February Newsletter

Message from the Director, Juliane Schober

Dear Colleagues and Students in Asian Studies,

I hope the spring semester has started well for all of you. Last month, I returned from my research leave and resumed my role directing the Center of Asian Research. Let me begin by thanking Professor James Rush for his expert leadership and engagement with the Center's affairs. With his personal commitment and diplomatic touch, Jim has guided the Center through an eventful year.

A lot has happened in Asian studies at ASU over the past year. Working with a faculty committee, the Center began awarding Title VI FLAS grants to undergraduates and graduate students enrolled in an Asian language and taking area studies courses. Thus far, twenty-three students received academic year and summer awards, while pursuing degrees in Asia studies, English, Religious Studies, Art History, East Asian Languages and Civilization, Biological Sciences, Social Anthropology, Political Sciences, Global Studies, Journalism and Business. In all, we awarded over $350,000 to date and look forward to strong applications being submitted for our upcoming summer and academic year competitions. Please encourage your students, current ones and those you hope to recruit to the field, to check out application details on our website https://car.clas.asu.edu/. And let me thank Chan Lwin who has been guiding our FLAS applicants and fellows through the application process and tenure of their awards.

And there have been other transitions: Anne Feldhaus, Professor Emerita and past President of the Association for Asian Studies retired from ASU in December, completing a stellar tenure at ASU. We continue to mourn the loss of our dear colleague, Aaron Moore, Professor of History, who passed away so quickly last fall.

Please come to hear lectures given by our recent A.T. Steele grant recipients, beginning in mid-February. Details are provided below. Soon we will also announce this year’s competition for A.T. Steele funding, so stay tuned. And last, but not least, please join me in welcoming Professor Sangmi Lee, a social anthropologist working with the Hmong in Laos and in the US, who recently joined the New College on the West campus.

Please share with us news about your publications and courses and come see us in our new and temporary abode in 3355 Coor Hall.

Cordially,

Juliane Schober
Opportunities

Summer 2020 FLAS Fellowship Applications
Due February 7, 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

Academic Year 2020-2021 FLAS Applications
Due February 28, 2020
The FLAS Fellowship applications for academic year 2020-2021 is open now. This fellowship offers the graduate fellows with $15,000 in living stipend and up to $18,000 in tuition and mandatory fees. Undergraduate fellows will receive $5,000 in stipend and up to $10,000 for tuition and mandatory fees.

Rethinking Narratives of China and the Middle East
Due February 24, 2020
University of Pennsylvania Middle East Center is currently accepting paper for their conference which will be held in Spring 2021, on the theme: Rethinking Narratives of China and the Middle East: The Silk Roads and Beyond. Please see below for more information.

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 aiis@uchicago.edu.
**A.T. Steele Lecture Series**

February 20, 2020 at noon

The annual A.T. Steele Lecture series are here. The first lecture will be on February 20 by Professor Wei Li & Yining Tan on Skilled Migration to China: Chinese Returnees & U.S. Migrants. The lecture will be held in COOR 4403. To read the full abstract, please visit our website at car.clas.asu.edu. To RSVP for the lecture series, please click on the link below.

**Mediating Religion Conference**

February 28, 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm

The Graduate Association of Religious Studies (GARS) at ASU is hosting their 3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference on February 29, 2020. The theme of the conference is Mediating Religion: Ritual, Visual Culture, & Emergent Practice. The conference will be in 135 West Hall. For more information, and to RSVP, please click on the link below.

**Summer 2020 In India**

Due February 29, 2020

The international Summer School for Jain Studies (ISSJS) is currently accepting applications for three, four and six weeks study programs in India to study Nonviolence & Jainism in India. The programs are designed for undergraduate and graduate students, Post-Doctoral Fellows, full time faculty and High School Teachers with an interest in Jain Studies and ahimsa (non violence). Please see below link for more information.

**Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute**

Due April 6, 2020

Join the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) hosted by University of Wisconsin - Madison. SEASSI is an eight-week intensive language training program for undergraduates, graduate students and professionals. Instruction is offered for academic credit in eight languages at the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year levels. FLAS scholarships (see the announcement above), SEASSI scholarship, and WISLI tuition scholarships are available. For more information about the program, please visit the link below.