Greetings from the Center!

Let me begin by offering my warm congratulations to our new Summer FLAS recipients, who will be studying Asian languages this summer in Japan, China, Nepal, Indonesia, and Taiwan. We are fortunate to be able to provide these generous government fellowships to our students.

I am pleased to announce that this year’s Sage Scholar is Mayah Godsey, a junior. Mayah will be traveling to Laos and Southeast Asia this summer thanks to the generosity of Bill Sage ASU ’68 who has been funding the Sage Scholars every year since 2005. Our deep thanks to Bill. And congratulations to Mayah.

We have a busy Spring ahead. Here are some of the Asia-related events we are looking forward to:
The ASU International Conference on Culture and Power in China of March 29-30 (Life Science C-Wing 202), which celebrates the career and scholarship of our colleague and esteemed historian of China Hoyt Tillman, who is retiring this year.

An analysis of the upcoming presidential election in Indonesia by our colleague and Indonesia expert Sarah Shair-Rosenfield on April 4 at 4:30-5:30 (Coor 6615), just days before the election.

An address by Ambassador Robert King, former special envoy for North Korea human rights issues for the US State Department on April 11, 3:30-4:30 in MU La Paz.

Indulata Prasad’s Steele talk on April 17 at noon (Coor 6615) about her research on activism in the Bodhgaya Land Movement in Bihar, India.

The visit of our erstwhile colleague and friend Hyaeweol Choi, who is giving this year’s endowed Staley Lecture on April 18 and who will be visiting for a week.

In addition, both Claudia Brown and I will be speaking at the Silk Road Forum on Friday April 5, 8:30am–3:30pm (Rio Salado Conference Center, Tempe), sponsored by the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Faculty members please note: We are extending the deadline for the Center’s Steele Grants to April 5. I will send a separate email message about this.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the events mentioned above. My thanks to all of you who have served on CAR committees and helped in other ways during the past month.
LECTURES & EVENTS

STEELE LECTURE SERIES

April 17, 12 pm, COOR 6635

We would like to invite you to the rest of the Spring 2019 A.T. Steele Lecture Series. These lectures will be held once a month at noon in COOR 6635, and will be provided by ASU faculty members who have received A.T. Steele Faculty Grant.

Our next A.T. Steel lecture will be provided by Dr. Indulata Prasad, Women in the Bodhgaya Land Movement: Mainstreaming Gender in Social Mobilization in Bihar, India. The lecture will take place on Wednesday April 17, 2019 at Noon. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. Click here for flyer.

RSVP

PRACTICING DEMOCRACY IN INDONESIA: UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN THE WORLD’S LARGEST MUSLIM COUNTRY

April 4, 4:30 pm, COOR 6615

Lecture by Dr. Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, Assistant Professor, School of Politics & Global Studies—Have you ever wondered what election processes in a huge non-Western, Muslim-majority country look like? In mid-April, Indonesians will cast nearly one billion ballots to select their new president, vice president, national legislators, provincial legislators, and municipal legislators. Come and learn about the election and campaign process, major political issues being debated during the campaign period, and what the possible outcomes mean for the future of the world's third largest democracy. Click here for flyer.

RSVP

GLOBAL FORUM (PART II) – THE SILK ROAD: PAST AND PRESENT ITERATIONS

April 5, 8:30 am–3:30 pm, Rio Salado Conference Center

Linking Shanghai and Beijing across Eurasia to Constantinople and the West, the Silk Roads were for centuries a major route of global cultural exchange. Today, China's ambitious new "Belt and Road" infrastructure projects will rebuild and extend this network of overland connections. In Part II of this series, experts from different academic backgrounds – including history, art, anthropology, and music – will examine the significance of the Silk Road and discuss concrete ways to introduce students to this important thoroughfare of world history. To conclude the afternoon, a panel of community college educators from Cochise College and Arizona Western College will highlight the curricular projects they developed from a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program in Central Asia this past summer.

More info
AMBASSADOR KING’S LECTURE, NORTH KOREA, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
April 11, 3-4:30 pm, Memorial Union La Paz

AMB. ROBERT KING is a senior advisor (non-resident) at CSIS. He served as special envoy for North Korea human rights issues at the U.S. Department of State. He was nominated by President Barack Obama, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and served in that position from November 2009 to January 2017. Ambassador King led U.S. efforts to press North Korea for progress on its human rights, U.S. humanitarian work in North Korea, and the treatment of U.S. citizens being held in the North. He represented the United States in international organizations dealing with these issues. Earlier, Dr. King was staff director of the House Foreign Affairs Committee under Chairmen Tom Lantos and Howard Berman and prior to that was a senior professional staff member of the committee (1993–2009). Dr. King holds a Ph.D. in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a B.A. in political science from Brigham Young University. An adjunct professor, he has taught courses in international relations and U.S. foreign policy in a number of graduate and undergraduate programs. He was awarded the Knight’s Cross Order of Merit by the president of the Republic of Hungary.

OPPORTUNITIES

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN JAPAN AND/OR KOREA AT LUND UNIVERSITY
DUE March 27

Applications are now open for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in Japan’s and/or Korea’s contemporary society at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University.

DIGITAL ASIA CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS
DUE May 15

Theories and Praxis Digital Asia: Call for papers for an upcoming conference, and PhD workshop. Deadline is May 15th, 2019

Asia has the largest Internet population in the world in absolute numbers, and it is also at the forefront of digital developments in many fields, including governance, entertainment, and e-commerce. The region, however, encompasses a diverse digital landscape that reflects divergent histories, cultures, and socioeconomic and political realities. Proposals should focus on how information and communication technologies (ICTs) are used by, and affect, individuals and communities in their cultural, socioeconomic, and political lives.
OPPORTUNITIES

ASU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURE AND POWER IN CHINA’S HISTORY
March 29-30, ASU LSC 202

Today, rulers and public intellectuals in China continue to utilize and manipulate China’s traditions to shape the currency of cultural capital and its role in the realm of power. To enhance our grasp of the nuanced interactions between culture and power, ASU has prepared a forum of selected international scholars to examine crucial cases or examples of the tensions between culture and power in China’s history. These individual case studies will serve as a basis for our collective effort to clarify this perennial issue of the relationship between culture and power in defining how Chinese people understood the social and natural order.

More info

RECENT NEWS

ASU AT ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES (AAS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ASU Professor and the AAS President, Dr. Anne Feldhaus, gave her Presidential Address: “Biography as Geography” on Friday, March 22 at the 2019 AAS Annual Conference in Denver.

ASU professor and CAR Interim Director, Dr. James Rush, was honorably mentioned for George McT. Kahin Book Prize: Distinguished scholarly works beyond the first book. The book is titled: “HAMKA’s GREAT STORY: A Master Writer’s vision of Islam for Modern Indonesia.” Please click here for more information about the book.

ASU Professor and CAR Director, Dr. Juliane Schober, gave the keynote presentation during the Theravada Studies Group Business Meeting on Saturday, March 23 at the 2019 AAS Annual Conference in Denver.

ASU graduate students Blayne Harcey, & Mulung Hsu also presented their papers at the 2019 AAS Annual Conference in Denver.