

**Ancient China in Comparative Perspective:  
An Afternoon of Papers in Honor of Professor Li Ling**

**Monday, October 10th, 2016**  
**3:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Charles E. Young Research Library**  
**Main Conference Room**

**RSVP Online**

3:00-3:10

David Schaberg

Introduction

3:10-3:40

Anthony Barbieri-Low (UCSB)

The Tombs of Scribes in Early Imperial China and Ancient Egypt in a Comparative Perspective

3:40-4:20

Rahim Shayegan (UCLA)

Nugae sino-persicae: On Early Chinese-Persian Encounters

4:20-4:50

Guolong Lai (University of Florida)

Methods of Decipherment in Chinese Paleography in Comparative Perspective

4:50-5:20

Li Min (UCLA)

Sources of Geographic Knowledge in the Legendary Landscape of the “Yugong”

5:20-5:50

Lothar von Falkenhausen (UCLA)

Bronze Age China and West Asia: Reviewing Some Possible Instances of Cultural Borrowings

\*\* Reception \*\*

6:30-8:00

**Keynote Speech**

Li Ling (Peking University)

Neighbors of the Western Zhou: The Inner Asian Backyard of Early Chinese Civilization

**Professor Li Ling** is a towering figure in the study of classical Chinese civilization today. Born in Xingtai (Hebei province) in 1948, he been on the faculty of the Department of Chinese Literature at Peking University since 1985. He has published prolifically in the areas of Chinese paleography (guwenzixue), classical philology, intellectual history, historical geography, the history of science and technology, as well as material culture and art history (with a special emphasis on Chinese bronzes); one of his special interests is the connections between China and other parts of Eurasia in antiquity.

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