

## ASIANetwork Initiatives

ASIANetwork seeks grant monies to sponsor programs and undertake projects that help strengthen the teaching of Asia at member institutions. Three programs are already funded for summer 2006 and through the next academic year, another program awaits funding.



*"Hong punch bowl"*  
 Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Lenfest  
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 Washington and Lee University  
 Lexington, VA

### Asian Art in the Undergraduate Curriculum *funded by the Henry Luce Foundation*

This project seeks to focus on significant but generally less widely known aesthetically and pedagogically important works of Asian art and material culture that exist on our college campuses. We will utilize Asian art historians and professionals as consultants who will visit applicant campuses to identify works appropriate to this project. In 2005-2006, eight institutions namely, Beloit College, Connecticut College, DePauw University, Dickinson College, Earlham College, Eckerd College, Guilford College, and Wittenberg University will receive consultancy visits. Eight consultancies per year for the next two years are available. Undergraduate liberal arts schools that have large, medium or even minuscule collections of Asian art and/or material culture are invited to apply. **Deadline for application for the second round of consultancies is January 9, 2006.** For further information contact Dr. Stan Mickel, Project Director, Wittenberg University, 200 West Ward Street, Springfield, Ohio 45501, (smickel@wittenberg.edu, phone 937- 327-6354).

### Student-Faculty Fellows Program *funded by the Freeman Foundation*

Now in its eighth year, this grant enables individual faculty members at liberal arts colleges to take up to five students to East and Southeast Asia to conduct undergraduate research activities. Faculty mentor and students apply as a team. During the past seven years, approximately 300 persons have participated in this program. Funding is available for up to sixty persons (mentors and students combined) to study in Asia during the summer of 2006. **Deadline for application is November 30, 2005** with notification in March 2006. For additional information contact Dr. Van J. Symons, Program Director, Augustana College, 639 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296, (hisymons@augustana.edu, phone 309-794-7413).



### Vietnam Academic Exchange Program *funded by the Henry Luce Foundation* *through the Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam* *and the American Council of Learned Societies*



This program aims to promote faculty exchange between ASIANetwork and Vietnamese universities. Member institutions apply to host visiting faculty from Vietnam for semester-long stays on their campuses. Upon completion of the visit, host institutions will send representatives to Vietnam for month-long visits. In January 2006, four schools, Pomona College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Marlboro College and University of Puget Sound will be hosting Vietnamese scholars. Four grants are available for the next academic year. **Deadline for application is January 15, 2006** with notification in March. For further information contact Dr. Paul Nietupski, John Carroll University, 20700 North Park Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44118 ([pnietupski@jcu.edu](mailto:pnietupski@jcu.edu), phone 216-397-4704).

## Pearl River Delta Second Faculty Development Seminar

*pending funding by the U.S. Department of Education*

Following the successful completion of the first Pearl River Delta Faculty Development Seminar in summer 2005 that focused on the economic and social transformations occurring in southeast coastal China, ASIANetwork, in conjunction with the Hong Kong-America Center, will again seek funding from the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program of the U.S. Department of Education to sponsor another faculty development seminar. For 3 ½ weeks in the summer of 2006, up to fifteen faculty participants will be immersed in the study of the rich historical and cultural legacy of southeast China. **Deadline for application is December 1, 2005** with notification in mid-spring 2006 contingent upon receiving notice from the Department of Education that funding will be provided. For further information contact Dr. P. Richard Bohr, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph, MN 56374 (rbohr@csbsju.edu, phone 320-363-5918) or Dr. Chia Ning, Central College, 812 University Avenue, Pella IA 50219 (chian@central.edu, phone 641-628-5323).



*Some of the participants of the Pearl River Delta Faculty Development Seminar at the orientation session in Whittier, CA last April.*

**For additional details on all these programs, visit our website at [www.asianetwork.org](http://www.asianetwork.org).**

### *Introducing the New Look...(continued from page 1)*

#### **What's New in the Newsletter**

This issue of *ASIANetwork Exchange* embodies several new features to build on the existing strengths of the newsletter. Most obviously, readers will notice that we are adopting a new layout for text and incorporating more images and illustrations to accompany articles. We hope readers find the new format attractive.

We are launching other new features as well. At the heart of these changes is our effort to organize the material to enhance the newsletter's "user-friendliness." Emphasizing the role of the newsletter as both the voice of ASIANetwork and a tool "for teaching about Asia," we have grouped the articles to create a number of new sections that will appear regularly.

- **Network News** will include reports from officers, announcements about the annual meeting, information on ASIANetwork Initiatives, and other such organizational matters—all grouped together in one section.

Three other sections will be dedicated to teaching:

- **Teaching about Asia** will continue the newsletter's long-established and important work of soliciting and

publishing articles (including panel papers from the annual conference), sample syllabi, text reviews, and other materials that share information and experiences among members to enhance our classroom efforts.

- A new feature will be a section called **Media Resources**. With the growing availability and interest in film and electronic resources, we are publishing articles, movie reviews, information on digitized collections, and website assessments, all to assist in the selection and incorporation of media into our teaching.
- The newsletter will also continue to publish selected scholarly articles. While these pieces may not directly concern issues of pedagogy, they nevertheless address issues of broad interest to members and may be useful in teaching by providing short reading assignments for students or new material for retooling lectures. This section, **Research of Note**, includes such articles as the keynote addresses from the ASIANetwork annual conferences, panel papers, and timely analyses of current events relevant to Asia.

Two final sections will also be introduced.

- **For Our Students** will continue the reports on special student research, publication, language, and study abroad opportunities related to Asia.
- In future issues of *ASIANetwork Exchange*, **New and Noteworthy** will highlight institutional and individual accomplishments of ASIANetwork members, including, for example, honors awarded, grants received, books published, retirements, and appointments.

We hope these changes will enhance *ASIANetwork Exchange* as a reference source for our members. In producing our first issue of the newsletter we especially express our gratitude to the contributors who so cooperatively submitted their articles for publication. We want to stress how eager we are to continue to receive your submissions for any section of the newsletter; we rely on your sharing your experience, research, announcements, and ideas to make it a success. We also welcome your comments and suggestions as we try to build upon the newsletter's fine tradition of facilitating *Exchange* among our membership.