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The China Historical GIS and the Chinese Biographical Database: Mapping Places and People

Dr. Peter K. Bol
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Friday, October 26, 2012
12:00 – 2:00 PM
PSU campus, Cramer Hall, room 494

How can GIS help ask and answer historical questions?

How can we analyze vast amounts of data about people in the past?

Dr. Peter K. Bol will introduce two major projects based at Harvard University that address these questions for the study of Chinese history, and show how geographical and biographical databases can be used together to enrich and expand our understanding of the past.

Dr. Peter K. Bol is the Charles H. Carswell Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations and Director of the Center for Geographic Analysis at Harvard University. He is a renowned scholar of Chinese history and directs the China Historical Geographic Information Systems project, and the China Biographical Database project.

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