

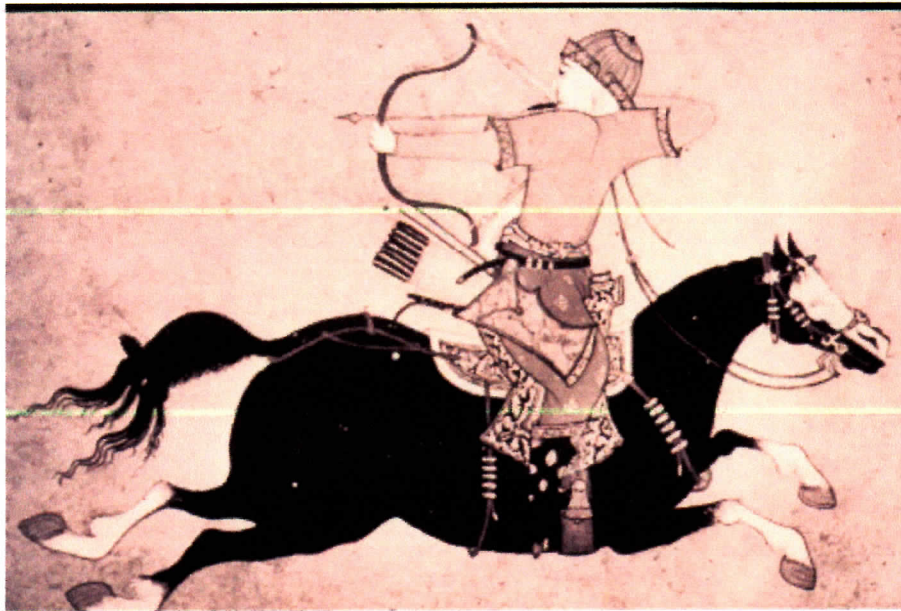
Beyond Chinggis Khan: Mongol Connections with the World of Islam

World History Seminar for Teachers

Tuesday February 24, 2009

5:30-8:30 P.M.

4130 Wesley W Posvar Hall, University Of Pittsburgh



This is the sixth seminar presented by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Asian Studies Center (UCIS), and the World History Center at the University of Pittsburgh. The general public is welcome.

Our guest speaker will be Professor Johan Elverskog, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He specializes in the history of Inner Asia and is the author/editor of six books. His most recent works are the following: *The Pearl Rosary: Mongol historiography in 19th century Ordos* and *Biographies of Eminent Mongol Buddhists*. Professor Elverskog's recently completed project (under review) is *Buddhism and Islam on the Silk Road: A History of Cross- Cultural Exchange*.

Following Professor Elverskog's presentation and the Q&A period (about one and one half hours), NCTA teachers Pam Burrett (Mt. Lebanon schools) and Adel Fougnes (Pittsburgh schools) will share their teaching experiences while in Mongolia last summer. In addition they will recommend and demonstrate teaching materials appropriate for secondary classes.

This seminar will explore the following:

- Understanding Chinggis Khan's importance in understanding the role of the Mongols in world history
- Perspectives on some understudied aspects of cultural transmission resulting from the Mongol empire
- Significant intersections between Buddhism and Islam in Inner Asia

Preparatory Readings: Prior to the seminar please browse through *Mongols in World History* at <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/mongols> and read *The Silk Roads: An Educational Resource* by Morris Rossabi at www.aasianst.org/ea/silkroad.htm.

PARKING: Vouchers for the Soldiers and Sailors Garage will be distributed during the seminar.

ACT 48: Requests for Act 48 credit can be submitted.

FOOD: A light dinner and drinks will be provided.

THIS SEMINAR IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU NEED NOT HAVE ATTENDED THE PREVIOUS SESSIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SEMINAR.

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REGISTRATION**

Please return the following information by **Wednesday February 11** by **fax** (412-624-4665), by **email** (pwhughes@ucis.pitt.edu) or by **mail**: NCTA, Asian Studies Center, 4400 Wesley W Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

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