Upcoming Events

- Mon, Aug 4, at 6:30 PM, SBA 190
  Dr. Prasenjit Duara, National University of Singapore
  Lecture: Is the Concept of Secularism Relevant to China?

- Thursday, October 2 at 4:00 PM, SMSU
  Dr. KyeungSin Park, visiting professor from the University of Ulsan, South Korea
  Oral Korean Epics
  PSU Quarterly Korean Program

- Thursday, Oct 16, at 4:00 PM, SMSU 296
  CHINA Town Hall
  Co-sponsored with the NW China Council

- Thursday, Nov 20, at 4:30 PM, TBA
  Dr. Desmond Cheung, PSU Assistant Professor of Chinese History
  Smash and Spit! Cultural Destruction at Urban Sites in Early Modern China
  IAS Faculty Focus Series

Message from Interim Director

The 2013-14 academic year has just ended. What a wonderful year! My nine months as the interim director of the Institute for Asian Studies (IAS) passed so fast with a full load of events and programs. The IAS has offered a number of lectures, including Engaging Asia: Lessons & Perspectives; Quarterly Korean Lecture Series; First Saturday Lecture Series; Trena Gillette Memorial Lecture; China-focus lecture series, to name a few. Within Asia, we covered a diverse range of topics from anti-corruption policies, to Confucianism, nationalism, Cultural Revolution and ethnic identity.

In January 2014, a steering committee was formed for the purpose of helping shape a long-term vision for the PSU Institute for Asian Studies, so that IAS can serve students, faculty, and the community in a more coordinated and sustainable way. While IAS has been successful securing some endowed funds thanks to the efforts of the directors before myself, these accounts are targeted for particular programs such as Quarterly Korean Lecture Series, Trena Gillette Memorial Lecture Series, and the IAS scholarship. In order for IAS to continue to offer other events such as lecture series on China, Southeast Asia, and South Asia and the Engaging Asia series in coming years, it is imperative to strategize the usage of existing funds and fundraising plans. I hope the PSU campus and the greater community understand our needs so that IAS can continue to provide quality and intellectually stimulating programs.

I want to thank all who have been supporting IAS by attending our vents, volunteering at our events, as well as sending donations. I enjoyed my term as the interim director in 2013-14, and I wish you the best for the summer.

Suwako Watanabe, Ph. D.
Professor of Japanese
2013-14 Interim Director, Institute for Asian Studies

IAS Director - Dr. Carstens in Malaysia

Professor Sharon Carstens conducted 5 months of sabbatical research from January through May on Chinese language identities and ideologies in multi-ethnic Malaysia. Most Malaysian Chinese are educated in Mandarin, Malay, and English in addition to speaking one or more Chinese dialects.

(READ MORE ON PAGE 2)
Dr. Carstens in Malaysia – continued from page 1

As a visiting senior researcher with the Department of Chinese Studies at University Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Dr. Carstens collaborated with a number of local scholars and students in data collection on public conversations, interviews, and focus groups. Before returning to Portland, Dr. Carstens gave invited presentations on this topic at New Era College, University Malaya, SEGi University, Taylor’s University, and University Kebangsaan Malaysia.

New Faculty – Professor Desmond Cheung

Desmond Cheung joined the PSU faculty in Fall 2013 as Assistant Professor of Chinese History. He succeeds the China historian, Dr. Linda Walton, who retired in 2013. Prof. Cheung earned his B.A. (Honours) in Oriental Studies at the University of Cambridge, and his M.A. in Chinese Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. He was awarded the Ph.D. in History at the University of British Columbia in 2011. Professor Cheung’s research interests lie in the history of late imperial China, especially the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). His current research projects are concerned with the Chinese jingshi (statecraft) tradition, the history of the Sino-European encounter that began in the sixteenth century, and the urban society of late imperial China, specifically the creation and representation of famous sites in the city of Hangzhou. He has taught courses on the history of dynastic and modern China, which he seeks to place in a comparative and more global framework. He is excited to teach Chinese, Asian, and world history at PSU.

Professor Walton – Active after Retirement

Since her retirement last year, Professor Emerita Linda Walton has maintained an active scholarly agenda and devoted time to fundraising efforts in support of colleagues in both History and Asian Studies. She has joined the board of the Friends of History as well as advisory boards at PSU for both the Institute for Asian Studies and the Confucius Institute. She participated in the Conference on Middle Period China, 800-1400, held at Harvard University in early June, where her paper dealt with an ongoing project on Confucian academies under Mongol rule during the Yuan dynasty. She also attended the annual conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) at Western Washington University, which PSU hosted in 2010. She will present a paper at the AAS-in-Asia Conference in Singapore in mid-July, focusing on a new research project on the revival of Confucian academies in contemporary China as sites of cultural heritage tourism, the subject of a talk she gave for the Confucius Institute this past spring.

New Korea related projects & programs at PSU

The Institute for Asian Studies played an integral facilitative role over the past year in helping various Korea related projects across the campus come to fruition.

- During Summer 2013 PSU welcomed mid-career level civil servants from Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) for a newly developed one-year professional development training focused on best practices in local government, leadership, policy and public administration, administered by the PSU Hatfield School of Government Center for Public Service. This annual program continues for a second year with the arrival of a new cohort of SMG participants in Summer 2014.

- During Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 PSU offered two new courses on Korea—HIST 399 Korean Civilization and KOR 399 Modern Korean Literature—made possible through mutual collaboration between various PSU departments and ULCA’s Korean Studies Program.

- Beginning in Fall 2014 the PSU community and general public will have access to the Korean National Library Database through a portal connection available in the PSU Library.
Prof. Yiping Fang’s Students Participate in MURP Internship in China

PSU Professor Yiping Fang, Urban & Public Affairs faculty, directs the summer internship program for her students. A group of six Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Students flew to two cities in China in early July for a ten week internship program. Four of them will work in the city of Beijing and two of them will work in Shenzhen. They will participate in the fore-front of urban development projects in the world’s fast urbanizing country. All interns will share their living and working experience in China through the Transplanet blog. This will be the 5th year of the MURP China Internship program.

2014-15 IAS Scholarship Recipients

In Spring 2014, the Institute for Asian Studies launched a new student scholarship program made possible through a generous gift, coupled with matching support from the Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund. The Institute for Asian Studies Student Scholarship is an annual competitive award of up to $5000 split between one to three qualified full-time, degree seeking, PSU students, who are pursuing an academic program at Portland State, or abroad, with a focus on Asia and/or Asian language studies, with selection priority given to students who are under-represented college students admitted to a PSU approved study abroad program in an Asian country.

Congratulations to the following three PSU students who received scholarship awards for the academic year 2014-15.

Cassiday Pfau is a first generation undergraduate student in PSU’s Honors College who is double majoring in Chinese and International Studies. The Institute for Asian Studies Scholarship award is helping to fund her participation in a year-long study abroad program in Chengdu, China, during the 2014-15 academic year where she’ll be enrolled in advanced Chinese language and culture courses. Outside of the classroom she will be completing an internship for an international organization. This is Cassidy’s first opportunity to travel abroad and she is extremely grateful to the Institute for Asian Studies for helping fund what will be a life-changing educational experience.

Michael Gagle is a first general college student, pursuing a graduate degree in history, with a focus on Japan. The Institute for Asian Studies Scholarship is supporting his studies this summer at Waseda University in an intensive Japanese language program. This is Michael’s first time traveling and studying in Japan. With knowledge gained from this study abroad experience Michael intends to go on to Ph.D. work and teach history.

Marty Mortimer is an under-represented student at PSU, working on his second bachelor’s degree, majoring in Japanese language. This scholarship is helping to fund his participation in a one-year study abroad Program at Kansai Gaidai in Hirakata, Japan during the 2014-15 academic year. Marty hopes to use this overseas educational experience to improve his language skills in order to pursue a future profession in translating Japanese literature.

Connie Earnshaw Passes Away

Connie Earnshaw passed away November 11, 2013. Connie was a Portland State University MFA alumna, and a long time Art History & International Studies adjunct instructor at PSU who frequently taught courses on Asian Art History. Connie will be dearly missed by many.

“Thank you so much for making these lectures, like this excellent one, available to public. I really appreciate it.”
“Excellent! Nice, humanistic, informative, provocative.”

“Thank you so much for making these lectures, like this excellent one, available to public. I really appreciate it.”
“Excellent! Nice, humanistic, informative, provocative.”

“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“Thank you so much for making these lectures, like this excellent one, available to public. I really appreciate it.”
“Excellent! Nice, humanistic, informative, provocative.”

“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”


“This was a fantastic event! Please bring the speaker back for more!”
What’s Inside

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

NEWS ON FACULTY

IAS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

NEW KOREA RELATED PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

FIND US AT
WWW.PDX.EDU/ASIAN-STUDIES

AND ON FACEBOOK

Learn the legacy of Trena Gillette...

Trena Gillette (1965-1993) was a Portland State University student who majored in International Studies with a focus on East Asia. In the Spring of 1993 she passed away just two months shy her anticipated graduation. She was awarded PSU’s first posthumous degree in June 1993.

Funded by the Trena Gillette Memorial Endowment, the Annual Trena Gillette Memorial Lecture Series, honors Trena’s pursuit of education and keen interest in Korean and Asian Studies.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT http://www.pdx.edu/asian-studies/trena-gillette-memorial-lecture-series

Founded in 1997, Portland State Institute for Asian Studies (IAS) promotes public awareness about all parts of Asia. Through networking, partnerships, and fund-raising, the IAS aims to enhance Asian Studies programming and events that serve PSU students, faculty and staff, as well as the greater community.

IAS’s public programs and student scholarships are made possible through the generous support of financial and in-kind contributions made by individuals, families, and corporations in our community.

For more info, visit WWW.PDX.EDU/Asian-Studies

Become a Partner

Help ensure the future continuation of quality, educational public programs on Asia offered by Portland State University’s Institute for Asian Studies. Make a donation or underwrite a program as a sponsor.

Yes, I/we wish to make a donation to support the Institute for Asian Studies’ mission.

Please designate your gift payable by check to the PSU Foundation, attention “Friends of Asian Studies” account. Address: PSU Foundation, PO Box 243, Portland, OR 97207

Or visit http://www.pdx.edu/asian-studies/giving-opportunities to donate online.

Thank you for your generosity!

To subscribe to the Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter, call 503-725-8576, or visit http://www.pdx.edu/asian-studies/contact