

early Song period, these Daoist forms of sorcery were seen as lei-fa, or "thunder methods." Of the surviving Daoist ceremonies associated with the lei-fa included, the fa-hui occupies the highest position. Prof. Reiter also said that further research was needed on how Daoist sorcery was downgraded to a popular level. (Chinese text by Lin Pei-ni)



Prof. Reiko Shinno (front row, far left), Prof. Liang Chi-tsu (front row, second from left), and Ms. Margaret Mih Tillman (front row, second from right) (Photo by Caesar Tsai)



Prof. Florian C. Reiter (front row, third from left) and Prof. Li Feng-mao (front row, third from right) (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

CCS Visiting Scholars in 2008

The Center for Chinese Studies finalized its list of visiting scholar research grant recipients for 2008. A total of 62 grant applications was assessed by selection committee that convened on July 31, chaired by NCL Director and joined by six experts. After enthusiastic debate and careful selection, 20 grant recipients and 6 alternates were selected as follows (arranged alphabetically by country name):

1. David Holm: Male; Australia; Professor, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia; Research topic: Religious Geography of Meishan; Vernacular Characters in Zhuang Ritual Manuscripts; Research period: Three months.
2. Sigrid Winkler: Female; Austria; Ph.D. Candidate, Institute for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium; Research topic: The EU-Taiwan Relations in the WTO: the Question of Sovereignty; Research period: Nine months.
3. Pierre-Henry DE Bruyn: Male; Belgium; Professor, Department of Applied Languages, University of La Rochelle, France ; Research topic: The Experience of Divinity in the Ceremonies of Daoist Priests; Research period: Three months.
4. Ching-Hua Huang: Female; Canada; Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada; Research topic: The Practice of Releasing Lives (Fangsheng) in the Late Ming and Early Qing; Research period: Six months.
5. Olga Lomova: Female; Czech; Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic; Research topic: Sima Qian: "D jiny"

- (Selections from Shiji-Translation into the Czech Language with Commentaries and Introductory Chapters) ; Research period: Three months.
6. Paul Jobin: Male; France; Assistant Professor, Department of Oriental Studies, University Paris Diderot, French; Research topic: Sociology of Environmental and Occupational Health in Taiwan; Research period: Nine months.
 7. Hans Kuehne: Male; Germany; Professor, Institute fuer Asian-und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt-Universitaet, Germany; Research topic: The Origins of Chinese Nationalism; Research period: Three months.
 8. Hardina Ohlendorf: Female; Germany; Ph.D. Candidate, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK; Research topic: Exported Nationalism? The Emerging Field of Taiwan Studies; Research period: Nine months.
 9. Abt Oded: Male; Israel; Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel; Research topic: Descendants of Muslims in South East China and Taiwan: Assimilation and Dissimilation; Research period: Nine months.
 10. Youngseo Baik: Male; Korea; Professor, History Department, Yonsei University, Korea; Research topic: Historical Studies as an Institution and a Social Movement: Comparative Research on Taiwan and Korean Historiography in the Latter Half of the 20th Century; Research period: Six months.
 11. Seunghyun Han: Male; Korea; Assistant Professor, History Department, Boston University, USA; Research topic: The Study of the Private Book-Collectors in Jiangnan During the Qing Dynasty; Research period: Seven months.
 12. Jessey J. C. Choo: Female; Malaysia; Assistant Professor, East Asian Studies, Villanova University, USA; Research topic: The Numeric of Destiny: the Understanding of Destiny (ming) as Presented in Numerals in Medieval China; Research period: Three months.
 13. Wun Bin Wong: Male; Malaysia; Assistant Professor, University Tunku Adbul Rahman; Research topic: A Study of Qian Mu's View on Confucianism; Research period: Four months.
 14. Izabella Dorota Labedzka: Female; Poland; Professor, Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland; Research topic: Speaking Body: Transculture Aesthetics of Lin Huaimin's Cloud Gate Dance Theatre; Research period: Three months.
 15. Valentin Golovachev: Male; Researcher, Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Science, Russia; Research topic: Evolution of Ethnic Policy and Ethnic Identity in Taiwan; Research period: Three months.
 16. Leander Seah: Male; Singapore; Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, USA; Research topic: Conceptualizing the Chinese World: Jinan University, Migration, and Trans-Regionalism, 1900-1942; Research period: Three months.
 17. Jana Rosker: Female; Slovenia; Professor, Department for Asian and African Studies, University in Ljubljana, Slovenia; Research topic: The Impact of Classical Logic upon Chinese Epistemology; Research period: Three months.

18. Martin Svensson Ekstrom: Male; Sweden; Associate Professor, Department of Oriental Languages, Stockholm University; Program of Aesthetics, Sodertorn College; Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, Stockholm, Sweden; Research topic: The Second Glance: A Chinese Aesthetic of Re-reading; Research period: Five months.
19. Ma-Li Svensson: Female; Sweden; Associate Professor, Institute of Science and Technology, Linköping University, Sweden; Research topic: Studies of a Female Qing Scholar Wang Zhenyi; Research period: Nine months.
20. Katherine Carlitz: Female; USA; Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, University of Pittsburgh, USA; Research topic: Chastity and Bureaucracy in Late Imperial China: the Case of Gui Youguang and Martyred Maiden Zhang; Research period: Three months.
- Research topic: Narratives of History in Taiwan: Constructing the Past for the Future; Research period: Three months.
4. Wook Yoon: Male; Korea; Ph.D. Candidate, History Department, Yale University, USA; Research topic: The Communication and Decision-making Systems of the Late Qing Period, 1861-1911; Research period: Three months.
5. Jennifer Liu: Female; USA; Ph.D. Candidate, Chinese History, University of California, Irvine, USA; Research topic: Nationalism and Secondary Education in Southwest China and Taiwan, 1937-1960; Research period: Three months.
6. Jon Eugene von Kowallis: Female; Australia; Professor, Department of Chinese and Indonesian Studies, University of New South Wales, Australia; Research topic: Lu Xun's Early Wenyan Essays from the Japan Lehrjahre Period; Research period: Six months

Six alternates

1. Stephane Laurent: Male; France; Professor, Art History, University of Paris I Pantheon-Sprbonne, France; Research topic: Culture, Style and Globalism: the Reception of Western Ornament in China and Taiwan; Research period: Six months.
2. Dinu Luca: Male; Romania; Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania; Research topic: A New Reading of the Wen xin diao long; Research period: Six months.
3. Megan J. Greene: Female; Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Kansas, USA;