

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolina Conference on Chinese Thought at Sweet Briar College

**Friday, April 3, 2026**

- 1-1:20 p.m.            Welcome Remarks & Introduction  
*Zhen Liang, Sweet Briar College*
- 1:20-1:50 p.m.        Confucian Female Agency  
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- 1:50-2:20 p.m.        The Grave Goat and the Cyclops: Confucius and the Civilizing Power  
of Myth  
*Kevin DeLapp, Converse University*
- 2:20-2:50 p.m.        Daoist Academic Leadership  
*Mat Foust, Appalachian State University*
- 2:50-3 p.m.            Break
- 3-3:30 p.m.            Zhuangzi and Wittgenstein: Language Games, Distinctions, and  
Illuminating the Way  
*Carl Helsing, High Point University*
- 3:30-4 p.m.            Yan Hui as an Improv Artist in the Theatre of Life  
*Gus Law, Duke University*
- 4-4:30 p.m.            Skepticism and Forgetting in *Zhuangzi* and Hume  
*Sam Zahn, California Polytechnic State University*
- 4:30-5 p.m.            Dao Positivism: Han Fei's Service Conception of the Authority of Law  
*Win-Chiat Lee, Wake Forest University*
- 5-6:30 p.m.            Dinner, Prothro Dining Hall

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

- 9-9:30 a.m.            Reading Cultural-Psychological Studies of Reasoning through the Lens  
of Comparative Philosophy: Ancient Chinese and Greek Logic  
*Wenxuan Shen, University of Tennessee - Knoxville*
- 9:30-10 a.m.           Humility and Friendship in Early Confucianism  
*Eunice Jianping Hu, Wake Forest University*
- 10-10:10 a.m.           Break
- 10:10-10:40 a.m.       The Absence of Sexual Shame in Early China  
*Jane Geaney, University of Richmond*
- 10:40-11:10 a.m.       Two Key Buddhist Texts: The *Zhao Lun* and the *Dasheng Qixin Lun*  
*Jim Ryan, Independent Scholar*
- 11:10-11:15 a.m.       Closing Remarks  
*Zhen Liang, Sweet Briar College*
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.   Lunch, Prothro Dining Hall

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