

**Plan to attend the
11th Annual
ASIANetwork
Conference
April 12-14, 2003
Furman University
Greenville, SC**

(Greenville/Spartanburg airport provides direct flights to & from Chicago, New York, Washington, Houston, and Detroit. Attendees departing from other locations may be required to transfer in Atlanta, Charlotte or another airline hub.)

The conference hotel will be located on Greenville's Main Street, an impressive success story of small town urban renewal. Supper in the hotel or in one of the Main Street restaurants variously specializing in Thai, Japanese, tapas, northern Italian, French, Low Country Carolina, and gourmet Southern (really) cuisine. Dessert at Coffee Underground is highly recommended. "Downtown Alive," a series of free outdoor concerts will be underway on Main Street's Piazza Bergamo.

Friday, April 11, 2003: Preconference Tour 9:00 AM-4:00 PM:

"Azaleas, Avatars, and the Mysteries of Southern Mill Village Life"

The weekend of April 12 is often the height of the azalea, dogwood, and wisteria season in Greenville. After passing Jesse Jackson's boyhood neighborhood the tour will explore several old mill villages which formed the basis of Greenville. Specialists in local history will guide the group through an understanding of mill culture born from Northern capital and Southern labor. Shoeless Joe Jackson (*Field of Dreams*) began his career on one of the local mill baseball teams. This pocket of Southern textile production, now largely replaced by BMW, Fuji, and Michelin's North American headquarters, served to distinguish Greenville from the plantation culture of coastal Carolina. An Indian vegetarian lunch will be served at the Vedic Center, where Dr. Sam Britt, a researcher with the Pluralism Project, will discuss the challenges of contemporary Hindu religious practice in the foothills region. The highlight of the afternoon's itinerary will be a visit to Carl Sandburg's home in the nearby North Carolina mountains. En route local historians will interpret the current struggle between

development and environmental preservation along the Blue Ridge Escarpment. The group will return to the conference hotel in time for registration.

4:00-10:00 Registration at conference hotel

8:00-9:30 Welcome

Keynote Address by Eliot Deutsch, Comparative Philosophy, University of Hawaii

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Morning: Panel sessions and lunch at conference hotel

Early Afternoon: Panels at hotel

Late afternoon: Reception at "White Oak," Furman's presidential residence. Inspired by the governor's mansion at Williamsburg, this antique-filled edifice was built as a private home by construction magnate Charles Ezra Daniel, and in the 1990s was willed to the university along with its collections, furnishings, and extensive grounds. Ironically, President Shi, an American historian, is best known for his scholarly studies on "the simple life" in America's intellectual and cultural heritage.

Supper: Furman University Center

Keynote address by Carol Gluck, Japanese history, Columbia University

Sunday, April 13, 2003

Worship Service: Interfaith service in hotel; walking distance to Greek Orthodox, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches

Morning: Panel sessions & business meeting

Conference concludes at noon