ASIANetwork Initiatives
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Announcement of the 9th Annual ASIANetwork Conference

8th Annual ASIANetwork Conference
28-30 April 2000
Hickory Ridge Conference Ctr.
Chicago, Illinois

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Anthony Yu
The University of Chicago
"The Real Tripitaka Revisited"

William LaFleur
The University of Pennsylvania
"Saving the Rain Forest of Ethics: Society, Urgency, and the Study of Asia"

INVITATION FROM STAN MICKEL, Chair, The ASIANetwork
You are cordially invited to attend the eighth annual conference of the ASIANetwork consortium, an increasingly important voice for Asian studies as a part of the liberal arts curriculum. The conference will be held at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center, Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, 2000. This site is in Lisle, Illinois, so your air travel should take you to either O’Hare or Midway Airport in Chicago.

The program this year follows the format that has been so successful at previous ASIANetwork conferences. Two internationally known keynote speakers, Anthony Yu and William LaFleur, will speak about their research and how studying Asia has shaped their lives; two plenary sessions are devoted to the examination of issues that will affect teaching about Asia in the next century; and there are sixteen panels organized around the principle of members sharing experiences they have had teaching and learning about Asia. The panels range from some addressing pedagogical and intellectual concerns, to those focused on program or curricular design, to those organized around discussion of broader professional concerns. Three panels are devoted to featuring participant reports of the results of ASIANetwork grant-funded initiatives: the Ford Faculty Curricular Development Program, the Freeman Faculty-Student Fellows, and the Freeman College in Asia Summer Institute.

The conversations that inevitably arise among participants are an outstanding feature of an ASIANetwork conference. Whether occurring as part of the formal sessions or in informal exchanges over meals, snacks, or in the hallways, these conversations lead to opportunities for further insights about Asian studies.

Of special interest this year is the pre-conference activity on Friday. Organized by Norm Moline, there will be a day-long trip to some of the many Asian sites around the Chicago area.

The conference this year benefits from both ongoing support from the Luce Foundation and from a program grant received from the Japan Foundation. We are grateful for their vote of confidence in our activities.

I look forward to seeing you in April and urge you to pre-register for the conference and other planned activities, make your Hickory Ridge reservations, and schedule your air and ground transportation from the airport.

PROGRAM
Friday, 28 April 2000
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pre-Conference Field Trip
"Asian Art, Culture, and Community in the Chicago Area"
Norm Moline, Augustana College
4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Registration: Lobby
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner: Prairie Dining Room
8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Welcome: Woodlands Room
♦ Stan Mickel, ASIANetwork Board Chair, Wittenberg University
Keynote: Woodlands Room
♦ Anthony Yu
The University of Chicago
"The Real Tripitaka Revisited"
Introduced by Henry Rosemont, Jr.
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Saturday, 29 April 2000
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
Breakfast: Prairie Dining Room

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Session – Woodlands Room
♦ “Liberal Arts Colleges in the 21st Century: Their Future and That of Asian Studies”
Convener: Tom Coburn
St. Lawrence University
Panelists: Tom Benson
Green Mountain College
Marianna McJimsey
Colorado College
William Green
University of Rochester
Timothy Light
Western Michigan University
Toby Volkman
Ford Foundation

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Concurrent Panels
♦ “Women’s Issues in Asia: An Asian Perspective” – Room S202
Convener: Deborah Sommer Gettysburg College
Panelists: Xiaoming Ai (China) UBCHEA at University of the South
Jung-Soon Shim (Korea)
UBCHEA at Rutgers University
Geetha Sridharan (India)
UBCHEA at Davidson College

♦ Freeman: “College in Asia Summer Institute” – Lisle Room
Convener: Norm Moline
Augustana College
Panelists: Program Participants

♦ “Teaching Vietnam: The Country and the War” – Woodridge Room
Panelists: Eugene Brown, Chair
Lebanon Valley College
James Gillam
Spelman College
J. Aaron Frith
Spelman College

♦ “Black Experience in Asian Studies” – Theater
Convener: Bernice J. Scott
Spelman College
Panelists: Anne R. Hornsby
Spelman College

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch: Prairie Dining Room

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Panels
♦ Workshop Part 1: “Impact of Culture on Communication: Focus on Asia” – Room S202
Directors: Pamela Leri
Independent Consultant
Cathy Benton
Lake Forest College
NOTE: This workshop will last two sessions from 1:30-4:45 p.m.

♦ Freeman: “Faculty-Student Research Fellows” – Lisle Room
Convener: Teddy Amaloza
Illinois Wesleyan University
Panelists: Program Participants

♦ “Teaching About Tibetan Buddhism” – Woodridge Room
Convener: Henry Rosemont, Jr.
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Panelists: Joel Smith
Skidmore College
Rob Linrothe
Skidmore College
Brad Clough
Bard College

♦ “Integrating Asian Studies into the Liberal Arts Curriculum: Bridge Building, Synergy, and Cross Fertilization” – Theater
Panelists: Timothy Cheek, Chair
Colorado College
Nick Kontogeorgopoulos
University of Puget Sound
Karl Fields
University of Puget Sound
King-Fai Tam
Trinity College
Joan Ericson
Colorado College

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Refreshment Break
3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Concurrent Panels
♦ Workshop Part 2 – "Impact of Culture on Communication: Focus on Asia" – Room S202

♦ Ford Program: "Faculty Curricular Development" – Lisle Room
Conveners: Rita Kipp
Kenyon College
Leedom Lefferts
Drew University
Job Thomas
Davidson College
Panelists: Program Participants

♦ "Asian Women Writers" – Woodridge Room
Panelists: Jyoti Grewal, Chair
Luther College
Shailja Sharma
DePaul University
Robert Drexler
Coe College

♦ "Teaching About Korea: Strategies, Struggles, and Success Stories" – Theater
Panelists: Linda Lewis, Chair
Wittenberg University
Samuel Yamashita
Pomona College
Jonathan Woff
University of Pittsburgh

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Shakuhachi Flute performance by Michael Gould
Wooded area behind Hickory Ridge (weather permitting), otherwise Woodlands Room

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner – Prairie Dining Room

8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Keynote Address – Woodlands Room
♦ William R. LaFleur
The University of Pennsylvania
"Saving the Rain Forest of Ethics: Society, Urgency, and the Study of Asia"
Introduced by Chris Ives
The University of Puget Sound

Sunday, 30 April 2000
7:00 – 7:20 a.m.
Interfaith Service – Room S202
Conducted by George Meese
Eckerd College

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast: Prairie Dining Room

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
ASIAnetwork Business Meeting – Woodlands Room

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Session – Woodlands Room
♦ "Technology and Teaching: Where are we? Where are we going? How do we get there?"
Convener: Charles Ess
Drury College
Panelists: Michael Leming
St. Olaf College
Jim Lochtefeld
Carthage College
Stan Mickel
Wittenberg College

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Concurrent Panels
♦ "Teaching the Body-Mind Shop: Health and Healing in Asian Cultures" – Room S202
Panelists: Pan Da’an, Chair
Muhlenberg College
Deborah Sommer
Gettysburg College
Stephen Smith
Wittenberg University
Robert Tallitsch
Augustana College

♦ "The Dangers and Pleasures of Teaching Orientalist Classic Books" – Lisle Room
Panelists: Chuck Hayford, Chair
Independent Scholar
Robert Drexler
Coe College
Dan Meissner
Carthage College
Eleanor Zelliot
Carleton College

♦ "Writing about Asia: Student Writing in the Asian Studies Course" – Woodridge Room
Panelists: Caroline Reeves, Chair
Williams College
Yi-li Wu
Albion College
Eriberto Lozada
Butler University
George Meese
Eckerd College
“Critical Issues Facing Global Higher Education: From an Asian and American Perspective” – Theater
A discussion organized by the Boyer Center at Messiah College. Based upon a just concluded workshop.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch – Woodlands Room
Sponsored by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia

Sui Gang, (UBCHEA) Drew University
“Literature as a Tool for English Learning”
Introduced by David Vikner

ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION
ASIANetwork conference attendees should make Hickory Ridge Conference Center reservations by calling 1-800-228-9290 or 630-971-5030. Clarify that you will be attending the ASIANetwork Spring Conference to secure conference rates.

**Reservations must be completed by Wednesday, March 29, 2000.** Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis. Although the Hickory Ridge Conference Center has set aside a given number of rooms for the ASIANetwork Conference, the Center is not a hotel, and therefore it is important for conference attendees to make their housing reservations in a timely fashion.

The complete meeting package rate is a **per night** charge and includes guest room, all meals plus refreshment breaks, and the use of the fitness center and recreation facilities. The rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes in effect at the time of check-in.

**Meeting package rates are:** single room **$145.00 per person, per night; double room **$235.00 per room per night.** Attendees wishing to make double room reservations are responsible for making their own room-sharing arrangements.

To make reservations for limousine service from and to O’Hare Airport and Midway Airport, call the American Limousine Company, 630-920-8888. Ask for current rates.

If you are traveling by car, ask for directions to Hickory Ridge when you make your room reservations.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE**
Conference registration fees must be paid by **Wednesday, March 29, 2000.** ASIANetwork members $40; non-ASIANetwork members $50. Late registration fees (those received after March 29, 2000) are $50 for members and $60 for non-members.

Please send registration checks, made out to **ASIANetwork**, to:
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