2010 ASIANetwork Conference Program

Imagining Asia

Friday, 9 April

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Pre-conference tour of must-see and Asia-related sites in the Atlanta area.
Led by Agnes Scott College

8:30 am – 5:00 pm ASIANetwork Board Meeting

4:00 pm – 9:00 pm Conference Registration: Emory Conference Center

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Dinner

8:00 pm – 9:15 pm Conference Welcome by Ronnie Littlejohn, ASIANetwork Board Chair

KEYNOTE PLENARY ADDRESS: James L. Watson, Harvard University
Forty Years on the Border: Hong Kong/China
Introduction: Fuji Lozada, ASIANetwork Board Vice-Chair

9:20 pm -10:30 pm Orientation for 2010 Freeman Student-Faculty Fellows Recipients
Conveners: Van Symons, Augustana College and Teddy Amoloza, Illinois Wesleyan University

Saturday, 10 April

7:00 am – 8:20 am Breakfast

Elective Roundtables
Gary DeCoker, Luce Postdoc Roundtable
Jack Harris, Service-Learning in Asia
Cathy Benton, Phyllis Larson, Consultancy Program

8:30 am – 10:00 am PLENARY ADDRESS: Mark Ravina, Emory University
Fantasies of Valor: Legends of the Samurai in Japan and the US

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am – 11:45 am Concurrent Panel Sessions

1-1 Re-orienting Early Modernity: What the Anglo-Europeans Thought about Asia 1500-1800, Part 1
Chair: Qingjun Li, Middle Tennessee State University
Panelists:
Marion Hollings, Middle Tennessee State University: “Asia, Faerieland, and Cross-cultural Sexual Relations in Shakespeare and Spenser”
Ning Ma, Tufts University: “Re-engendering Virtue: The Sentimental Invention across Cultures”
Qingjun Li, Middle Tennessee State University: “China Travel Narratives and the Transcultural Argument for Women’s Roles in Early Modern England”

1-2 Imagining Others: Religion, Rationality, and Other Encounters in Asia
Chair: Jason Fuller, DePauw University
Panelists:
Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, Wittenberg University: “Chinese Culture, Scientism, and Rationality: What it means to be Chinese”
T. James Kodera, Wellesley College: “Religious Conversion as Empowering the ‘Untouchables’ of India and Japan”

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Jan C. Leuchtenberger, University of Puget Sound: “Shifting Views of shinkoku: Japanese gods as protectors and protected in early modern Kirishitan texts”

1-3 Environmental Studies in Asia
Chair: Jack Harris, Hobart and William Smith College
Panelists:
Sanghamitra Padhy, Davidson College, “Engendering the Human Right to Water: Vellore Citizen’s vs Leather Tanneries of India”
Bernice deGannes Scott, Spelman College, “Indian Women and Environmental Activism”

1-4 Utilizing Education About Asia in Undergraduate Survey Courses
Chair: Lucien Ellington, Editor, Education About Asia
Panelists:
Jeffrey Richey, Berea College: “Religion in Chinese and Japanese Literature and Film”
Lucien Ellington, EAA: “Asia in World History Survey Courses”
Catherine Benton, Lake Forest College: “Spotlight on Muslim Communities in Asia”
Nancy Janus, Eckerd College: “Contemporary Social Issues in Southeast Asia”

11:45 am – 12:45 pm Lunch
Elective Roundtables
David Adams, Fulbright Roundtable
Thomas Lutze and Irv Epstein: Guest Editing and Publishing in the ASIANetwork Exchange
Lisa Trivedi and Steve Udry – Benefits of ASIANetwork membership

1:00 – 2:30 pm Concurrent Panel Sessions

2-1 Re-orienting Early Modernity: What the Anglo-Europeans Thought about Asia 1500-1800, Part 2
Chair: Rachana Sachdev, Susquehanna University
Panelists:
Daniel Dooghan, University of Minnesota Duluth: “Earlier Moderns: The Novel Form as National Development in China and Europe”
Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University: “Daoist ‘Popes,’ ‘Magicians,’ and ‘Mysteries’: Early Modern Understandings of Daoism
Rachana Sachdev, Susquehanna University: “Contextualizing Female Infanticide: Ming China in Early Modern European Travelogues”

2-2 Asia in Imagination and in Action: Preparing Colleagues for Study Abroad
Chair: Steve Udry, Carthage College
Panelists:
Mimi Yang, Carthage College: “Cross-Cultural Mirrors: Two-Way Reflections”
Wenjie Sun, Carthage College: “To Dominate or to Engage: Developing the Right Relationship with a non-Asianist Colleague”
Jon Marshall, Carthage College: “Save the Last Bath for Me: Conveying Everyday Knowledge to a Colleague”
James Lochtefeld, Carthage College: “Envisioning and Re-envisioning the Himalayas”

2-3 Envisioning History and Contemporary Society in Asian Cinema: Warriors, Workers, and Mermaids
Chair: Robert Eng, University of Redlands
Panelists:
Robert Eng, University of Redlands: “Chinggis Khan on Film: Globalization, Nationalism, and Historical Revisionism”
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Bill Huntley, University of Redlands: “The Enduring Influence of Akira Kurosawa’s The Seven Samurai”

Hongwei Lu, University of Redlands: “Shanghai and Globalization in the Lens of Film Noir: Lou Ye’s Suzhou River”

Shu-chin Wu, Agnes Scott: “Vision and Revision of Time and Space: the Films of Jia Zhangke”

2-4 Asian Cities as Text

Chair: Pushpa N. Parekh, Spelman College

Panelists:

Pushpa N. Parekh, Spelman College: “Mumbai in Literary Texts”

Nami Kim, Spelman College: “S(e)oul Search: Changing Religious Landscape in Seoul and its Implications for Defining Asia”

Yoko Ueda, Spelman College: “Response to Globalization – Asahikawa and Fukuoka in Japan”

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 – 4:15 pm Concurrent Panel Sessions

3-1 Recruitment and Retention of Asian Students, Faculty and Staff at Liberal Arts Institutions

Chair: Kathie E. Shiba, Maryville College

Panelists:


Ikuko Torimoto, St. Norbert College: “Retention of Asian Students and Faculty at St. Norbert College”

Jessica Melton & YiLong Zheng, Maryville College: “Asian International Students and Faculty at a Liberal Arts College: Perspectives on College Life”

3-2 ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Research Projects Poster Session

Convener: Van Symons, Augustana College

Presenters: 2009 ASIANetwork Student and Faculty Fellows

3-3 Imagining Societies and Polities through Material Culture

Chair: Maris Gillette, Haverford College

Panelists:

Dyron Dabney and Lynne Chytilo, Albion College: “The Politics of Tea: Pottery and the Tea Ceremony from Feudal Japan to the Present”

Maris Gillette, Haverford College: “Representing Reality: Making Broken Pots Broken Dreams”

Tomoko Hamada Connolly and Nathan Revere, College of William and Mary: “Imagining and Consuming Japanese Cuisine”

3-4 Religion in Colonial Korea

Chair: Brandon Palmer, Coastal Carolina University

Panelists:

Brandon Palmer, Coastal Carolina University: “Death Cults in Colonial Korea”

Changju Mun, University of Hawaii, Manoa: “Korean Buddhism during the Colonial Period: Sectarianism and Ecumenism”

Ronald Green, Coastal Carolina University: “Colonial Lessons for Modern Buddhists”

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Business Meeting, Ronnie Littlejohn, Chair of the Board of Directors, ASIANetwork

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Dinner

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Performance and Reception at Agnes Scott College; buses provided.

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Sunday, 11 April 2009

7:30 am          ASIANetwork Board Meeting
7:30 am – 8:30 am   Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am  KEYNOTE PLENARY ADDRESS: Laurie Patton, Emory University
Is Every Sanskritist a Nationalist? Notes from the World of Classical Education in the New Indian Economy

10:00 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 – 12:00 pm  Concurrent Panel Sessions

4-1 Imagining Professionalism in Asia
Chair: Nancy Janus, Eckerd College
Panelists:
   Nancy Janus, Eckerd College: “The Practice of Counseling in Cambodia: Professionalism vs. Paraprofessionalism”
   Claire Stiles, Eckerd College: “Progress towards Professionalism: Preparing Social Workers in China”
   Shelley Rigger, Davidson College: “Professionalizing Politicians in China and Taiwan”

4-2 Deterritorialized Asia
Chair: Marsha Smith, Augustana College
Panelists:
   Todd S. Munson, Randolph-Macon College: “Don’t Forget it, Jake: It’s Yokohama’s Chinatown”
   Bindu Madhok, Albion College: “Imagining and Cultivating Modern India: Sowing Seeds of Women’s Development”
   Marsha Smith, Augustana College: “Intergenerational Tensions among the Iu Mien Community in Northern California”

4-3 Raising Global Consciousness and Advancing Global Citizenship: Innovation Programs in Japan Studies
Chair: Roy Tamashiro, Webster University
Panelists:
   Roy Tamashiro, Webster University: “Students as Peace Ambassadors in Japan: A Gentle Introduction to Global Citizenship”
   Deborah Trott Pierce, Webster University: “The Globally Simulcast Educational Forum on Nuclear Disarmament and Proliferation”
   Satoko Norimatsu, Webster University: “International Joint Seminars on Global Issues (Human Rights, Environmental Degradation, and Article 9) in Japan”
   Kana Morashita, Webster University: “Collaborative Community-Based, K-12+ Undergraduate Japan Studies Program”

4-4 Creating Art from a Chinese Buddhist Imagination
Chair: Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College
Panelists:
   Anne Beidler, Agnes Scott College: “Visualizing the Buddhist Sensibility from the Poetry of Han Shan”
   Hun Lye, Davidson College: “Text, Visualization and Icon in Late Imperial Chinese Buddhist Ritual”
   Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College: “Baodingshan Beckons: Later Literati Impressions of a Song-Dynasty Buddhist Site”

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Lunch