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News

Center for Asian Research awarded UISFL grant “Asia Mediated”

The US Department of Education awarded the Center for Asian Research a UISFL grant of \$180,000 for a two-year project to fund faculty and student activities on the theme of Asia Mediated. The project is directed by Dr. Juliane Schober from School of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies and co-directed by Dr. Pauline Cheong of the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. This project enhances undergraduate education about regions of Asia represented at ASU – South, Southeast, and East – by leveraging ASU’s commitment to access, excellence and inclusion in the global education about Asia for undergraduate students and significant resources in digital teaching technologies.

It involves the collaboration of more than 20 faculty across the university whose expertise is in the study of Asia. These include: Drs. Monica Chadha and Hazel Kwon, from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication; Dr. Uttaran Dutta from the Hugh Downs School of Communication; Dr. Deepak Chhabra from the School of Community Resources and Development; Bradley Wilson and Drs. Sookja Cho, William Hedberg, Angie Chau and Jiwon Shin from the School of International Literatures and Cultures; Dr. Julie Codell from the Herberger Institute of Design and Art; Dr. Ralph Gabbard, librarian; Dr. Claudia Brown from the School of Art; Drs. Sybil Thornton, James Rush, Aaron Moore, Huaiyu Chen and Alexander Henn from the School of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies; Dr. Nilanjana Bhattacharjya from Barrett, the Honors College; and Lê Pham Thuý-Kim, Senior Lecturer of Vietnamese.

We look forward to working with students in the Honors College through internships to aid with the technological aspects of the project. The project will host lecture series, faculty workshops, and related activities around the use of digital technology in Asia. Faculty will be engaged in curriculum development and revision illustrating the uses of new media in Asia. The contributions to this project will be accessible to educators through the ASU library digital repository.

Digital media play important roles in the formation of intercultural identities, establish new flows of information and accelerate both global connectivity and knowledge formation, and are reshaping everyday life from communication to popular culture to education. This project enhances undergraduate education about Asia by leveraging ASU’s commitment to access, excellence and inclusion in the global education about Asia for undergraduate students and significant resources in digital teaching technologies.

ASU Welcomes Wu Wenguang and the Memory Project Documentarians

The Memory Project, a film series founded to document the Great Famine period in China, will be making a stop at ASU on Monday, November 14, from 5-8:30PM in the Pima room of the MU. The film *Self Portrait: Building the Bridge at 47km* will be shown, followed by a lecture and performance entitled “Reading Hunger” and a Q&A with the filmmakers. The following day there will be a meet and greet with the filmmakers from 4-6PM in West Hall 135 and the Secret Garden. The film series features the work of over 200 documentary filmmakers who returned to their ancestral villages in order to research the Great Famine through oral interviews and film footage. Both events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Charles K. Armstrong to Lecture on North Korea, Thursday, October 20

Professor Charles K. Armstrong will give two lectures on North Korea on Thursday, October 20. The first, entitled “Socialist Postmodernism: Representative Architecture in Pyongyang, Astana and Ashgabat since 1989,” will be held in Coor Hall room 4403 at noon. A light lunch will be served – please RSVP to melkiancenter@asu.edu. The second lecture will be from 4-6PM in Coor 4403 and is entitled “Tyranny of the Weak: How North Korea Shakes the World.” Dr. Armstrong is the Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies in the Social Sciences in the Department of History at Columbia University.

Georgetown’s M.A. in Asian Studies Accepting Applications

Georgetown University is accepting applications for its M.A. in Asian Studies through the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Prospective students should visit their website at <https://asianstudies.georgetown.edu/admissions/apply> for more information and to apply; the deadline is January 15, 2017.

Blakemore Freeman Asian Language Fellowships Available

Graduate students interested in a one-year, intensive language study program in China, Japan, Korea, Thai, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia or Burma may apply for a Blakemore Freeman fellowship for funding. Applicants must be US citizens and at an advanced level in their language of study. The deadline is late December, and more information can be found at <http://www.blakemorefoundation.org/language.html>

American Institute of Indian Studies Language Programs

The American Institute of Indian Studies is accepting applications to its 2017 summer and a 2017-18 academic year language programs. Languages to be offered include Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi, Tamil, Marathi, Urdu, Telugu, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Mughal Persian, Sanskrit and Pali/Prakrit and other Indian languages upon request. The application deadline is December 31, 2016, and funding is available. More information and applications are at the AIIS web site at www.indiastudies.org.