A Message from the Director

Welcome back to the fall 2021 semester. And, yes, it’s true! We moved to a completely renovated and high-tech suite on the second floor in the North wing of Durham Hall. Our new digs have lots of daylight and a welcoming open section with study spaces for our Title VI FLAS fellows. Do take a look at the photos and descriptions Chan put into this newsletter below. Adjacent to our rooms are three high tech conference rooms (small, medium and large) that we may book for events when available. The entrance to the suite is next to SILC’s Korea Room and several display cases. We share the wing with other centers, such as the Chinese Flagship project, the Melikian Center, the Humanities Lab and others. As we continue to live with Covid, most of our events this year will be hybrid, providing our audiences a choice of attending in-person as well as via zoom. Do stop by and come to see us!

Looming large on our agenda for this year is the renewal application for our Title VI grant. We have already approached our faculty to assist us with information about their research activity and teaching. We thank you for your patience with the process and for providing us with those very important details. On Friday, October 1, from 2-3 pm, we will hold a zoom meeting for all faculty affiliated with the Center. Our agenda will include introductions of new faculty members and a video walk through our new space. We will dedicate the rest of the meeting to discussing our plans for the Title VI National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship application due this spring. Please mark your calendars, you will receive a separate email with a zoom link and reminder during the week prior to the meeting.

The Center’s Executive Committee consisting of Professors James Rush, Alexander Henn, William Hedberg and myself has met regularly over the summer to conceptualize future directions for our initiatives. One outcome of these deliberations materialized into a featured lecture series, entitled Global Asia in a Multi-Polar World. We are now in the process of inviting speakers and finalizing dates around broadly conceived themes articulated in various Asian ecosystems and habitats; studies of migration, diaspora and social justice; Inter-Asian linkages, networks, politics and technologies; as well as media and the flow of cultural knowledge through new media and film. Stay tuned for details and join us for these high-caliber events through the academic year.

Our newsletter ends with a list of FLAS fellows who won awards for this academic year. Please take a look, some of them may be in your courses, and if so, please congratulate them on their accomplishments.

All best wishes for a great semester,

Juliane Schober
Come Visit Us In Our New Center Headquarters

Our center moved to the newly renovated space in Durham Hall last summer. The Center for Asian Research is now located on the second floor of Durham Language and Literature building.

The new space has dedicated space for our Foreign Language and Area Studies fellows, and our two Barrett interns, Ameya Kulkarni and Marina Holder. We are still in the process of unpacking, but please drop by and say ‘hello’ in rooms 244A, 244B, and 244D.

We would like to invite all of you to join us at the upcoming events described below. To explore current and past events, please visit our website at AsiaStudies.asu.edu.

New Lecturer in Vietnamese

We are delighted to welcome Ms. An Nguyen Sakach who will join us as an instructor of Vietnamese language this semester as a new faculty member in the School of International Letters and Cultures. Ms. Sakach has an MA in Applied Linguistics from Ohio University and several years of experience in teaching Vietnamese. Currently, ASU offers Vietnamese language courses from beginning to advanced level of proficiency. To read more about our new lecturer, please click on the link below.

An Nguyen Sakach
Dr. Nicholas Williams

Date & Time: Sept 24, 2021, at 11:00 am

Please join us on Friday, September 24th at 11:00 AM for the first installment of our Faculty Research Workshop series. Our first presenter is Dr. Nicholas Williams, Associate Professor of Chinese Literature in SILC. The title of Dr. Williams' talk is *Kūkai on Truth Vs. Beauty*, and the event will be held both in-person and virtually. Please register for Dr. Williams' talk below.

Register HERE

Humanities Week: Anime, Manga, & Japanese Pop Culture

Date & Time: Oct 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Please earmark your calendar for our upcoming event on Thursday, October 21st at 4:30 pm. The event will be held both in-person and virtually, and will focus on the impact of manga and anime on contemporary Japanese culture. For more information, please visit the site below.

Anime, Manga & JPC

Asian Festival & the Unveiling of the Asian District in Mesa

Date: February 12, 2022

The City of Mesa & the Valley Metro plan to designate the area around Main Street and Dobson Rd as 'The Asian District'. The festival will be held in conjunction with the unveiling of the Asian District signage at Sycamore Station by the Mayor of the City of Mesa. Stay tuned for more information.
Opportunities

Urdu Program at LUMS

Deadline: September 1, 2021

If you are interested in learning Urdu at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, please click on the link below. This program will be a good opportunity for the students to learn Urdu language and literature and learn about Pakistani society and culture. The university is located in Pakistan’s cultural capital, Lahore.

Courses

Art

During the Fall semester, Dr. Ralph Gabbard is currently teaching ARS 394: Modern and Contemporary Chinese Art on iCourse (cross-listed both EdPlus and ASU Online) during session A. He is also teaching ARS 498: Contemporary Art of Asia on iCourse (cross-listed both EdPlus and ASU Online) during session B.

In the spring, you will have the opportunity to enroll in ARS 498: Contemporary Art of Southeast Asia. Two additional courses may be offered on Modern and Contemporary Art of South Asia, and Buddhist Art Across Asia.

Classical Chinese

For students who are interested in the Chinese language, Dr. Williams is teaching CHI 514: Advanced Classical Chinese. Graduate students who enjoy poetry and literature should consider enrolling in CHI 691, that focuses on the classical literary anthology, Wenxuan.

Internship

Ro-ho-en Japanese Friendship Garden

As the summer heat subsides and fall arrives, we encourage you to take advantage of one of the most beautiful outdoor areas in Phoenix, the Japanese Friendship Garden. This internship can be completed for credit at ASU. For more information, please watch the video made by our previous intern, Dylan Cosgrove, here.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the content of this newsletter or want information about classes offered in Asian Studies, please contact us at Asia@asu.edu.

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Summer 2021 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellows

Congratulations to our Summer 2021 FLAS Fellows who will be studying various languages both domestically and abroad.

- Brigham Blackhurst (Chinese)
- Armando Hernandez (Chinese)
- Jamaica Murray (Chinese)
- Samantha Rettig (Chinese)
- Emma Strouse (Chinese)
- Kobe Walker (Chinese)
- Pui See Wong (Japanese)

AY 2021-2022 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellows

Congratulations to our AY 2021-2022 FLAS Fellows who will be studying various languages domestic and abroad.

Graduate Fellows
- John Billing - PhD Candidate (Chinese)
- Emily Creasman - Master's Student (Korean)
- Sarah Gossett - PhD Candidate (Japanese)
- Blayne Harcey - PhD Candidate (Nepali)
- Antonella Morgillo - PhD Candidate (Japanese)
- Trixy Struck - PhD Candidate (Chinese)

Undergraduate Fellows
- Eleanor Barden (Korean)
- Mckenzie Biondo (Korean)
- Brigham Blackhurst (Chinese)
- Danielle Brister (Chinese)
- Sarah Leever (Japanese)
- Rebecca Lynn Cabral (Korean)
- Sarah Cichomski (Chinese)
- Jeremy Parker (Chinese)
- Sean Pointon (Chinese)
- Jaydi Ramirez (Korean)
- Noah Sanderson (Japanese)
- Lorena Solorzano (Korean)
- Bronson Soza (Chinese)
- Tracy Vu (Vietnamese)
- Kobe Walker (Chinese)
- Sophia Weinzinger (Chinese)
- Madeleine Zheng (Chinese)

To see the profiles of current FLAS Fellows, please click HERE to access their biographies.