

FRINQLY SPEAKING

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Classes Begin: Smashing Success

As people may have noticed, classes began this week. For students looking to move around we have only 20 places left in all our first quarter Frinqs. Many thanks to the faculty who helped staff the information table outside the office, directing lost souls to their correct location.

Leslie Batchelder, Sam Gioia, Alan MacCormack, Victoria Parker-Pohl, Vicki Reitenauer, Denise Schmidt (who organized it) and others who kindly pitched in, are gratefully acknowledged.

Team Requests

Please send Ann M. Fallon your team meeting times and places. Also, it would be very helpful if you asked one team member to be responsible for disseminating information and organizing gatherings. This person may or may not be the person selected to come to the Frinq council meeting...which leads to the next announcement....

The first Frinq council of the year is next Friday, Oct. 6th at 12:00, place to be announced. Homemade cookies provided. All teams should send a representative.

Writing Consultant-Needs Work

The Writing Center has hired Daneen Bergland to be a writing consultant for FRINQ faculty. Several faculty have contacted or met already with Daneen, to great acclaim. But we can keep her even busier. Early in the year is a good time to look over those old assignments or make new ones! Satisfaction guaranteed:

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New Writing Instruction URL:

<http://www.english.pdx.edu/writingstudies/instructors/resources/index.php>

Learning Community Assistants (LCAs)

Learning Community Assistants live and work in the residence halls and organize educational programming for first-year students. Hopefully, all the teams had a chance to meet their personal LCAs at the retreat. We now have contact information! LCAs will organize *six* programs in the dorms every quarter, and work approximately 18 hours per week, including their other duties.

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Prior Learning Survey Available

<http://www.pdx.edu/unst/surveys.html>
Results downloaded daily to the "Frinq" folder on the "I" drive.

Writing Workshops on Fridays: Cramer 201

We are sponsoring writing workshops for Frinq faculty and students every Friday this year from 10-12 in Cramer 201. From 10-11, faculty and students are invited to come write, conference with one another and discuss projects. *Faculty are invited to drop-in with questions on the teaching of writing from 11-12.* The workshops will be staffed by our writing center consultant and Frinq faculty.

Everybody Reads-FRINQ Reads

Everybody Reads is the Multnomah County Library Program which encourages everyone in the city to read the same book. University Studies is cosponsoring events for this year's book, *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong Bates. Please consider using the book in the winter quarter.

Participating faculty will receive a copy of the novel.

Events planned:

Chinatowns in the Pacific Northwest. Invitees: Marie Rose Wong, author of *Sweet Cakes*, *Long Journeys: The Chinatowns of Portland, Oregon*; Carl Abbott (Urban Studies, PSU); Chet Orloff, (Director Emeritus Oregon Historical Society), Jason Mak, documentary film producer of "Selling Louie's Village." **Friday, February 9th at 11:00am & 7:00pm**

Contemporary Chinese Cinema and the Chinese Diaspora. Invitees: Jacqueline Arante (English, PSU); Jing Jiang (Chinese, Reed); Shiao-ling Yu (Chinese, Oregon State). **Tuesday, February 13th at 11:00am & 7:00pm**

Comparative Perspectives on Asian American and Canadian Literature. Invitees: Marie Lo (English, PSU); Patti Duncan (Women's Studies, PSU); Patti Sakurai (English, Oregon State); Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt (English, Linfield College). **Monday, February 26th at 11:00am & 7:00pm**

Erika Lee, Professor of History at the University of Minnesota. Lee is a specialist on the history of Asian migration and exclusion in the United States and Canada, especially the Pacific Northwest. Professor Lee will lecture on the 1907 Chinatown riots in San Francisco, Bellingham, and Vancouver, and their historical fallout. **Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm**

David Eng, Professor of English at Rutgers University. Eng is a renowned scholar of Chinese diasporic culture and cinema, particularly as it intersects with issues of sexuality. He will discuss present trends in Chinese cinema, from part of his new research for a forthcoming book. **Friday, February 16th at 4:00pm**

Tomo Hattori, former Professor of English at Vassar College, and Visiting Professor of English at Loyola University in Los Angeles. Hattori is a specialist in the comparison of Asian American and Asian Canadian literature. He will speak on the differences in the American and Canadian trajectories of Asian minority fiction. **Friday, February 23rd at 7:00pm**

Judy Fong Bates, author of *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe* and *China Dog: And Other Tales from a Chinese Laundry* and speak at Portland State University in the Smith Memorial Union Ballroom. **Thursday, March 1st at 11:00am and 7:00pm.**

Exhibit: Gateway to Gold Mountain: The Angel Island Immigration Station. Place and Dates to be confirmed.