Conference Program

*ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE SIU CAMPUS, LAWSON HALL, ROOM 101; MEALS WILL BE TAKEN AT AREA RESTAURANTS, TBA*

Friday, April 25th

3:00–3:30: Opening Tea and Coffee

3:30–5:30: Panel 1: Cultivating Energies and Emotions in Chinese Traditions

Paul Fischer, Western Kentucky University, “The Role of Human qi in Confucian Thought before Mengzi.”

Robin Wang, Loyola Marymount University, “The Epistemological Meanings of Anger: A Dialogue between Feminism and Early Chinese Texts.”

Yinghua Lu, Southern Illinois University: “Respect and the Confucian Idea of Li (Ritual Propriety).”


Chair: Kevin Taylor, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

6:00: Dinner, location TBA

Saturday, April 26th

9:00–10:30: Panel 2: Moral Ideals in Early Confucian Thought


Jifen Li, Nanyang Technological University and DePaul University, “An Account of Virtuous Human Being in Xunzi’s liyi.”
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, “Xunzi’s Vision of Rule by the Wise.”

Chair: Matthew Williams, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

10:30–10:45: Break

10:45–12:45: Panel 3: Ritual and Ethical Dimensions of Confucianism

Huaiyu Wang, Georgia College and State University, “The Enchantment of Ritual and the Heart of Confucianism.”

Michael Ing, Indiana University, “The Harmony Thesis and the Invulnerability of Integrity.”

Andrew Lambert, Western New England University, “Early Confucian Thought and Care Ethics: An Amicable Split?”

Chair: Kevin Taylor, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

12:45–2:30: Lunch, location TBA

2:30–4:00: Panel 4: Perspectives on Dao

Franklin Perkins, DePaul University, “The Laozi in Context: Debates on Cosmogony and Action in the Late 4th Century BCE.”

Stephen Walker, University of Chicago, “Three Models of dao in the Zhuangzi.”

Scott Brackenridge, Alfred University, “The Practical Political Consequences of Evening Things Out in the Zhuangzi.”

Chair: Jonathan Flowers, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

4:00–4:15: Break

4:15–5:45: Keynote Address and SIU Department of Philosophy Leys Lecture

Kai-wing Chow, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
“Ethics and Society: The Revival of Confucianism in Contemporary China.”

6:00: Dinner, location TBA