CET Academic Programs

Sean M. Bell, Special Projects Officer, CET Academic Programs, and active ASIANetwork member, has returned to graduate school, University of Washington, Seattle.
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Grinnell College

Dongyan Yang, Department of Foreign Language Teaching, Nanjing University, is the 1998-1999 Grinnell-Nanjing Exchange faculty member. She will teach "Advanced Chinese" and "Chinese Conversation," and will assist in the Beginning and Intermediate Chinese classes. Zhibiao Liu, Vice Dean and Professor, International Business School, Nanjing University, holds the post of the 1998-1999 Visiting Nanjing Scholar.
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University of Pittsburgh

October 13-14, 1998, performances of the play Silence, based on the novel by Shusaku Endo, will take place in the Stephen Foster Theater, University of Pittsburgh. This will be a totally bilingual performance, some actors speaking Japanese and others speaking only English.
Contact: Asian Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh; Tel.: 412-6487370.

June 14, 1999, the Asian Studies Program will host a one-day conference for college teachers in the region, "Challenges and New Perspectives Concerning the Inclusion of Asia within the Undergraduate Curriculum."

Pitt in China Program offers a summer 1999 undergraduate program of study in language, history, and culture at Beijing University. The Pitt in China program has scholarship funds available through a grant from the Freeman Foundation.
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University of Puget Sound

Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Comparative Sociology, will teach courses in the Comparative Sociology Department, Political Economy Program, and Asian Studies Program. A geographer, Kontogeorgopoulos earned his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. The new tenure track position, established for the study of the political economy of Southeast Asia, is made possible by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Charles "Pat" Giersch, History, assumes a two-year appointment, replacing Suzanne Barnett during her tenure as the university's distinguished Albertson Chair (focusing her teaching on the university's core curriculum). Giersch, a China historian, specializes in 16th-century Qing-dynasty frontier policy toward the Tai peoples in the southwest. He received his Ph.D. from Yale.

Tetsuo Najita, History, The University of Chicago, will be in residence in the spring of 1999, leading the Catharine Gould Chism Faculty Seminar in Asian Studies for a group of faculty, including members of the Asian Studies Program. He will also teach a course on the intellectual history of the political economy of Japan (mid-Tokugawa era to the postwar period). Najita was a 1997 ASIANetwork Conference keynote speaker.
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