

From the Editors



Marsha Smith, Anne Prescott and Ben Nefzger

As a new academic year begins, we at *ASIANetwork EXCHANGE* have experienced a few personnel changes. Anne Prescott, Editor for the past three years, has taken a new position as the Outreach Coordinator at the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She is busy moving to Indiana as I write. Although we will miss her presence here greatly, we have not lost her completely! She will still be an associate editor for this year, and if fact, did much of the work soliciting and editing copy for this issue of the newsletter before she left. She keeps in close contact by email, her Augustana email box will remain open throughout the rest of this year, and she promises to forward relevant materials to us as they come in. Anne will still be attending the 2003 *ASIANetwork* Conference meeting in Greenville, South Carolina in April on our behalf, soliciting copy again for next year's newsletters, so we'll all have a chance to visit and catch up with her at that time, if not before. Anne has done an exceptional job as Editor; working with her has always been a very rewarding experience, and she has produced a newsletter that this organization can proudly offer to consortium members and others. We thank her wholeheartedly, and we will miss her daily contributions enormously!

Ben Nefzger, my colleague in Sociology, good friend and mentor since my first days at Augustana College, is retiring on August 31, 2002. Ben has also contributed, albeit in less visible ways, to the success of the newsletter as well. Many of you have probably talked with him during conference meetings as he helped solicited copy and are aware of his role at that time. However, Ben has saved us from many a computer glitch throughout the years, has had an eagle eye when proofing copy, and has offered a number of wonderful ideas, topics, and other less-visible contributions to the newsletter. We wish him well as he leaves the Augustana College and the editorial staff for new adventures and opportunities. He, like Anne, will be greatly missed!

Because personnel change is an ongoing process, like any process, we're still in the midst of it. We plan to recruit another associate editor for the future and Marsha Smith will become the main editor after this edition. For this edition, Anne and Marsha have evenly shared tasks.

Fortunately for me, when we asked presenters to submit their papers by August 1, many of you heeded the call and responded. Thus, we were able to prepare a number of papers that will be divided up among the three issues of this, our 10th volume. Thanks to all of you who have sent in materials and for those of you who weren't able to get articles to us, remember we have two more issues, with two more submission dates (November 1 for winter, March 1 for spring) that you can work towards. In any case, I'll be emailing reminders again!

Special thanks to Board Chair Jim Leavell and Board member Diane Clayton who took a number of photos from last year's conference, many of which may show up in the newsletter from time to time. In addition, if you have any photos from an *ASIANetwork*-related event that you think might be of interest, please send them to us. We'll treat them well, return them when necessary, and publish them if appropriate.

This newsletter is your publication, so please let us know what you think about it, what you might want to see added, dropped or changed. You can reach us through email at ANExchange@augustana.edu, or my personal account at sosmith@augustana.edu. If you choose to use more traditional methods, we can be reached by mail at *ASIANetwork EXCHANGE*, Augustana College, 639 38th St., Rock Island, IL 61201, or by telephone at (309) 794-7270. We hope you continue to enjoy the newsletter.

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