

## 30TH ANNUAL JOSEPH &amp; LUCY LEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

# Echoes of the Zhou: The Shijing and Its Layers of Meaning

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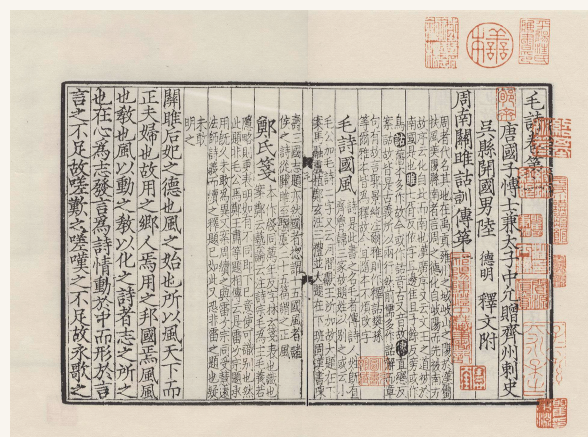
International Center Room 303

Reception: 6:30 PM

Lecture: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



The Shijing 詩經 (Book of Songs), the oldest collections of Chinese poetry, originated during the Zhou dynasty (1046–256 BC) and reflects the cultural practices of that time, including ritual, music, and expressions of intent through song. Over time, it became a cornerstone of Zhou noble culture and later one of the most important key texts in Confucian thought. The Lecture examines the Shijing through three interconnected layers: the composition of poetry, the recitation of poetry, and the interpretation of poetry.



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