Arts of Asia Lecture Series Spring 2018 Art on the Move Across Asia and Beyond – Part II Sponsored by The Society for Asian Art

Reciprocal Exoticisms: China and Europe in the Long Eighteenth Century

David Porter University of Michigan April 6, 2018

Historical Points of Reference:

- 1582-1800: Jesuit missionaries lay foundations of modern China Europe encounter
- 1711-1799: reign of the Qianlong Emperor
- 1683: Chinese novel The Fortunate Union (好逑传; Hǎoqiú zhuàn) composed by unknown author
- 1740: Samuel Richardson's novel *Pamela* published in England
- 1742: Henry Fielding's novel *Joseph Andrews* published in England
- 1750: Wu Jingzi's novel The Scholars (儒林外史; Rúlínwàishǐ) published in China
- 1747: construction begins on European-style palaces at Yuanmingyuan near Beijing
- 1762: Great pagoda erected at Kew Gardens near London after design by William Chambers

Suggested Readings:

- Blaut, J. M. *The Colonizer's Model of the World: Geographical Diffusionism and Eurocentric History.* New York: Guilford Press, 1993.
- Brook, Timothy. *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.
- Chu, Petra and Ning Ding, eds. *Qing Encounters: Artistic Exchanges between China and the West*. Los Angeles: Getty Research Institute, 2015.
- Cunas, Craig. Superfluous Things: Material Culture and Social Status in Early Modern China. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1991.
- Fletcher, Joseph. "Integrative History: Parallels and Interconnections in the Early Modern Period, 1500-1800." *Journal of Turkish Studies* 9 (1985): 37-58.
- Frank, Andre Gunder. *ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.
- Jacobson, Dawn. Chinoiserie. London: Phaidon Press, 1993.
- Kleutghen, Kristina. *Imperial Illusions: Crossing Pictorial Boundaries in the Qing Palaces.* Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2015.
- Porter, David. *The Chinese Taste in Eighteenth-Century England*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- ---, ed. Comparative Early Modernities: 1100-1800. New York: Palgrave, 2012.
- ---, ed. Early Modern China in a Global Context: Some Comparative Approaches. Special issue of Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies 17.2 (Spring, 2017).
- ---. "Sinicizing Early Modernity: The Imperatives of Historical Cosmopolitanism," *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 43.3 (2010).
- Segalen, Victor. *Essay on Exoticism: An Aesthetics of Diversity.* Trans. Yael Rachel Schlick. Durham: Duke University Press, 2002.
- Todorov, Tzvetan. *On Human Diversity: Nationalism, Racism, and Exoticism in French Thought.* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998.