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Public Lecture

UTSA East Asia Institute hosts “Gay Life in Asia: Modern Western Identities vs. Historical Traditions” lecture by Dr. Thomas K. Hubbard



(October 1, 2010)- The UTSA East Asia Institute (EAI) will host a lecture by Dr. Thomas K. Hubbard, University of Texas, Austin professor of Classics, at 12:00 p.m., Friday, November 19 in the Harris Room (UC 2.212) at the UTSA Main Campus as part of its lecture series.

Drawing examples from China, Japan, Thailand, and Indonesia, this lecture will illustrate how local customs have been misunderstood and attacked by Western NGOs and Western-educated elites. Although forces of globalization have exposed contemporary Asians to well-formed Western patterns of sexual identity and morality, Asia possesses its own historical traditions of male sexual bonding that date as far back as the Han dynasty of Imperial China. These traditional Asian sexualities are underpinned by their own ethical systems and cultural assumptions. The assumption that Western categories are universal and natural will be questioned.

Dr. Tom Hubbard received his doctoral degree in Classics from the Yale University in 1980. In addition to UT Austin, he has taught at Yale University, Bard College, University of Minnesota, and Cornell University. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hubbard also does research in Greek and Roman literature, and literary theory. His research primarily focuses on Greek lyric poetry, Attic drama, Roman elegy and lyric, and lesbian and gay studies.

Dr. Hubbard has published for approximately 70 refereed journal articles and 7 books such as *The Pindaric Mind: A Study of Logical Structure in Early Greek Poetry*, *The Mask of Comedy: Aristophanes and the Intertextual Parabasis*, *The Pipes of Pan: Intertextuality and Literary Filiation in the Pastoral Tradition from Theocritus to Milton*, *Greek Love Reconsidered*, *Homosexuality in Greece and Rome: A Sourcebook of Basic Documents*, *Masculinity and the Foundation of Greek Culture*, *A Companion to Ancient Sexuality*.

For more information regarding the lecture, please contact EAI at 210-458-4943 or check the East Asia Institute's homepage at <http://www.utsa.edu/eai>.