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From Hunting and Gathering to Early Village Lifeways: Research and teaching in China (2009/10 to 2011/12)

Abstract

My proposal incorporates three parts: (a) writing a book in Chinese and English with Prof. Wang Youping (Peking University) on the technologies of making stone tools, their method of classification and function, from the Paleolithic through the early Neolithic of China; (b) teaching two Harvard courses in the School of Archaeology and Museuology in Peking University; (c) conducting joint excavations of an early village site in the Liang plain, next to the Yangzi River, with colleagues from the Institute of Archaeology and Cultural Relics of Hunan Province, Peking University and Harvard University. All three aspects of the proposed research and teaching are integrated and will allow for both Chinese and Harvard students to actively participate in the Chinese field project and come to Harvard University for training.