

Call for Applications: Song texts workshop at the Elling Eide Center June 9-10, 2023

The Elling O. Eide Center Research Library and Preserve is pleased to host a text reading workshop on Song period (960-1279 CE) sources for graduate students and early career scholars, to be held June 9-10, 2023. The focus of the workshop will be on guided close readings of texts led by the seminar leaders, [Dr. Mark Halperin](#) (UC Davis) and [Dr. Cong Ellen Zhang](#) (University of Virginia). The purpose of the workshop is to introduce students to a variety of Song period documents and increase their skill in reading and working with these types of documents. Sources will span a variety of genres and touch on topics that include foreign affairs, court politics, local administration, cultural history, commemorative writing, religious life, accounts of institutional matters, family and daily life, gender and power, and social history. The readings have been selected to help participants think more broadly about sources from the period while familiarizing them with texts that are less commonly used by historians.

Funding and Accommodations

The Eide Center will provide reimbursement for domestic airfare and pay hotel accommodations and meals for all participants for the duration of the workshop. Per diem will also be provided for travel days. Attendees should plan to arrive in Sarasota (SRQ) on Thursday, June 8th and depart on Sunday, June 11th. Those wishing to stay longer or arrive earlier to make use of the Eide Center collection can arrange to do so by contacting the research director, Dr. [Matthew Wells](#). Accommodations for extended stays will be made available for free in the guest house located on the Eide Center property.

Eligibility

Ph.D. students in any Chinese humanities field are encouraged to apply. Early career scholars will also be considered. Participants should be comfortable working in modern and classical Chinese and should be willing to arrive prepared having reviewed the material. Texts will be distributed in advance.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2023.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit a letter of application directly to Dr. Matthew Wells, Director of Research at the Elling Eide Center via email (mwells@ellingoeide.org). Hard copy applications will not be accepted. The application letter should not exceed two pages and briefly outline the applicant's academic background, current research project, the status of the applicant's research, and the way in which the reading workshop can advance their research. Application letters should also include the applicant's full legal name, institutional affiliation, contact information (email and phone), and current mailing address. Please email Dr. Wells directly with any questions or concerns.