

EAST ASIAN STUDIES 513:

Classical Historiography for Chinese History, 1000-1900

Exercise 4: Office Titles 歷代職官名

1. Identify the following offices for the dynasties designated (if marked):

- a) *Daxue shi* 大學士 (Ming-Qing)
- b) *xuezheng* 學正 and *xuezheng* 學政 (Ming-Qing)
- c) *Zuo shu zi* 左庶子 (Tang)
- d) *Qunmu suo* 群牧所 (Yuan)
- e) *Junji dachen* 軍機大臣 (Qing)
- f) *Zhen boshi* 針博士
- g) *Shouxiang* 首相 (Song-Ming)
- h) *Shouyi boshi* 獸醫博士
- i) *xuli* 胥吏
- j) *Shangwu weiyuan* 商務委員

2. What is the difference between the *Menxia sheng* 門下省 and the *Mishu sheng* 秘書省? What became of them?

3. Describe the evolution of the *Daxue shi* 大學士 from the early to late Ming. What became of them in the Qing?

4. Rafe De Crespigny lists a *Shi dao hou* 式道候 in his *Official Titles of the Han Dynasty*. Comment on this.

5. Translate and identify whenever possible the following:

- a) 署兩江總督壁昌
- b) 三口通商大臣兵部左侍郎崇厚
- c) 直隸河間府景州儒學學正林汝舟
- d) 欽大臣文華殿大學士李鴻章

6. Pick an office or title of interest to you. Explain why you selected it and describe what you found out about it.