Cary lecture to focus on China’s first emperor

Dr. Ching-chih Chen of Simmons College will give a presentation on the short but incredible reign of China’s first emperor, “Project Emperor I,” Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. in Cary Hall.

The talk is part of the Cary Lecture Series.

Chen uses a videodisc program to share with her audience the wonders of Qin Shi Huang Di who ruled China from 221 to 206 B.C.

The emperor’s 15-year reign included completion of the Great Wall, the institution of a written alphabet, the unification of warring states and the building of the magnificent tomb near Xian.

The tomb is the focus of the exhibit. More than 8,000 life-size terra cotta figures — soldiers and horses — were buried with Qin.

Chen spent two weeks at the excavation site, an archeological dig under the auspices of the People’s Republic of China.

The program includes more than 100,000 still and video images on the subject, accompanied by music and narration.

Chen is an associate dean of the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and has traveled throughout the world to spread the word of her discoveries.

For more information call Raymond Culler, chairman, Cary Lecture Committee, 862-1533.

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