

Board Nominees

The ASIANetwork Nominations Committee is pleased to present the following three candidates for election to the Board of Directors. The election will be held at the Business Meeting at the 2011 Conference in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Andrew Chittick

Andrew Chittick is the E. Leslie Peter Professor of East Asian Humanities and Professor of History at Eckerd College, where he has taught since 1998. He received his BA from Pomona College, and his MA and PhD from the Department of History, University of Michigan. He teaches and researches on a wide variety of topics in East Asian history and culture, with particular interest in early Chinese history and local culture, Taoism, and conceptions of nature. At Eckerd, he is in charge of developing an



interdisciplinary East Asian Studies program and launched a major and minor in East Asian Studies. He has also organized two semester study abroad programs in Asia. Chittick is the author of the monograph *Patronage and Community in Medieval China: The Xiangyang Garrison, 400-600 C.E.*, and numerous journal articles and essays.

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Zheya Gai

Zheya Gai is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies at Washington and Jefferson College where she has been teaching since 1998. She received her BA and MA in International Politics from Fudan University and her Ph. D. in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Her course offerings include World Politics, International Politics, International Political Economy, Politics of China, Political Economy of East Asia, East Asia in World Politics, and Research Methods. She has also taught seminars on Globalization and special topics courses such as Model United Nations and Model G-20. Her research interests include China's membership at the WTO, politics of China trade in the U.S., and US Congress and US China policy. Her current research project is on the Confucian world view and China's foreign policy in the 21st Century. The project is inspired by her participation at a NEH Summer Institute in 2010 entitled *The Silk Roads, Early Globalization, and China's Cultural Identities*. She has actively promoted International Studies and Asian Studies at Washington and Jefferson College and is currently serving as the director for



both the International Studies and East Asian Studies programs. She has initiated and helped establish exchange programs between W&J and two universities in China including Fudan University in Shanghai and China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. She has taken students to China on study abroad trips and her next trip will be in January 2011 when she and her students will be visiting Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. She was invited to join the faculty at the Semester at Sea program for the Asia-Pacific voyage in the summer of 2004 and taught two courses on East Asia during the two month voyage that traveled to Alaska, Russia, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Japan. She started a Model United Nations program at W&J four years ago and has been serving as a faculty advisor to the program. The W&J Model UN team has participated in the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference every year since then and one of the countries the team has represented is Cambodia.

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Jennifer Oldstone-Moore

Jennifer Oldstone-Moore is Associate Professor of Religion and past Program Director of East Asian Studies at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. An historian of religion, she

teaches courses that contextualize religion in culture and history. Her courses include introductory courses on Chinese and Japanese religion, the Silk Road, and a general course on East Asia; and advanced courses on Daoism, Chinese Popular

Religion, Confucianism, Buddhism, comparative pilgrimage, and East Asian religion and literature. She has been working avidly to increase coverage of Korea in her courses, an effort augmented by a 2009 Fall Fellowship to Korea through the Korea Society. Her work on experiential learning and contemplative pedagogies has been a recent influence on research and course design.

Jennifer served as Director of Valparaiso's Lutheran Consortium Hangzhou semester in China in 2004, and she has taken students and faculty on study tours and research trips in China and Japan, including a 2006 AsiaNetwork funded Freeman Student-Faculty research grant. She will be co-leader on a Wittenberg summer session on the Silk Road in 2012. Jennifer studies Confucianism and the role of scientism in modern



Chinese attitudes toward Confucianism, which she researched during a sabbatical year at Cambridge University. She has authored two books with Oxford, *Taoism*, and *Confucianism*, and has contributed chapters and entries to several books and encyclopedias. Her chapter on Chinese Religion in a new textbook with Prentice Hall is forthcoming, as is an article on Confucianism and scientism in a SUNY volume on contemporary Confucianism.

Jennifer's three daughters and husband Chris (a British historian) have loved their sabbaticals in China and Britain. In addition to travel and living overseas, Jennifer enjoys music, gardening, and swimming.

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was published in Taiwan by Jidujiao Yuzhouguang in 2006.

UNION COLLEGE

Union College has made two tenure-track hires who will add to Asian Studies this year: 1) **Zhen Zheng**, Assistant Professor with a specialization in Chinese Language and Literature, has joined the Modern Languages and Literature Department; 2) **Mark Dallas**, Assistant Professor with a specialization in the economic and political development of China, has joined the Political Science Department.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Professor **Yasmeen Mohiuddin** recently authored *Pakistan: A Global Studies Handbook*, published by ABC-CLIO in 2007. She has developed the Social Entrepreneurship Education (SEED) Program at Sewanee that consists of coursework and fieldwork focusing on the Nobel peace prize winning Grameen Bank of Bangladesh and on internships at microfinance institutions in Asia, Latin America, Europe, and the U.S. In large part due to SEED, Sewanee was selected in October by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation to participate in a new social

entrepreneurship program initiated by the Foundation. Sewanee was among the nine schools in the South and Southeast to get that honor.

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Rev. Thomas Purcell, O.S.A.: A Life Devoted to Japan and Its People: A Book to Honor Villanova's Augustinian Missionary Friar (original title: *Shimpu no Magic*, by Bunryo Okamoto) was published by Diane Publishing Company in 2009. Rev. Purcell departed for Japan in 1952 to establish the first Catholic mission in Nagasaki, 315 years after Catholics had been banned from Japan. The book shares his selfless devotion to the Japanese people, especially during the most difficult period after World War II when people were spiritually devastated. In addition to the history of Rev. Purcell's life in Japan, it includes an overview of the history of Christianity in Japan and background information on St. Augustine and the Augustinians. **Masako Hamada** of Villanova University was the chief translator on the project.

Masako Nakagawa, Associate Professor of IGIS at Villanova presented

a paper in October 2010 entitled: "Life of Kawasaki Chôtârô: The View from Humble Abode," and chaired Panel 7: The Making of Modern Japan and Panel 18: Japanese Literature Studies at the MAR/AAS (Mid-Atlantic Region/Association for Asian Studies), Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference, Pennsylvania State University.

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

Wittenberg University celebrated the 40th anniversary of its East Asian Studies program in March 2010 with activities including presentations by emeritus Professors **Eugene Swanger**, **James Huffman** and **Stanley Mickel**, alumni awards, Taiko performances, dragon dance, reception and dinner. In October, the newly created East Asian Institute and Honda subsidiaries jointly hosted a conference on campus with Prof. Swanger and Prof. Crane (Psychology) as keynote speakers. In November, the Wittenberg/Springfield Arts Center kicked off an East Asian Art Exhibit and a series of dance performances by artist-in-residence **Mui Cheuk Yin** (Hong Kong), Wittenberg Theater/dance Prof. **Shih-Ming Li Chang**, and others.