2002 ASIANetwork Conference
19-21 April 2002
Hickory Ridge Conference Center
Lisle, Illinois

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Eliot S. Deutsch
University of Hawaii-Manoa
"Comparative Philosophy: Past, Present, and Future"

Susan J. Napier
University of Texas-Austin
"Inside the Labyrinth: Anime Visions of Technology, Modernity, and Apocalypse"

Invitation from Joel R. Smith, Chair, ASIANetwork
You are cordially invited to attend the 10th anniversary 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 19-21, 2002. 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, Eliot Deutsch and Susan Napier, will speak about their research and how studying Asia has shaped their lives; two plenary sessions are devoted to issues about the study of 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 those addressing pedagogical and intellectual concerns, to those focused on program or curricular design, to some organized around discussion of broader professional concerns. Three panels concern ASIANetwork grant-funded initiatives: the Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows and the Freeman College-in-Asia programs.

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 is the pre-conference field trip on Friday the 19th. Organized by Norm Moline, there will be a day-long trip to Asian sites around the Chicago area.

Please attend our Business Meeting at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning to elect our three new board members and discuss other important matters.

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.

If you have any questions, contact Joel Smith: jsmith@skidmore.edu or (518) 580-5407.

Friday, 19 April 2002
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: The Crossings Restaurant
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
♦ Welcome: Woodlands Room
Joel R. Smith, Skidmore College, Chair ASIANetwork Board
♦ Keynote: Woodlands Room
Susan J. Napier
University of Texas-Austin
"Inside the Labyrinth: Anime Visions of Technology, Modernity, and Apocalypse"
Introduced by Paul Watt,
DePauw University, Vice-Chair
Designate, ASIANetwork Board
9:30 — 10:15 p.m.
♦ Reception: Woodlands Room
Meet keynote speakers, past and present ASIANetwork Board members, and our Council of Advisors

Saturday, 20 April 2002
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Breakfast: The Crossings Restaurant
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- Plenary Session -
  Woodlands Room
  "10th Anniversary Reflections"
  Panelists: Marianna McJimsey, Chair
  Colorado College, Executive Director Emeritus, ASIANetwork, chairpersons
  ASIANetwork Board

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
  Refreshment Break

10:30 - Noon
  Concurrent Panels
  - "Asian Views of the United States" - Room S202
    Convener: James Leavell
    Furman University, Vice-Chair, ASIANetwork Board
    Panelists are United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia Visiting Scholars:
    Zeng Jianbin, Visiting Scholar (China), Saint Mary's College of Maryland
    Arlinah Rahardjo, Visiting Scholar (Indonesia), Rutgers University
    M.G. Ananthakumari, Visiting Scholar (India), Luther College
  - "Freeman Program Information Meetings" - Lisle Room
    + Student-Faculty Fellows Program
    Convener: Teddy Amoloza,
    Illinois Wesleyan University
    + College-in-Asia Program
    Convener: Norm Moline,
    Augustana College
  - "Strategies for Learning about Korea: Making a Little Knowledge Go a Long Way" -
    Woodridge Room
    Linda Lewis, Chair
    Panelists: Stephen R. Smith
    James Huffman
    Jennifer Oldstone-Moore
    Wittenberg University
  - "Technology and Teaching: Beyond the Written Word" - Theater
    James Lochtefeld, Chair
    Carthage College
    Panelists:
    Paul Nietski
    John Carroll University
    Marjorie Williams
    Cleveland Museum of Art

Noon - 1:15 p.m.
  Lunch: The Crossings Restaurant

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
  Concurrent Panels
  - "Asian Economic Issues in China, Japan, and Inner City America" - Room S202
    James Gillam, Chair
    Panelists:
    Anne R. Hornsby
    J. Aaron Frith
    Bernice Scott,
    Spelman College
  - "2001 Freeman Student Research Projects" - Lisle Room
    Convener: Teddy Amoloza,
    Illinois Wesleyan University
    Panelists: 2001 Freeman Program student participants
  - "Re-Imaging Asian Women"
    Woodridge Room
    Yoko Ueda, Chair, Spelman College
    Panelists:
    Feng Xu, Agnes Scott College
    Pushpa Parekh, Spelman College
  - "Japanese Film in the Classroom" - Theater
    Chair: Mark MacWilliams
    Saint Lawrence University
    Joseph Laker
    Wheeling Jesuit College
    Sachiko Hiramatsu
    Saint Lawrence University
    Tamae Prindle
    Colby College
    Lee Makela
    Cleveland State University

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
  Refreshment Break

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
  Concurrent Panels
  - "Islam in Asia: Beyond Orientalism" - Room S202
    Chair: Gita Rajan, Fairfield University
    Panelists: Tahera Aflab, Gettysburg College
    Arthur E. Barbeau, Liberty State College
    Leila Farah, DePaul University
  - "Dynamics and Dilemmas: Women and Modernization in China" - Lisle Room
    Roundtable Chair: Yi Sun
    University of San Diego
    George Wei, Susquehanna University
    Hong Zhang, University of Central Florida
    Wang Zheng, University of Michigan
    Weiguo Zhang, University of Toronto
    Jiang Yarong Ashley, University of Wyoming
Facilitating On-Site Student Research in Asia – Woodridge Room
Charles Krusekopf, Chair, Austin College
Panelists:
Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University
Pam Maykut, Viterbo University
Amanda Darby, 2001 Freeman Student
Austin College
Erin Cline, 2001 Freeman Student
University of Hawaii Research Fellow

Asia in Film and Fiction: Pedagogic Approaches – Theater
Stan Mickel, Chair, Wittenberg University
Panelists:
Charles Hayford, Northwestern University
Amy Christiansen, Wittenberg University
Jyoti Grewal, Luther College

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
• Recital by Yingli Wang (Northwestern University) on the Gu Zheng (a traditional Chinese instrument of fourteen plucked strings) in the area behind Hickory Ridge (weather permitting), or in the Woodlands Room

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner – The Crossings Restaurant

8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
• Keynote Address –
Woodlands Room
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Sunday, 21 April 2002
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast: The Crossings Restaurant

7:30 – 7:50 a.m.
Interfaith Service – Room S202
Conducted by George Meese
Eckerd College

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

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
• Plenary Session –
Woodlands Room
"The Future of Asian Studies"
Stephen Goldberg, Chair
Hamilton College
Panelists:
Rita Smith Kipp, Kenyon College
Gita Rajan, Fairfield University

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Concurrent Panels
• "Asian Studies Now Redux: Threats and Successes" – Room S202
Roger Paget, Chair,
Lewis and Clark College
Panelists:
James Fisher, Carleton College
Sam Yamashita, Pomona College
Paula Varsano, Smith College

• "Asia Beyond the Classroom: The Asian Studies Learning Community at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University" – Lisle Room
Richard Bohr, Chair
Panelists:
David Bennetts
Lynda Fish
Richard Bresnahan
College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

• "Hiring Asianists for Liberal Arts Colleges" – Woodridge Room
James Leavell, Chair, Pomona University
Panelists:
Joan O'Mara, Washington & Lee University
Brian Dott, Fort Lewis College

• "Orienting Students for Study Abroad" – Theater
Joel Smith, Chair, Skidmore College
Panelists:
Cathy Benton, Lake Forest College
James Lochtefeld, Carthage College
Gurudharm Khalsa, School for International Training

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch– The Crossings Restaurant

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 Monday, April 1, 2002. 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 guestroom, 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 $150 per night; double room $245 per room per night (you are responsible for making your own room-sharing arrangements).

If you plan to attend the conference but not stay overnight, the day rate charged by HRCC to use their facilities and for lunch and refreshment breaks is $55. Please make check payable to ASIANetwork.

To make reservations for limousine service from and to O’Hare Airport or 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 Friday, March 29, 2002. ASIANetwork members $50; non-members $60. Late registration fees (those received after March 29, 2002) are $60 for ASIANetwork members and $70 for non-members.

PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP
See enclosed flyer for information on the field trip. Field trip fees must also be paid by Friday, March 29, 2002. Participants will be accepted until van space is occupied.

Please send checks (credit card payments cannot be accepted) made out to ASIANetwork for your registration fee to:
Van J. Symons, Executive Director
ASIANetwork
Augustana College
639 – 38th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

Dynamics of Asian Studies and Challenges for ASIANetwork: Words from Members of the Council of Advisors
Yi Sun
Board of Directors

It has been an honor and a privilege for ASIANetwork to have the indispensable support from our dedicated members of the Council of Advisors. On the occasion of commemorating the 10th anniversary of the organization, we are once again benefiting from their insight and wisdom concerning the dynamics of Asian studies as well as the hopes, opportunities and challenges for ASIANetwork.

Dr. Thomas Benson, President of Green Mountain College, was instrumental in the founding of ASIANetwork. A consultation meeting that he organized at Pinehurst, North Carolina, marked the inception of the consortium. He served as the first Chair of the ASIANetwork Board of Directors, and remains strongly committed to the organization. Dr. Benson regards ASIANetwork as “indispensable” in providing opportunities and resources for faculty members interested in teaching and promoting Asian studies at liberal arts institutions. He points out that, while the Association for Asian Studies and other more research-oriented academic organizations are concerned more with the scholarly dimension of Asian studies, ASIANetwork plays an invaluable complementary role by emphasizing the teaching of Asia. While elated at the growth of ASIANetwork and marveling at the dedication of its participants, Dr. Benson cautions that the consortium should remain true to its mission and “sustain its rich diversity of institutional membership” by paying special attention to colleges in need of help with developing their Asian Studies programs, and by effectively connecting the “have” and “have not” institutions. Meanwhile, warning against the danger of losing the “passionate commitment to powerful undergraduate teaching” on the part of faculty due to disproportionate emphasis on research and publication at some colleges, Dr. Benson expresses his earnest hope for ASIANetwork to continue its essential role in preserving the value of teaching, and thereby safeguarding the “rich heritage” of the nation’s liberal arts colleges.

Dr. Elizabeth Buck has been a member of the Council of Advisors since 1999. As Co-Director for the Asian Studies Development Program, a joint effort of the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii, Dr. Buck has long devoted herself to promoting Asian studies in the U.S. In recent years, she visited more than twenty-two academic institutions as a consultant for their curricula and faculty development designed to infuse Asian studies into their existing curricula.