

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Carl Olson, Professor of Religious Studies, has had his book, titled *Historical Dictionary of Buddhism*, recently published by Scarecrow Press in paperback under the title: *A to Z of Buddhism*.

BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

Liya Wang, Professor of Sociology, and David Krueger, Charles E. Spahr Chair in Managerial and Corporate Ethics, took 20 students of various majors to China for an 18-day study tour in May, 2009. Students took a semester-long Modern China course and an orientation course before embarking on their trip. They visited businesses, listened to panelist discussions, and interacted with Chinese college students.

BARD COLLEGE

Richard Davis, Professor of Religion and Director of Religious Studies, has had two manuscripts accepted for publication. *A Priest's Guide for the Great Festival: Aghorasiva's Mahotsavavidhi* is being published in the South Asia Research series of Oxford University Press. It is an annotated translation of a twelfth-century South Indian text providing directions for the performance of a large temple festival, a mahotsava. *Global India, c. 100 CE* is being published in the Key Issues in Asian Studies series by the Association for Asian Studies. Booklets in this series are designed for undergraduate teaching.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

John Clifford Holt, Professor of the Humanities in Religion & Asian Studies, has published *Spirits of The Place: Buddhism And Lao Religious Culture* by the University of Hawaii Press. This study is the first book length academic treatment of Lao religion published in nearly 40 years.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Melvyn C. Goldstein, John Reynolds Harkess Professor in Anthropology and Co-Director, Center for Research on Tibet, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

COLBY COLLEGE

Zhang Hong, Associate Professor of East Asian Studies, was awarded a 2009-10 Fulbright Research grant to study migrant workers in Beijing.

COLORADO COLLEGE

Joan Ericson has been promoted to Professor of Japanese at Colorado College, where she is currently Director of the Asian Studies Program. She has also finished a three-year term as President of the National Association of Teachers of Japanese.

HAVERFORD COLLEGE

Maris Gillette, Associate Professor of Anthropology, completed work on a documentary film entitled *Broken Pots, Broken Dreams*. It examines the shift from a planned to a market economy in China from the perspective of porcelain factory workers in Jingdezhen. Two Haverford students (Patrick Lozada and Diana Tung) helped film in Jingdezhen last winter and assisted with post-production. The film screened in Philadelphia at the Sedgwick Theater. The film is intended for educational use, and those interested in acquiring the film should contact her at mgillett@haverford.edu, or go to the web site www.haverford.edu/anthropology/brokenpots.

GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Steven Fesmire, Associate Professor of Philosophy, returned in August from a 2008-09 lecturing-research Fulbright grant to Japan at Kyoto University, where he taught courses in Environmental Ethics and American Pragmatism and researched "Ecological Imagination in the Kyoto School of Philosophy."

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

IWU has received a grant from the U. S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL). The two-year grant, "Strengthening Asian Studies at IWU: Language, Curriculum, Faculty Visits and

Institutional Linkages," will provide \$162,000 to sustain a pilot project in Chinese language instruction, to support faculty in the development of new Asian Studies courses, and to fund scholarly exchanges between IWU and universities in Asia. Professor **Teddy Amoloza**, Executive Director of ASIANetwork, will serve as Grant Administrator.

IWU Director of Environmental Studies, **Abigail Jahiel**, delivered a keynote address, "What a Tangled Web We Weave—Environments and Interdependence: The View from Asia" at Belmont University's faculty development workshop for educators in Asian Studies entitled, "Contesting Boundaries: Environments and Interdependence in Asian Perspectives." In addition, Professor Jahiel's chapter, "China, the WTO, and Implications for the Environment," also appears in the newly published volume edited by Gary M. Kroll and Richard H. Robins, *World in Motion: The Globalization and the Environment Reader* (Lanham, MD: Roman and Littlefield).

Irving Epstein, co-editor of the *ASIANetwork Exchange*, has been named Associate Dean of the Faculty.

Jin Tao, Assistant Professor of Religion, has published an article, "The Formulation of Introductory Topics and the Writing of Exegesis in Chinese Buddhism," which appears in the *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. 30, Number 1-2 2007 (2009), 33-80.

LINFIELD COLLEGE

Linfield College received a grant of more than \$98,000 from The Freeman Foundation of New York, N.Y. Over the next three years, Linfield students, faculty and community members will be offered a number of opportunities as a result of the grant, including an annual visiting scholar from the China Studies Institute of Peking and Shanghai Universities who would provide Chinese language instruction at Linfield; faculty stipends focused on China to encourage Chinese-themed topics in Linfield courses; and student travel grants to increase the

number of Linfield undergraduates studying at the college's partner institution located on the campuses of Peking University and Shanghai University.

The grant will also make possible the launch of a three-year series, China in McMinnville. The program will include events, lectures and performances open to the community. Linfield will work with the Confucius Institute at Portland State University, the Northwest China Council and the World Affairs Council to bring theatre productions, music events, philosophical speakers and more to Linfield.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

Dr. Todd S. Munson received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor.

THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO

Robert Dayley, Associate Professor, International Political Economy and Asian Studies, recently co-authored with Clark D. Neher, an updated and revised fifth edition entitled *Southeast Asia in the New International Era*, published by Perseus/Westview Press. Details of this text can be found at: <http://www.perseusacademic.com/main/academic/book.php?isbn=9780813344041> and http://www.perseusacademic.com/docs/W369_dayley_pc_web.pdf.

UNION COLLEGE

Jennifer Milioto Matsue, Professor of Music and East Asian studies, has been

awarded a prestigious ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellow from January through December 2010 to support research to complete a book about identity and meaning within contemporary Japan music scenes.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Roger T. Ames has been named coeditor (with Sun Youzhong of Beijing Foreign Language University and Peng Guoxiang of Tsinghua University) of a new series of American Philosophical publications to be translated into Chinese. The beginning series, published by Peking University Press, is based on eight volumes examining John Dewey's work, all of which have been completed as of this past Fall, 2009. To launch the series, a conference entitled, "Dewey's Second Mission: A Dialog between Deweyan Pragmatism and Confucianism" is to be held in Beijing between December 18-20, quite appropriately during the 150 year anniversary of John Dewey's birth in 1859.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH IN SEWANEE

Sid Brown, Professor of Asian Studies, has published *A Buddhist in the Classroom* by SUNY press. Using Buddhist perspectives, practices, stories, and philosophy, this book demonstrates how this centuries-old tradition can inform and enrich everyday classroom life.

Nona Carter has a tenure-track position in Japanese language and literature at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009 with a specialty in the relationship between concepts of childhood and nationhood.

Scott Wilson, Professor of Political Science has published *Remade in China: Foreign Investors and Institutional Change in China* by Oxford University Press.

VASSAR COLLEGE

Bryan W. Van Norden, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of Chinese and Japanese Department, has recently published *The Essential Mengzi*, an abbreviated version of his earlier translation *Mengzi: With Selections from Traditional Commentaries*. In addition to being abbreviated, *The Essential Mengzi* includes the commentary in the back of the book, instead of using the interlineal style of his complete Mengzi translation.

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

Larry D. Harwood, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, has been awarded a research fellowship for academic year 2009-10 by the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership at Viterbo. His research is on the East Asian Confucian perspective on good leaders and the rule of law.

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for 2011**

**19th Annual ASIANetwork Conference
April 15-17, 2011
Location: Chicago Area**