“Translating Asia in the Early Americas and the Early Modern Atlantic World”

Beginning with Christopher Columbus’s project of “reaching east by going west”, ideas about Asia interfered with and inflected the formation of ideas about the Americas. Still in the eighteenth century, American Founding Father and inventor Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790) was a proponent of Chinese Confucianism and attempted to instill Confucian ideologies in the colonies. This panel invites paper proposals on any aspect of linguistic and/or cultural translation between Asia and the Early Americas from the fifteenth to the early nineteenth centuries.

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