



WORKSHOP - BODY WHOLES, BODY PARTS: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE BODY IN CHINESE MEDICINE

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Chang Che-chia, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
On Human Bones

Chang Chia-Feng, National Taiwan University,
Mingmen (the gate of life) in Traditional Chinese
Medicine in the Ming

Yi-Li Wu, Albion College
The Gendered Breast in Medicine and Art

Bridie Andrews Minehan, Bentley College
Blood in Late Imperial Chinese Medicine

Hugh Shapiro, University of Nevada, Reno
The Discourse of Nerves and the Modern Transformation
of the Chinese Body

Marta Hanson, Johns Hopkins University
Hands as Medium for Memory and Therapy

We encounter the human body as metaphor for the body politic and the social body when we read about the *head* of state or the *members* of any *organization*. The body has been and remains a useful tool for conceptualizing and understanding aspects of human society and experience. The body as a bureaucracy in Han China, as a mountain or even the cosmos in Taoist religion, as inhabited by spirits in meditative practices, and imbalanced by emotions in Chinese medicine have all been well documented and studied. Discourses on the Chinese medical body have also revealed various aspects of a culture coming to terms with difference, conflict, and tensions in society writ large. Yet how various “body parts” have played a role in Chinese medical thought and have changed in meaning over time has not yet been systematically examined. You are invited to join in this discussion with several scholars who are working on various aspects of the body in Chinese medicine—Bones, the Gate of Life, Blood, Breasts, Nerves, and Hands.

Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Johns Hopkins University
There is no fee for this workshop, but **pre-registration is required**
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