

Board Nominees

The following people have been nominated by the Board of Directors to fill positions on the Board of Directors for the term 2003-2006. Board elections will be held at the ASIANetwork business meeting Sunday morning, April 13.



Paul Nietupski

Paul Nietupski, an Associate Professor in the Religious Studies Department at John Carroll University, has taught courses in Buddhism, Hinduism, and Chinese religions since 1993. His academic degrees are from the University of Massachusetts, in Comparative Literature, from the University of Washington, in Asian languages, and from Columbia University, in Buddhist studies. His studies have taken him to India and South Asia, China, Southeast Asia, and Japan.

Nietupski worked in China from 1984 to 1987. His research interests are in the transmissions of Buddhism throughout Asia, with in-depth research on medieval south and inner Asia and pre-modern China. His present projects include the study of ninth and tenth century Indian monastic documents and their translation and transmissions in south and inner Asia.

This year he is carrying out research for an in-depth study of the social history of Labrang Monastery and its support communities in southern Gansu, Qinghai, and Sichuan Provinces. His recent publications include *Labrang: A Tibetan Buddhist Monastery at the Crossroads of Four Civilizations* published in 1999 and *The History and Development of Buddhist Monasticism* published in 1993.



Chia Ning

Chia Ning is an Associate Professor of History at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Her academic areas of specialization are imperial China's frontier administration during the Qing dynasty and China's frontier, women, and minorities history.

Chia Ning has taught a variety of courses since she became a faculty member at Central College in the Fall of 1991, including History of Modern China, History of Modern Japan, Early and Modern East Asian Civilization, East Asian Cultures, and Chinese language. Enthusiastic about Asian education at a liberal arts college, she has had a close relationship with the ASIANetwork. She participated in the 2002 ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship Program by directing students' group research in China in five distinct academic disciplines.

Chia Ning has a great interest in developing Asian studies programs in liberal arts colleges and commends ASIANetwork for the collaborative achievements of its members during the past decade. She looks forward to serving as an ASIANetwork board member to help carry on and develop the goals and programs of the organization.



P. Richard Bohr

P. Richard Bohr is Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University (CSB/SJU) in Minnesota. Since 2000, he has co-directed CSB/SJU’s Asian Studies Learning Community (ASLC). Bohr is probably best known in scholarly circles for his publications on China’s momentous Taiping Rebellion of 1851-64.

During 1991-1992, Bohr was a Director of Padilla Speer Beardsley International, providing intercultural communication expertise, particularly with Asia. In 1988-91, he was Executive Director of the Minnesota Trade Office, the state’s international business promotion agency. From 1980 to 1987, Bohr was President and Executive Director of the non-profit Midwest China Center.

Bohr is the founding board chair of NEO Business College for Women in Tokyo, Japan and a founding board member of the Freeman Center for International Economic Policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Minnesota and the Hospitality Center for Chinese. Bohr holds the Ph.D. degree in Modern Chinese History from the University of California, Davis; Master of Arts in East Asian Studies and Master of Divinity degrees from Harvard University; and a Bachelor’s degree in East Asian History from the University of California, Davis.

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