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Welcome back to Mt. Oread -----

We begin another busy year at the Center, fortunately, with a new three year Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education and with an increased number of FLAS awards.

There is other good news as well. The acquisition of Freeman Foundation funds, secured for the Center by Bill Tsutsui in 2001, has brought John Kennedy (PhD, UC Davis) to the Department of Political Science and Yan Bing Zhang (PhD, University of Kansas) to the Department of Communication Studies. The Department of History of Art welcomes Marie Roman Navarro (PhD, Heidelberg), who will teach Japanese art history and serve as the new curator of the Asian art collection. Title VI funds contributed to the seeding of an International Business position in the Business School that has been filled by Tai Lan Chi (PhD, University of Washington), who comes to KU from the Center of International Business, Education and Research at the University of Illinois. And the Department of Linguistics has been joined by phonologist Jie Zhang (PhD, UCLA), who will give a presentation on "The fickle "r" in Chinese: Current state and historical development" at the Center's first sponsored lecture of the season on Friday, September 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Alcove F of the Kansas Union.

And the good news just keeps getting better. Last week, word was received that the College has given the EALC department permission to fill a line in Japanese language/pedagogy this year, and Theatre and Film will receive tuition enhancement funds for a new line in Japanese Film Studies.

East Asian Studies is also fortunate to welcome three guest professors this year: Byung-Ho Song, Professor of Economics at Dongkuk University in Seoul, joins the Department of Economics, where he will work with Tom Weiss. Zhang Hailin, Professor of History and an administrator in International Studies at Nanjing University, will work with Megan Greene in the History Department. Margarita Karnysheva, Senior Lecturer at East Siberian Technological University, is a specialist in Japanese history and culture and will be auditing classes at KU as well as working on pedagogy. Bill Tsutsui will be her academic advisor in the History Department.

Last but not least, Helene Ho has joined the Center staff as an accounting specialist. Helene has a background in revenue auditing and will be starting an MBA program at KU this fall.

You will have an opportunity to get to know new faculty members and guest researchers and to meet new graduate students at the annual fall get together on September 7 (Sunday), 5-8, at the Lawrence Depot. Invitations went out in the mail several weeks ago; please let us know if you did not receive yours and please be sure to come!

With very best wishes to each of you for an exciting and successful academic year.

Elaine Gerbert
Director

Professor Yan Bing Zhang joins Communication Studies

Yan Bing Zhang has joined the University as a new assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies specializing in intercultural/intergenerational communication, media effects, and research methods. Her position was seeded by grant funding received by the Center from the Freeman Foundation. Her research focuses on intercultural / intergenerational communication particularly in regards to cultural values, age stereotypes, and media effects. Frequently, she examines these issues from a cross-cultural perspective.

Professor Zhang is from Yantai, a beautiful coastal city in Shandong Province in China. She received her undergraduate degree in English and Literature from Shandong University and taught English for eight years at the China Coal Economic College in Yantai.

After receiving her Ph.D. from KU in 2002, she took a position as a tenure track assistant professor at the University of San Francisco. When an opportunity to return to Lawrence arose, she took it. Professor Zhang will teach Intercultural Communication, Mass Media: Social Scientific Approaches, Quantitative Research Methods, and next year will develop a course

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Weekly Community E-Newsletter Begins

The Center has launched EACOMMUNITY, the weekly email newsletter for members of the general community who are interested in East Asia. The weekly letter will include events sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies, East Asian-related events from around the Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri area, and other news.

The Center also runs CEAS-L, the list for faculty, and EAGRAD-L, the list for graduate students. EAUNDERGRAD, the list for undergraduate students, will launch soon. If you are interested in receiving any of these E-Newsletters, email lherron@ku.edu and let Lea Herron know which list you would like to join.

New Courses at KU this fall (*funded by CEAS*)

POLS 622 Government and the Economy*

Andrew Whitford, Political Science
HA 587 Japanese Sculpture*

Sherry Fowler, History of Art
HIST 801 Colloquium: China in Global Perspective*

Megan Greene, History
REL 404/EALC 431 Shamanism in Korea and Japan

William Lindsay, Religious Studies
WS396 Women in Globalization*

Kathy Libal, Women's Studies

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on East Asian Communication. She is really looking forward to working with KU students and her colleagues. She also plans to continue her research on intergenerational communication, media influence on cultural values, age stereotypes in Chinese culture, and Confucian values across China, Japan and Korea.

In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies, Chinese and Korean dramas, KU basketball games, gardening, jogging and reading. She also says she is an excellent dumping maker. We all look forward to finding out if this is true at the Chinese New Year party!

News from the East Asian Library

The KU East Asian Library was established in 1964 and it is ranked 21st in its collection size among seventy East Asian collections in North America.

By June of 2003, the collection included 194,368 volumes, with 122,492 in Chinese, 68,850 in Japanese, and 3,026 in Korean. In addition, EAL maintains 1,420 periodical titles and the main library holds 325,900 East Asian titles in western languages. Over 300 videos in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean languages and 200 in English support the academic teaching, research and study of East Asia at KU and the Midwest region.

New web pages have been added to the East Asian Library home page:

- [Information Literacy](http://www2.lib.ukans.edu/eastasia/infoliteracy/index.htm) for East Asian Studies (taught as part of EALC 700) (<http://www2.lib.ukans.edu/eastasia/infoliteracy/index.htm>)

- How to Locate Library Resources (<http://www2.lib.ukans.edu/eastasia/infoliteracy/locate%20resources.htm>)

The above link is very useful for researchers for locating all formats of materials housed at KU libraries; for remote access to worldwide East Asian online catalogs, links to articles, newspapers, indexes, abstracts, and dissertation databases; for inter-library loan of articles not held in the U.S.; and much more.

User Services:

The East Asian Library provides specialized user services in addition to general library services provided by the main library. Some of the services include:

- Book purchases may be requested by email or the online catalog link. Send your purchase requests to Vickie Doll vdoll@ukans.edu or Michiko Ito mito@ukans.edu for Chinese or Japanese language materials that are not owned by the KU Libraries system. It usually takes six-weeks from the date of order for CJK language materials to arrive.
- The librarians provide customized library tours and instructions to faculty, students, faculty candidates, prospective students, teachers, K-12 students, and special interest groups, by appointment.
- CJK language software consultation and services are provided.
- Reference questions or research assistance can be directed to the librarians by email. Due to budget restraints the East Asian Library can no longer staff the reference help desk as it has done in the past.

Recently, 32,000 Chinese bibliographical records were converted from the Wade-Giles romanization scheme to Pinyin. Their associated 155,000 authority records (personal names, geographical names, and subject headings set up by the Library of Congress) were also added to the online catalog.

**Congratulations to our 2003-2004
Academic Year FLAS Award Recipients!**
CEAS has granted four FLAS awards to:

*Perry Ernest Caldwell IV, Chinese
M.A. Student, East Asian Languages & Cultures*

*Eric L. McNeal, Chinese
Ph.D. Student, History of Art*

*Halle O'Neal
Ph.D. Student, History of Art*

*John Schneiderwind
M.A. Student, History*



Language Tables Continue

Students, faculty, staff and anyone interested in improving their language skills are invited to the Chinese and Japanese conversation tables at KU.

Chinese

Beginning Mandarin
Conversation Table:
Tuesdays, 11:30 to 12:30
Kansas Union Atrium
Advanced Mandarin
Conversation Table:
Tuesdays, 12:30 to 1:30
Kansas Union Atrium

Japanese

Mondays and Wednesdays
1:00-2:00
Kansas Union Atrium

KU Receives 20% of US TECRO Scholarships

The Cultural Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States offers 10 Chinese language scholarships to American college students.

Two KU students were chosen to receive the scholarship for academic year 2003-2004.

Perry Ernest Caldwell IV will attend the International Chinese Language Program at Taiwan National University this year.

Sheri Martin was also awarded a TECRO scholarship. She will defer her scholarship at this time.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 29 Advanced Language Maintenance Lecture in Japanese, 12:30-1:20 p.m., Alcove F, Kansas Union
History of Japanese Animation: Its conceptual, technical, and technological development from 1960s to 1990s by Michiko Ito
- Sept. 5 12:30-1:20 p.m., Alcove F, Kansas Union
The fickle "r" in Chinese: Current state and historical development by Jie Zhang, Lecturer in Linguistics, Harvard University
- Sept. 11 Wine and Cheese Lecture, 4:00 p.m., Ecumenical Christian Ministries
The Limits of Gender Equality Reform in Japan: Positive Action or Part Time-ization? by Chuck Weathers, Associate Professor of Economics, Osaka City University
- Sept. 18 **Tour du Jour** of The Orchard Pavilion Gathering, 12:15 p.m., Spencer Museum of Art, by Marsha Haufler, Professor of Chinese Art History
- Sept. 18 Feature Film: **"To Live,"** 7 p.m., Spencer Museum of Art Auditorium
As a powerful and penetrating perspective on life in China, this ambitious and political film follows a contemporary family across the turbulent face of modern China, from the Japanese invasion through Mao's Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. In Chinese with English subtitles. (1994, Dir. Zhang Yimou, 130 minutes)
- Sept. 25 Lecture, 7 p.m., Spencer Museum of Art Auditorium
The Orchid Pavilion: The Origin of Literary Gathering in China by Professor Emeritus Chu-ting Li, a notable and prominent figure in Chinese art, a consultant for the exhibition, and the former J.H. Murphy Professor at KU's Department of Art History

Exhibits:

- August 16-October 26, 2003, Kress Gallery, Spencer Museum of Art
The Orchid Pavilion Gathering: Masterpieces of Chinese Painting from the University of Michigan Museum of Art
- September 10-October 10, Exhibit Space, Watson Library
Native and Minority Peoples of the World

Opportunities for Undergraduates to Travel to East Asia

The Kansas/Asia Scholars program is now accepting applications for the 2003/2004 year. Instructions and application forms are available at www.kas.ku.edu and at CEAS. All application materials, including reference letters, must be received at the Center by **5:00 pm on Friday, September 19.**

The 2002/2003 Japan and Korea groups returned from exhilarating study tours in June. Photos and descriptions of these experiences will be on the web soon. The China group study tour was postponed, due to the SARS outbreak, and has now been rescheduled for the winter break. For more information about the Kansas/Asia Scholars program, see www.kas.ku.edu or call the Center.

Kansas City Japan Festival Returns

The 6th Annual Greater Kansas City Japan Festival will take place September 13th and 14th at the University of Missouri Kansas City. This year, the event has been expanded to two days.

This is a fantastic venue to learn about various aspects of the Japanese Performing Arts. On Saturday, September 13, the festival will feature performances, demonstrations, displays, and many Japanese items for sale. The Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, students and children \$2. On Sunday, September 14, there will be a Dance and Music Recital from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the recital is \$5 (\$4 if purchased with Saturday ticket).

For more information, go to www.japanfestival.org.

CEAS is supported by you

If you are not currently a donor to the Center, consider it! All of our lectures, conferences and exhibits are free and open to the public. Think about what a difference you can make helping spread interest in East Asia to more students, faculty, teachers, and to the community!

Donations from you have made and will continue to make the following possible:

- ◆ Scholarships and awards for students
- ◆ An annual distinguished lecture series
- ◆ Year long lecture series
- ◆ Conferences
- ◆ Exhibitions
- ◆ Concerts
- ◆ The annual Chinese New Year party
- ◆ And much more!

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Thoughts from a summer FLAS recipient

This past summer I was fortunate enough to receive the Foreign Language Area Studies fellowship (FLAS), allowing me to spend six weeks studying Japanese at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. The FLAS fellowship awarded me the opportunity to study a language that will greatly benefit my research as a master's student in Asian art history at the University of Kansas. Hawaii, having a significant population of native Japanese speakers, offered an immersion into Japanese culture and a daily exposure to the language, an experience that reinforced what was taught in the classroom. While I spent four hours a day in school, the instruction did not end there, for I found I was able to apply what I had learned to everyday situations, from asking and giving directions to casual, social conversations.

However, while most of my days were spent in study, I did take advantage of the beautiful location on the weekends. I took my books to the beach and swam during study breaks. I visited the reconstruction of Uji, Japan's Byodoin, a powerful experience. The Honolulu Academy of Arts was only a ten minute bus ride from the dormitory where I stayed, and consequently was where I spent several Saturdays. Studying in an intensive program such as the one offered at the University of Hawaii has immensely improved my understanding of Japanese as well as increased my confidence in using the language. I am grateful for the opportunity made possible by the FLAS fellowship.

Halle O'Neal
received one of
six FLAS fel-
lowships the
Center gave out
this summer