10/31 - Lucky Dandelion: Reflections from the Educated Youth Generation on the "Up to the Mountains and Down to the Countryside" Movement (1968-1980)



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When: Monday, October 31, 2016 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Sterling Memorial Library, Room 218

Speaker: Wei Su (East Asian Languages and Literatures), Charles Lu (Yale School of Medicine) and Ping Zhang (Yale School of Medicine)

Description: 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) in China. One of major events during the Cultural Revolution was a nationwide "Up to the Mountains and Down to the Countryside ????" movement (1968-1980), which "sent down" 17 million educated youth to live and work in rural villages and frontier settlements. In this talk, three members of the educated youth generation at Yale, Wei Su (East Asian Languages and Literatures), Charles Lu (Yale School of Medicine) and Ping Zhang (Yale School of Medicine) will share with the audience their "sent-down" experiences and reflections on the movement and Cultural Revolution. All are welcome. Light lunch will be provided.

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