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Scholar-Teachers of Asia: Past and Present

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San Antonio, Texas

Invitation from the ASIANetwork Board Vice-Chair Erin McCarthy

The ASIANetwork Board is very pleased to invite you to attend the 16th Annual ASIANetwork Conference, "Scholar-Teachers of Asia: Past and Present," which will be held March 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas and hosted by Trinity University. In addition to the full range of panels by ASIANetwork colleagues, the program will feature keynote and plenary session speakers who will take up topics related to several regions of Asia and who will address current issues dealing with both the interpretation and teaching of Asian Studies in our institutions.

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New Elements This Year

As a result of the feedback you provided to us in the membership survey of last year, we have added some new elements to the conference program this year. Many members expressed an interest in finding ways of using our network to discuss issues of concern on their campuses outside of the formal panel structure, and so we are pleased to offer you two such opportunities at this year's conference. On Saturday and Sunday we are setting aside **roundtables** for moderated discussion over breakfast for members interested in discussing the teaching of **Asian languages in liberal arts colleges** (Saturday) and the relationship between **Asian Studies and Asian-American Studies at liberal arts colleges** (Sunday). We will be sending out an email with more details before the conference and hope that you will keep providing us with new ideas for the breakfast roundtables. Another new addition to the program is what we are calling our 'Hot Topic' lunch on Saturday afternoon. In the survey, many of you expressed a desire for the conference to help keep members up to date on current events in Asia and so we are working on securing a speaker for Saturday over lunch, who will address the current situation in Pakistan.

The conference will begin on Friday with a **day tour of San Antonio**. Members who are interested in the tour are asked to please register as the tour will depend on the number of participants. Those who plan to go on the tour will want to arrive early at the Crowne Plaza, in time to leave on the bus that departs at 8:30 Friday morning. The bus will return to Crowne Plaza no later than 5:00 p.m. The cost of the tour that includes lunch is a bargain at \$40. Space is limited, so sign up early.

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Scholar-Teachers (continued from page 1)

The Program Committee and the Board of ASIANetwork are grateful to the membership for their fine response to the call for papers and for the excellent papers and panels they have placed on the program. In addition to our excellent keynote speakers, we have an outstanding mix of scholarly panels, roundtables, teaching sessions, and poster presentations. We are looking forward to welcoming you to San Antonio this year and to many enjoyable and productive conversations through the weekend!

2008 Conference Keynote Speakers

Ai Xiaoming opens the conference after Friday evening's dinner with her keynote address. Professor Ai is a member of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature at Sun Yat-sen University, Director of the Comparative Literature and World Literatures Section in the Department of Chinese, Program Leader of the Sex/Gender Education Forum, and translator and director of the first performance of the Chinese version of *The Vagina Monologues*. She has published widely including, "Class

of Dialogues on Vagina Monologues: A Sum-up on the Pedagogy of Women and Gender Studies," *Gender Studies (Shehuixingbie Yanjiu)* (2004), and *Language and Gender* (Chinese translation, 2004). Both scholar and activist, in addition to her publications, Professor Ai set up an independent digital video studio in 2004, aimed at empowering marginalized groups by providing media training workshops. The documentaries she has made have been distributed to universities and

NGOs for supporting the curriculum of women's and gender studies and advocacy for human rights. Some of her recent work includes *White Ribbon* (2004), *The Making of the Vagina Monologues* (2005), *Garden in Heaven* (2005), *Sex, Gender and Rights in Asia* (2006), and *Taishi Village* (2006). She is sure to be a dynamic speaker and you won't want to miss her talk "Women and Gender Studies In and Out of the Classroom" where she will also show clips from her documentaries.

Editors' Note: In the Fall 2000 issue of ASIANetwork Exchange Professor Ai Xiaoming contributed an extremely informative article, "Women's Issues in China: Some Facts." We encourage readers to reread the article (on the website) in advance of her talk in March.

Henry Rosemont, Jr., Distinguished Visiting Professor at Brown University, and someone long involved with ASIANetwork, is our second keynote speaker at Saturday morning's plenary. Professor Rosemont received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Washington, and pursued postdoctoral studies in Linguistics (and politics) with Noam Chomsky at MIT. His areas of research and writing are Chinese philosophy and religion—especially early Confucianism—moral and political theory, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of language. His publications include *A Chi-*

nese Mirror (1991), *Rationality & Religious Experience* (2001), and with Huston Smith, the forthcoming *Is There a Universal 'Grammar' of Religion?* (2007). He has edited and/or translated ten other books, including *Explorations in Early Chinese Cosmology* (1984), *Leibniz: Writings on China* (with D.J. Cook, 1994), *Chinese Texts & Philosophical Contexts*, and with Roger T. Ames, *The Analects of Confucius: A Philosophical Translation* (1998), and *The Classic of Family Reverence* (2008). From 1982-84, and again in 1993-94 he

was Fulbright Senior Professor of Philosophy & Linguistics at Fudan University in Shanghai, where he is now Senior Consulting Professor, and concurrently Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at Brown University. His talk is entitled "Philosophical Reflections from a Chinese Mirror." In addition to his keynote address, we are also excited to be celebrating the publication of the *festschrift* in honor of Professor Rosemont, *Polishing the Chinese Mirror: Essays in Honor of Henry Rosemont, Jr.* with a panel on Sunday morning.

Conference Details

Conference Registration and Meals

Registration deadline: February 1, 2008

Registration fee: \$200 for ASIANetwork members; \$210 for non-members. Registration on-site will be \$10 more. Registration fee includes dinner on Friday night, breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, midmorning and mid-afternoon breaks. No activity is scheduled on Saturday evening after the reception at Trinity University, where hors d'oeuvres will be served, so participants can enjoy the Riverwalk. Dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday are on your own.

Registration Payment

Please send a check or money order **payable to ASIANetwork** (sorry, the ASIANetwork office is not equipped to handle credit card charges) to: Dr. Teddy Amoloz, ASIANetwork Executive Director, Illinois Wesleyan University, 205 East Beecher Street, Bloomington, IL 61702-2900

Accommodations

Conference site: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas (<http://www.crowneplaza.com/sariverwalk>)

Reservation number: 1-888-623-2800

Reservation deadline: February 1, 2008 for conference rates. To get conference rates, mention that you are with ASIANetwork.

Rates are \$159 for single or double, \$169 for triple and \$179 for quad, excluding taxes.

Please visit the website www.asianetwork.org for conference registration form and updates on the conference.

2008 ASIANetwork Conference Program

Friday, March 14

- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-conference tour of San Antonio (Advance registration required)
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ASIANetwork Board Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Conference registration: Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel Lobby
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Dinner
Welcome by Don Clark, ASIANetwork Board Chair
- 7:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Ai Xiaoming, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, PRC**
Women and Gender Studies In and Out of the Classroom
Introduction by: Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, ASIANetwork Board Vice-Chair
- 9:20 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Orientation Session for 2008 ASIANetwork/Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Faculty Recipients
Convener: Van Symons, Augustana College

Saturday, March 15

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast—*Some tables will be reserved for: Roundtable discussions on Teaching Asian Languages in Liberal Arts Colleges*
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **KEYNOTE PLENARY ADDRESS by Henry Rosemont, Jr., Brown University, Providence, RI**
Philosophical Reflections from a Chinese Mirror
Introduction: Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University, ASIANetwork Vice-Chair-elect
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 Refreshments

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions

1. *In the Context of a Core: Alienating Asia from the Start?*

Chair and discussant: **Steve Udry**, Carthage College

Panelists:

Jonathan Marshall, Carthage College: “The West and the Rest? Fitting Asia into a Core Curriculum.”

Wenjie Sun, Carthage College: “Asianists or Not: The Role of Area Specialists in an Asia-focused Course of the Core Curriculum.”

Jim Lochtefeld, Carthage College: “What’s So Special about Me?”

2. *Teachings of Sri Aurobindo: Global Relevance*

Chair: **Anil Kumar Mohapatra**, Government Women’s College, Jeypore

Panelists:

Sudhakar Dash, Vikram Deb (Autonomous) College, Jeypore: “Sri Aurobindo’s Vision of Evolution of Human Being and its Future.”

Bibhu Prasad Mohanty, Chairman, Hunger Solution: “Prophecy of Sri Aurobindo on Transformation of Global Trade.”

Niranjan Barik, Ravenshaw University, Orissa, India: “Sri Aurobindo’s ideas on Nationalism and Internationalism.”

3. *Bringing Scholarship to the Classroom: Japan Studies*

Chair: **Melek Ortabasi**, Hamilton College

Panelists:

Mark MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University: "Imagining Japanese Religion in the Classroom—Zen Gardens, Manga, and the Internet"

Rachel DiNitto, College of William and Mary: "Faculty-Student Research in East Asian Studies: Is Joint Publishing a Possibility for the Humanities?"

Haeng-ja Sachiko Chung, Hamilton College: "How to Introduce Controversial Issues in the Classroom: Case Study of a 'Sex Work and Emotional Labor' Course."

Alisa Gaunder, Southwestern University: "Getting Students to Explore the Scope of Political Leadership from Several Different Angles: The Role of Prime Ministers, Parliamentarians and Women in Japan."

4. *Images of China: A Window to Social and Cultural Change*

Chair: **Marsha Smith**, Augustana College

Panelists:

Robert Y. Eng, University of Redlands: "The Nail Household, The Pregnant Actress, and the Crazy Fan."

Zhang Hong, Thomas Huff, and **Keane Ng** (Zhang Hong presenting), Colby College: "Between Tradition and Modernity: New Photo Images from China's Changing Urban Landscape."

Marsha Smith, Augustana College: "Maintaining, Claiming, and Reframing Naxi Dress: The Impact of Tourism in Marketing Minority Identity."

Luding Tong, Marietta College: "The Kaleidoscope of Desires: How Advertising is Changing the Face of Contemporary China."

11:45-1:00 p.m. **Hot Topic Lunch: Focus on Pakistan**

1:00-2:15 p.m. **PLENARY: U.S. Government Funding Sources for Asian Studies**

David Adams, Senior Program Officer, CIES

Jonathan Akeley, Program Officer, Institute of International Education

Karla Ver Bryck Block, Senior Program Specialist, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education

2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions

5. *ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Research Projects Poster Session*

Convener: **Van Symons**, Augustana College

Presenters: **2007 ASIANetwork student and faculty fellows**

6. *Perspectives on Confucius as Paradigmatic Scholar-Teacher*

Chair: **Ronnie Littlejohn**, Belmont University

Panelists:

Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University: "Confucius as Student and Teacher in the *Zhuangzi*."

Diane Obenchain, Calvin College: "Ministers of the Moral Order: The Duke of Zhou, Confucius, and Ru."

Theresa Kelleher, Manhattanville College: "The Neo-Confucian Scholar-Teacher: The Case of Wu Yubi (1392-1469) and His Journal."

7. *The AN/Luce Arts Consultancy Project: A Work in Progress*

Chair: **Joan O'Mara**, Washington and Lee University

Panelists:

Pat Graham, Independent Scholar and Jim Peeples (co-presenters), Ohio Wesleyan University: "Discovering Ohio Wesleyan University's Hidden Asian Art Patrimony."

Kaytie Johnson, DePauw University and **Joan O'Mara**, Washington and Lee University: "Asian Art at DePauw: Two Perspectives."

Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College: "Access and Use of the Asian Art On-line Image Collection."

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8. *Perspectives on Christian Missions in China and Thailand*

Chair: **Peter A. Scholl**, Luther College

Panelists:

Peter A. Scholl, Luther College: "The Conversion of Missionaries in China: The Case of N. Astrup Larsen, 1913-1927."

Roy B. Campbell, Presbyterian College: "The May 4th Era at Yale-in-China, 1917-1924."

Eriberto "Fuji" Lozada, Davidson College: "Old Walls and New Churches: Historical Memories of Revolutionary Heroes and Foreign Missionaries."

Paul Chambers and **Eva Pascal**, Payap University (Thailand): "Oblique Intervention: The Role of US Missionaries in Siam's Incorporation of Lanna — 1866-1885."

3:45-4:00 p.m. Refreshments

4:00 – 5:00 Business Meeting

5:15 Board buses for Trinity University

6:30-7:45 **President's Reception at Trinity University**

7:45 Board buses for Alamo Plaza (the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio); or continue to Crowne Plaza Hotel

Sunday, March 16

7:00-8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast—*Some tables will be reserved for: Roundtable discussions on Asian Studies and Asian-American Studies*

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions

9. *The Impact of Globalization on Gender Relations*

Chair: **Peter F. Bell**, Purchase College—State University of New York

Panelists:

Peter F. Bell, Purchase College—State University of New York: "Gendered Economic Development and the Empowerment of Women in Thailand and Cambodia."

Hong Zhang, Colby College: "Changing Courtship and Marriage Patterns in China's New Economic Zones."

Rebecca Katzenberg, Purchase College—State University of New York: "Globalization and the Image of the Modern Thai Woman."

10. *Polishing the Chinese Mirror: Henry Rosemont, Jr. as Scholar-Teacher*

Chair: **Ronnie Littlejohn**, Belmont University

Panelists:

David Jones, Kennesaw State University: "Feeling Safe in the Danger-Net of Emergence: Atonement in Henry Rosemont, Jr., James, Wittgenstein, Heidegger, and Bataille."

Ewing Chinn, Trinity University: "The Good is Prior to the Right: Rosemont on Human Rights."

Peimin Ni, Grand Valley State University: "Confucianism and Democracy: Water and Fire? Water and Oil? Or Water and Fish?"

Mary Bockover, Humboldt State University: "The Virtue of Freedom."

Henry Rosemont, Jr., Brown University: Response to papers

11. *Comparing Asia and the West: New Intellectual Strategies*

Chair: **John G. Blair**, Beijing Foreign Studies University

Panelists:

John G. Blair and **Jerusha McCormack**: "Comparing China and the West."

S. N. Balagangadhara, University of Ghent: "Comparing India and the West."

Scott Langton, Austin College: "Comparing Japan and the West."

12. *Encouraging Undergraduate Research and Student Publication in Asian Studies*

Chair: **Linda E. Patrik**, Union College

Panelists:

Linda E. Patrik, Union College: "Online Publication: The IDEAS e-journal."

Van Symons, Augustana College: "The Range of Undergraduate Research Evidenced in the ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Program."

Stan Mickel, Wittenberg University: "The Wittenberg EAS Journal and Undergraduate Research."

10:00-10:15 Refreshments

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions

13. *Using Research to Enable More Effective Pedagogy in the Teaching of Language and Culture*

Chair: **Sarah Withee**, Colorado College

Panelists:

Sarah Withee and **Joan Ericson**, Colorado College (co-presenting): "Creating More Effective Foreign Language Assignments: Using Research to Guide the Process."

Steven J. Goldberg and **Michael Thomas Viveiros**, Hamilton College (co-presenting): "Frames of Engagement: Video Podcasts and the Teaching of Chinese Culture and Society."

14. *Chinese Literature and Culture in Pedagogy*

Chair: **Jie Zhang**, Kenyon College

Panelists:

Jie Zhang, Kenyon College: "Introducing Chinese Literature and Culture through Themes: A Course on Chinese Heroes."

Kun An, Randolph College: "Teaching Advanced-level Chinese Language through Collaborative Class-Discussions: The Case of Hu Shi's Article on Chinese Culture."

Yue Vicky Ma, Independent Scholar: "Teaching Modern Chinese History through Literature and Film: A Literary Analysis of the Cultural Revolution."

Luying Chen, St. Olaf College: "Teaching Chinese Films and Literature in the Post-911 World: A Response to the MLA Report 'Foreign Languages and Higher Education: New Structures for a Changed World'."

15. *Introducing Research Materials into the Chinese Religion Curriculum*

Chair: **Jeff Snyder**, The College of Idaho

Panelists:

Jeff Snyder, The College of Idaho: "Navigating the Nine Streams: Ritual Ecumenism in Official Rainmaking."

Thomas Wilson, Hamilton College: "The Gods of the *Analects*."

Marcia Butler, Case Western Reserve University: "Song Dynasty Military Rituals: Court and Field."

Brian Dott, Whitman College: "'Chatting with Old Grandma': Gender and Popular Religious Ritual."

16. *Koreans in Japan: Current Issues*

Chair: **T. James Kodera**, Wellesley College

Panelists:

T. James Kodera, Wellesley College: "Religious Values of the Koreans in Japan and their Social and Political Implications."

Young-Choul Kim, University of Evansville: "Changing Attitudes of the Koreans in Japan toward Japan and Korea."

Haeng-ja Chung, Hamilton College: "Ethnic Passing and Coming Out: Korean Night Club Hostesses and Japanese Customers."

Yoshiko Nagaoka, University of Evansville: "Japanese and Korean Languages in their Contemporary Manifestations in Japan."

Zhigang Liu, Simmons College: "The Plight of the Chinese in Contemporary Japan."

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own