored by the USF Ricci Institute, and an annotated English translation of the *Acta Pekinensia* for the Macau Ricci Institute. Some of the results have been presented at conferences: in Lisbon and Macau in November 2008 (International Symposium in Commemoration of the 3rd Centenary of the Death of Tomás Pereira, S.J.); in Krakow at the International Workshop “Venturing into Magnum Cathay,” 26 Sept.–1 Oct. 2009; and in Beijing at the 10th. International Symposium on the History of Christianity in China (15–18 August, 2009).

The history of the Chinese Rites Controversy has proved to be extremely complicated not only because of the multiplicity of sources but because of the interplay of theological and ecclesiastical disagreements, Chinese court politics, and national rivalries. A first volume covering the period from the late sixteenth to the late seventeenth centuries has now been completed and was exhaustively discussed at a workshop in San Francisco in April 2009. Work is continuing on the remaining sections covering the papal commission on the Rites issue, the legation of Charles Maillard de Tournon (1705–1710) and its aftermath, and later developments including the “terms” debate among Protestant missionaries in the Nineteenth Century and the reversal of Catholic policy in the 1930s.

The *Acta Pekinensia* is the record of the de Tournon legation kept by the German Jesuit Kilian Stumpf who was in charge of the imperial glassworks in Beijing, a papal notary, and procurator for the Jesuits (until his removal by de Tournon). It is a manuscript of nearly 1500 pages, mostly in Latin, and including translations of Chinese documents from the palace archives. It is the most important source for the events of the legation. I have been working with António de Saldanha (Lisbon), Claudia von Collani (Würzburg), and a team of translators preparing an annotated English edition of this key document for the Chinese Rites Controversy. The first volume is now almost complete and the draft translation nearing completion.

**Where Are They Now?** This occasional column shares with readers updated news of the recent activities of the Ricci Institute former research fellows and visiting scholars.

**Minghui Hu,** Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of History at UC Santa Cruz and the recipient of a 2009 – 2010 Ricci Research Fellowship. During his residence, Dr. Hu will complete his book entitled *Science, Civility, and Politics: Dai Zhen and the Dawn of Modern Chinese Thought.* He will also coordinate a workshop in March 2010 on the study of science in Chinese-Western cultural history.

**José A. Cervera Jiménez,** Ph.D., is professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico. Besides teaching topics such as History of Science, Philosophy of Science, Asian Art and Culture, Regional Overview on the Asia-Pacific, etc., he also has responsibilities related to the Ph.D. Program on Humanistic Studies at the school. During his visit, he consulted our collection of books on astronomy and mathematics in both Chinese and Western languages.

**Xingtao Huang,** Ph.D., is Professor of History and Director of the Qing History Institute at People’s University, China. Supported by the New Century Outstanding Scholars Fund of the Chinese Ministry of Higher Education, Dr. Huang focused his research on the spread of Western knowledge during the late Ming and early Qing period and the formation of new Chinese vocabularies.

**Rev. Joseph Jiang,** S.J., Ph.D. cand., is currently a doctoral student at Boston College. His dissertation is a comparative study of Catholic and Chinese traditional educational philosophies as revealed through the history of Catholic universities in China before 1950, particularly Aurora University in Shanghai and Fu Jen University in Beijing. Archival holdings of these two schools at the Ricci Institute are among the primary sources he has been studying.

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**Dr. Paul Rule**
is Professor Emeritus, LaTrobe University, Australia. He was also Distinguished Fellow of EDS–Stewart Chair at the Ricci Institute in 2000, 2002, and 2006. After his retirement from LaTrobe University, he has been continuing his research and writings.
Ricci Institute Sponsors Archival Evaluation Workshop

In October 2009, the Ricci Institute welcomed three distinguished scholars to conduct a preliminary review of the recently acquired Canton Diocese Archives. Present were Dr. Joseph Lee, Professor of History at Pace University, Rev. Paul Mariani, S.J., Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University, and Dr. Jean-Paul Wiest, Director of Research at the Beijing Center for Research. Each pointed out the uniqueness of the materials in regard to church history in Canton, social history of the city and the region, and interaction between the Catholic Church and local and foreign governments, as well as with other entities. In addition to suggestions about the further preservation and cataloging of the 15,000+ documents, these scholars also made recommendations for future research. The Ricci Institute is developing a research plan based on these recommendations.

New Acquisitions by the Ricci Institute Library


Ouzhou suo cang Yongzheng Qianlong chao Tianzhujiao wenxian huibian 歐洲所藏雍正乾隆朝天主教文獻匯編 (Edited Collection of Roman Catholic Documents of the Yongzheng and Qianlong Periods in European Archives) by Wu Min 吳旻 and Han Qi 韓琦. Shanghai 上海, Shanghai renmin chubanshe 上海人民出版社, 2008. 291 pp.

This new book contains a collection of Chinese documents from Franciscan, Jesuit, Vatican, and other archives in Europe. It provides a glimpse of rarely seen imperial memorials issued from the throne concerning the Catholic Church in China. This punctuated and annotated edition primarily covers the years of increasing persecution (1723–1785). Despite the title, it also includes several memorials from the Jiaqing and Daoguang periods. This publication was sponsored in part by the Ricci Institute.

New Publication

The long awaited Handbook of Christianity in China, Volume Two: 1800–Present was recently published by Brill. Edited by R. G. Tiedemann, a Distinguished Research Fellow of the EDS-Stewart Chair at the Ricci Institute, this 1,000 page reference book covers the period of two hundred years from 1800 to the present, compiled from Chinese and Western primary and secondary sources by carefully selected major scholars in the field. The text includes biographies, mission history, religious and political movements, and extensive bibliographical information on Christianity from the 19th century until the present. This edition continues volume one, which covered Christianity in China from the earliest contacts during the Tang dynasty to 1800. (http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=210&pid=9272, ISBN-13 (i): 978 90 04 1430 2, ISBN-10: 90 04 1430 0)
The Ricci Institute Awards Four Chinese Doctoral Students 2009 – 2010 Malatesta Scholarships

Thanks to the continuing support of members of Friends of Ricci, the Ricci Institute was able to award four Chinese doctoral students the 2009–2010 Malatesta Scholarship. The scholarship honors the memory of Rev. Edward J. Malatesta, S.J., founding director of the Ricci Institute, for his contributions to the history of Chinese-Western cultural exchange, and to promote research by Chinese scholars on topics related to the history of Christianity in China.

Friends of Ricci invites its members to continue their annual contributions to this important scholarship endowment so that more students may benefit.

LIN Jianping, Center for the Study of East-West Cultural Exchange, Central China Normal University, Wuhan. Mr. Lin is planning to use his scholarship to collect materials for his doctoral dissertation entitled “Comparative Studies on the Response of Christianity to Societies in China and Korea during the 1920s–1930s.”

LIU Fang, Department of Sociology, Shanghai Fudan University. The scholarship will enable Mr. Liu to further his research on rural Catholicism and lineage societies in Hebei Province, China.

YANG Xiongwei, History Department, Shanghai University. Mr. Yang’s doctoral dissertation will explore a religious case in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, which led to a change of attitude of French Catholic missionaries working in this region.

ZENG Zhihui, History Department, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou. With the Malatesta Scholarship, Mr. Zeng is planning to conduct further research for his dissertation on the development of Catholicism in the mountain regions of Guangxi Province during the late Qing and early Republican Eras.

What’s on Your Desk? Interesting books being read by Ricci Institute visiting scholars and research staff


