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
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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

“My Idea Here” Program
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
FBD. Former Board of Directors
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

Pre-registration required.

8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Pershing/Lindell
ASHNetwork 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: Zheya 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!
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm          Old Post Office
Reception and Entertainment (near conference hotel)
Sponsored by the Webster University Confucius Institute

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm          Landmark 1-4
Dinner & Conference Welcome and Recognitions
Steven Emmanuel, ASIANetwork Board Chair

Keynote Address          Landmark 1-4
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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

7:00 am – 8:30 am          Landmark Foyer
Breakfast: Continental Buffet

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

Keynote Address          Landmark 1-4
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

10:15 am – 10:30 am          Landmark Foyer
Refreshment Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION ONE

1.1 The Mediated Body and Mind
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 Eiheiji Zen Monastery, Japan”

1.2 Approaching Tibetan Religion through the Meditative Traditions of Dzogchen
Organizer and Chair: Kammie Takahashi, Muhlenberg College
- Kammie Takahashi, Muhlenberg College, “Unobserved, Unobserving: Meditations on Nonduality in Early Tibetan Tantra”
- 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
Organizer and Chair: Fuji Lozada, Davidson College
- 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”

1.4 Identity and Culture in Asia
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
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institutes
  Barbara Ashbrook, Assistant Director
- SIT Study Abroad Asia Pacific Programs
  Brian Hammer, Academic Dean

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”

2.2 The Spirit of Modern Commerce  Landmark 6
Chair: Grace F. Johnson, Marietta College
- Christopher Herrick, Muhlenberg College, “China’s Shifting Relations with Southeast Asia”
2.3 Religion as an Agent of Social Justice
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”
- 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

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
Organizer and Chair: Tinaz Pavri, Spelman College
- 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
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?
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
Chair: Sook Yee Leung, Chatham University
- 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”

3.5 ASIANetwork-Freeman
Student Faculty Fellows Poster Session
Convener: Zheya Gai, Washington & Jefferson College
Poster Display, 2014 ASIANetwork Student and Faculty Fellows
5:00 pm—6:00 pm

Business Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend.

6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Dinner on your own

8:00 pm—9:30 pm

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

Board Meeting

6:30 am—8:00 am

Breakfast: Continental Buffet

Breakfast Informational Roundtables (open to all)

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8:00 am—9:30 am

CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION FOUR

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

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 Perspectives
Chair: Randall Nadeau, Trinity University
- Randall Nadeau, Trinity University, “Internationalization of Higher Education in Taiwan: Challenges and Prospects”
- 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 Panel
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”
- Leihua Weng, Pacific Lutheran University, “Agriculture in Liu Cixin’s Three Body Trilogy”

4.4 ANFEP: India Summer 2014 Program
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
“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
Refreshment Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
CONCURRENT PANEL SESSION FIVE

5.1 Gendered Bodies in China
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
Organizer and Chair: Jack Harris, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- Vincent Gaddis, Benedictine University, “Imagining Vietnam in War and Peace – Embodied Spirits”

5.3 Teaching Asia: How to Avoid Reifying and Exotifying Culture
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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Mari Nagase, Augustana College
Leila Zakhirova, Concordia College
Leihua Weng, Pacific Lutheran University

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

P. J. Ivahhoe, 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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