



## Woods Hole Diversity Celebration

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*A Series of Presentations to  
Redefine Science with  
a Global Mind Presented  
by the Woods Hole Diversity  
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Friday, August 14

### **The History of Science from an East Asian Perspective: Science, State and Society in China, 1400-1900**

*Benjamin Elman, Professor of East Asian Studies and History  
Departments of History and East Asian Studies, Princeton University*

Too often, the emergence of science is thought of as a uniquely Western phenomenon. This view is challenged by the rich history of scientific practice in other regions of the world such as East Asia.

2:00 pm

Madden Center Lecture Hall, Sea Education Association  
Hosted by NOAA Fisheries and Sea Education Association

*Dr. Benjamin Elman  
Princeton University*

Dr. Benjamin Elman is Professor of East Asian Studies and History at Princeton University with his primary department in East Asian Studies. His teaching and research fields include: 1) Chinese intellectual and cultural history, 1000-1900; 2) history of science in China, 1600-1930; 3) history of education in late imperial China; 4) Sino-Japanese cultural history, 1600-1850. He received his Ph.D. in Oriental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania (1980) and came to Princeton in 2002 from the University of California, Los Angeles. From 1999 to 2001 he was the Mellon Visiting Professor in Traditional Chinese Civilization at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ). His publications include: /From Philosophy To Philology/ (1984, 1990, 2001); /Classicism, Politics, and Kinship/ (1990); /A Cultural History of Civil Examinations in Late Imperial China/ (2000). He has recently completed two book projects: /On Their Own Terms: Science in China, 1550-1900/ (2005), and /A Cultural History of Modern Science in Late Imperial China/ (2006). He is currently working on a project entitled "The Intellectual Impact of Late Imperial Chinese Classicism, Medicine, and Science in Tokugawa Japan, 1700-1850".

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