Welcome to the new semester!

My first news is that the Center will be moving in early September. Our new space in Coor 3355 and Coor 3323 will be our temporary home until the College’s new Center for Centers is completed in Durham Language and Literature Building. We will be among the inaugural members of this new dedicated space, which is currently under construction.

I’m happy to report that, over the summer, seven ASU students attended language institutes with Center-allocated FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) funding to study Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, and Nepali. Meanwhile, our own program coordinator, Chan Lwin, taught Burmese at the SEASSI Southeast Asia Summer Studies Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Many thanks to Ronae Matriano for filling in at the Center while Chan was away.) This fall and spring, sixteen of our students will be studying Asian languages and area studies at ASU under generous FLAS fellowships.

This year’s Sage Scholar, Mayah Godsey, has returned from her summer travels in Laos. She will be sharing her stories and photos with us sometime later this semester.

The alarming news coming from India around events in Kashmir, Assam, and elsewhere call out for attention. The Center is organizing, alongside the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, a public symposium on October 2 to expose these ongoing events and to explore the issues involved. This symposium will be open to the university community and the public. We hope it will be a big event. Please stay tuned for further details. Our thanks to Yasmin Saikia, Anne Feldhaus, Alexander Henn and other colleagues who are collaborating on this important event.

I would like to welcome two new Asia scholars to ASU. Lei Duan (PhD Syracuse) and Ryan Wolfson-Ford (PhD Wisconsin-Madison) have been appointed lecturers in SHPRS. Lei is a historian of modern China; Ryan is a historian of Southeast Asia. Both are teaching Asia-studies courses for SHPRS this year as well as global studies courses. A warm welcome to Lei and Ryan.

Finally, congratulations to our colleague Soe Myint, who has been named this year’s Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Environmental Studies. Professor Myint will spend the fall semester at University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada. Please see more about Soe Myint below.
The Move

September 5th, COOR 6635

Our Center will move to the third floor of Lattie F. Coor Hall. We will be in Room 3355 and 3341. Please stop by and say "Hello!"

Summer 2020 FLAS Fellowship Applications

Due January 31st, 2020

The FLAS Fellowships offers eligible students with a $2,500 summer stipend and up to $5,000 towards tuition and fees for approved intensive summer language programs.

Please visit our website for more details and application. If you have any questions, please email Asia@asu.edu.

Application

FLAS Gathering

September 18th, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, COOR 3355

We will have our first gathering for FLAS fellows will be on Wednesday, September 18th at 4:00 pm. We will hear from our Summer FLAS Fellows who went to China, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, & Taiwan.

Current FLAS Fellows and students with interest in FLAS are encouraged to attend. All the faculty members and Asia Studies majors/minors are also welcomed.

Public Symposium: Crisis in India

October 2nd, Location and Time TBD

CAR will be co-sponsoring a public symposium with the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (CSRC) on October 2nd. It will be a public panel/discussion about the current crisis in India led by the ASU faculty members and guest authorities.

The symposium is free of charge and open to public. Stay tuned for more information.

WCAAS 2019 Conference

October 18th-19th, Mexico City

El Colegio de Mexico (Colmex) is hosting the 2019 Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS) in Mexico City on October 18th and 19th. An ASU delegation will be attending. The theme is "Crossing Borders." Students and faculty members who wish to attend can register at early-bird rates until August 30th. Please visit the website see below for more information.
Our colleague and friend, Dr. Soe Myint was named a Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Environmental Studies for the Fall semester of this year at the University of Regina. Dr. Myint’s proposed study is designed to provide transformative options for future water use and policy changes for sustainable resource management in Canada.

The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program is a reciprocal exchange program which provides the opportunity for outstanding American scholars to lecture/conduct research in Canada.

Professor Myint, a Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Environmental Studies. Photo: Peiyuan Li, ASU

Please click the below link for more information.

Fulbright Canada Research Chair

Sage Family Southeast Asian Studies Scholarship supports travel and study abroad in Laos (and neighboring countries of Southeast Asia) for undergraduate students.

The Sage Scholarship reflects William W. Sage’s lifelong interest in Laos and is offered annually in tribute to his parents.

Mayah Godsey, the current Sage Scholar, spent over a month in Laos this summer exploring and doing research on culture, nature, and agriculture.

Ms. Godsey is a senior pursuing Biotechnology and Bioenterprise at Arizona State University. We will hear about her trip to Laos this Fall.

Applications for Sage Scholarship will be open later this Fall. For more information regarding eligibility and requirement, please click on the link below.

Sage Scholarship