

LHP on Pearl Buck, focus on women characters

If faculty could send questions beforehand, that would be helpful.

His new list of books for them to read + one video:.

Novels (read two or more):

The Good Earth;

Mother;

Peony;

A Pavilion of Women.

Biographies (read one):

"Pearl S. Buck: A Cultural Biography" by Peter Conn

"Burying the Bones: Pearl Buck in China" by Hilary Spurling

Documentary Movie:

"East Wind, West Wind: Pearl S. Buck"

We'll meet at Pearl Buck House (10 min walk from Nanyuan) (the house has been finished, dedicated, and turned into a museum, with an enormous lot of work by LHP and others. They also had their first Buck international symposium. (There's a long story to that; he tried to have one in 1990 and it was cancelled by the government.) He said the only problem meeting in the house is that it isn't opened very often and the paint smell may be strong; but opening all the windows will take care of that.....I read that as "take a jacket to wear"!)

Meeting time can be morning or afternoon, 3 to 4 hours. He'll talk about her characters in the books and what she is saying about women in China; he'll also talk about the topic of "Controversy

between Pearl S. Buck
and Her Contemporary Chinese Intellectuals"

Then tour of House/Museum (it's the house where she wrote her novels), and then follow up discussion.

Follow-up discussions with Liu Haiping and Fan Hao:

About two weeks after faculty return to campus: Follow-up on-line discussion. This will be asynchronous and maybe should spread across 2 days with LHP and FH answering for an hour or two each day. They are very interested in doing this.