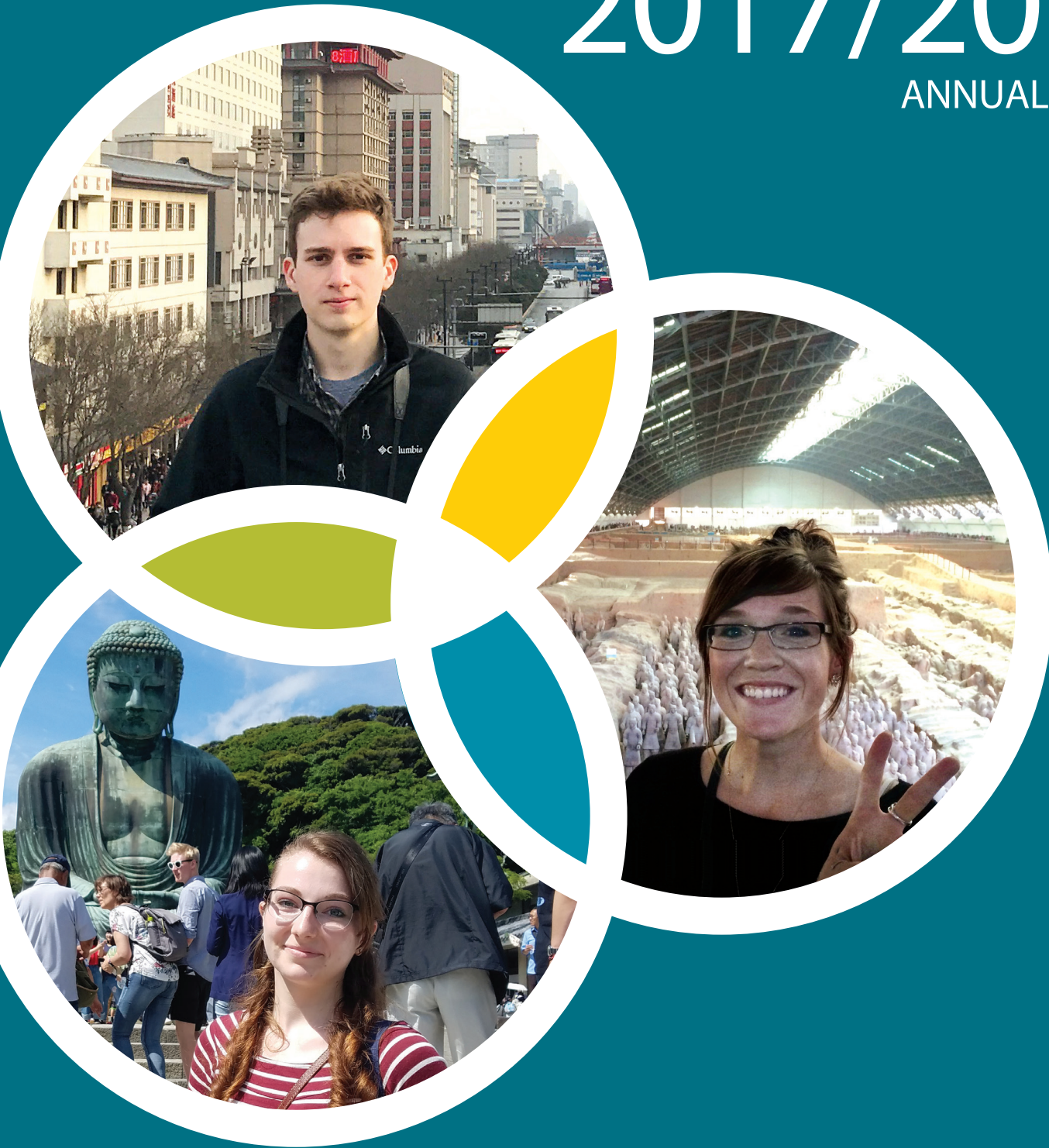


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The Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies

The Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies (ARCAS) is composed of the 15 regional centers of the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP), a joint initiative of the East-West Center and the University of Hawai'i. ARCAS is a nonprofit organization affiliated with ASDP. It works closely with ASDP on such initiatives as faculty development workshops and ASDP's annual conferences. However, ARCAS is not itself under the management of ASDP; it is run and financed cooperatively by its member institutions, namely, the regional centers of ASDP.

Mission Statement

The Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies is committed to promoting the study of Asia and Asian cultures in undergraduate programs at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The mission of this Association is to provide high quality programs for faculty, administrators, staff and students at member institutions and other institutions served by the regional centers. The purpose of these programs is to enhance teaching, learning and research in Asian studies.

To achieve this mission, the Association will seek to:

- continue to work closely with the East-West Center and the University of Hawai'i in planning and developing projects;
- develop effective modes of communication to link colleges and universities;
- develop collaborative strategies that colleges can use to share resources;
- provide advice and counsel to colleges and universities on implementing models for infusing Asian studies into the curriculum;
- develop grants to fund institutes, workshops, and seminars on Asia that are jointly sponsored and collaboratively coordinated;
- develop programs that can serve as models for a variety of different colleges and universities interested in Asian studies;
- develop nonacademic activities and outreach programs to reach the communities our colleges and universities serve.

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The Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies (ARCAS) works closely with the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii in planning and developing projects to promote Asian studies at 15 regional centers throughout the United States. This report is a record of some of the events, courses, presentations, publications, faculty and student travel, and international visitors sponsored by these centers. The breadth of the activities is very wide indeed. The events include cultural workshops, activities, film festivals, book clubs, grant-funded workshops, international festivals and conferences on various Asian cultural themes. These regional centers not only provide a resource to enhance teaching, learning and research in Asian studies on campuses, but also reach out into their surrounding communities to promote the study of Asia through such activities as the Greater Kansas City Japan Festival at Johnson County Community College with its more than 4,000 visitors, the training programs at the Honda International Center at Kapi'olani Community College, and the 2017 Asian Studies Development Program's Annual National Conference hosted by Portland Community College. The regional centers provide advice and counsel to colleges and universities on implementing models for infusing Asian studies into the curriculum, and this report lists a wide range of courses that have been developed and implemented in psychology, biology, art, history, religion, philosophy and more. In addition, it lists the many faculty who have published, presented, and taken on leadership roles, all in the promotion of Asian studies.

My colleagues and I all thankful to all the regional centers for sharing enthusiasm and information. In addition, thanks to Janette Jaspersen and Ilee Baugh for their work with Johnson County Community College's Marketing Communications staff in helping compile and publish this report.

Thank you all for the good work you are doing.



Tom Patterson

President, Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies

Director, International Education

Johnson County Community College

I. Campus Events

Black Hawk College

- “Found in Translation” Mixed media work by Peter Xiao. An exhibition in the ArtSpace Gallery on BHC campus.
- Fall 2017 Carter Symposium: “Asia and the West.” This was a two-day event. Six faculty members and a guest speaker presented over a wide range of topics.
- “Experiments in Ancient Chinese Science and Technology” Presentation by Dr. Matt Marone from Mercer University with a reception afterward.

College of DuPage

- Global Education Fair: Asia committee participated in the 2017–18 Annual Global Faire, held at COD, introducing Asia Committee and its activities throughout the year.
- Shanghai Nights: Several members of the Asia Committee gathered at the McAninch Arts Center at COD to enjoy a performance by the Shanghai Acrobats of the Peoples Republic of China.
- Book Club: The book club members of Asia Committee read *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. The book gave insights into the fascinating Chinese culture of the 19th Century.

Community College of Philadelphia

- Amardeep Singh, Associate Professor at Lehigh University, spoke on “Religion and Modernity in South Asian Literature.” This presentation was part of a Religious Studies Series organized by ASDP Alumnus David Prejsnar with support from the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.
- Viet Dinh, Assistant Professor, University of Delaware, read from his novel *After Disasters* (2016). This novel is set in India after the devastating earthquake of January 2001. The reading was followed by a Faculty Development Discussion of Viet Dinh’s short story, “Substitutes” set in Viet Nam. Both events were organized through the Writers and Poets Series and supported by the Office of Student Affairs and the Center for International Understanding.
- Dr. Beth Hessel, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, delivered the Diane C. Freedman Memorial Lecture in April. Her title was “World War II Incarceration of Japanese Americans: Intersections of Religious Freedom, Participatory Citizenship, and Democracy.”

Johnson County Community College

- Dr. Fanbin Zeng, visiting Fulbright scholar from China, gave two presentations at JCCC on the topic of social media and citizen participation. One presentation focused on the United States and the other on China. Dr. Zeng is an associate professor at the College of Journalism and Mass Communication at Jinan University. His visit to JCCC was made possible by the Fulbright Scholar Program’s Outreach Lecturing Fund.
- The faculty/staff peacebuilding book discussion group read and talked about the book *A World of Three Zeros* by Muhammad Yunus. Yunus was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his work with micro-finance in Bangladesh.

Middlesex Community College

- Melissa Ludtke, *Sports Illustrated* and *Time Magazine* journalist, workshopped her LUCE supported transmedia storytelling project “Touching Home in China: In Search of Missing Girlhoods.” The project offers resource-rich lesson plans about China. Teen adoptees, born in China, return to where they were abandoned as babies. Chinese girls who grew up in these towns teach the Americans about living in 21st century China.
- MCC AANAPISI faculty met for a book discussion on *Imagined Communities* by Benedict Anderson.
- An AANAPISI/ASDP Talk by Roger Ames on “Confucian China in a Changing Global Order” to students and faculty was followed by a workshop to ANNPISI Faculty on “China’s One Belt One Road Initiative.” A key question discussed in both the talk and workshop was what impact Confucianism — a philosophy that begins from the primacy of relationality — will have on world culture in the ensuing decades.



Found IN TRANSLATION

Mixed media work by
Peter Xiao

August 21 – September 29, 2017

• ArtSpace Gallery
Quad Cities Campus, Building 4
Black Hawk College
6600 34th Avenue, Moline, Illinois
61265

Opening Reception • Thursday, August 31
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Regular viewing hours:
Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm or by
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Above:
All Corners and Nones, mixed media



Black Hawk College



Black Hawk College



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- MCC faculty Shelley Drake Hawks gave a talk “The Art of Resistance” which told the story of Chinese painters who refused to let their art become propaganda during China’s Cultural Revolution. The talk was drawn from her book *The Art of Resistance: Painting by Candlelight in Mao’s China*. Dr. Hawks teaches Art History at MCC.
- MCC talk: “From Genocide to Cultural Renewal in Cambodia.” Arn Chorn Pond, a survivor of Cambodia’s horrific killing fields and founder of Cambodia Living Arts, spoke to students and faculty about his own healing and the way the arts can heal a nation. He is the subject of *Never Fall Down*, a finalist for the 2013 National Book Award.
- Sreang Heng gave a talk at MCC on “Environmental Land Grabs in Present Cambodia: Violence and Resistance.” He is a Scholar at Risk at Yale and Harvard Universities and currently is an AANAPISI Scholar at MCC. Continually threatened for his work to highlight the Cambodian government’s repression of human rights and the politics of land deforestation, Sreang left Cambodia for the US in late 2016.

Paradise Valley Community College

- Mata Ortiz Ceramic Artist’s presentations involved 60 students.
- Islamic Speakers Bureau of AZ presentations reached 240 students.
- Money, Art, & World War II presentations reached 320 students
- Catholic Charities Speakers Bureau presentations reached 720 students
- PVCC film festival reached 1,200 students.
- Human Trafficking Presentations reached 240 students

Portland Community College

- The University of Oregon as a Title VI East Asia National Resource Center hosted a summer workshop developed by U of O in partnership with PCC’s Asian Studies faculty. The focus of the workshop was “New Political Realities in SE Asia.” Scholars from University of Oregon, Portland State University and Lewis and Clark led the various sessions.
- Asian Studies Talks and Social Hour: Martha Bailey and Joe Corrado presented, “Exploring ‘Islam in Asia’: Notes and Findings from 2017 NEH Institute.”
- Dr. Jeffrey Dippman, professor of philosophy and religious studies at Central Washington University, presented two lectures in March: “Dao & Zen, the Chinese Roots of Zen Buddhism” and “Qi’s Whiz: Daoist Cosmology.” In addition, Dr. Dippmann had individual conversations with four faculty, including, one instructor of International Studies, both instructors of Asian Philosophy, and the one Asian Religions instructor. He also had dinner with three faculty, covering English, one instructor of History, who teaches several Asian History classes, and the Asian Religions instructor.
- Asian Studies & China Studies Focus Award Celebration with guest speaker, Dr. Fanbin Zeng. He has been teaching and conducting research at the College of Journalism and Mass Communication of Jinan University since 2004, and was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Communication Arts in 2017-2018.

Trident Technical College

- Global Awareness Week 2018 was infused with Asian Studies during presentations on culture and innovation in the global aircraft industry, human trafficking, and geopolitical trade issues.

University of Central Arkansas

- UCA began “Tea & Talk” Series to highlight Asia-related research and experience on Campus. It hosted three events: “Confucian Ecology” with Dr. Brasovan; a film discussion on Fukushima with UCA Student Hanako Abe and Japanese instructor David House; and “Domestic Violence in Bangladesh” with Dr. Rifat Akhter.
- UCA participated in the CLA Fall Outreach Series on “Immigration and America” (with participation from Asia Studies faculty Dr. Akhter, Dr. Chen, Dr. Frank, and others).

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- One week International Education Program with presentations by American diplomats, scholars as well as an international film program.
- International Festival Week with music, international food, cultural events, student and faculty presentations on various international topics
- KCC hosted students from more than 30 Japanese institutions for short term programs organized by the Paul S. Honda International Center

II. Community Outreach

College of DuPage

- Members of the Asia Committee attended an exhibit at the Alphawood Gallery in Chicago, which used photographs, art, objects and documents to provide greater insight into the lives of Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII.

Community College of Philadelphia


- The International Festival Student Presentations included the following events:
 - “From Classical Indian Music to Indie Rock!”— student performances organized by Prof. Mak Khan, International Studies Program Coordinator.
 - “International Fashion and Talent Show” organized by Prof. Pairat Sethbhakdi and Prof. Mak Khan.
 - “Japanese Fishermen’s Dance” student group led by Akiko Mori, instructor of Japanese.
 - “Taste of the World” event prepared by Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program, which attracted over 600 students and staff.

Johnson County Community College

- More than 4,000 people enjoyed Japanese food, cultural performances, workshops, displays and the ever-popular anime at the annual Greater Kansas City Japan Festival held on JCCC’s campus.

Middlesex Community College

- AANAPISI Faculty Fellows and Ambassadors visited a Lowell Cambodian Temple where Fulbright and AANAPISI participant Kerriane Gamache gave a talk on Buddhism and local monks discussed how the temple plays a central role in the local Cambodian community.
- The WGBH Ground Truth Project, “The New American Songbook: Performance of Cambodia Music” event at MCC asked how the Cambodian immigrant experience defines itself through musical culture and how music can help us all understand the lives of today’s immigrants. The 30-minute podcast follows a Cambodian man who is saved from genocide through music and a Cambodian-American boy who dreams of being a traditional Cambodian dancer. The podcast was included in the multimedia presentation and music and dance performance at MCC (<http://thegroundtruthproject.org/projects/new-american-songbook/>).
- The MCC-ASDP and AANAPISI Fall 2017 Conference on SE Asia was held at MCC and Bridgewater State University, with presenters Eric Tagliacozzo, Jonathan Padwe, Ardeth Thawngnhmung, and Anne Hansen. In this workshop, presenters encouraged participants to consider how networks of political, economic and religious exchange shape cultural understandings and identities, as well as their natural environments. The workshop enabled participants to build curricular bridges between a range of humanities and social science disciplines and current conditions both in Cambodia and in the experiences of Cambodian-American communities that directly affect many MCC students. The workshop also included two curriculum discussion sessions that focused on how to infuse Southeast Asian studies into the undergraduate learning experience.

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ASIAN STUDIES PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

— PRESENTS —

Confucian China in a Changing Global Order



A talk by **ROGER AMES**

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Monday, March 5
MCC's East Cafe, Campus Center
571 Springs Rd., Bedford MA.

ROGER T. AMES is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Hawai'i and editor of *Philosophy East & West* and *China Review International*. He is now the Academic Director of Berggruen Institute's Philosophy and Culture Centre, and is also Humanities Chair Professor at Peking University. In 2013 he was awarded the Confucius Culture Prize by China.

He has authored numerous interpretative studies of Chinese philosophy and culture including *Sun-tzu: The Art of Warfare*, *The Analects of Confucius*, *Dao de Jing*, *Confucian Role Ethics: A Vocabulary*, and *Confucian Role Ethics: A Moral Vision for the 21st Century*.

This event is in collaboration with the Program for Asian American Student Advancement



This event supports MCC's Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) of Multicultural and Global Literacy, Personal & Professional Development, and Social Responsibility

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THE ART OF RESISTANCE

An Illustrated Talk by Shelley Hawks

Tues, Feb. 6, 12:00-1:00 Lowell Fed Bldg Assembly Room



Huang Yongyu, *Eternal Window*, 1967. After being jailed, Huang was moved to a tiny shed near Beijing with no sunlight. In defiance, he painted this brightly colored window.

MCC Faculty Shelley Hawks tells the story of Chinese painters who refused to let their art become propaganda during China's Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). Based on years of original research, she reveals for the first time how seven ink painters defended their artistic ideals despite physical and psychological persecution. The talk is drawn from her book, *The Art of Resistance: Painting by Candlelight in Mao's China*, a gorgeously illustrated work that offers a new look at an era still little known in China. It is about art and history, but ultimately it is about undaunted individuals who refused to surrender their inner freedom.

SHELLEY DRAKE HAWKS is a writer and historian in Concord, MA who teaches art history at Middlesex Community College. She has also taught at Mount Holyoke College, Boston University, UMASS-Boston, and Rhode Island School of Design. She has a masters in Asia regional studies from Harvard and a doctorate in history from Brown.



"Written with grace and keen insight, this work...addresses both art and history compellingly in a way that enriches both disciplines."

—Vera Schwarz, *Colors of Veracity: A Quest for Truth in China and Beyond*

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- "In Conversation with Him Sophy" Him Sophy and musicians from the Bangsokol event talked about music and how the arts can help heal after conflict. They discussed his new composition "Bangsokol: A Requiem for Cambodia", which was performed at ArtsEmerson, Boston.
- Through arrangements made by MCC- ASDP Regional Rep, "In Conversation with Him Sophy" was held at the Stoklosa Middle School to 400 students and at the Lowell High School to 800 students. An open rehearsal workshop with local Cambodian musicians of the Bangsokol score was held at UMass Lowell.
- MCC Faculty Fellows and Ambassadors attended the "Bangsokol: A Requiem for Cambodia" at ArtsEmerson, Boston.

Paradise Valley Community College

- Film Festival @ Desert Foothills Library involved 660 students.
- A second Film Festival @ Desert Foothills Library on World War I reached 660 students.

Trident Technical College

- TTC faculty and staff continue to work with the Chinese Association in Greater Charleston and the India Association of Greater Charleston as well as with colleagues at The Citadel to nurture intercultural understanding.
- ASDP alum Dan Bellack was featured in TEDxCharleston with his presentation "Making Sense in a Fake News World" where he included points on confirmation bias and cultural perception (<https://tedxcharleston.org/watch/>).

University of Central Arkansas

- UCA renewed its collaborative partnership with East China Normal University to host The Confucius Institute for Arkansas on Campus.
- In March 2018, hosted 50 students from Little Rock Central High School Chinese Club for tour/lecture on contemporary Asian Studies.
- UCA Confucius Institute continued to provide our community with a host of events celebrating and teaching Chinese language and culture.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- The local community is invited to attend any classes during International Education Week and the International Festival Week.
- Kapi'olani CC participated in a day long program at the Hawaii Legislature to promote the international education programs at the college. The program was set up by Cy Feng who is an educational specialist in the Honda Center as well as the Vice President of Study Hawaii. Study Hawaii is an organization of more than 15 Hawaii educational institutions whose primary responsibility is to promote the benefits of international education both in Hawaii and abroad.
- Chancellor Louise Pagotto visited both China and Japan to sign partnership agreement with a number of educational institutions.
- Honda scholarships to study abroad are available for students at the six other UH community colleges.

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INTERNATIONAL & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

— PRESENTS —

'From Genocide to Cultural Renewal in Cambodia'

A talk by **Arn Chorn-Pond**

10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2
MCC's Federal Building Assembly Room
50 Keamey Square, Lowell, Mass.

Arn Chorn-Pond, a survivor of Cambodia's horrific killing fields and now an internationally known peace activist, will speak about his own healing and the way the arts can heal a nation.

Chorn-Pond is the subject of "Never Fall Down," a finalist for the 2013 National Book Award. Desmond Tutu described it as, "One of the most inspiring and powerful books I've ever read."

This event is cosponsored by Cambodian Living Arts.

NEVER FALL DOWN

ARN CHORN-POND

This event supports MCC's Global Perspectives, Personal & Professional Development, and Social Responsibility Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs).

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III. Curriculum Development/Courses Taught

Black Hawk College

- A new course, IS200 Global Issues, was developed which included units on China, North Korea, and the Rohingya people.

Johnson County Community College

- Asian language courses: Beginning and Intermediate Japanese
- Asian culture courses:
 - Introduction to Chinese Culture
 - Introduction to Japanese Culture
 - Introduction to Asian Art
- Asian history courses:
 - History of India
 - History of China
 - History of Japan
 - Eurasia: History and Culture
- Asian religion courses: Religions of the East
- Asian philosophy courses: History of Asian Philosophy

Middlesex Community College

- Through MCC-ASDP professional development and AANAPISI grant opportunities, 30 MCC faculty developed Asian focused curriculum in 55 sections covering courses in Anthropology, Art, Business, Communications, Composition, Computing, Cyber Security, Economics, Geography, History, Humanities, Literature, Math, Philosophy, Psychology, and Library Guides for Asian Studies.

Paradise Valley Community College

- Globalized courses taught in fall 2018: 30 courses (50 classes)
- Globalized courses taught in spring 2018: 28 courses (41 classes)
- Globalized courses taught in summer 2018: 10 courses (13 classes)

Trident Technical College


- ASDP alum Debbie Dupree designed a unit on cultural differences in attachment and self-regulation of emotions in her Human Growth and Development course
- ASDP alum Joel Sease trained adjuncts to teach East Asian concepts in the Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics courses.

University of Central Arkansas

- UCA hired a full-time lecturer, David House, for Japanese language instruction.
- The Asia Studies Minor underwent a slight curriculum revision with the addition of a new lower-division course, HIST 2310: Introduction to Asian History.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- Kapi'olani taught new courses in Vietnamese and Arabic. The Vietnamese language course was funded by an NRC grant from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
- Kapi'olani was selected to participate in a special grant program with Kansai University called "COIL" funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education
- Joe Overton, Chair of the Honda International Center is a member of the System wide International Education


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ASIAN STUDIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

— PRESENTS —

Environmental Land Grabs in Present Cambodia: Violence and Resistance


A talk by **Sreang Heng**

2-3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
MCC's Federal Building
Assembly Room 50 Kearney Square, Lowell, Mass.

Sreang Heng is a Scholar at Risk at Yale and Harvard Universities. Continually threatened for his work to highlight the Cambodian government's repression of human rights and the politics of land deforestation, Sreang left Cambodia for the US in late 2016.


He continues to write and research about the socio-political challenges facing Cambodia today, including his work on "Justice in Cambodia," "Buddhist Monks Participation in Social and Political Affairs in Contemporary Cambodia," and "How the Cambodian Government Responds to Genocide in the Country."

This event is in collaboration with the Program for Asian American Student Advancement and the Asian Studies Development Program




This event supports MCC's Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) of Multicultural and Global Literacy, Personal & Professional Development, and Social Responsibility


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Middlesex Community College


Ardeth Thawngmung
Everyday Economic Survival in Myanmar

Join us for a talk about the crisis in Myanmar



People in Myanmar have coped with extreme hardship that leaves little time for civic engagement.

How does this affect the emergence of the democratic values needed to sustain a more open political environment?

Hosted by MCC's Asian Studies Development Program
Wednesday, October 17 at 2:00pm

Federal Building Assembly Rm. at Middlesex Community College
50 Kearney Square, Lowell, MA 01852

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Committee of the University of Hawaii. The committee's responsibility is to develop new programs and policies for the University of Hawaii system

- Joe Overton is also a member of the University of Hawaii Community Colleges International Educational Council. The Council's responsibility is to coordinate and develop new policies and programs for the seven UH community Colleges.

IV. Faculty Publications, Presentations and Leadership Positions

Black Hawk College

- Dr. Kora Gould, Assistant Professor of Philosophy attended the 2018 NEH Buddhist East Asia Institute at the East-West Center.

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- Keith Krasemann and Tom Kulanjiyil participated in the 2017 ASDP National Conference, held in Washington. Thomas presented a workshop on Ancient Indian Gurukula system and its relevance of contemporary education.

Community College of Philadelphia

- Presentations by Fay Beauchamp, Professor of English
 - November 2017 "Short-term Study Abroad Programs as Capstone: Building Pathways to Greater Opportunities" presented with co-author Lucia Gbaya-Kanga, Mercer County Community College Global Conference
 - February 2018 "Building Local-Global Partnerships in Tanzania, Cuba, and Japan: Faculty Development, Student Equity, and Post Return Engagement," presented with co-author Lucia Gbaya-Kanga — CCID Annual Meeting
 - March 2018 "Chinese Canon, and 19th Century Western Literature: Resisting A Confucian Rethinking of Self and Ethics" — ASDP Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Presentations by Aiden Kosciesza, Assistant Professor of English
 - January 2018 "Noro, Yuta, and Sacred Spaces: Women in Okinawan Religion" — Japan Studies Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii
 - March 2018 "Broadening the Way: Confucian Analects in the English Composition Classroom"
- Presentation by Akiko Mori, Adjunct Professor, Japanese Language
 - "Fermentation Nation Japan: The World Number One Fermented Food Nation" — Japan Studies Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Presentation by Michael Stern, Associate Professor, Architecture, Construction and Design
 - "Teaching with the Extraordinary Films of Hiroshi Teshigahara 'Woman in the Dunes' and Beyond" — Japan Studies Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Two ASDP Alumni won the 2018 Pairat Sethbhakdi Award for outstanding long-term contribution to the College's International Festival and for leadership in international initiatives at the College. Pairat Sethbhakdi, Professor of English (ESL), founded the International Festival 35 years ago and the award established in her name has recognized 17 faculty over the years. Pairat has participated in many ASDP workshops beginning in 1998.
 - Lakshmi Gudipati, Assistant Professor in English, was recognized for frequently bringing a South Asian Dance Troupe to the Festival; for revising and producing a play by Tagore, and for acting as a liaison to University of Pennsylvania's Center for South Asian Studies.

- Akiko Mori, Adjunct Professor and teacher of Japanese, was recognized for outstanding leadership with study abroad, expanding the teaching of Japanese language courses at the College, and for organizing yearly events since 2011 on earthquake recovery, Okinawa bases, calligraphy, tea ceremony, and dance.

Johnson County Community College

- The following faculty presented at the ASDP National Conference:
 - Dennis Arjo, Professor Philosophy: “Ritual Propriety and Conceptions of Good”
 - Dawn Gale, Professor Philosophy: “From Okinawa to Charlottesville: Ethics, Memorials, and Peacebuilding”
 - Deborah Williams, Professor Environmental Science: “Responding to Ecological Challenges in Post-War Okinawa: Using Traditional Ecological Knowledge to Inform Ecosystem Analysis and Conservation Strategies”
- Dr. Tom Patterson, Director International Education, served as the president of ARCAS.
- Dawn Gale, Professor Philosophy, served as a Member at Large on the Japan Studies Association’s Executive Board.
- Dawn Gale, Professor Philosophy, chaired a panel “West Meets East: A Cultural and Informational Exchange Program between Librarians in Arizona and Japan” at the Japan Studies Association’s annual conference. She also presented the paper “Rethinking Ethics of War.”
- Stuart Shafer, Professor Sociology, presented the paper “Where Environmental Policy Is Social Policy: Nature, Food, Society, and Metabolic Processes” at the 6th Annual World Congress Food and Nutrition conference held in Shenyang, China.
- Dawn Gale (philosophy), Eve Blobaum (sociology), and Deborah Williams (environmental science) attended the Japan Studies Association’s workshop on the Hendrix campus in Arkansas.

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- Three MCC faculty presented their work at Three Stones Gallery in Concord, MA. Shelley Drake Hawks’ talk was drawn from her book *The Art of Resistance: Painting by Candlelight in Mao’s China*. The gallery displayed the work of artist Marge Rack and Master Cambodian Ceramicist Yary Livan, 2015 NEA National Heritage Fellow.
- Presentations at the ASDP 2018 National Conference “Understanding Asia Past and Present” were given by 3 MCC faculty:
 - Kerri Gamache, “Catholic or Buddhist? Teaching Cultural Hybridity using Jack Kerouac’s Wake Up: A Life of the Buddha”
 - Lara, Kradinova, “Composasian” and “T(RAD)ition: Modules on Asia in English Composition and World Literature Courses”
 - Marge Rack, “Cambodian Vernacular Architecture: An Artist’s View”
- The ASDP 2018 National Conference was co-chaired by Dona Cady, MCC faculty and ASDP Alumni Association President.
- MCC faculty Willy Ramirez attended the ASDP-NEH Summer Institute “Buddhist East Asia: The Interplay of Religion, the Arts, and Politics.” From his experiences at the Institute and as an AANAPISI Faculty Ambassador, he has developed several curriculum modules for his humanities courses.
- Dona Cady presented on “Gender and Relational Cultivation” on the panel “Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities for Women and Children” at the East-West Center’s International Conference in Seoul, Korea. Panel participants included Linda Lindsey, Roslyn Schoen, and Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen. The panel was moderated by Peter Herschok, Director of ASDP.

Paradise Valley Community College

- Doug Berry participated in the East-West Center’s “Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum” summer workshop.



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- Sylvia Gray and Kathleen Doss presented at the ASDP Conference, "Integration of Part-Time Faculty into Asian Studies at the Community College."
- Martha Bailey from Portland Community College was part of the panel "Asian Studies in the US: its Current Status and Future Direction" in April. Other panelists were:
 - Dr. Katherine Bowie, professor of Anthropology at University of Wisconsin-Madison and immediate past-chair of the Association for Asian Studies;
 - Jeff Hanes, Associate Professor of Japanese Studies & History and Director, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Oregon;
 - Kenneth Brashier, Professor of Region and Humanities at Reed College;
 - Jon Holt, Assistant Professor of Japanese Literature. Portland State University.

Within institutions of higher learning, liberal studies disciplines are facing increasing competition from a shifting focus on the science, technology and professional fields. This Forum brought together Asian Studies specialists from five different universities to discuss and reflect on the past 20 years of Asian Studies within the academy, how the field and its role have changed, what direction we see it headed in the future, and what Asian Studies can and should offer to students.

University of Central Arkansas

- Four UCA faculty (Zach Smith, Bi-ling Chen, David House, Cheryl Streiff) attended the Japan Studies Association's Workshop on Hendrix campus during spring semester, 2018, and were supported by a \$1000.00 grant from the UCA Center for Teaching Excellence.
- Faculty member Jesse Butler attended the NEH ASDP Workshop at the East West Center in Honolulu (Summer 2018).
- Nicholas Brasovan published an article on "Confucian Ecology" in the *Journal for Chinese Philosophy* this past academic year.
- One UCA Faculty-edited book on Asian Studies, *Buddhisms in Asia*, has advanced to the production phase of publication with SUNY Press's Asian Studies Development Program Series.
- Four UCA faculty (Taine Duncan; James Deitrick; Jesse Butler; and Nicholas Brasovan) delivered presentations on a panel (organized by Taine Duncan) at the ASDP National Conference in Washington D.C. during the spring of 2018.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- Joseph L. Overton sits on the Executive Board of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii. In 2018 the Center was a U.S. government National Resource Center
- Joe Overton is the chair of the Paul S. Honda International Center which handles more than 750 international students each semester. Joe Overton is also the Director of the Office for International Affairs which coordinates all international activities at Kapi'olani.
- Dr. Carl Hefner, Chair of the Social Science department at KCC, is the president of the Hawaii chapter of the EWC Alumni Association. Dr. Overton is a member of the Executive Board of the Hawaii Chapter. Each fall the chapter hosts a picnic for more than 150 new students at the East-West Center. In the spring the Hawaii chapter holds an annual dinner and auction to raise funds to send 5 EWC students abroad to conduct their research.
- Joe Overton was selected by the State of Hawaii to be part of their official delegation to Taiwan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hawaii-Taiwan Sister State Relationship
- Kapi'olani hosted the annual dinner for the Japan Studies Association's 24th annual conference.
- Dr. Overton serves as President of the Japan Studies Association. He also serves on the Executive Board of the Association of Regional Centers for Asian Studies.
- To enhance the position of administrators, faculty and staff at KCC, the Honda International Center sent a number of them on CIEE training programs and international conferences to Morocco, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and China.

V. Faculty Travel to Asia

Community College of Philadelphia

- Fay Beauchamp and Lyn Buchheit, Associate Professor of English, traveled to Luoyang, China, on a study tour to see the Buddhist caves featuring the carving said to look like Empress Wu, and to visit the burial site and related memorials of the Tang Dynasty poet Bai Juyi.

Johnson County Community College

- Joe Sopcich, JCCC President, was the keynote speaker at the "Conference on the Concept of Community Colleges in Pakistan" in Sukkur, Pakistan in January. His travel was funded by the U.S. Department of State.
- Beth Gulley, Professor English, also spoke at the "Conference on the Concept of Community Colleges in Pakistan" in Sukkur, Pakistan.
- Rebecca Kastendick, Faculty English, spent the fall semester in Xi'an, China teaching at Northwestern Polytechnical University.
- Stuart Shafer, Professor Sociology, traveled to China to present at a conference.

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- Dona Cady traveled to Seoul, Korea to present at the East-West Center International Conference.

Trident Technical College

- Respiratory Therapy Instructor Laurel Glover traveled to India with SIT to learn about challenges in the Indian healthcare system and the integration of traditional medicine into modern treatment. To support her travel, she was awarded a grant from SIT.

University of Central Arkansas

- UCA has had two separate faculty secure Fulbright scholarships to teach and conduct research in China over the past two years:
 - Dr. Jesse Butler taught as a Fulbright scholar at Jinan University in Guangzhou during the 2016–2018 AY;
 - Nicholas Brasovan is currently conducting research as a Fulbright Scholar at Jinan University, Guangzhou, China.
- Nicholas Brasovan delivered a series of five lectures on environmental philosophy at three different universities in Wuhu City, Anhui Province, China, during May of 2018.
- Four UCA faculty (Nicholas Brasovan; Clayton Crockett; Jesse Butler; Guo-ou Zhuang) participated in the World Congress of Philosophy at Beijing in August of 2018.
- UCA Faculty member, Conrad Shumaker, delivered a summer course in literature at East China Normal University.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- The Honda International Center sent the new Chancellor, Dr. Louise Pagotto, to China and Japan as part of an orientation program on Asia. HIC also sent the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs on her first trip to China so that she could become more familiar with the activities of Kapi'olani in Asia.
- Other faculty and staff were sent to China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia.
- Dr. Overton took students to Japan, China and Korea as part of the Freeman scholarship program

VI. Student Study Abroad/Awards

College of DuPage

- One of the Asia committee faculty members led two different short-term study trips to Japan during the 2017–2018 academic year.



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- From May 20 to June 3, 10 Community College of Philadelphia students took part in a study abroad tour of Japan with David Prejsnar, assistant professor of Religious Studies and Akiko Mori, instructor of Japanese language. Significant travel scholarships were provided through the College's Student-Faculty International Fellowship Program, and students were selected from a record-breaking 87 applications. After flying to Osaka, students traveled first to Hiroshima for talks at the Hiroshima Peace Museum arranged through the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. After touring the museum, students visited the Peace Park, accompanied by Michiyo Yamane, Chairwoman of the World Friendship Center. The group then traveled to Okayama, Kyoto, Nara, and Mt. Koya. In Okayama, the group stayed at Kibi University, where Japanese students and staff welcomed the group with a tea ceremony. Kibi University is Community College of Philadelphia's first university partner in Japan. Chae Sweet, dean of Division of Liberal Studies, and Prejsnar made the arrangements with Kibi University through a Japan Embassy TeamUp grant and a 2017 site visit.
- Two Community College of Philadelphia students, Anyssa El-Manfaa and Charlyn Rodriguez, won Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to study abroad in Japan during the summer of 2018.
 - Anyssa El-Manfaa was a participant in the College's Japan study abroad program. She is currently an International Studies Degree student. Anyssa also was the single North American college student to win the 2018 Hashi Bridging Award, which helped with her Japan expenses.
 - Charlyn Rodriguez won her Gilman scholarship as a Community College of Philadelphia student last spring and graduated last May with Highest Honors in Architecture. She went to Japan as part of a CIEE four-week program in Tokyo. Charlyn has now transferred to the Bachelor of Architecture Program at Jefferson University.

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- Three students studied for a semester at Oberlin University in Japan through a direct-enrollment program between that institution and JCCC.
- Eight students studied Chinese language at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China through a direct-enrollment program between that institution and JCCC. Four of these students studied in Xi'an for one semester, and the other four studied there for the entire academic year.
- Two students won national study abroad scholarships to assist with the expenses of studying abroad in Asia:
 - Courtney Loomis was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for study in Japan.
 - Jonathan Rabanal was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, The Gilman Critical Languages Supplemental Grant, The Freeman Award for Study in Asia, and the Obirin Gakuen Foundation of America Scholarship for study in Japan.

Portland Community College

- The Asian Studies Focus Award enables students to develop a multidimensional perspective on Asia with its many cultures. Students must take at least 16 credits of courses that include a focus on Asia. The selected courses must represent more than one geographic area and at least two disciplines. Thirteen students received the award in spring 2018.
- The China Studies Focus Award recognizes students who have gained considerable knowledge of China, its language and its culture. Students must meet or demonstrate Chinese language proficiency at CHN 102 level or higher and complete at least 15 credit hours from courses focused on China.

Trident Technical College

- Welding student Jaden Myers traveled to Japan with CIEE to learn the language, study business practices, and encounter metal arts and pop culture.

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- UCA advanced toward an institutional agreement to facilitate faculty and student exchange with Anhui Normal

University.

- UCA continues to offer study abroad opportunities for students to take summer classes in Chinese language and culture at East China Normal University.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- Under a Freeman Foundation grant:
- 8 students spent a semester in Japan
- 5 students spent a semester in Korea
- 5 students spent a semester on China
- One culinary student was awarded a grant from CIEE to spend a semester of study in three European cities: Paris, Berlin and Copenhagen

VII. International Students and Visitors from Asia

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- During the 2017-18 academic year, COD had about 75 international students, some of whom are CCI students (Community College Initiative). These students represent Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, China, S. Korea, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan.

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- Ren Jiong, English faculty member from Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China, spent the academic year at JCCC teaching and tutoring Chinese language.
- Seventeen members of the Northwestern Polytechnical University (Xi'an, China) Model United Nations Team visited JCCC for four days en route to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York.
- Fanbin Zeng, Fulbright Scholar from Jinan University in China, spoke at JCCC.

Trident Technical College

- TTC continues to support students from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. This year, the TTC International Student Club held socials and fundraisers and tagged the campus with phrases in Mandarin, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

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- UCA will host a Japan Outreach Initiative coordinator on campus for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic year.
- UCA Dept. of Philosophy and Religion hosted two visiting researchers from Anhui Normal University on campus for two months during the Spring 2018, semester.

University of Hawaii, Kapi'olani

- Kapi'olani hosted more than 30 educational groups from Japan for short term programs.
- Kapi'olani hosted more than 20 presidents and academic leaders from China, Japan and Korea to discuss partnership agreement with KCC
- KCC also hosted several U.S. mainland institutions which are interested in having some of the international students at KCC continue their studies at one of the Mainland universities after graduating from KCC.



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