

2023 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON CHINESE THOUGHT  
BROWN UNIVERSITY

Location: **Crystal Room** (Room 104) in **Alumnae Hall** (194 Meeting Street)

**SATURDAY, 11/11**

8:30–9AM / Breakfast

9–9:15AM / Welcome

9:15–10:15AM / Texts and Textual Reception

John Robert Williams, CUHK-Shenzhen

*“Key Aspects of Fang Yizhi’s ‘Decoding Zhuangzi’ 炮莊 Approach to Zhuangzi Studies”*

Oscar Qiu Jun Zheng, University of Pennsylvania

*“Standing in Awe of the Heaven’s Mandate, the Great Man, and the Sage’s Words—Textual Authority and Power in Late Western Han”*

10:30AM–12PM / Self-Cultivation

Chen Dixuan, Grinnell College

*“Assimilating Chinese Medical Knowledge into Buddhism: An Innovative Meditation in China”*

Judson Murray, Capital University

*“Contemplative Pedagogy and Contemporary Social Issues: A Case Study Using Chinese Contemplative Practices”*

Christopher Yang, Brown University

*“Shenming 神明 and Early Biospiritual Cultivation”*

12–1PM / Lunch (Catered)

1–2PM / Ideas, Society, and Environment

Brian Lander, Brown University

*“How to Think about the Effects of Early Chinese Ideas on Early Chinese Environments”*

Song Yixuan, Harvard University

*“Luxury as Virtue: The Ethical Crisis and Coping Strategies of Scholars Building Gardens in the Late Ming Dynasty”*

2:15–3:45PM / The Good Life

Mick Hunter, Yale University

*“Defining ‘Wisdom’ in the Early Chinese Context”*

Benjamin Huff, Randolph-Macon College

*“Happiness for the Few and the Many in Mencius and Aristotle”*

Bin Song, Washington College | Stephen Angle, Wesleyan University

*“Standing Extremely High and Bright, yet on a Central and Normal Path”: A Ruist (Confucian) Philosophical Examination of Joy*

4–6PM / Philosophy of Action and Agency

Brian Bruya, Eastern Michigan University

*“A Demorizic Theory of Governance: Self Organization and Self-Regulation in Early China”*

Julianne Chung, York University

*“Nothing Compares 2 U: Contradiction and Illumination of the Obvious”*

Tim Connolly, East Stroudsburg University

*“Early Confucianism and Transformative Experience”*

Mercedes Valmisa, Gettysburg College

*“Things and Powers”*

6:30PM / Dinner at Kabob and Curry

**SUNDAY, 11/12**

8:30–9AM / Breakfast

9–9:30AM / Business Meeting

9:45–11:45AM / Friendship in Confucian Perspective and Beyond: Virtue, Practice, and Relationality

Andrew Lambert, City University of New York, CSI

*“Confucian Friendship as a Relational Ethics”*

Dongfeng Xu, Colgate University

*“You: Confucian Concept of Friendship and Late-Ming Interreligious Hospitality”*

Eunice Jianping Hu, Wake Forest University

*“Loyalty, Duty, and Friendship in Confucianism: Does Death Bring it to an End?”*

Mark Kevin S. Cabural, Xiamen University

*“The Place of Humility in Matteo Ricci’s On Friendship: Ethical Development in (Un)Equal Friendships”*



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