



**Daniel H. Bays (1942-2019)**



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**Rediscovering Historical China:  
A Reflection on the Work and Mentorship of Professor  
Daniel H. Bays (1942-2019)**

**Time: 19:30-21:15, Thursday, March 19, 2020**

**Location: Room Berkeley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sheraton Hotel**

**Chair:** Dr. Ryan Dunch (University of Alberta)

**Discussants** (in the sequence of presentations):

**Dr. Dong WANG** (Shanghai University)

**Dr. Xi LIAN** (Duke University)

**Dr. Grant WACKER** (Duke University)

**Dr. Steve PIERAGASTINI** (Loyola Marymount University)

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In May 2019, Professor Daniel H. Bays (1942-2019), B.A. Stanford 1964, M.A. 1967 Michigan, and Ph.D. 1971 Michigan, passed away. The fields of modern Chinese history, Christianity in China, and the history of U.S.-China relations lost a wonderful thinker, leader and helper.

As Dr. Bays' insights continue to inspire new work from others, three generations of scholars get together on this roundtable to reflect on his oeuvre, legacy, and extraordinary mentorship influencing multiple disciplines and areas of study. Chaired by Ryan Dunch, this roundtable follows the chronological sequence of Dan Bays' publications to address two questions: How had Dr. Daniel H. Bays helped us to rediscover the complexity and variety of historical China that came with the new historiography of the 1970s and the concurrent end of Mao's era? What are the new perspectives, research topics and findings that have been emerging as a result of his impact?

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