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 and 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 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
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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 Algermon 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
(origin title: Shimpu no Magic, by
Bunryo Okamoto) was published by
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 Chôtarô: 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.