Being offered to both undergraduate and graduate students, this seminar examines the historical development and current state in the field of Sinological Anthropology and, by doing so, it will also introduce anthropological theories and research methods to non-Anthropology students. In each week, we deals with a major research approach by which anthropologists attempt to explore the rich meanings of Chinese culture and/or to examine the structure of Chinese society. Main topics include the lineage paradigm, the market network model, the perspectives of symbolic anthropology, the feminist critique, the social exchange approach, ethnicity and nationalism, and the recent study of Chinese transnationalism. By reading the selected writings in Sinological Anthropology, we will explore not only what have been written about China, but also address the issue of how Chinese culture has been written.

**REQUIREMENTS:** a research paper (20-30 pages) due on June 7, and active participation in discussion sessions and presentation.

All books are on reserve at the University Research Library. Copies of journal articles are put on reserve at the Anthropology Reading Room, 352 Haines Hall.

**Weekly Topics and Reading Assignments**

**Week 1. Introduction and Organization** (April 4)


**Week 2. The Lineage Paradigm and Rural Studies** (April 11)


**Week 3. The Market Network Model and Urban Ethnographies** (April 18)


**Week 5. Women Writing Chinese Culture: The Feminist Critique** (May 2)


Stacy, Judith. 1983. *Patriarchy and Socialist Revolution in China* (Univ. of California Press), chapters 1, and 5-7 (pp. 1-14, 158-267).


**Week 6. Social Exchange and Interpersonal Relations** (May 9)

Yan, Yunxiang. 1996. The Flow of Gifts: Reciprocity and Social Networks in a Chinese Village (Stanford Univ. Press), chapters 1, 3-7, and 9; pp. 1-21, 74-175, and 210-238.


**Week 7. Identity, Ethnicity, and Nationalism** (May 16)


**Week 8. Morality and the Ethnography of Moral Experiences** (May 23)


Liu, Xin. 2000. In One’s Own Shadow: An Ethnographic Account of the Condition of Post-reform Rural China (University of California Press),

**Week 9. Social Memory, Representation, and Power** (May 30)


**Week 10. Globalization and Chinese Transnationalism** (June 6)


