



### **Dr. Hugh Shapiro**

Hugh Shapiro is Associate Professor of History at the University of Nevada. He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University in modern Chinese history and East Asian languages, and his B.A. and M.A. from Stanford University in East Asian Studies. His experience in East Asia includes extensive archival and field research in Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Kyoto and other cities. He has enjoyed

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## **The Emperor's New Body:**

The History of the Body  
in China's  
Past and Present

**T**he analysis of bodily experience and its representation is a powerful method for grappling with historical transformation. This approach can be especially productive given the range of discourse regarding the pivotal role of biology and physicality in China's modern wars, revolution, and mass movement politics. For our purposes, in contemplating cultural change in China, we will scrutinize body image as it pertains to China's historical experience through three case studies: 1) the Emperor; 2) foot binding; and 3) body modification in present-day China. Please call (775) 682-8973 before Oct. 9 to confirm your attendance.

**6:00 to 6:45 pm – Hors d'oeuvres**

**6:45 to 7:15 pm – Program**

**7:15 to 8:30 pm – Open Discussion**

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