Lectures on Jesuits and Cultural Exchange through Science in Spring 2014

On March 6, 2014, Dr. Kären Wigen, Associate Professor at the USF Center for Asia Pacific Studies and Affiliate Faculty at the Hopkins Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, presented a lecture at the Ricci Institute entitled “The Mapping of the Chinese Empire as a Cartographic Exchange & the Global Integration of Space.”

Dr. Wigen’s presentation is part of a series on Jesuits and cultural exchange in history through science, a collaborative effort in the history of science and technology in China by the Ricci Institute and the Department of History at the University of California, Berkeley. 

The two lectures were sponsored in part by a grant from the USF Jesuit Foundation as part of the PCC digitalization (2013–2014) shows joint publication of this work, this essential source of enculturation and reform. This book was a compilation of Matteo Ricci’s papers. With the new Chinese translation, supported by the Ricci Institute, of Pasquale D’Elia’s classic Della entrata della (The History of the entry of the Jesuits into China) and modern China. One title, the twenty-one-volume Faith and Reason: The History of Early Modern Printing and Jesuit Illustrated Books, 1555-1773, was published in the US in 2013: “The American Catholic Church and Latin America: A History of Encounters.”

“Legacies, Efforts and Resources: the Ricci Institute and its Efforts to Promote Cross-Cultural Exchange” was held on April 10, 2014 with a presentation by Dr. Alan Sweeten, Center for China and Globalization Specialist. Dr. Sweeten is a contributor to the series and presented a lecture on the “Study of Christianity in China beyond the 19th and 20th centuries and the process of enculturation and reform. This book was a compilation of Matteo Ricci’s papers. With the new Chinese translation, supported by the Ricci Institute, of Pasquale D’Elia’s classic Della entrata della (The History of the entry of the Jesuits into China) and modern China. One title, the twenty-one-volume Faith and Reason: The History of Early Modern Printing and Jesuit Illustrated Books, 1555-1773, was published in the US in 2013: “The American Catholic Church and Latin America: A History of Encounters.”

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