Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) Spring ’12 Symposium

“An Assessment of the Oral Health of Early and Middle Neolithic South China and Taiwan”
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*Thursday, April 5th, 3:00 pm, in Crawford Hall 115*

Studies of oral health from Southeast Asia find the transition to agriculture did not follow the same pattern of decline as seen in other areas of the world (Oxenham et al. 2006). The south coast of China and Taiwan are considered to be climatically and archaeologically part of Southeast Asia. This paper examines the oral health of early/middle Neolithic groups (7000-4500 BP) from coastal south China and Taiwan. Oral health profiles suggest these samples follow the same general patterns as Southeast Asian samples. Low levels of caries, infectious disease, and antemortem tooth loss suggest these groups were relatively healthy.

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