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AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 12

SMITHSONIAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

08:30 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

09:00 OPENING REMARKS

Q?rius Auditorium, West Lobby, National Museum of Natural History

Batbayar Ulziidelgeriin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia in the U.S.

William Fitzhugh, Director of Arctic Studies Center, NMNH Smithsonian Institution.

Saruul-Erdene Myagmaryn, President, the Mongolian Cultural Center

09:30 HISTORY: FROM GREAT EMPIRE TO MODERN ECONOMY

Q?rius Auditorium NMNH

Moderator: Christopher Atwood, University of Pennsylvania

Dotno Pound, University of Pennsylvania

Gender in the Cult of Chinggis Khan: first essential, then antithetical

Ran Yan, University of Pennsylvania

Typology of Urban Settlements in Qing Mongolia (1691-1921)? Tibetan-Buddhist Center, Military Outpost, and Fenced Market

Ralph Winnie Jr., The Eurasia Center

Zhengyang Ma, The Eurasia Center

How Mongolia Achieved its Independence from China?

Jay Nathan, Senior Fulbright Scholar to Mongolia

Mongolia at the Crossroads: Global Engagement to Modernize Economy

11:30 LUNCH (Kirby Room, NMNH 3rd Floor CE 340)

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12:00 **LITERATURE**
Q?rius Auditorium, NMNH West Lobby

Emma Grace Lewis, Asian Legacy Library
The Power of Preservation: Consolidating, Documenting, and Restoring Mongolian Text Collections

Simon Wickhamsmith, Rutgers University
Labor and Morality in Mongolia's Late-Stalinist Literature: A Preliminary Study

After the 12:00 – 1:00 sessions, the conference moves to the **Library of Congress**.
10 1st Street, SE, Thomas Jefferson Building, LJ 119, one mile - a 25-minute walk from the Natural History Museum. 5-minute walk to Federal Triangle station, blue, orange or silver line to Capitol South Station (4 stops) and another 5-minute walk to Jefferson Building is possible.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, LJ119

14:00 **INTRODUCTION**

DR. DONGFANG SHAO, Chief of Asian Division, Library of Congress
BATBAYAR ULZIIDELGERIIN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia in the U.S.

KEYNOTE SPEECH

MICHAEL ALLEN LAKE
AMBASSADOR JOSEPH E. LAKE

**MONGOLIA, THE BEAR, THE DRAGON, AND THE
EAGLE (1984 TO 1990)**

15:30 **ASIAN READING ROOM BOOK DISPLAY**

Introduction to the Mongolian Collection in the Library of Congress

Asian Division, LJ150

Susan Meinheit, Asian Division, LOC

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SATURDAY, MAY 13

09:00 BREAKFAST

09:30 ARCHAEOLOGY

Kirby Room, NMNH 3rd floor East Court Building CE 340

Moderator: William Fitzhugh, Smithsonian

Asa Cameron, Yale University, **Bukhchuluun Dashzeveg**, Yale University, **Christina Carolus**, Yale University, **Daniela Wolin**, Yale University

Shiriin Chuluu during the Late Bronze Age (c.1500-1000 BC) through the Xiongnu Period (c.250 BC-150 AD): results from the 2020-2022 excavations at a Gobi-steppe microregion

Bryan K. Miller, University of Michigan

Imperial Impact: Population Dynamics and Social Landscapes under the Xiongnu Regime in Western Mongolia

William Fitzhugh, Smithsonian, **Jamsranjav Bayaraikhan**, Mongolian National Museum and Max Planck Institute

Archaeology of Bronze Age Mongolia: A Deer Stone Study Round-Up

Alicia R. Ventresca-Miller, University of Michigan, and Max Planck Institute, **Shevan Wilkin**, University of Zürich and Griffith University, Australia

Permafrost preservation reveals first proteomic evidence for yak milk consumption in the 13th century

Christina M. Carolus, Yale University, **Davaakhuu Odsuren**, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, **Asa Cameron**, Yale University, **Bukhchuluun Dashzeveg**, Yale University
Dwelling in the Gobi-Steppe: Digging Deeper into Habitation from the Neolithic (c.7000-3000 BC) through the Xiongnu Period (c. 250 BC- 150 AD) in Southeastern Mongolia

09:30 LINGUISTICS

Q?rius Auditorium, NMNH West Lobby

Moderator: Saruul-Erdene Myagmaryn, Library of Congress

***Solongod Hurcbaatar**, International Mongolian Brahmi Script Society

Old Mongolian Grammar of the Mongolian Brahmi Script and the Decipherment of the Huis Tolgoi Inscription (HT1)

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Raymond Erdenebold Ordos, Stephen Baigal, Independent Scholars
Reviving the Mongolian Brahmi Script: A Typeface Design Exploration

***Ganbold, Dashkhagvaagiin**, Mongolian State University of Education
Comparison of the Content and Terminology in Some Mongolian Grammars written in Tibetan Language.

***Narangerel, Nyamjavyn**, National Council of Language Policy, Mongolia
On the Vocabulary of Mongolian Children

***Narantsetseg Tseveendulamyn**, University of Pennsylvania
Teaching Mongolian to Heritage Learners: Experiences and Challenges

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 TORGUUD EXODUS OF 1771 (PANEL SPONSORED BY MACA)
Kirby Room, NMNH 3rd Floor East Court CE 340

Moderator: Sanji Altan, Mongolian American Cultural Association

Baatr U. Kitinov, Russian Academy of Science
1771: The Exodus of Kalmyks and Role of the Politico-Religious Factor

John Perkins, Filmmaker
What Prompted Ubashi Khan to lead the Kalmyks out of Russia?

Torgud Oyundalai, Canada
The Torguud People's Buddhist Faith and their Temples and Monasteries

14:35 Coffee Break

Ghilyana Dorzhieva, Harvard University
Ubashi Khan in the Long Song Tradition of the Kalmyks

Darina Gedeeva, Russian Academy of Sciences
Letters of Ubashi Khan in the National Archive of the Republic of Kalmykia: Collection I-36's

13:00 SPECIAL REPORT
Q?rius Auditorium, NMNH West Lobby

Reilly Becchina
*Recovering Endangered Mongolian Marmot (*Marmota Sibirica*): Status and Distribution in a Steppe Region of Mongolia*

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13:30 ART
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Moderator:

Sunmin Yoon, University of Delaware
Urtyн duu, Breathing, and Spiritual Connection

***Ulziibayar, Shataryn**, Mongolian State University of Arts and Culture
On the Composing of Five Concerts for Morin Khuur

***Barbaatar, Giimaagiin**, Mongolian State University of Arts and Culture
Features of Different Types of Mongolian Traditional Dance – Bii Biyelgee

***Tolkhyn, Maratyn**, Citi University, Mongolia
History of Establishment of Professional Singing Art in Mongolia

18:00 – 20:00 RECEPTION IN HONOR OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Hosted by H.E. Batbayar Ulziidelgeriin, Ambassador of Mongolia to the United States of America, at the Mongolian Embassy: 2833 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Note: Asterisks () denote presentations that will be in Mongolian. All other papers will be presented in English.*

Sunday 14, Mongolian Culture Day (TBA)

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