Dear Colleagues, Students and Friends,

As we move into summer, I wanted to share with you some recent developments at the Center for Asian Research. Despite the unforeseen difficulties 2020 has delivered, we end the academic year with notes of achievement and success. Congratulations to all of you on your well-deserved recognitions.

The Center has made FLAS awards to four undergraduate students enrolled in intensive summer programs for Chinese, Korean, Thai, and Indonesian language studies. It will be a new experience for both teachers and students to study Asian languages through intensive online formats. As in previous years, Chan Lwin will be teaching Burmese online for the Southeast Asian Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and we eagerly anticipate her return to the Center in August of this year.

I am also happy to report on research awards in Asian studies. Professor Youngju Shin, Associate Professor in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, and Deepak Chhabra, Associate Professor in the School of Community Resources and Development, both received A.T. Steele grants for faculty travel to support research on the impact of Covid 19 in South Korea and India respectively. Mulung Hsu, doctoral candidate in Religious Studies, won a nationally competitive ACLS/ Ho Foundation dissertation award for research on a project about humanitarian organizations in Myanmar. Two of our academic year FLAS fellows, Delaney Shultz and Blayne Harcey, were recently featured in the ASU NOW digital news media where they describe the motivations, interests, and expectations that brought them to the study of Asia.

Our summer newsletter contains notices of upcoming fellowship competitions like the Warner-Fong Scholarship for incoming ASU undergraduates, the P.E.O. Grants for PhD students and a call of applications to Rotary International in support of foreign language study.

Looking forward to the fall semester, we are compiling a list of Asia-related courses to help our students identify a relevant curriculum. I invite you therefore to email Asia@asu.edu information about the courses you plan to teach this coming year that offer significant coverage of themes in the study of Asia so that we may include them in our online listing on the CAR website.

Lastly, if you are looking for a distraction, I encourage you to visit the Asian Arts collection at the Phoenix Art Museum virtually! The PAM collection on Asia is curated by Dr. Janet Baker and includes art from many countries in the region. I look forward to being in contact with you again at the start of fall semester. Until then, my best wishes for a healthy summer.

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Asian Related Courses

We are in the process of updating our Asia Related course list for the students to easily access the information. We would like to ask our faculty members to help us keep this course list updated. If you are offering any new classes, please email us at Asia@asu.edu. The Asia related course list for Fall 2019 can be accessed below.

Meet Our Fellows

Summer FLAS Fellows Prepare For Classes

The Summer 2020 FLAS Fellows are getting ready for their summer intensive language classes. Lidan Liu, a PhD student at School of International Letters and Cultures, will be studying 6th year level Korean at the Middlebury College's Virtual Summer Korean Program. Jeremy Parker, a sophomore with major in Chinese, will be studying 2nd year level Chinese at CET China: Virtual Intensive Language & Culture Program. John Ransone, a senior with major in Southeast Asian Studies, will be studying 2nd year level Thai at University of Wisconsin's Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute(SEASSI). Michelle Tieu will study intensive Indonesian online through the ASU Critical Languages Institute. Each fellows received a stipend of $2,500, and up to $5,000 for tuition and fees. For more information about our fellows, please click on the link below.

SHPRS PHD Candidate Wins Ho Foundation Dissertation Fellowships

Religious Studies PhD Candidate Mu-Lung Hsu has been awarded a 2020 Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Buddhist Studies to support his dissertation project on humanitarian organizations in Myanmar. Congratulations to Mu-Lung for winning this prestigious fellowship. Please click on the link below to read more about his research.

FLAS Fellows in Asian Studies Share their Career Plans in ASU NOW

Two of our current FLAS fellows shared the importance of Asian studies and their experiences as fellows in an ASU Now article. Blayne Harcey, Religious Studies Student, is using funding from his FLAS Fellowship to research the economic and sociocultural implications of the development of the birthplace of Buddha in Nepal. Delaney Shultz, a senior and honor student studying supply chain management, Spanish and Chinese, has utilized the funds to focus on learning languages and different cultures. To read more about their research and studies, please click on the link below.

ASU Now Article
Opportunities

Warner-Fong Scholarship

**Application Deadline - July 5**
This scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to an incoming freshman or transfer student who has declared a major in Asia Studies. The scholarship is renewable for one year. Consideration is given to academic merit and to the student's commitment to the field of Asia Studies. Please click on the link below for more information.

[Warner-Fong](#)

Rotary International

**Various Deadlines**
Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships are for either three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country and provide a flat grant of US$10,000 or its equivalent for 3 months and US$15,000 or its equivalent for 6 months. Applications are considered for candidates interested in studying Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Swedish. Please click below for more information & other Rotary International scholarships.

[Rotary International](#)

P.E.O. Grants, Scholarships and Loans

**Various Deadlines**
The P.E.O. Sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include five projects that provide higher educational assistance: Educational Loan Fund, International Peace Scholarship, Program for Continuing Education, Scholar Awards (for PhD students), and STAR (for high school seniors enrolling in a postsecondary institution upon graduation. Please see the link below for more information.

[P.E.O. Projects](#)

Virtual Visit to Phoenix Art Museum

**On-going**
The Asian collection at Phoenix Art Museum includes works from many eras and countries, including India, Iran, Nepal, Tibet, China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, & Java. The Museum's oldest artifacts can be found in the Asian collection. You may even find the bronze bell from Tibet, a gift of Mr. A.T. Steele (A.T. Steele Grant donor). Sit back, and enjoy the collection highlights virtually.

[PHX Art Museum](#)

Contact Information

If you have any questions on the content of this newsletter or information about new classes offered in Asian Studies, please contact us at Asia@asu.edu. Location: The Center for Asian Research Lattie F. Coor Hall Room 3355 Tempe, Arizona Website: car.clas.asu.edu