October Newsletter

Message from the Interim Director, James Rush

I hope many of you will join us this Sunday for our memorial gathering in honor of Aaron Moore. Several of Aaron’s friends and colleagues will be offering reflections, alongside members of his family. We will gather between 1:00pm and 3:00pm in the Heritage Room of the University Club. The formal part of the program will begin at 1:30pm.

I have just returned from a remarkable conference in Mexico City, where the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies held its annual meetings. The conference was organized by Chris Lundry, our own alumnus, who is now a professor at El Colegio (Colmex) and a key member of its Southeast Asia faculty. Chris recruited and organized 41 panels on East, South, and Southeast Asia and hosted scholars from 80 universities. It was truly an international conference. ASU’s delegation included Anne Feldhaus, Steven Mackinnon, and myself. Anne is immediate past-president of the AAS, as you know. There are some photos below.

My thanks to everyone who participated in our recent panel discussion on Kashmir, Assam, and the crisis in Indian democracy, especially to panel members Ather Zia, Suvir Kaul, Yasmin Saikia, and Dan Rothenberg. One hundred fifty people attended the event. See the photos below, as well as the link to a recording of the session.

Please note the announcements below about upcoming activities of the Center and important scholarship information. We are looking forward to hearing from this year’s Sage Scholar, Mayah Godsey, on November 5 and to upcoming gatherings of our FLAS scholars and other affiliates. Also, our religious studies PhD student, Blaine Harcey, a FLAS fellow, offers a blog about his summer studies in Nepal.

My good wishes,

JR
Gathering in honor of Dr. Aaron Moore
October 27th, University Club At ASU, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Please come and celebrate the life of Dr. Aaron Moore. The Memorial occasion will begin with the formal program at 1:30 pm. Please see the invitation below.

Dr. Moore Memorial

Sage Talk & Information Session
November 5th, Coor 3355, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Mayah Godsey, our current Sage Scholar, will host a talk on her travel experience in Laos over last summer. More information about the scholarship and application process will be given during this session as well. The event is open to everyone and light refreshment will be served. Please RSVP below.

SAGE TALK RSVP

Summer 2020 FLAS Fellowship Applications
Due January 31st, 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.

FLAS SUMMER APP

Academic Year 2020-2021 FLAS Applications
Due February 28th, 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. Please visit our website for application materials or contact Asia@asu.edu for questions.

FLAS AY APPLICATION

CAR House-warming and FLAS Gathering
November 13, 2019, Coor 3355, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
As most of you know, we have moved to a new location in COOR building. We have been setting up our new place and we would like to have the Asia faculty members to come and gather along with the FLAS fellows to see if there are any resources that might be of use that our center can provide. We will send out invitations via email. Please mark your calendar for November 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

On the Making of the Classics in China
November 1, 2019, COOR L1-88, 3:00 pm - 4:30pm
Please save the date for a lecture given by Professor Michael Puett from Harvard University: "On the Making of the Classics in China: Reading, Interpretation, and Commentary from a Global Perspective." More information to come later.
India's Future in Crisis?
Kashmir, Assam, and the Fate of Democracy

The public panel discussion that was held on October 2nd, 2019 was a success. We would like to thank our panelists (Ather Zia, Suvir Kaul, Yasmin Saikia, and Daniel Rothenberg) and everyone who attended the lively discussion. We would also like to thank those who sponsored and supported the event. If you missed the discussion, you can watch it on ASU live (link below).

Video Web Link

Student Blog

Blayne Harcey, a PhD candidate in Religious Studies and a summer FLAS fellow, went to Rangjung Yeshe Institute (RYI) in Kathmandu, Nepal to study Nepali. Since he chose to stay in Nepali-speaking household, Mr. Harcey was exposed to both the language and culture of traditional Nepali community. With RYI trips and individual excursion, Mr. Harcey explored the living history of Buddhism in the Kathmandu Valley. Click the link below to read his full blog on our website.
WCAAS Conference

The annual meetings of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS) were held on October 18-19, 2019 at El Colegio de Mexico (Colmex) in Mexico City. The theme for this year’s conference was "Crossing Borders." As noted above, professors Anne Feldhaus and James Rush as well as emeritus professor Stephen Mackinnon and ASU alumnus Greg Lewis participated in the conference, which was organized by another ASU alumnus and former CAR program coordinator, Chris Lundry. Here are a few photos from the conference.