This CENFAD Colloquium features two scholars. Professor Fumiaki Kubo of the University of Tokyo explores the question of why the United States embraces an alliance with Japan in which Japan is not obliged to defend the United States. He argues that the present security environment adds urgency to addressing this question, even as both Washington and Tokyo pursue measures intended to bolster their value to the other. Professor Qin Shan, a visiting Fulbright scholar explores the intersection of the Chinese gentry class and U.S. immigration policy in the 19th century. Shan traces the efforts of members of the Chinese gentry class to reform and reshape U.S. treatment of Chinese immigrants through direct contact with American Congress members.

**Thursday, April 17**

**3:30 PM**

**Weigley Room, Gladfelter 9th FL**