AN INVITATION FROM JOAN O'MARA
ASIANetwork Board Chair

Conference Program Highlights

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to each of you an invitation to attend the 13th Annual Conference of ASIANetwork on April 21-24, 2005. In alternate years, away from Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, IL, member institutions in different parts of the country host our annual meetings. This year, our conference is being hosted by Whittier College, in Whittier, CA, located in Southern California not far from Los Angeles. Many of you, from more northerly climes, may find this weekend a pleasant change from the rigors of a spring not yet quite fully sprung.

In addition to a full schedule of panel sessions, keynote addresses and plenaries, an important aspect of this year’s conference will be the sharing of that schedule with the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) of the East-West Center and the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. We have for some time benefited from a relationship with ASDP. Individual faculty from ASIANetwork schools have taken part in ASDP programs; faculty from ASDP have sat on the AN Council of Advisors, provided us with speakers and served on our Board of Directors. So, the two groups are not strangers to one another, and over the past year we have been exploring the possible benefits to be gained from a joint conference. As a result, the 13th Annual Conference of ASIANetwork will be held in conjunction with the 11th Annual ASDP Conference, April 21-24, 2005.

The schedule that follows is consequently not quite as finalized as it usually is at this point in the planning process, as we have been working with two differing sets of proposal deadlines. In some ways, this conference may better be thought of as two conferences independently planned for the same place, with two overlapping time schedules, and with some meals and events to be held in common. By April, however, the blanks will all have been filled in, and we look forward to an exceptionally rich time in the company of our colleagues and associates at ASDP.

One advantage of this arrangement for you is that a single registration fee will allow you to take advantage of panel sessions and programs offered by both organizations.

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For AN attendees able to come to the conference before our usual Friday evening start time, you will be able to take advantage of a full schedule on Friday, with ASDP sessions on Friday morning, and the option of a 1/2-day field trip on an ASDP program of sessions and Asian films in the afternoon. ASDP attendees will have the opportunity to take part in the field trip on Friday afternoon, and to stay through to the close of the AN program on Sunday.

So, you can attend the conference as you usually have, or you can plan to arrive in Los Angeles on Thursday, and take part in a longer conference that will begin on Friday morning and continue through lunch on Sunday.

Keynote Speakers
The first AN keynote speaker will be Bruce Cumings, Professor of History at the University of Chicago. On Friday evening, his topic will be “Decoupled from History: Korea in the ‘Axis of Evil’.” If this topic has a familiar ring to it, that is because you’ve read it before—in the program for last year’s conference.

Circumstances arising in the weeks just before the conference forced cancellation of Professor Cumings’ talk at that time. We are very pleased that the cancellation ended up being just a postponement, and that he has agreed to address this year’s joint conference on the subject of the challenges currently being posed by North Korea. Professor Cumings is a specialist in Modern Korean History, East Asian Political Economy and International History. Major publications include The Origins of the Korean War (2 vols., 1981, 1990); Korea’s Place in the Sun: a Modern History (1997); and Parallax Visions: Making Sense of American-East Asian Relations at the End of the Century (1999).

The second keynote speaker, after lunch on Saturday, will be Roger T. Ames, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa and Co-Director of the ASDP program. Professor Ames has published widely on Chinese philosophy, including translations of the Analects of Confucius (1999); the Dao de Jing (2004); and numerous other Chinese philosophical texts. His topic is titled: “Translating Among Cultures: How Meaning is Made.”

Plenaries
One of the things we have hoped for in the organization of this joint conference, is the opportunity to share and learn about the programs offered by each organization. To that end the first plenary, on Saturday morning, will provide an opportunity for each organization to introduce itself to the other: to say a bit about histories, talk about current programs, and discuss ideas for future development. Van Symons will speak for ASIANetwork, and Betty Bueck, Co-Director of ASDP, will represent ASDP. A third participant, Ronnie Littlejohn, will take the point of view of a participant whose institution, Belmont University, belongs to and has benefited from the programs of both organizations.

A second plenary session on Sunday morning will be a presentation on the ASIANetwork Asian arts initiative recently funded by the Luce Foundation and now in its organizational phases. I will be convening a panel discussion in which Project Coordinator Stan Mickel of Wittenberg University, Karil Kucera of St. Olaf College, who will be overseeing the digitization process for works being studied, and Paul Niewietski from John Carroll University, will give a progress report on the program and take questions about the implementation of this grant.

The Field Trip
Traditionally, an all-day field trip exploring local sites of interest to Asianists, has been available to those who could come before the formal opening of the conference on Friday evening. This year, in an effort to accommodate the scheduling of ASDP sessions, and the desire of some ASDP attendees to take part in the field trip, the day-long itinerary has become a half-day one that will begin at noon, and will return at 5:30 p.m. The trip this year will take participants to the Hsi Lai Temple, in Hacienda Heights, CA, for a vegetarian lunch and a tour of its Ming-Qing style temple buildings and its museum. Hsi Lai (“Coming to the West”) is a Mahayana Buddhist temple of the Lin-Chi School of Ch‘an Buddhism, with headquarters in Taiwan. The field trip’s second stop will be the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, a private museum which houses an important collection of South and Southeast Asian art. The cost for the field trip is $30 (which includes the cost of lunch and entry fees at both the temple and the museum), and we hope you will join us.
**Conference Program Itinerary**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

2:00-6:00 pm—Conference Registration
5:30-7:30 pm—ASDP-sponsored reception for ASDP and AN attendees
6:00-7:30 pm—Dinner (pre-conference, on your own)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

7:00-8:30 am—Breakfast
8:00-11:00 am—Conference Registration
8:45-10:15 am—Concurrent ASDP Panel Sessions 1-4

1) “Buddha’s Brain: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Buddhism and Cognitive Psychology”
   Panelists: Stephen J. Launakis and Greg Robinson-Riegler, University of St. Thomas

2) “Reform and Revolution in China’s Interior: the case of Shaanxi Province, 1949-2004”
   Panelists: James Cook, Richard Mack, Timothy Blocher, and (possibly) Hong Xiao, all of Central Washington University

3) “Experiencing South and Southeast Asia”
   Panelists: Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University; “Toward an American Hindu Perspective on Assisted Reproductive Technology”
   Shaheen Sultana, Calcutta University; “Indian and Global Issues with Special Reference to Communal Harmony in Modern Urdu Ghazals”

4) “New Works in the Field: Chinese Aesthetics and Literature, by Corinne Dale”
   Panelists: Betty Walsh, Piedmont Virginia Community College; Fay Beauchamp, Community College of Philadelphia; and Harriette Grissoom, Atlanta College of Art
   Respondent: Corinne Dale

10:15-10:30 am—Refreshments
10:30-12:00 noon—Concurrent ASDP Panel Sessions 5-8

5) “New Perspectives on Teaching about Asia”
   Panelists: James E. Deitrick, University of Central Arkansas; “The Benefit and Ethics of Teaching Undergraduates to Meditate in the Classroom”
   Susan Clare Scott, McDaniel College; “Sacred Earth: Daoism as the Preserver of the Environment in Chinese Landscape Painting from the Song through the Qing Dynasties”
   Yi-Ching Huang, University of Buffalo; “A Case Study of a Teacher Study Group in Taiwan”

6) “Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism in Southeast Asia: Theoretical and Visual Musings”

Chair: Jessica A. Sheetz-Nguyen, Oklahoma City Community College
Panelists: Joe McKeon, Central Connecticut State University
Bahar Davary and Eric Denton, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

7) “Modern Japan”
   Panelists: Paul Duncombe, University of Alaska Anchorage; “Oh, Meaningless Intervention!”
   Public Debate on Japan’s Siberian Intervention”
   George Brown, Namiko Tsukidate, Brian Hoffman, Slipperty Rock University; “Japan’s Changing Foreign Policy: the ‘Normal Country’ Military and Challenges to the Japanese Constitution”
   Keiko Takimoto Miller, Mercyhurst College; “Genkan and Yugen: a Disinterested Space in Japanese Architecture and Zami’s Theatre of Noh”

8) “East Asia in the Undergraduate Classroom: Projects from the Expanding East Asian Studies Teaching Collaborative”
   Chair: Heidi Johnson, Columbia Univ.
   Panelists: Roberta Adams, Fitchburg State College; “Teaching Journey to the West and Story of the Stone”
   Liya Li, Rockland Community College; “Buddhism and Scroll Paintings in the Tale of Genji”
   Barbara Seater, Raritan Valley Community College; “Social Science Meets Literature: Using Sawako Ariyoshi’s ‘The Twilight Years’ and Japanese Short Stories in Sociology and Psychology Courses”
   Theodore Gilman, Harvard University;

**Field Trip**
12:00-5:00 pm—Half-day ASDP-sponsored Field Trip, including stops for lunch and a tour at the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple, and a visit to the Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena

Alternate schedule for those choosing not to go on the field trip:
12:00-1:30 pm—Lunch (for AN attendees, this meal is pre-conference; on your own)
2:00-5:00 pm—Screenings of Asian films; TBA
2:00-3:00 pm—Concurrent ASDP Panel Sessions 9-10

9) “Creating a Learning Team: Some Implications for Teaching Asian Humanities”
   Panelists: Ronnie Littlejohn and Li Qingjun, Belmont University

10) “The Unique Chinese Culture in the Human Rights Debate”
    Keith Krasemann, College of Dupage

3:15-4:45 pm—Concurrent ASDP sessions 11-12

11) “Community Service in Asia: Pedagogical Opportunities, Practical Concerns”
    Chair: Sawa Kurotani, University of Redlands
    Panelists: Bill Hunley, University of Redlands; “May Term in Japan: Doing Community Service as Teachers of English”
    Sheri B. Moore, University of Louisville; “Opportunities for Service Learning in Malaysia”

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

7:00–9:30 am—Breakfast
8:00-11:00 am—Conference Registration
8:45-9:45 am.—Plenary Session: Ballroom A; “ASIAnetwork and ASDP Make their Introductions;” Van J. Symons, Augustana College and Executive Director, ASIAnetwork; Betty Buck, Univ. of Hawai‘i at Manoa and Co-Director, ASDP; Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University

9:45-10:00 am—Refreshments
10:00-11:30 am—Six Concurrent Panel Sessions

**ASDP Sessions 13-14**
12) “Reading Asian Literature”
   Panelists: Brian Seymour, Community College of Philadelphia; “Angel Island: a Hidden Legacy of Structural Censorship in America”
   Howard Giskin, Appalachian State University; “Reading and Rereading Story of the Stone: What Students Need to Know”
   Toni Culjak, Central Washington University; “The Post-Apocalyptic World in Japanese Fiction: Reading Abe Kobo and Murakami Haruki”

5:00-6:00 pm—Conference Registration
6:00-7:00 pm—AN/ASDP Dinner
7:00–9:00 pm—Keywords Address by Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago: “Decoupled from History: Korea in the ‘Axis of Evil’”

13) “Language and Culture Day Programming at the University: Opportunities and Challenges”
   Panelists: Joshua Nelson, Central Washington University; TBA
   Yoshimitsu Khan, Gettysburg College; “Japanese Language for High Schools”

14) “Comparative Philosophy”
   Panelists: Dennis Arjo, Johnson County Community College; “Of Unswerving Horses and Immortal Souls: a Comparison of Confucius’ Use of The Book of Songs and Socrates’ Appeal to Poets in the Meno”
   Marthe Chandler, DePauw University; “Education and Poetry;
2:00-3:30 pm—Six Concurrent Panel Sessions

ASDP Sessions 15-16
19) “Infusing Asian Values into a Team Taught Introductory English-Psychology Class”
Panelists: Dan Bellack and Katherine Purcell, Trident Technical College

20) “Asian Philosophy”
Panelists: James Peterman, Sewanee, University of the South; Predicaments of Contemporary Confucianism
Shudong Chen, Johnson County Community College; Searching for Silence across Cultures: Does Silence Speak?
Terry L. Mazurak, Albertson College; “The Diamond Sutra and the Logic of What is not Taught”

AN Sessions 5-8
21) MP 110: “Journey to the East: Reflection, Program Design and Pedagogy – A Roundtable Discussion by Freeman College-in-Asia Grantees”
Chair: Hue-ping Chin, Drury College
Panelists: Vanessa Chio, University of Wisconsin, Tacoma; Steven DeCarolli, Goucher College; Andrew Chittick, Eckerd College; Veena Deo, Hamline University; Diane Clayton, Hamline University

22) Ballroom A: “Teaching about Islam in Asia”
Chair: Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University
Panelists: Bob Entenmann, St. Olaf College; “Chinese Muslims and other Muslims in China” Amina Steinfields, Mt. Holyoke College; “Teaching about Islam in South Asia: Both Marginal and Mainstream” Mark Berksen, Hamline University; “Non-Muslims Teaching Islam” Discussant: Zeki Saritoprak

23) Board Room #1: “Koreans in Japan and Current Japanese Views on Koreans”
Co-Chairs: Yoshiko Nagaoka and T. James Kodera

24) Board Room #2: “Vietnam Today”
Chair: Alan Katz, Fairfield University

ASDP Sessions 17-18
Chair: Roger Ames, University of Hawai’i at Manoa
Panelists: Jeff Richey, Berea College; “I Robot: the Body as Machine in the Liez/” Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University; “Reading the Zhuangzi in Liez: Redefining Xian-ship” Suzanne Cahill, University of California, San Diego; TBA

26) “The Application and Integration of Asian Culture in the Teaching of Business and Management”

AN Sessions 9-12
27) MP 110: “Incorporating Minorities in the Teaching of China”
Chair: Chia Ning, Central College
Panelists: Marsha Smith, Augustana College; “Constructing Identity: Tensions in Defining Naxi/Mosuo and Bai/Yi Ethnicities”; Li-hua Ying, Bard College; “Encountering the Other: Writing about Ethnic Minorities in China” Brian Dott, Whitman College; “Un-Othering Minorities in Chinese History” Discussant: Chia Ning, Central College

28) Board Room #1: “Utilizing East Asian Library Resources in the Internet Age”
Chair: Phyllis Larson, St. Olaf College
Panelists: Yunshan Ye, Carleton, Macalester, and St. Olaf Colleges; “Chinese Library Resources in the Internet Age” Hitoshi Kamada, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Arizona; “Japanese Resources”

29) Board Room #2: “The Hidden Empowerment of South and Southeast Asian Women: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives”
Co-Chairs: Veena Khandke and Savita Nair
Panelists: Savita Nair, Carleton University; “May I Help You? Indian Women Negotiate Space and Power” Tamara Valentine, University of Nevada, Reno; “Rattling the Gilded Cage: Bilingual South Asian Women Write” Veena Khandke, University of South Carolina Upstate; “Schooling
and Empowerment of Indian Women;” and Ray Chandrasekara, Albany College of Pharmacy: “Gods of Small Things”

30) Ballroom A: “2004 Freeman Student-Faculty Research Projects (Poster Session) Chair: Teddy Amoloza, Illinois Wesleyan University Panels: 2004 Freeman-funded students from six projects 5:45-6:45 pm—Reception, at the Shannon Center, Whittier College 6:30-7:30 pm—Tea Ceremony Demonstration by Akira Takemoto and students, Whitman College, at the Shannon Center, Whittier College 7:45-9:00 pm—AN Dinner, Whittier College 9:00-9:30 pm—AN Business Meeting, Whittier College

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
7:00-7:30 am—Breakfast 7:00-7:30 am—AN Board Meeting 8:45-9:45 am—Ballroom A: Plenary Session: “The AN/Luce Arts Consultancy Project: a Work in Progress” Chair: Joan O’Mara, Washington and Lee University Panels: Stan Mickel, Project Coordinator, Wittenberg University Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College Paul Nietuski, John Carroll University 9:45-10:00 am—Refreshments 10:00-11:30 am—Concurrent AN Sessions 13-16
31) Ballroom Room #1: “Hong Kong, China: New Opportunities for Educational Exchange” Chair: David Adams, Council for Int’l. Exchange of Scholars Panels: David Adams, CIES; Fulbright Representative for NE and SE Asia; “Hong Kong, China and Fulbright Scholar Program Resources” Glenn Shive, Hong Kong-America Center; “Hong Kong, China: New Opportunities for Exchange” Wellington Chan, Occidental College; “Hong Kong’s Resources for American Students and Scholars Studying in China”
32) Ballroom Room #2: “Beyond the Four Walls of the Classroom: Learning through Doing in the First-Year Course on Japanese Language and Culture” Chair: Joan Ericson, Colorado College Panels: Joan Ericson; “Creating New Ways to Continue Learning After Class Is Over;” Jerry Switzer and Cecilia Gonzales, Colorado College; “Tearing out the Lawn: Creating a Dry Japanese Garden at Colorado College;” Yumiko Guajardo, Colorado College; “Learning through Teaching;” Lexi Franks, student at Colorado College; “What I Didn’t Expect to Learn in College” 33) MP 110: “Taking Asian Studies to the Students: Getting the Message across at Pacific University” Chair: Tanya Storch, Pacific University Panels: Lu Jie, Pacific University; “Challenges and Strategies for Teaching Asian Film to Undergraduate Students” Greg Rohlf, Pacific University; “Asian Studies and Undergraduate Professional Education: Put Students in Charge!” Tanya Storch, Pacific University; “Using Local Communities in Teaching Courses about Asian Religions”

34) Board Room #3: “From Admission to Orientation: a Four-Month Window for Asian Students to Start Crossing Intercultural Bridges” Chair: Dorothy Guyot, Administrator, Pre-Collegiate Program, Diplomatic School, Yangon Panels: Yamin Htet, Pre-Collegiate Program, Yangon, and now a student at Furman University; “From Inside a Pharmaceutical Factory” Nyantha Maw (Seth) Lin, Pre-Collegiate Program, Yangon, and now a student at Carleton College; “Touchstones Discussions Aid Reasoning Together” Martha Butt, Administrator, Payap University, Chiang Mai, and Ohm Chanteyoon, Payap University, Chiang Mai, and now a violinist and student at University of Oregon; “A Thai Perspective on Crossing Bridges” Peter McCagg, Administrator, International Christian University, Tokyo, and Ayako Imai, International Christian University, Tokyo, and now a student at University of California, Los Angeles; “A Japanese Perspective”
11:45-1:00 pm—Closing AN Luncheon Conference Registration Registration Deadline: April 7, 2005 Registration Fee: $145.00 for ASIANetwork members; $155.00 for non-members (includes conference fees, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch). Late Registration: Conference registration received after April 7, 2005 will be $155.00 for members, $165.00 for non-members. Day Registration Fee is the basic Conference Registration Fee, as above. It covers conference charges, the cost of Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch, refreshments, and use of the facilities at the Radisson Hotel. The Conference Registration Fee should be paid by check or money order (the ASIANetwork office is not equipped to handle credit card charges), made out to ASIANetwork, and mailed to: Dr. Van J. Symons, Executive Director ASIANetwork Augustana College 639-38th Street Rock Island, IL 61201-2296 (309) 794-7413.

Accommodations (with Breakfast) Conference Site: Radisson Hotel, Whittier, CA (in the greater Los Angeles area) Reservation Number: 1-562-945-8511 Reservation Deadline: April 7, 2005, for conference rates. The meeting package rate is $79.00 per night per room (whether the room is a single or a double), and includes a Full American Breakfast for each person in the room. Sharing of accommodations is encouraged, in order to accommodate as many conference attendees on site as possible. This rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes. Individuals should identify themselves as participating in the ASIANetwork Conference when they make reservations.

Pre-Conference Tour The cost of the Friday, April 22 1/2-day tour of Asia-related sites in the LA area, including vegetarian lunch and a tour at the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple in Hacienda Heights, and admission to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, is $30.00 (including the cost of lunch and admissions to both temple and museum). Those who want to participate in the tour are encouraged to make their reservations early. Please submit this amount when you register for the conference.

Travel Information The Radisson Hotel is located in Whittier, CA, and is served by flights arriving at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), the airport closest to Whittier. Airports at Burbank, Long Beach, Ontario, and Santa Ana also serve the greater Los Angeles area. Ground transportation, by limousine or bus, to Whittier and the Radisson from each of the airports is available. Travel times and costs vary; please contact individual airports for details.

If you have questions about the conference, you may address them to Joan H. O’Mara, ASIANetwork Board Chair, at omara@wu.edu, or to Van J. Symons, Executive Director, at hisymons@augustana.edu.