

ASIANetwork Initiatives

*11th Annual ASIANetwork Conference Program
Westin Poinsett Hotel and Furman University
Greenville, SC
April 11-13, 2003*

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Eliot Deutsch, Comparative Philosophy
University of Hawaii

Carol Gluck, Japanese History
Columbia University

INVITATION FROM JIM LEAVELL

Chair, ASIANetwork Executive Board

Furman University joins the ASIANetwork Executive Board in inviting you to attend the 2003 annual conference of our consortium. In a real sense our organization is beginning its second decade near its geographical point of origin—Pinehurst, North Carolina, where our first ever conference was convened by Tom Benson, then the Academic Dean of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and David Vikner, then president of The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. While only forty-five institutions were represented at that initial gathering, this coming April we anticipate welcoming a conference delegation drawn from well over one hundred undergraduate schools committed to teaching about Asia. Having celebrated our history last spring at Hickory Ridge, we hope this year's program will point us toward new strategies for honing our craft and forming new collegial networks to support our individual efforts.

While the structure of the conference will be familiar to those who have attended in the past, the content will include a number of new departures. As always, one of the key purposes of our conference will be to promote conversation among those attending. Our sharing the intense demands of undergraduate liberal arts teaching provides us with important common ground. I always attend our conferences knowing that the majority of those present are devoted to creating learning experiences for college students who are being introduced to the serious study of Asia for the first time. While we strive to stimulate the initial interest of these young people, we must also be prepared to move further with those who catch fire.

The challenge and excitement of liberal arts teaching is the constant process of learning we share with our students. ASIANetwork conferences bring together highly

motivated and creative teacher-scholars who always seem as willing to share their classroom misses as they are to share their hits. That our conference programs are both multi-cultural and interdisciplinary feeds our need as liberal arts teachers to know more and more about more and more. While theoretical issues are often raised, as a group we constantly seek practical applications. In constructing the program, your Executive Board has attempted to provide you with the kind of variety you have come to expect.

Conference Hotel: The Westin Poinsett

The primary conference venue will be the Westin Poinsett Hotel named for Joel R. Poinsett, a South Carolina politician and U.S. minister to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia flower to America. The hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1925, the property has recently undergone a \$25 million restoration to its public spaces, returning the mosaic tile and terrazzo floors, marble stairways, decorative plaster ceilings and crystal chandeliers to their former glory. The guestrooms have been thoroughly modernized and include Westin's signature "Heavenly Bed."

A five-minute walk down Main Street brings you to Reedy River Falls Park near Furman's former campus and also near the site of one of Greenville's earliest textile mills that now houses the city's historical association. A stroll up Main Street will take you thorough the amazing rebirth of the original city core. This project was launched by former Greenville mayor Max Heller, an Austrian Jewish refugee whose dramatic escape from Nazi Europe and equally amazing political career will be one of the stories told on the pre-conference tour.

Preconference Tour: “Azaleas, Avatars, and the Mysteries of Southern Mill Village Life”

About thirty places are being reserved for the preconference tour that will start early Friday morning, April 11. Historical interpretation will be provided by two Furman faculty members, Lloyd Benson, a New Yorker who boldly teaches courses on Civil War and Reconstruction, and Steve O’Neill, a Charlestonian who is currently developing displays for Greenville’s new historical museum. Among other things, they will discuss the unique culture of South Carolina’s “upstate” in contrast to the “low country” plantation society of antebellum days. Greenville’s mill villages produced Shoeless Joe Jackson, known to most of us through Kevin Costner’s *Field of Dreams*. Jesse Jackson’s old neighborhood will be on the itinerary as the group moves toward a vegetarian lunch at the Vedic Center. Sam Britt, chair of Furman’s Department of Asian Studies, along with members of Greenville’s Indian community, will discuss the creation of this religious center and its various functions. Dr. Britt has been a key member of the South Carolina research team working with Harvard’s Pluralism Project directed by Diana Eck. Following the Indian meal, the group will travel to the nearby North Carolina mountains to visit the former home of poet Carl Sandburg before returning to the hotel for the evening festivities of our conference.

Conference program highlights

The address following our opening meal Friday evening will be provided by Eliot Deutsch, comparative philosopher who emphasizes South Asian thought. He is chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and has served as editor (1967-1987) of the international journal *Philosophy East and West*, Director of the Sixth East-West Philosophers’ Conference, and President of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. He is the author of 15 books, including *On Truth: An Ontological Theory*; *Advaita Vedanta: A Philosophical Reconstruction*; *Studies in Comparative Aesthetics, Religion and Spirituality*; *Essays on the Nature of Art*; and *Persons and Valuable Worlds*, as well as approximately eighty-five articles and reviews in professional journals.

Saturday’s program begins with a plenary session led by Theodore J. Kidder, America’s premier scholar of Japanese archaeology. As a faculty member and academic dean of International Christian University in Tokyo, Dr. Kidder was blessed with a Yayoi period site in the backyard of his campus residence. Following his retirement from teaching at ICU, Dr. Kidder returned to United States where he has maintained an active research, publishing and speaking schedule. His *Japan Before Buddhism* summarized mid-20th century scholarly thinking about early Japanese history. We have asked him to give us his insights on the impact of late 20th century archaeological discoveries that have been fueled by explosive real estate development throughout the Japanese islands in recent years.

Late Saturday afternoon our delegation will board buses for a trip out to the current Furman University cam-

pus. The president’s home will be the site of our pre-banquet reception. Donated to Furman in the early 1990s, this imposing building and its extensive grounds were created by construction magnate Charles E. Daniel as his private residence. The Daniel family antique collections furnish the reception areas.

From the reception we will be bused to the Furman campus for our evening banquet. Our speaker will be Carol Gluck, historian of modern Japan at Columbia University. A former president of the Association for Asian Studies and a current member of ASIANetwork’s Council of Advisors, Dr. Gluck contributes to our profession at many levels. Her research has produced scholarly standards like *Japan’s Modern Myths: Ideology in the Late Meiji Period*. Her remarkable skills of synthesis make her particularly sought after as a panel discussant. Her key role in the Columbia Project on Asia in the Core Curriculum underscores her serious commitment to improving undergraduate teaching.

The plenary session on Sunday morning showcases the progress of the Preserving Living Traditions Project, an on-going collaboration between the Tibetan Academy of Social Sciences (TASS) and the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library (THDL) at the University of Virginia. This unusual research effort is exploring similarities between Tibetan and Appalachian folk music and the performance contexts in which they are presented. Professional musician Daniel Knicely will join John Flower, Chinese historian at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in performing illustrations of their analytical comments. They will also provide video segments of Tibetan musicians.

Program Itinerary

Friday, April 11

- 8:45 am-5:00 pm—Pre-Conference Tour “Azaleas, Avatars, and the Mysteries of Southern Mill Village Life”
- 4:00 pm-10:00 pm—Conference Registration in Poinsett Hotel lobby
- 6:30 pm-8:00 pm— Supper in hotel dining room for all participants
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm—Opening Conference Session
Welcome by Furman University hosts
Keynote Address by Eliot Deutsch

Saturday, April 12

- 7:00 am-8:15 am—Continental breakfast in hotel dining room
- 8:00 am-11:00 am—Registration in Poinsett Hotel lobby
- 8:30 am-10:00 am—Plenary Session I: Theodore Kidder on archaeology
- 10:00 am-10:15 am—Refreshment break
- 10:15 am-11:45 am—Concurrent panel sessions:
 - 1) “Freeman Programs in China: Augustana and Colorado College Updates”
Chair: Jen-mei Ma, Augustana College
“The Freeman Biology in Chinese Culture Program with Colorado College and Tzu Chi University, Taiwan”

Panelists:
Ralph Bertrand, Colorado College
Timothy Cheek, University of British Columbia
Ji-Hsiung Chen, Tzu Chi University

“Augustana’s Freeman Program in Asia”

Panelists:
Jen-mei Ma, Augustana College
Sangeetha Rayapati, Augustana College
Margaret Ellis, Augustana College

2) “Bringing Asian Students to Our Campuses: Challenges and Solutions”

Chair: Paul Watt, DePauw University
Panelists:
Kelly Kopcial, Washington & Lee University, Assistant Director of Admissions
William Lavery, Furman University, Director, Center for International Education
Leslie Davis, DePauw University, Director of International Education

3) “Orientalism: The Return of the Repressed”

Chair: Tamura Valentine, USC-Spartanburg
Panelists:
Pushpa Parekh, Spelman College, “Global Heterotopias: Writing from the Sites of Crisis and Deviation”
Timothy Lubin, Washington & Lee University, “Orientalism-isms: Said’s Critique and Its Limits”
Karni Bahti, Furman University, “Orient of the Mind: Between Area Studies, Culture Studies and Local Ways of Knowing”

4) “Religion, Politics and Violence in South Asia”

Chair: George Ramsey, Presbyterian College
Panelists:
Anas Malik, DePauw University, “Blood, Bombs and Budgets: Exploring the Links Between State Power, Development and Political Violence in Pakistan”
Sunil Sahu, DePauw University, “Post-Congress Polity in India and the Tensions Between Hindu Nationalists and Nehruvian Secularism”

12:00-1:15 pm—Lunch in dining room for all participants

1:30-3:00 pm —Concurrent panel sessions:

5) “From Asian Studies to Asia Hands: Placing Graduates in Asian Teaching Jobs”

Chair: P. Richard Bohr, Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University (CSB/SJU)
Panelists:
David P. Bennetts, Professor of History and Director, Japan Study Abroad Program, CSB/SJU

Lynda Fish, Advisor to International Students, CSB/SJU

6) “How Liberal Arts Colleges Can Help Create Asianists Among K-12 Teachers: The National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA)”

Chair: Roberta Martin, Director, East Asian Institute, Columbia University
Panelists:
Susan Greenwell, Program Officer, East Asian Institute, Columbia University
Marianna McJimsey, Colorado College

7) “Globalizing Asian Studies: Paying the Piper” (Roundtable Discussion)

Chair: Gita Rajan, Fairfield University
Panelists:
Yi Sun, University of San Diego
Steve Goldberg, Hamilton College
Mary Beth Heston, University of Charleston

8) “Teaching about Asia and Globalization through Popular Culture”

Chair: Jan Kiely, Furman University
Panelists:
Brian Dott, Whitman College, “Singing Gender: Transforming Popular Music in 20th Century China”
Scott Smith, Butler University, “Teaching Japan through Popular Culture”
Eriberto Lozada, Davidson College, “Teaching about China, Japan, and Korea through Popular Culture”

3:00-3:15 pm —Break

3:15-5:00 pm —Concurrent panel sessions:

9) “2002 Freeman Faculty-Student Research Projects” (Poster Session)

Chair: Teddy Amoloza, Illinois Wesleyan University
Panelists:
2002 ASIANetwork Freeman student and faculty fellows
(Session will open with performance “Dances of the Han Dynasty”)

10) “Fresh Material: Teaching about Asia with New Research and Technology”

Chair: Diane Clayton, Hamline University
Panelists:
Veena Deo, Hamline University, “Teaching Caste and Race: Feminist Readings”
Eleanor Zelliott, Carleton College, “Using the Voices of India’s Untouchables”
Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, “Ethics

Embodied: A Comparative Approach”
Craig Rice and Phyllis Larson, St. Olaf College,
“Japanese Language: Learning Any Time, Any
Where Using Handheld Computers”

11) “Teaching Comparative Philosophy”

Chair: David Shaner, Furman University
Panelists:
Peter Groff, Bucknell University
Charles Ess, Drury University, “Comparative
Approaches in Philosophy of Religion”
Bryan van Norder, Vassar University

12) “The Allure and Impact of Bollywood”

Chair: I. Job Thomas, Davidson College
Panelists:
Srimati Basu, DePauw University, “Gendered
Representations: The Power of Bollywood”
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College,
“The Female Body in Indian Cinema”

5:15 pm—Bus to Furman’s presidential residence, White
Oaks, for reception

5:45 pm-6:45 pm—White Oaks reception

7:15 pm-8:15 pm—Dinner at Furman’s University Center

8:15 pm-9:30 pm —Address by Carol Gluck

10:00 pm-Bus returns participants to Poinsett Hotel

Sunday, April 13

7:30 am-7:50am—Interfaith Service led by Jim Winship,
Augustana College

7:00 am-8:00 am—Continental breakfast in dining room

8:00 am-8:45 am—ASIANetwork Business Meeting

9:00 am-10:00 am—Plenary Session: John Flower and
Daniel Knicely on Tibetan and Appalachian Folk
Music

10:00 am-10:15 am—Refreshment Break

10:15 am-11:45 am—Concurrent panel sessions:

13) “After the First Trip to Asia, Then What?: Home-Grown
Asianists and Professional Development”

Chair: Linda Lewis, Anthropology, Wittenberg
University
Panelists:
Marsha Smith, Sociology, Augustana College
Marcia Frost, Economics, Wittenberg University

14) “Survey Texts: What’s Hot, What’s Not”

Chair: Paul Kjellberg, Whittier College
Panelists:
Robert Marks, Whittier College, “How Asia Has
Fared in the Emergence of World History”
Kate Kaup, Furman University, “Incorporating
China in the Study of World Politics”
Joan O’Mara, Washington & Lee University,
“Plugging Asian Art Into the Western Art History

Survey”

15) “‘Speaking for Asia’: Asian Voices at ASIANetwork In-
stitutions”

Chair: James Lochtefeld, Carthage College

Panelists:
Sushil Mittal, Millikin University
Kaushik Bagchi, Goucher College
Yoko Ueda, Spelman College
Liyan Liu, Georgetown College

16) “Issues in Teaching Asian Economics Today”

Chair: Kalash Khandke, Furman University
Panelists:
Kailash Khandke, Furman University, “The Case
for Asian Economics in the Liberal Arts Curricu-
lum”
Carolyn Bloomer, Ringling School of Art and De-
sign, “How Chinese Popular Culture Images the
Emerging Market Economy”
Michael Smitka, Washington & Lee University,
“The Bubble—Prelude and Postlude: What Area
Studies Adds to Economics and Economics to Area
Studies”

12:00-1:15 pm —Lunch in dining room for all participants

Accommodations and Travel Information:

Conference Site: the Westin Poinsett Hotel, 120 South Main
Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

Hotel reservations number: 1-800-937-8461 (1-800-
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Hotel reservations deadline: Thursday, March 20, 2003.
Rooms will be guaranteed either with a first night advance
deposit, or an accepted major credit card number. Any rooms
remaining after March 20 will be released for normal sale.
Reservations requested after March 20 will be eligible for
the ASIANetwork conference discount, but will be subject
to availability.

ASIANetwork conference room rates: \$99 per night for a
single; \$109 for a double. The rate does not include local
taxes, which are currently 10%.

Air flights should be routed to Greenville/Spartanburg (GSP)
International Airport.

Free ground transportation between GSP airport and the
Westin Poinsett Hotel (courtesy of the hotel) will be man-
aged by the Eastside Transportation Service which will main-
tain a 24 hour service representative at the airport to support
those attending our conference. If the Eastside representa-
tive is not evident upon your arrival, please seek out the
Westin Poinsett courtesy phone in the baggage claim area

and speak with the hotel staff for assistance. The hotel can also be reached at (864) 412-9700.

Conference Registration Information:

Registration deadline: Friday, March 21, 2003.

Registration fees:

\$150 ASIANetwork members
\$160 ASIANetwork non-members

Late registration fees:

(received after March 21, 2003)
\$160 ASIANetwork members
\$170 ASIANetwork non-members

Commuter Day Rates:

If you plan to attend the conference but not stay overnight, the day rate charged for attendance to cover the cost of meals, technical support for the panelists, and use of the facilities is \$30.00 for Friday, \$50.00 for Saturday, and \$30.00 for Sunday. Payment of day fees should be made to ASIANetwork. The deadline for day registration is March 21 to allow for the preparation of meals.

Meals:

The following meals are included in the ASIANetwork Conference registration fee:

- Friday, April 11: evening banquet.
- Saturday, April 12: continental breakfast, lunch, evening banquet. mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks (drinks & treats).
- Sunday, April 13: continental breakfast, mid-morning break, lunch.

Payment of Conference Fees:

The ASIANetwork Conference registration fee is inclusive, and must be paid in full. Conference registration fees should be paid by check or money order (ASIANetwork is not equipped to receive credit card payments) to ASIANetwork, and sent to: Dr. Van J. Symons, Executive Director, ASIANetwork, 639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296, telephone (309) 794-7413, e-mail address hisymons@augustana.edu.

Pre-conference Tour fee:

Places on the pre-conference tour will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. The fee for the preconference tour is \$30.00. This includes the vegetarian lunch, a contribution to the Vedic Center, and the bus expense. Your guides and interpreters are offering their services *pro bono*. Please send Dr. Symons a separate check or money order identifying it as payment for the preconference tour. This will help us keep our records in good form, and will allow us to easily refund your preconference tour fee in the event the tour has filled prior to receiving your request.



The Westin Poinsett Hotel



Furman University

Membership Web Directory to go up in January 2003

Want to reach that ASIANetwork member who presented on that great course but don't know how? We can help. The ASIANetwork Board of Directors recently authorized the creation of a membership directory to be posted on our website: <http://www.asianetwork.org>.

Directory information will include: name, institutional affiliation, department, institutional address, work phone, fax, e-mail address and web site address (if available). ASIANetwork members have much to communicate to each other, and the Board wants to help make this happen! If you do not want this information to be shared, however, we will gladly omit it. Just e-mail the web editor dclayton@hamline.edu or the web technologist cdr@stolaf.edu with the information you wish to keep private. Thanks.