Message from the Director, Juliane Schober

Dear Colleagues, Students, and Friends,

Since I last wrote to you, many of the precautions concerning the corona virus that seemed at the time temporary now have become by now almost routine practices. Social distancing has moved many academic activities into a virtual environment, including teaching and the ongoing work of various committees.

This move to virtual realities also involved the Center's Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Committee, comprised of 6 faculty members who reviewed over several dozen applications this past month. Funded through a Title VI grant from the U.S Department of Education, FLAS fellowship provides substantial tuition and living stipends for successful applicants. The Center for Asian Research is currently the only unit at ASU that has been granted Title VI FLAS grant to provide fellowships for our students.

I’m proud to report that the Center for Asian Research has awarded 4 summer FLAS fellowships and, for the next academic year, 7 graduate FLAS awards and 10 undergraduate FLAS awards to the very best ASU students enrolled in Asian language and area studies courses. FLAS fellows will pursue a program of study that includes both area studies courses and language study in Chinese (11), Japanese (2), Korean (1), Vietnamese (1), Indonesian (1), and Nepali (1).

The awards foster expertise in a range of professions important to national interests and including academia, business, government and other fields. For 20/21, ASU FLAS fellowships are distributed across many schools and disciplines at ASU, including the School of International Languages and Cultures (4 awards), The School of Historical Philosophical and Religious Studies (2), Political Science (2), Art History (1), Journalism (1), Mathematics (1), Business (4), and Natural Sciences (2). As our funding resources become finalized over the coming months, we expect to be able to offer FLAS fellowships to additional graduate and undergraduate students who are currently listed as alternates.

In other news, Professor William Hedberg (SILC) convened an initial meeting of the Center’s East Asia Faculty Council online. Please email him or Chan Lwin (Chan.Lwin@asu.edu) if you want to receive announcements of upcoming meetings next fall. Lastly, the deadline to submit applications for the A.T. Steele Faculty Travel Award has been extended to May 1.

Wishing you all a healthy and productive summer and looking forward to seeing you next fall under much improved circumstance,

Juliane Schober
Director
Opportunities

A.T. Steele Faculty Grant Applications
May 1, 2020
The Center for Asian Research invites your applications for travel funds to Asia under the A.T. Steele endowment program. The travel funds can be up to $3,000 each. These funds will be available to use in the 2020-2021 Academic Year. For applications and the past recipients’ projects, please click on the link below.

The Aaron Stephen Moore Fund

Last September, we unexpectedly lost our colleague and friend Aaron Moore. Professor Moore, a historian of modern Japan and East Asia. Dr. Moore's family have graciously established a gift to honor his memory and scholarly career, the Aaron Stephen Moore Fund. The fund will be used to provide grants and awards in the study of Asia to undergraduate and graduate students at ASU, as well as to faculty members. We want to encourage you to consider making a contribution to the fund in Aaron's honor. Please click on the link below to give online.

Freeman-ASIA Study Abroad Scholarship

Summer Intensive Language Programs
Various Deadlines

We would like to encourage our students and Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellows to consider taking summer intensive language classes online. Please go to our site for recommended programs that are FLAS eligible.

Aaron Stephen Moore Fund

Summer Programs

Freeman-ASIA Study Abroad Scholarship

Various Due Dates

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) provides scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. This is a need-based funding to assist with tuition, living costs and travel expenses. Click on the box below for more information.

AAIS Fellowship Competition

Due July 1, 2020
The American institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) invites applications from scholars from all disciplines who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships (up to 11 months) & Senior fellowships (short term and long term) are available. Creative and Performing Arts fellowships are available to practitioners of the arts of India. Applications can be downloaded from the web site: www.indiastudies.org. For more information, please contact the American Institute of Indian Studies (773) 702-8638 or email aisi@uchicago.edu.
Events

A.T. Steele Lecture Series
Postponed until Fall Semester

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the 2020 A.T. Steele Lecture Series will be postponed until Fall Semester. We hope that you will be able to join us when we resume our normal operations.

A.T. Steele Lecture
Staley Lecture Series: Prof. Lucas Klein

April 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm via zoom

This year's Staley lecture was provided by Professor Klein from the University of Hong Kong. The talk is entitled "Frankenstein vs. Dracula: Romanticisms and the Ideologies of Poetry in Contemporary China." Arguing for the ethics of hybridity of romanticisms and the ideologies of poetry, this talk will address and analyze the Frankensteinian mode in contemporary Chinese poetry, with a close look at translational poetics. For more details and abstract of this talk, please email Professor William Hedberg (William.Hedberg@asu.edu).

Asian Studies Web Resources

As we migrate to online classes and virtual meetings, we want to share a few resources for the Asian Studies. These include websites, social media pages and groups where scholars and students can network academically and professionally. Please click here for details.

Congratulations to AY 2020-2021 FLAS Fellows

This spring, Center for Asian Research received many competitive applications for the FLAS fellowship awards funded by Title VI Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS fellows for the up-coming academic years were selected on the basis of their academic achievement and merit by faculty committee committees comprising expertise in various regions of Asia. The Center would like to thank the FLAS Selection Committee for their dedicated and careful consideration of this year's applicants:

- Professor Huaiyu Chen (SHPRS)
- Professor William Hedberg (SILC)
- Professor Alexander Henn (SHPRS)
- Professor Kim Le (SILC)
- Professor Jianling Liao (SILC)
- Professor Juliane Schober (SHPRS)
Graduate Fellows

- John Billing (Chinese), PhD Candidate, East Asian Languages & Civilization
- Sarah Gossett (Japanese), PhD Candidate, Art History
- Blayne Harcey (Nepali), PhD Candidate, Religious Studies
- Mary Kennedy (Chinese), Master Student, Linguistic
- Lidan Liu (Korean), PhD Candidate, East Asian Languages & Civilization
- Kelly Morris (Vietnamese), Master Student, Political Science
- Ranjani Venkatakrishnan (Japanese), Master Student, Journalism & Mass Communication

Undergraduate Fellows

- Brigham Blackhurst (Chinese), Business
- Dylan Brooks (Chinese), Business
- Sarah Cichomski (Chinese), Political Science
- Jenesse, Johnson (Chinese), Asian Languages
- Parker Lebaron (Indonesian), Russian & Asian Studies
- Olivia Parker (Chinese), Chinese
- Noelle Sakauye (Chinese), Mathematics
- Clair Tanoue (Japanese), Supply Chain Management
- Kiram Tung (Chinese), Biological Sciences
- Sophia Weinzier (Chinese), Business
- Madeleine Zheng (Chinese), Biochemistry/Chinese

The biographies for our fellows will soon be posted on our website, where you can find the biographies of past FLAS Fellows. Please click here: FLAS FELLOWS

Contact Information

If you have any questions on the content of this newsletter or new classes offered in Asian Studies, please contact us at Asia@asu.edu.

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