The Secret and the Sacred
The State and Its Alternatives in Chinese Societies

Monday and Tuesday, March 28-29, 2016
1995 University Avenue, 5th Floor, Berkeley
Sponsors: Center for Chinese Studies, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Townsend Center for the Humanities

Day 1: Monday, March 28, 2:00-5:30 pm

2:00-2:30 pm Opening Remarks
You-tien Hsing (Geography, UC Berkeley)

2:30-4:00 pm Panel 1: Secret Knowledge
Matt Wild (EALC, UC Berkeley)
Curating the Wake: Contested Memories of Huang Zhongze (1749-1783)

Xiangjun Feng (EALC, UC Berkeley)
Can Rivers and Lakes Speak? Print Culture and the Production of Secret Knowledge in Republican China

Yanshuo Zhang (EALC, Stanford University)
From Guardians of National Culture to Entrepreneurs of the Past: The Construction of Contemporary Qiang Ethnic Identity

Discussant: Sophie Volpp (EALC & Comparative Literature, UC Berkeley)

4:00-4:15 pm Coffee & Refreshments

4:15-5:30 pm Keynote Speech I
TJ Hinrichs (History, Cornell University)
Secret Formulae, Biopolitics, and Su Dongpo

Day 2: Tuesday, March 29, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

9:30-10:30 am Morning Refreshments

10:30 am-12:00 pm Panel 2: The Construction and Destruction of the Sacred
Shaoda Wang (Agricultural & Resource Economics, UC Berkeley)
Buddha’s Grace Illuminates All: Temple Destruction, School Construction, and Modernization in Twentieth Century China

Jon Soriano (History of Art, UC Berkeley)
Qianlong’s Wheel: Another View of the Emperor as Bodhisattva Painting
An Pham, (Religious Studies & East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, UC Santa Barbara)  
*The Influence of Buddhist Television as Alternative Space to Commercial Mass Media in Taiwan*

Discussant: Keping Wu (Anthropology, Sun Yat-sen University)

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

1:00-2:30 pm **Panel 3: Altered States**  
Trenton Wilson (History, UC Berkeley)  
*Kongzi as Dissident: Gongyang Studies in the Han Dynasty and Twentieth Century China*

Lu Kou (EALC, Harvard University)  
*Negotiating Legitimacy and Power: Diplomatic Envoys in the Six Dynasties and Their Poetry*

Jonathan Tang (History, UC Berkeley)  
*Provincial and Local Governance in Early Republican Hunan*

Discussant: Jesse Chapman (Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University)

2:30-2:45 pm **Coffee & Refreshments**

2:45-4:00 pm **Keynote Speech II**  
Robert Weller (Anthropology, Boston University)  
*The Silent and the Spoken: Exile, Death, and the Anthropology of the Unknowable*

4:00-5:00 pm **Panelist Roundtable and Concluding Remarks**