

# ASIANetwork Initiatives

12<sup>th</sup> Annual ASIANetwork Conference

April 2-4, 2004

Hickory Ridge Conference Center, Lisle, IL

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Laurel Kendall  
Curator of the Division of Anthropology  
American Museum of Natural History

Vasudha Narayanan  
Professor of Religion  
University of Florida

## PLENARY SPEAKERS

Roberta Martin  
Columbia University  
East Asian Institute

Bruce Cumings  
Professor of History  
University of Chicago

## Invitation from Paul B. Watt

Chair, ASIANetwork Executive Board

I am delighted to invite you to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ASIANetwork Conference that will be held at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, IL, just west of Chicago, from Friday, April 2 through lunch on Sunday, April 4, 2004. In addition to the full range of panels by ASIANetwork colleagues, the program will feature keynote and plenary session speakers who will take up topics related to several regions of Asia and who will address current issues dealing with both the interpretation and teaching of Asian history and culture.

### Conference Program Highlights

As has been the custom at ASIANetwork conferences, this conference too will begin on Friday with a tour. The trip will visit some key sites related to contemporary and historical aspects of selected Asian cultures in the Chicago landscape. Among the stops will be a visit to the Field Museum for a special exhibit, "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong," which includes over 400 objects never meant to be seen outside the Forbidden City. **Norm Moline of Augustana College**, a veteran guide of such trips in the Chicago area will lead the tour. Approximately twenty-five seats have been saved on the bus that will leave the conference center around 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 5 p.m. that day. The cost of the tour is \$30 and lunch is included.

The conference itself will begin with dinner on Friday evening, which will be followed by the first keynote address. **Laurel Kendall, Curator of the Division of Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History** in New York, will speak on Friday night. Laurel is well known for her studies of modern Korea, which include *Under Construction: The Gendering of Modernity, Class and Construction in the Republic of Korea* (2001); *Getting*

*Married in Korea: Of Gender, Morality, and Modernity* (1996); *The Life and Hard Times of a Korean Shaman* (1988); *Shamans, Housewives, and Other Restless Spirits* (1985); and recently, working with colleagues in Vietnam, she served as curator of an exhibit at the museum on contemporary Vietnam. She will present an illustrated talk on that exhibit entitled, "**Vietnam Journeys: Behind the Scenes with an Exhibit Curator.**"

On Saturday morning, we will begin with a plenary session led by **Roberta Martin of Columbia University's East Asian Institute**. Roberta is Director of the East Asian Curriculum Project and Executive Director of the Project on Asia in the Core Curriculum. She is also on the Editorial Board of *Education about Asia* and is one of five regional directors of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. In these various capacities, Roberta has been a leader in developing teaching materials for K-12 levels and for undergraduates. In recent years she has also been involved in introducing educators to the rich array of museum resources that are available on the web for teaching about Asia. Roberta's Saturday morning session will take up "**Virtual Museum Resources for Teaching About Asia.**"

Late Saturday afternoon, the **Chicago Koto Group** will provide a break from the academic sessions with a short program of koto and shakuhachi music.

Our second keynote speaker on Saturday evening will be **Vasudha Narayanan, Professor of Religion at the University of Florida**. Vasudha was President of the American Academy of Religion during the 2001-2002 academic year. Her fields of teaching and research include Hindu traditions in India and America, Hinduism and the environment, and gender issues. Her publications include *The Vernacular Veda: Revelation, Recitation, and Ritual* (1994); *The Way and the Goal: Expressions of Devotion in the Early*

*Srivaisnava Tradition* (1987); and, with John Carman, *The Tamil Veda: Pillan's Interpretation of the Tiruvaymoli* (1989). Her book *Hindu Traditions in the United States: Temple Space, Domestic Space, and Cyberspace* is forthcoming from Columbia University Press. Her slide talk on Saturday evening is entitled, “**From Angkor to Atlanta: Hindu Temples and Performing Arts.**”

The Sunday morning plenary session will focus on Korea and be lead by **Bruce Cumings, Professor of History at the University of Chicago**. Bruce's field specialties are modern Korean History, East Asian Political Economy and International History. His major publications include *The Origins of the Korean War* (2 vols., 1981, 1990); *Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History* (1997) and *Parallax Visions: Making Sense of American-East Asian Relations at the End of the Century* (1999). The title of his talk will be “**Decoupled From History: North Korea in the 'Axis of Evil'.**” ASIANetwork is grateful to the Korea Society of New York for a grant supporting Professor Cumings' participation in the conference.

## The Conference Program

### Friday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-conference tour of Asia-related sites in the Chicago area  
 4:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m. Conference registration at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center  
 6:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. Dinner  
 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Keynote address by Laurel Kendall, “Vietnam Journeys: Behind the Scenes with a Exhibit Curator”

### Saturday, April 3

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Buffet breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session address by Roberta Martin, “Virtual Museum Resources for Teaching about Asia”  
 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Refreshments  
 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent panel sessions
1. “Service Learning in Vietnam”  
 Chair, Betty Powell, Warren-Wilson College  
 Panelists: Betty Powell, “Some How's and Why's of Service-Learning in the International Arena”  
 Siti Kusujarti, Warren-Wilson College, “Sociology, Service-Learning and International Study”  
 Jim Lauer, Warren-Wilson College, “Reflections on the Service-Learning Experience in Vietnam”
  2. “Using Asian Art to Study Asian Cultures”  
 Chair, Stephen Goldberg, Hamilton College  
 Panelists: Job Thomas, Davidson College, “Erotic Sculptures of Khajuraho: Constructing the History of Tantric Cult”  
 Paul Nietupski, John Carroll University,

“Transformations in Medieval South Asian Buddhism: Evidence from Pala-Era Monastic Texts and Bagan Burmese Art”  
 Stephen Goldberg, Hamilton College, “Teaching Confucianism Through Art”  
 Joan O'Mara, Washington and Lee University, “Edo Japan: Using Art as a ‘Viewfinder’”

3. “Enhancing Cooperation Between Graduate Research Institutions and Liberal Arts Colleges in Asian studies”  
 Chair, John Rapp, Beloit College  
 Panelists: John Rapp, “Exploring Joint BA/MA Programs in Asian Studies”  
 Sue Russell, Northeastern Illinois University, “Title VI National Resource Center Missions to Connect Two and Four-Year Colleges”  
 Jack Shindler and Brian Hoffert, North Central College, “Exploring Joint Faculty Development Workshops”  
 Ian Coxhead, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Challenges and Opportunities of the Faculty Access Program”  
 Michael Schneider, Knox College, “Whatever Happened to Outreach? Exploring New Possibilities for Liberal Arts-Graduate Program Collaboration”
  4. “The Shadow Goes Front: Chinese Films in the Classroom”  
 Chair, Sherry Mou, DePauw University  
 Panelists: Madeline Chu, Kalamazoo College, “Chinese Films in Culture Studies and Chinese Culture in Film Studies”  
 Rujie Wang, Wooster College, “No Happy Ending for the Ethnocentric Viewer”  
 Jianhu Bai and Ruth Dunnell, Kenyon College, “Modern China Through Film and Fiction”
- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent panel sessions
5. “Multimedia Technology for Teaching and Learning in Asian Studies”  
 Chair, Sarah Withee, Colorado College  
 Panelists: Haeng-Ja Chung, Colorado College, “Performing Sex, Selling Heart: Visual Representation of Nightclub Hostesses in Japan”  
 Karil Kucera, St. Olaf College, “When Verbal Meets Visual: Constructing and Using a Cultural Image Database”  
 Sarah Withee, “The Japanese Religion Image Database: Making Material Culture

More Accessible to Instructors and Students of Religion”

6. “New Colleagues and New Ideas About Asia in Liberal Arts Education: The Effects of the New Tenure-Line Faculty Positions Launched by the Luce Fund for Asian Studies, 1999-2002”

Chair, Suzanne Wilson Barnett, University of Puget Sound

Panelists: Morgan Pitelka, Occidental College, “Mapping Methods and Disciplinary Boundaries in Asian Studies”

Trian Nguyen, Bates College, “Teaching Buddhist Cultures through Visual Materials and Sites”

Charlene Makley, Reed College, “Teaching from the Margins: Putting the Periphery at the Center of Chinese Studies”

7. “‘Asian Conversations’ at St. Olaf”

Chair, Barbara Reed, St. Olaf College

Panelists: Phyllis Larson, St. Olaf College, “Infusing Language into the Asian Conversations”

Barbara Reed, “Family and Self in East Asia”

Robert Entenmann, St. Olaf College, “The West and East Asia”

Kathryn Tegtmeyer-Pak, St. Olaf College, “Rice and Society in East Asia”

Pin Wan, St. Olaf College, “National Identities in China and Japan”

8. “Returns to Institutions and Individuals from the Funding of Asian Travel and Seminars”

Chair, Janice Yee, Wartburg College

Panelists: A. Lynn Peters, Wartburg College, “China in Small Doses: Benefits and Challenges of Short-Term Immersions”

Peter Scholl, Luther College, “Interests Realized: A Perspective from Luther College”

Susan Millinger, Roanoke College, “Bringing Asia Home: Curriculum Changes and Major Developments”

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Refreshments

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent panel sessions

9. “Contemplative Education in a Liberal Arts Context: Naropa University’s Approach to Asian Studies”

Chair, Thomas Coburn, Naropa University

Panelists: Four faculty from Naropa University

10. “Feeling National at Fifty: Recent Political and Cultural Economies of Nationalism in Pakistan, India, and China”

Chair, Kaushik Bagchi, Goucher College

Panelists: Anas Malik, Xavier College, “Secular Nationalism and Religious Nationalism: The Political Economy of the Kashmir Conflict and Ideological Preferences in Pakistan”

George Baca, Goucher College, “Nationalism as Theatre: Indo-Pakistani Belligerence at the Wagah Border”

Steven DeCaroli, Goucher College, “Selling Chairman Mao: Chinese Nationalism and the Cultural Economy of the Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century”

Kaushik Bagchi, “Cricket, Bollywood, and Masala Dosas: Searching for an Indian National Language”

11. “The Role of Asian-American Studies within Asian Studies and the Liberal Arts Curriculum: A Midwestern Perspective”

Chair, P. Richard Bohr, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University

Panelists: David P. Bennetts, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, “Ruminations on Developing a Course on the Asian-American Experience”

Chia Ning, Central College, “Teaching About the Asian-American Experience in Asian Studies Courses”

Diane Clayton, Hamline University, “Asian Culture Comes Home: Local Communities Teach Asian Culture to the First-Year Seminars”

12. “2003 Freeman Student-Faculty Research Projects”

Convener, Teddy Amalozza, Illinois Wesleyan University

Presenters: 2003 ASIANetwork student and faculty fellows

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. The Chicago Koto Group: koto and shakuhachi music

6:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Keynote address by Vasudha Narayanan, “From Angkor to Atlanta: Hindu Temples and Performing Arts”

*(The **shift to daylight savings time** occurs at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. Please be sure to turn your clocks and watches one hour ahead.)*

### **Sunday, April 4**

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. Buffet breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. ASIANetwork Business meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Plenary session address by Bruce Cumings, “Decoupled from History: Korea in the

‘Axis of Evil’”

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Refreshments

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent plenary sessions

13. “Asian Women and Their National Identities in an Age of Globalization”

Chair, Yoko Ueda, Spelman College

Panelists: Yoko Ueda, “Transnational Women: Does National Identity Matter?”

Eriko Hashimoto, Spelman College, “Just Another Mask: Japanese Women’s Survival Tactics in American Society”

Srimati Basu, DePauw University, “Beyond Home and World: Contemporary Indian Women, Nationalism and Identity”

Selva Raj and Bindu Madhok, Albion College, “Redefining Indian Womanhood: A Case-Study of Two Women’s Organizations”

14. “Filming on Location: Video Production for the Classroom”

Chair, Mary Beth Coffman Heston, College of Charleston

Panelists: Brian Dott, Whitman College, “Making the Distant Local: Visualizing Religious Rituals”

Jim Leavell, Furman University, “Move Over, Attenborough!: Bringing Overseas Lectures Home”

Discussant: Lucien Ellington, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

15. “Looking at Asia through a Double Lens: Workers in Japan/Asian Immigrants in the Southern USA”

Chair, Bernice J. deGannes Scott, Spelman College

Panelists: Aaron Frith, Spelman College, “Asian Immigrants to the New South”

Anne Hornsby, Spelman College, “Lifetime Employment in Japan: Myths and Misconceptions”

Bernice J. deGannes Scott, Spelman College, “Japan’s Hidden Labor Force Potential: Women and Employment”

16. “Making the Case for and Including Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts”

Chair, Paul Kjellberg, Whittier College

Panelists: Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University  
Jack Kline, St. Mary’s College of Maryland  
Marthe Chandler, DePauw University  
Paul Kjellberg, Whittier College

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Concluding luncheon

## Conference Registration

*Registration deadline:* March 18, 2004

*Registration fee:* \$60 for ASIANetwork members; \$70 for non-members. Conference registration received after March 18, 2004 will be \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members.

## Accommodations and Meals

*Conference site:* Hickory Ridge Conference Center, Lisle, IL (west of Chicago)

*Reservation number:* 1-800-228-9290

*Reservation deadline:* March 18, 2004 for conference rates. The meeting package rate (which covers the cost of a room, meals and refreshment breaks from Friday evening through Sunday lunch, and the use of the fitness center and recreational facilities) is \$134 per night for a single room and \$213 per night for a double room. These rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. Individuals should identify themselves as participating in the ASIANetwork Conference when they make reservations.

The cost of day registration at the conference is \$41, which also covers the cost of lunch, refreshments and the use of facilities at the conference center.

The Conference registration fee should be paid by check or money order (the ASIANetwork office is not equipped to handle credit card charges) to:

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639-38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

The office telephone number is (309) 794-7413.

## Pre-Conference Tour

The cost of the Friday, April 2 tour of Asia-related sites in the Chicago area, including lunch, is \$30. Those who want to participate in the tour are encouraged to make their reservations early. Please submit this amount at the time you register for the conference.

## Travel Information

Travel to the Hickory Ridge Conference Centers takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour from either the Chicago O’Hara or Chicago Midway airports. Limousine service can be reserved by calling the American Limousine Company at 1-630-920-8888. Reservations must be made in advance. The cost of one-way travel to the conference center is approximately \$20, excluding any tip you may give.

If you have questions about the conference, you can address them to Paul B. Watt, ASIANetwork Board Chair at [pwatt@depauw.edu](mailto:pwatt@depauw.edu) or Van Symons, Executive Director, at [hismymons@augustana.edu](mailto:hismymons@augustana.edu).