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News

ASU's Professor Anne Feldhaus elected as AAS VP

The Center for Asian Research congratulates Professor Anne Feldhaus for her election as Vice President of the Association for Asian Studies in its Fall 2016 election. She will serve as vice president for 2017-18 and assume the presidency for 2018-19. Dr. Feldhaus is distinguished Foundation Professor of Religious Studies here at ASU, and has been with us since 1981. Her work focuses on the Marathi-language region of western India, and she has been the recipient of Fulbright-Hays, Guggenheim, and Alexander von Humboldt fellowships as well as a Senior Research Fellow for the American Institute of Indian Studies. We appreciate her long record of service to ASU and AAS, and wish her all the best in her new position.



Study Abroad in Laos: 2017 Sage Scholarship Announcement

ASU offers an annual scholarship of \$3,000.00 for an undergraduate student to spend several weeks traveling in Laos, ordinarily (but not necessarily) over the summer. The recipient must be a full-time undergraduate student during the Spring Semester 2017 and have completed 56 hours, or four semesters, of study. Recipients of the Sage Scholarship are expected to spend at least three weeks in Laos but are free to travel elsewhere in Southeast Asia during their trip. After returning home, they will make an informal presentation about what they have seen and learned and submit a final project report. To date, ten ASU undergraduates have traveled to Laos as Sage Scholars. The application deadline is March 6, 2017, and an application form can be downloaded from: <https://car.clas.asu.edu/news-and-events/2017-sage-family-sotheast-asian-studies-scholarship-accepting-applications/> For questions, contact Professor James Rush at james.rush@asu.edu. Our 2016 Sage Scholarship awardee was Brynn Szukala. Brynn recorded her travels and made a wonderful video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hAKUamxe60>.

CAR's Asia Mediated Grant Featured in ASU Now

P.I. Dr. Juliane Schober (of the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies) and Co-P.I. Dr. Pauline Cheong (of the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication) were featured in an article on their UISFL Asia Mediated grant by ASU Now. The two-year, \$180,000 grant will enhance undergraduate education on South, East and Southeast Asia through digital technology at ASU and includes more than 20 ASU faculty and staff. The ASU Now story is available from <https://asunow.asu.edu/20161121-global-engagement-bridging-asian-digital-media-knoweldge-gap>.

2017 Summer Study Abroad in Laos

The Center for Lao Studies is accepting applications for its 2017 study abroad program in Vientiane. The program runs from June 27 to July 31 and features immersive language instruction as well as history and culture courses and a home stay environment. Students may be eligible to take the course for credit, and there are opportunities for fellowships. The fellowship deadline is March 15, and the application deadline is April 3. For more information go to <http://www.laostudies.org/sail/details>.

2017 Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad Program in Thailand

The U.S. Department of Education is providing grants to educators for its 2017 seminars abroad program, including Thailand for K-8 educators. Seminars features educational lectures and activities specifically designed for the group, including visits to local schools and organizations, meetings with teachers and students, and visits to cultural sites. Participants draw on their experiences during the program to create new, cross-cultural curricula for their classrooms and school systems back in the U.S. For more information, go to www.g5.gov.

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.