

# *ASIANetwork Initiatives*

## *10th Annual ASIANetwork Conference Program*

### *Words from Members of the Council of Advisors*

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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  
*“10<sup>th</sup> 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. Asnthakumari, 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 Nietupski  
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 Aftab, 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  
Eliot S. Deutsch  
University of Hawaii-Manoa  
*“Comparative Philosophy: Past, Present, and Future”*  
Introduced by Joel R. Smith,  
Skidmore College, Chair, ASIANetwork

**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, Furman 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 Limousin 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 - 38<sup>th</sup> Street

Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

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## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.