Deborah Sommer, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Butler University, China
Hong Jiang, Chinese Language and Literature, The Colorado College, China
David Martin, Economics, Davidson College, India
Victoria Baker, Anthropology, Eckerd College, Sri Lanka
Brian Hatcher, Religion and Humanities, Illinois Wesleyan University, India
Carol Anderson, Religion, Kalamazoo College, Sri Lanka
Xun Zhang Pomponio, Economics, St. Olaf College, China
Elisabeth Benard, Asian Studies, University of Puget Sound, India
Joel Smith, Philosophy, Skidmore College, India (Ladakh)

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1998 College in Asia Summer Institute participants

The 1998 College in Asia Summer Institute Program participants are listed here for prospective applicants who wish to discuss with them the first year of the three-year program.

Hiram College, Steve Zabor, Associate Dean of the College, Economics, and Lisa Safford, Art History
John Carroll University, Nick Baumgartner, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Roger Purdy, History
St. Olaf College, Ronald Lee, Associate Dean, and Robert Entenmann, History
Spelman College, Bernice Scott, Chair, Economics, Senior Member, College Curriculum Committee, and Tinaz Pavri, Political Science.

The Institute director is Norm Moline, Geography, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61201; Tel.: 309/794-7303; <ggmoline@augustana.edu>

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INTRODUCING A NEW ASIANetwork SERVICE

THE ASIANetwork CONSULTANCY ADVISORY PROGRAM

Van Symons
History, Augustana College

Van Symons teaches two survey courses, “Traditional East Asia: China and Japan” and “Modern East Asia: China and Japan;” four upper division history offerings: “China: The Last Dynasty (1644-1912),” “China: The Twentieth Century,” “Modern Japan,” and “Seminar in History.”

The ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory Program will draw from the recently completed four-year long Henry Luce Foundation funded ASIANetwork Consultancy Program. The Consultancy Program matched experienced consultants from established Asian Studies programs at liberal arts colleges with ASIANetwork member institutions seeking advice on how to strengthen the study of Asia on their campuses.

The highly successful ASIANetwork Consultancy program matched paired consultants with twenty-two colleges for two-day on site visits. Consultants were sometimes asked to address specific issues such as how to strengthen Asian language offerings, enhance Asian library collections, or develop stronger study in Asia initiatives. At other times, they simply evaluated the overall quality of an Asian Studies major and made suggestions on how to strengthen it. Shortly after the completion of the consultancy visit, consultants provided the college with an assessment report and suggestions on how to strengthen the institution’s Asian program.

Dramatic effects of consultancy visits

Consultancy visits often have a dramatic effect on the host college by helping it better recognize existing faculty, library, and institutional assets; by strengthening the community of Asianists on campus; and by enhancing the dialogue between college faculty and administrators.

In the past, the Henry Luce Foundation funding for consultancies covered the transportation costs to and from the host college and provided an honorarium for each consultant. The host colleges met the housing and meal costs of the visiting consultants. Such expenses
were not as high as one might imagine, and ASIANetwork hopes that although there is no external funding, colleges needing consultancies will rely upon the ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory Program.

Drawing from its list of thirty colleagues who served as consultants in the Henry Luce Foundation funded program and its four-year long experience in conducting consultancies, the ASIANetwork Consultancy Advisory program can recommend possible consultants and suggest effective ways to prepare for their visit.

We are happy to report that the Advisory Program has already arranged a consultancy for an ASIANetwork member institution for the fall of 1998. In the absence of external financial assistance, it will involve one seasoned consultant, rather than two, and matches a consultant who lives near to the college seeking the consultancy to cut down on transportation costs. The honorarium given the consultant is a matter that will be left for negotiation between the consultant and the host institution. Under the Henry Luce Foundation funded program, each consultant received a $1000 honorarium.

ASIANetwork asks nothing for this advisory service. It is offered free to ASIANetwork member institutions.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ASIANetwork BOARD MEMBERS

Teodora Amoloza
Sociology, Illinois Wesleyan University

It is time for nominations to the ASIANetwork Board of Directors. Each year the current Board brings a slate of at least three names to the membership for election at the annual meeting of the association on the Sunday of the annual meeting (our next annual meeting is in Tacoma, Washington from April 23-25, 1999). At the 1998 meeting at Hickory Ridge, Lisle, IL, we called for nominations. This note is a reminder to the membership: please recommend to the Board colleagues from member institutions who you feel would guide our collective activities well. When you submit a name for nomination, please include the following information about your nominee: institutional affiliation and address, academic discipline, and Asian region of specialization.

Nominating committee
Please submit recommendations to members of the Nominating Committee: Teddy Amoloza <tamoloza@titan.iwu.edu>; Suzanne Barnett <sbarnett@ups.edu>, or Tom Coburn <tcob@ccmaillink.stlawu.edu> or to the Executive Director, Marianna McJimsey <mmcjmsey@ColoradoCollege.edu>.

From the recommendations made by members, at least three candidates will be selected by the Board for nomination, taking into account the need the Board has for balance in order to represent fairly the broad range of colleges that are a part of the consortium, the different regions of the country we come from, the different areas and disciplines of special research and teaching of our membership, gender, age, and other factors. These nominations will be announced, with background information on each candidate, in the winter/spring issue of the ASIANetwork Exchange that will come out before the annual meeting.

Elections will be held from that list, along with any additional member nominations, during the Sunday April 24, 1999 morning business meeting. If you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact any member of the nominating committee or the ASIANetwork Board.

VOTE OF THANKS

The ASIANetwork thanks the retiring members of the Board of Directors whose terms expired in April 1998: Timothy Cheek, History, The Colorado College; Mark Unno, Religion, Carleton College, and 1997-1998 ASIANetwork Board Chair, Van Symons, History, Augustana College. ASIANetwork Board members volunteer much time on several Board committees. We are grateful to Tim Cheek and Mark Unno for their skills in bringing the ASIANetwork website (www.asianetwork.org) to reality. We thank Van Symons for his leadership of the ASIANetwork and for his organization of the 1998 ASIANetwork Conference.