



**ASIA:
BODY AND SPIRIT**

**23rd Annual Conference
April 10 – 12, 2015**

**Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
*Hosted by Webster University***



Welcome to St Louis!

The 2015 ASIANetwork Conference theme is ASIA: BODY AND SPIRIT. As Asianists, we study vastly different aspects of life in Asia: the languages, arts, histories, literatures, philosophies, religions, social structures, political systems, economies, and environments. But all of these aspects have something in common, which is the emphasis on the peoples of Asia. As scholars and teachers, we devote our intellectual attention to the understanding of human experiences in Asia. They are always embodied, and spiritual life is often a significant part.

At this year's conference, we honor the embodied nature of Asian societies as well as their spiritual lives. Furthermore, we hope to find ways to explore how the spiritual is mediated through the body, and how the embodied nature of society affects the production of cultures, politics, economics, and the environment. These are issues that we encounter in our historical studies of Asia, and they are also essential to our understanding of Asian societies today.

On behalf of the program committee, the Chair of the AN Board Steven Emmanuel, and our Executive Director Gary DeCoker, I wish you a productive and enjoyable experience at the conference!

Anna Sun

Program Chair, ASIANetwork 2015 Conference

Vice Chair, ASIANetwork Board

Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies, Kenyon College



ASIANetwork thanks Webster University and its Confucius Institute for hosting our conference. Established in 2008, the Webster CI quickly established itself on campus and in the St. Louis public schools and adult learning community. In 2012 and 2014, it was named "Confucius Institute of the Year" by CI Headquarters.

2015-16 ASIANetwork Programs

For details and deadlines, see ASIANetwork.org

AN - Mellon Foundation Faculty Enhancement Program

Japan Summer 2016

Opportunity for 10 faculty members to study and travel to a country in Asia that lies outside their primary range of expertise

AN – Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program

Grants of \$40,000 for partial support for the hiring of a teaching fellow

AN – Freeman Foundation Student Faculty Fellows Program

Grants of up to \$46,000 to support travel in Asia for students and faculty mentors

Marianna McJimsey Student Paper Competition

For undergraduate students and previous year's graduates writing on South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, or the Asian Diaspora

Teddy Amoloza Conference Travel Award

Given to up to four junior faculty members who are presenting papers at the ASIANetwork Annual Meeting

Asian Studies Consultant Program

Matches consultants with colleges conducting program reviews or seeking outside advice on ways to strengthen the study of Asia on their campuses

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Got a good idea for a new program? Share it with a board member.

Decode the Conference Badges

For additional information, see your conference packet.

BD. Board of Directors
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ANFEP. Faculty Enhancement Program
PD. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program
SFF. Student-Faculty Fellow Program
FC. First Time Conference Attendee

FRIDAY PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

F Pre-registration required.

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8:30 am – 5:00 pm Pershing/Lindell
ASIANetwork Board Meeting

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Landmark 5
Orientation for the 2015 Mellon Faculty Enhancement Program Participants
Conveners: Rob Dayley, The College of Idaho
Bonnie Brereton, Independent Scholar, Chiang Mai, Thailand

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Landmark 6
Orientation for 2015 Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Recipients
Convener: Zheyu Gai, Washington & Jefferson College

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Landmark 7
Workshop: Living in Harmony with Nature: Daoist and Buddhist Qigong
Facilitators: Ming-Dao Deng, author and artist
Aimin Shen, Hanover College

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND BOOK EXHIBIT (FRIDAY – SUNDAY)

Conference Registration Landmark Foyer
Friday, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Book Exhibit Landmark Foyer
Library of Social Science
Friday, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Recycle your conference name badge

After the conference, drop your lanyard and name badge in the box at the Registration Window or at the hotel Check-out Desk.

Thanks!

Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Reception and Entertainment

Sponsored by the Webster University Confucius Institute

Old Post Office
(near conference hotel)

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm

Dinner & Conference Welcome and Recognitions

Steven Emmanuel, ASIANetwork Board Chair

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Keynote Address

8:00 pm – 9:15 pm

“Senses and Values of Oneness,” P. J. Ivanhoe

Director, Laboratory on Korean Philosophy in Comparative Perspectives, City
University of Hong Kong

Introduction: Anna Sun, Kenyon College

Landmark 1-4

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast: Continental Buffet

Landmark Foyer

Breakfast Informational Roundtables (open to all)

- Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Program
Zheya Gai, Director
- Luce Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program
Teddy Amoloza, Director
- The Japan Foundation (NY), Japanese Studies Grant Programs
Emily Rosenberg, Associate Program Officer

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Keynote Address

9:00 am – 10:15 am

“A Chinese Detective in the Global Age?” Xiaolong Qiu

Poet, literary translator, critic, and crime novelist

Introduction: Robert Hegel, Washington University in St. Louis

Landmark 1-4

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Refreshment Break

Landmark Foyer

10:30 am – 12:00 pm
CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION ONE

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1.1 The Mediated Body and Mind

Landmark 5

Organizer and Chair: Anna Sun, Kenyon College

- Steven Emmanuel, Virginia Wesleyan College, “Suzuki Shosan and the Cultivation of ‘Valorous Mind’”
- Andrew Dell’Olio, Hope College, “Taijiquan as a Way of Life: The Philosophy of Zheng Manqing”
- Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, “The Mediated Body at Eihei-ji Zen Monastery, Japan”
- James McRae, Westminster College, “Unfettered Mind, Unhindered Body: Zen Master Takuan on the Spiritual Value of the Martial Arts”

**1.2 Approaching Tibetan Religion through
the Meditative Traditions of Dzogchen**

Landmark 6

Organizer and Chair: Kammie Takahashi, Muhlenberg College

- Kammie Takahashi, Muhlenberg College, “Unobserved, Unobserving: Meditations on Nonduality in Early Tibetan Tantra”
- William Gorvine, Hendrix College, “Teaching Tibetan Religion through the ‘Great Perfection’ (Dzogchen): Memoirs and Meditations”
- Alyson Prude, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, “Questions of Body and Spirit: Bringing Tibetan Studies Research into the Undergraduate Classroom”

1.3 Sustainability and Environmental Issues in China

Landmark 7

Organizer and Chair: Fuji Lozada, Davidson College

- Yongsheng Wang, Washington and Jefferson College, “Studying Sustainability within the Automobile Industries of Japan and China”
- Cheryl Heinz, Benedictine University, “Pollination and Floral Visitors in China”
- Jeff Mittelstadt and Elizabeth Stevens, Davidson College, “New Chinese Farmers: Food and Sustainability Issues in Shanghai”
- Yu Zhou, Vassar College, “Analyzing Chinese Green Building through Ecological Modernization Perspective”

1.4 Identity and Culture in Asia

Westmoreland/Kingsbury

Organizer and Chair: Todd Munson, Randolph-Macon College

- Todd Munson, Randolph-Macon College, “Smoking With Samurai: The Japanese Other in 19th century Cigarette Cards”
- James M. Hastings, Wingate University, “Identity and Revival in a South Indian Jain Center of Pilgrimage”
- Kyle Anderson, Centre College, “Translating Su Tong”
- Hongwei Lu, University of Redlands, “Adolescent Masculinity and Social Adaptation of Contemporary Chinese Youth”

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Landmark Foyer

Lunch Buffet

Lunch Informational Roundtables (open to all)

- Mellon Faculty Enhancement Program
Ronnie Littlejohn, Director
Wendy Kozol and Ann Sherif, Oberlin College, Co-directors, Japan 2016
- Luce Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows Program
Teddy Amoloza, Director
- *ASIANetwork Exchange*
Erin McCarthy and Lisa Trivedi, Co-editors
- The Japan Foundation (NY), Japanese Studies Grant Programs
Emily Rosenberg, Associate Program Officer
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Barbara Ashbrook, Assistant Director
- SIT Study Abroad Asia Pacific Programs
Brian Hammer, Academic Dean

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1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION TWO

**2.1 The Body Politic: At Home
and Beyond in China and India**

Landmark 5

Organizer and Chair: Sherry Mou, DePauw University

- Steven Day, Benedictine University, “Tropes of Contagion: Gu Ding’s New Life and the Rhetoric of Colonialism in Chinese Literature from Manchukuo”
- Jason Fuller, DePauw University, “Devotional Bodies of the Bengal Renaissance: The Politics of Bhakti in Late Nineteenth-Century Kolkata”
- Reeta Tremblay, University of Victoria, BC, “Modi’-fying India’s Foreign Policy in Its Neighborhood: Cooperative Federalism in the Making?”
- Sherry Mou, DePauw University, “Androgyny and Ambiguity Allowed: Confucianism in the Market Economics of Guo Jingming, Post-’80s Writer”
- Sunil Sahu, DePauw University, “Modi Wave: Modern Technology and the 2014 Parliamentary Elections”

2.2 The Spirit of Modern Commerce

Landmark 6

Chair: Grace F. Johnson, Marietta College

- Stephen Kolenda and Pinki V. Srivastava, Hartwick College, “Indian Culture’s Effect on Its Modern Business Practice”
- Christopher Herrick, Muhlenberg College, “China’s Shifting Relations with Southeast Asia”
- Grace F. Johnson, Marietta College, “Master Yang and the Tibetan-Qiang Embroidery Center: Protecting Cultural Heritage and Continuing the Tradition”

2.3 Religion as an Agent of Social JusticeLandmark 7

Organizer and Chair: T. James Kodera, Wellesley College

- Piya Chatterjee, Scripps College, “Learning from Grassroots: Religiosities, Social Justice, and Rural Women’s Organizing in Bengal through Transnational Lens”
- Kunihiro Terasawa, Wartburg College, “Buddhism and Social Justice: Seno’o Giro’s Buddhist Socialism and Anti-Fascist Movement in 1930s-1940s Japan”
- Joshua Samuel, Union Theological Seminary, “Liberating God/dess: Exploring Hinduism and Christianity in the Emancipatory Struggles of the Paraiyar (Dalit/Untouchable) Communities in South India”
- T. James Kodera, Wellesley College, “Nagasaki as the ‘City of Prayer’: How It Came to Be and How It Is Evolving”

**2.4 ASIANetwork-Luce Foundation
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows**Westmoreland/Kingsbury*The 2014-15 ASIANetwork-Luce Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows will discuss their research and how it impacts their teaching at the undergraduate level.*

Organizer and Chair: Teddy Amoloza, Illinois Wesleyan University

- Lauren McKee, Berea College, “Modeling Conflict and Cooperation: Classroom Successes (and Challenges) Using Simulation Exercises”
- Sarah Grant, Hendrix College, “New Currents in Southeast Asian Studies: Familiar Research, Modish Classroom”
- Kai Tang, Hope College, “Conducting Ethnographic Research in the Classroom”
- Arnab Banerji, Muhlenberg College, “Masked Faces, Deafening Music, Giant Dolls, and Imbibing God: Teaching Asian Performance in a Liberal Arts College”

**2.5 ASIANetwork-Freeman
Student Faculty Fellows Poster Session**Outer Foyer

Convener: Zheya Gai, Washington & Jefferson College

Poster Display, 2014 ASIANetwork Student and Faculty Fellows

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Landmark Foyer**Refreshment Break**

Thanks to the Library of Social Science
for providing the book exhibit.

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm
CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION THREE

3.1 Asia and the African Diaspora

Landmark 5

Organizer and Chair: Tinaz Pavri, Spelman College

- Tinaz Pavri, Spelman College, “Human Rights, Civil Rights, and African Immigrants in the New India: A Case Study”
- Bernice Scott, Spelman College, “China’s Entry into the Caribbean”
- Richard Lu, Spelman College, “Africans in Guangzhou”

3.2 The Mongol Nexus of Eurasian History

Landmark 6

Organizer and Chair: Peter Hershock, East-West Center, University of Hawai’i

- Morris Rossabi, Columbia University, “Mongols and the Making of Eurasian History: A Work in Progress”
- Jina Kim, Smith College, “Pax Mongolia: Cultural Exchanges between Koryo and Yuan”
- Colleen Ho, University of Maryland, College Park, “Mongol Impacts on the Crusades: Asia in Medieval European History”

3.3 Why Cambodia?

Landmark 7

Organizer and Chair: Marsha Smith, Augustana College

- Marsha Smith, Augustana College, “Service Learning with Life and Hope Association in Siem Reap”
- Felicia Datallo, Augustana College, “Experiences working with Life and Hope Association”
- Deb Freund, UW-Eau Claire, “Camping with the Khmer Rouge: Mid-Western Undergraduates Working with Monks and Ex-soldiers to Conserve Cambodia’s Forests”

3.4 The Culture and Politics of Commerce

Westmoreland/Kingsbury

Chair: Sook Yee Leung, Chatham University

- Charles Andrews, Southern New Hampshire University, “The Death of a Meiji Business Man: Sasaki Sosuke and the Politics of Transport in Japan”
- Sam Pack, Kenyon College, “K-Popped: South Korean Media Exports in the Philippines”
- Sook Yee Leung, Chatham University, “Relationship Networks, Family Dynamics, and Gender Issues: A Study of Women-led Hospitality Businesses in Regional Hubs of Taiwan”

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5:00 pm— 6:00 pm

Landmark 5/6

Business Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend.

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6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner on your own

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Landmark 4

Luce Environmental Film Series: “Pad Yatra: A Green Odyssey”

Film screening and conversation with filmmaker Wendy Lee

Facilitator: Steven Emmanuel, Virginia Wesleyan College

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Pershing/Lindell

Board Meeting

6:30 am – 8:00 am

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CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION FOUR

4.1 The Body and Gender in Asia: Image, Text, and Practice

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Organizer and Chair: Ihor Pidhainy, Marietta College

- Ihor Pidhainy, Marietta College, “Men Among Women: Males in Female Chapters of the Mingshi”
- Chaya Chandrasekhar, Marietta College, “Celestial Beauties or Earthly Revellers: The Female Form in South Asian Art and Architecture”
- Jeff Cordell, Marietta College, “Working with Bodies, Viewpoints, and Ideas of the East: Marietta College’s 2013 Production of Mary Zimmerman’s *The Arabian Nights*”

4.2 Education in International PerspectivesLandmark 6

Chair: Randall Nadeau, Trinity University

- Randall Nadeau, Trinity University, “Internationalization of Higher Education in Taiwan: Challenges and Prospects”
- Reiko Itoh & J. J. Sadler, Illinois College, “Creating Internship Opportunities for Japanese Studies Students in the Rural Midwest”
- Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, “Two Confucian Theories on Children and Childhood: Commentaries on the Analects and the Mengzi”

4.3 The Teddy Amoloza Conference Awards PanelLandmark 7

Organizer and Chair: Teddy Amoloza, Illinois Wesleyan University

- Li Han, Rhodes College, “From Astor Court to the Garden of Flowing Fragrance: Exhibiting Chinese-ness in America”
- Mari Nagase, Augustana College, “In Search of ‘One’s Own Poetry’: Ema Saiko and the Construction of an Authentic Female Voice in Early Modern Japan”
- Leila Zakhirova, Concordia College, “The US-China Race to Renewable Energy: Who Is Winning and Does It Matter?”
- Leihua Weng, Pacific Lutheran University, “Agriculture in Liu Cixin’s Three Body Trilogy”

4.4 ANFEP: India Summer 2014 ProgramWestmoreland/Kingsbury

This panel will report on the 2014 ASIANetwork Faculty Enhancement Program (ANFEP): India Seminar.

- George Brown, Slippery Rock University
- Timothy Brown, Randolph-Macon College
- Sharon Bailey Glasco, Linfield College
- James Godde, Monmouth College (not able to attend)
- Danielle Kane, DePauw University
- Stephen Kolenda, Hartwick College
- Lauren Lacey, Edgewood College
- Joy Ochs, Mount Mercy University
- Stella Xu, Roanoke College (not able to attend)
- Yu Zhou, Vassar College
- Catherine Benton, Seminar Co-Director, Lake Forest College
- Jim Lochtefeld, Seminar Co-Director, Carthage College

Keynote Address

9:30 am – 10:45 am

Landmark 5/6**“Handling the Spiritual in Japan: Tarot and Oracle Cards,” Laura Miller**

Professor of Japanese Studies & Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Introduction: Gary DeCoker, ASIANetwork Executive Director

10:45 am – 11:00 am

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Refreshment Break

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm

CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION FIVE

5.1 Gendered Bodies in China

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Chair: Carol Brash, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

- Victor Chan, Hang Seng Management College, "Constructing Mutual Trust in Healing: A Study of Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine Shops in Hong Kong"
- Yi Sun, University of San Diego, "Imaging Chinese Women: Changing Visuals and Transformed Lives"
- Carol Brash, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, "Gendered Bodies in Chinese Photography"

5.2 Vietnam: Bodies and Spirits

Landmark 6

Organizer and Chair: Jack Harris, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- Jack Harris, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, "After Communism and Capitalism: What Is Left of Traditional Vietnam?"
- Ann Ericson, Augustana College, "Bringing Big Mac to Fanciers of Pho: McDonald's Enters Vietnam"
- Vincent Gaddis, Benedictine University, "Imagining Vietnam in War and Peace – Embodied Spirits"

5.3 Teaching Asia: How to Avoid Reifying and Exotifying Culture

Landmark 7

Organizer and Chair: Roy Tamashiro, Webster University

- Roy Tamashiro, Webster University, "What IS Wrong with Reifying Asian Identities and Cultures in International Studies / Global Issues Courses?"
- Elsa Fan, Webster University, "Reimagining Asia: The Politics of Representation and the Cultural *Other*"
- Jeannie Lum, University of Hawai'i, "Cultivating Global Consciousness: Prospects for Transdisciplinary and Transformative Learning Approaches in Peace Education"
- Jong Bum Kwon, Webster University, "Specters of the East: Cultural Memory as a Critical Framework for the Study of Asia"

12:30

End of conference

Award Recipients

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Lincoln Davidson (Davidson College, Political Science)

“Linked Without Linking: The Role of Mainland China’s Taiwanese Students in Cross-Strait Unification”

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Leihua Weng, Pacific Lutheran University

Papers will be presented at Panel 4.3 on Sunday, 8:00 – 9:30



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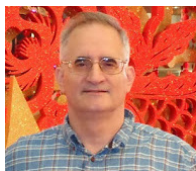
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Conference Speakers



P. J. Ivanhoe, Chair Professor of East Asian Comparative Philosophy & Religion, City University of Hong Kong. (B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University). Professor Ivanhoe specializes in the history of East Asian philosophy and religion and their potential for contemporary ethical, political, and social thought. He is the author, editor, and translator of many books including *Confucian Reflections: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times* and *Confucian Moral Self Cultivation*.



Qiu Xiaolong is the author of the award-winning Inspector Chen series of mystery novels. His books have sold over a million copies and have been published in twenty languages. In the 1980's, he published prize-winning poetry, translation, and criticism in Chinese and became a member of the Chinese Writers' Association. In 1988, he came to the United States, started writing in English, and obtained a Ph.D. in comparative literature at Washington University. In addition to his mystery novels, he has published two poetry translations, *Treasury of Chinese Love Poems* and *Evoking T'ang*, and his own poetry collection, *Lines Around China*.



Laura Miller, Professor of Japanese Studies & Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis. (B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles). Dr. Miller has published more than fifty articles and book chapters on Japanese culture and language, including topics such as English loanwords in Japanese, the wizard boom, girls' slang, and print club photos. She is currently working on a new book project tentatively entitled *Japanese Girl Stuff*, which builds on her multiple interests and expertise in linguistic anthropology, Japanese popular culture, and gender and media.

See you next year!

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