## ACADEMIC SEMINAR

## American Medical Missionaries in Guangzhou, 1835-1935

The work of Protestant missionaries has been recognized as one of the most important points of contact between China and the West in late Qing and early republic China. American medical missionaries' medical work had a greater impact on the Chinese than their religious work had. They played an important role in medical modernization in China generally and in Guangzhou particularly. They also played a part in the modern women's rights movement, modern philanthropic movement, and modern public hygiene movement in Guangzhou, which had an effect on China. Western medicine not only helped the Cantonese, to some degree, to take new attitude toward Western leanings, but also became one of the sources to inspire the progressive Cantonese elite who helped make Guangzhou to become the cradle of revolution and reform in modern China.

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Prof. XU Guangqiu is professor of history at Friends University in USA, visiting professor of Jinan University in Guangzhou, visiting professor of Xi'an International Studies University, Xi'an, and visiting professor of National University of Singapore (2013). Currently, he is a visiting scholar at the Department of History, Lingnan University. He received the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant in 2006, the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship in 2009, and the Fulbright Research and Teaching Scholarship in 2012. He is the author of four scholar books and more than thirty academic articles. His third book, *Congress and the U.S.-China Relationship, 1949-1979* (Akron, OH: University of Akron Press, 2007), won the 2008 Best Adult Book Award from the Chinese American Librarians Association.

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