

Lynn Struve

Professor of History and of East Asian Languages and Cultures

My fondest and most lasting memories of Professor Lynn Struve will be—without a doubt—the many times that I, her colleague and admirer, have seen her walk the seventh floor of Ballantine Hall in her bicycle helmet and backpack. Lynn always seemed to be on the go and alive with energy. However, she never missed an opportunity to offer a smile or a good word to a colleague or to the student who crossed her path. Throughout her long and illustrious career as a Sinologist, Lynn has done as much as anyone to make Indiana University an intellectual hub for the study of China and the broader Asian continent. She has been an anchor for the history department in many ways, bringing both stature and stability to our undergraduate and graduate programs. Above all, she has served the department and the university without hesitation or complaint, offering our colleagues a durable model of what it means to be an exemplary citizen of an institution of higher learning. She has honored the history department with 31 years of her life and work, and we have benefited from her presence and dedication in ways that cannot be fully chronicled here. Her retirement from the duties of university life is well earned, though she will continue her research and other scholarly pursuits.

A University of Michigan graduate, Lynn began her employment here at IU in 1977 as an assistant professor of history and East Asian languages and cultures. She has served in a number of capacities during her time with us, including as director of the Honors Program (1993–2006), director of undergraduate studies (1986–1987, 1992–1993), chair of our East Asian field committee (1990, 1992, 1996–2000, 2005–2006), and as a member of several search committees, tenure and promotion committees, and so forth. In these capacities, she almost single-handedly stewarded and enhanced our Honors Program and proved instrumental in building a viable curriculum in East Asian studies. Lynn has guided several graduate students through their doctoral preparations and has generously devoted time and other resources to the maintenance of IU's intellectual presence in the increasingly important field of Chinese history. Along with these services to history, she has also given selflessly to the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, where she has mentored students, served on various committees, participated in recruitment activities, and offered courses. Of the rich array of classes that Lynn has offered while here at IU, the ones most critical to our educational mission have included *The First Global Age*, *East Asia in World History*, *China: The Age of Glory*, *China: The Later Dynasties*, *Traditional East Asian Civilization*, and the history honors seminar. In a very real sense, she has been the backbone of our East Asian history field, serving as a mentor to both faculty and students in this area.

Lynn is the author of a long list of articles and other pieces, as well as the following monographs: *The Southern Ming, 1644–1662* (1984), *Voices from the Ming-*

Ching Cataclysm: China in Tigers' Jaws (1993), and *The Ming-Qing Conflict, 1619–1683: A Historiography and Source Guide* (1998). Her refereed articles have appeared in journals such as *Renditions*, *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, and *T'oung Pao: International Journal of Chinese Studies*. Presently she is working on a project on dream culture and records in seventeenth-century China, entitled "Psychology of a Martyr: Memories, Dreams, and Obsessions in the Extant Diaries of Huang Chunyao (1605–1645)." Complementing her enviable record of high scholarship is her active participation in conferences, symposia, and workshops. She remains a member of several organizations, including the American Historical Association, International Society for Chinese Philosophy, the Ming Studies Society, and Phi Beta Kappa. Very significantly, Lynn's work and service have been recognized with a number of distinctions over the course of her career, not the least of which were a Mellon fellowship in the humanities, an ACLS grant for Chinese studies, a Poynter Center fellowship, and an IU Trustees' Teaching Award.

In light of her remarkable career at IU and her invaluable contributions to our program and the larger disciplines of history and Asian studies, it gives me pleasure to speak of the accomplishments of Lynn Struve as a scholar, teacher, and mentor. As a friend, I wish her well in the new phase of her life and career that she is about to embark upon. We will always think of her as a member of our department, no matter what faraway place she is conducting research in at any given time. We hope that she will continue to think of the IU history department as home and remain involved in our intellectual and social life. Even in retirement, we especially look forward to seeing her around Bloomington—bicycle helmet, warm smile, and all.

~Claude Clegg