

Membership News

Bridgewater State College

Wing-kai To, Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of Asian Studies, has published *Chinese in Boston, 1870-1965* (Images of America series, Arcadia Publishing, 2008). In this first photo history about Chinese in New England and Boston Chinatown, To looks at the historical settlement, community building, education and culture, the role of women, the impact of Second World War, and post-war Chinese community life.

Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

David Adams, a member of the staff at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), the organization that assists the U.S. Department of State in administering the Fulbright Scholar Program, was recently promoted by CIES to Assistant Director for Asia and the Pacific. In his new position, David will oversee a staff that administers Fulbright Scholar Programs in East Asia, Central Asia and South Asia. He will retain some of the programs that he has administered for years, but he will also give up some (Indonesia, Vietnam and Taiwan) and take on programs in India and Sri Lanka as well as the South/Central Asian Regional Research Program. David is a member of the ASIANetwork Council of Advisors.

Hamilton College

Jay G. Williams, Walcott-Bartlett Professor of Religious Studies, published *The Path and its Power: Lao Zi's Thoughts for the 21st Century* (iUniverse, 2008). It is an attempt to restate Lao Zi's ideas for our world in 81 short poems.

Hamline University

Verne A. Dusenbery (Anthropology/Global Studies) published *Sikhs at Large: Religion, Culture and Politics in Global Perspective* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008).

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and the Environmental Studies Program, in conjunction with the Freeman Foundation, sponsored a one-day

symposium titled "One Half the World Part II: Culture, Climate, and Change in East Asia" on February 2, 2008. This conference was designed as a follow-up to the weekend symposium held in March 2006, as a continuation of the discussion of the ramifications of the rapid industrialization occurring in that part of the world. Associate Professor of Economics and Director of Environmental Studies **Thomas Drennen** and **Darrin Magee**, our newest faculty member in Environmental Studies, specializing in the issues surrounding dam construction in China, were joined by speakers from around the country and around the world.

With funding from its Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and a grant from the Tanaka Memorial Foundation, 5 faculty members of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and 2 local public school teachers of Global Studies went to Japan from January 7 through 15, 2008 as part of a curriculum development project. The trip was a follow-up to a 2007 program of curriculum development, entitled "The HWS Asian Scholars Program," undertaken to encourage faculty who were not Asia specialists to include Japan and China in their curricula. Aside from the group leader, Professor **James-Henry Holland**, director of the HWS Japanese language program, the participants were not specialists in Japan and were selected on the basis of research plans submitted on topics they would include in their classes once they had returned. Topics included the continuing debates about Japan's role in World War II, the history of microbiology as a discipline, policies in Japan to boost the birthrate, and Buddhist monastic traditions.

Huron University College

Alfred L. Chan, Associate Professor of Political Science, has just completed guest editing three issues of *Chinese Law and Government*: "The Voice of a Fifth Generation Leader: Lieutenant Liu Yazhou on Sino-American Relations" (Mar.-April, 2007); "War Against Taiwan: A Strategic Evaluation by Lieutenant General Liu Yazhou" (Sept.-Oct., 2007); "The Dilemmas and Prospects of China's

Military Modernization and Air Power Strategy: The Views of Lieutenant General Liu Yazhou" (Nov.-Dec., 2007).

Illinois Wesleyan University

Irving Epstein of Illinois Wesleyan University is the general editor of the recently published *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children's Issues Worldwide* (Greenwood Publishing, December, 2007). The six volume encyclopedia, which is the first of its kind and is approximately 3000 pages in length, includes essays on the state of children and youth in one hundred and twenty-six countries by 176 contributors. The volume on Asian and Oceania, edited by Jyotsna Pattnaik, of California State Long Beach, may be of particular interest to ASIANetwork members as it includes essays by 49 contributors who survey children's issues in twenty-four different countries and regions.

Marietta College

Professors **Luding Tong** (Modern Languages) and **Matt Young** (History), in partnership with the East Asian Studies Center at the Ohio State University and Kent State University, are offering a "Teaching about Asia" seminar for teachers in grades 6-12 in the spring 2008 semester. Thirteen teachers and administrators are enrolled, eleven of whom will receive graduate credits. The seminar is funded by a grant from the Freeman Foundation to the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA).

Mount Holyoke College

Calvin P. Chen, Luce Assistant Professor of Politics, published *Some Assembly Required: Work, Community, and Politics in China's Rural Enterprises* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2008).

Presbyterian College

Karen S. Kingsbury, newly appointed Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies, is a comparatist with long-standing scholarly interests in Chinese language, literature, and culture.

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Her most recent publication is *Love in a Fallen City* (New York Review; Penguin Modern Classics, 2007), a collection of fiction by Eileen Chang (Zhang Ailing) in translation.

Sewanee: The University of the South

Harold J. Goldberg, Chair of the Asian Studies Program, has received a grant from the Appalachian College Association for his research project on "Competing Voices of World War II in Europe." His book entitled *D-Day in the Pacific: The Battle of Saipan* (Indiana University Press) is a selection of the History Book Club and the Military Book Club.

St. Lawrence University

Mark W. MacWilliams, Religious Studies Department, published *Japanese Visual Culture: Explorations in the World of Manga and Anime* (M.E. Sharpe, 2008).

St. Olaf College

A translated collection of Professor of History **Robert Entenmann's** essays has been published in Taiwan, along with essays by other scholars: Yan Huayang [Robert Entenmann] et al., *Zhongguo Tianzhujiao lishi yiwenti* (Collected translated essays on the history of Chinese Catholicism). Gu Weimin, trans. Taipei: Jidujiao Yuzhouguang.

Rika Ito, Japanese language and linguistics, and **Karil Kucera**, art history, were both tenured and promoted to associate professor in February of 2007. **Phyllis Larson**, chair of the Department of Asian Studies, was promoted to Associate Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary and General Studies.

University of Evansville

LaShone M. Gibson, senior associate director of the University of Evansville's Institute for Global Enterprise in Indiana, has been honored by NAFSA: Association of International

Educators with the Dorothy Brickman Award for Outstanding New Professional to International Education. The award is given annually to an individual who has been in the profession less than three years, yet has already made a significant contribution to her campus, to NAFSA, and to the field of international education.

University of Redlands

Hongwei Lu, Chinese language and literature, was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Asian Studies. **Jianjun He** will join the Asian Studies Program as assistant professor with teaching responsibilities in Chinese language and culture, beginning fall of 2008.

Virginia Wesleyan College

Steven M. Emmanuel, Batten Professor of Philosophy, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Justice Award for his work in Vietnam and in his local community.

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of education, which shows no concern for real life? To sum up, should the gender studies today involve practice in real life and in transforming society, or just be limited to the classroom while avoiding conflicts and contradictions? To put it in a different way, should we respond to practical issues when we teach students the basic concepts about women's rights, so that they will not fall into disempowerment when confronted with the conflicts between an ideal of equality and the reality of inequality, but be neither empowered to promote transformation and to seek ways of change? Among all these questions, the most important point is that engagement in real-live issues challenges both us as individuals and the power relations of gender politics on the campus.

I feel a great honour to be here as a keynote speaker at the ASIANetwork conference. I am here to say thanks for all I have learned from you in the classroom as a visiting scholar in the Introduction of Women Studies at the University of the

South. I will share with you the voice from another continent where Chinese women embrace feminist thought from the West and enrich it with their local experience. I will be even more pleased if you will bring these works to your classroom and discuss the issues with your students in this globalization era.

For more information about the documentaries made by Ai Xiaoming and Hu Jie, please visit:

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Endnotes

¹ Lin Zhao was a woman, a college student in Beijing University. In 1957, like many intellectuals, she responded to the call from Chairman Mao to comment on the policies of the Communist Party. Several months later the whole situation changed, and she and many of that generation were classified as rightists, so she lost the

chance to continue her study, was sent away, and finally was sent to prison. In prison she wrote diaries with her blood, writing about many political ideas. She was sentenced to death in 1968, in the early years of the Cultural Revolution. ... Hu Jie got copies of the letters and diaries from her friends and other survivors, interviewed them and made a documentary about it.

²We made two documentaries on AIDS issue. One is *Care and Love* and another is *The Central Plains*. *Care and Love* draws its inspiration from 'Investigation of HIV/AIDS in Xingtai', a feature article written by Wang Keqin, a senior journalist at *China Economic Times*, which tells the story of Liu Xianhong, a woman villager who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion during childbirth. The film documents how she publicized her story, filed a lawsuit with her 8-year-old son against the local hospital and eventually received compensation.

The Central Plains, the ancient Zhongzhou Plains, refers to Henan province. *The Central Plains* records the history of rural people and other marginalized groups in this region caused by critical poverty and the loss of control of blood safety. On the land of tragedy and death, despite various risks, there are men and women fighters endeavoring to reveal the truth and fight against the disaster.