

**LAST TALK IN THE SPRING "NATURE,
CULTURE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN
EAST ASIA" WINE & CHEESE SERIES:**

Thursday, May 11

Wine & Cheese Lecture: "The Story of Zhalong Marsh – Challenges for Westland and Crane Conservation in Northeastern China." James Harris, Director of the International Crane Foundation based in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Time: 4:30 pm

Place: Ecumenical Christian Ministries, 1204 Oread

2006 AWARDS IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

EALC Award Ceremony

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures held its annual award ceremony on April 25. Maggie Childs, who hosted the ceremony on behalf of EALC, introduced the recipients and invited them to describe their work and plans. The 2006 awards and recipients were:

Joseph Kuo Scholarship: Brenton Sullivan

Andrew Tsubaki Award: Andrew Start

Grace Wan Award: James Haver

The Higuchi Award: Ethan Skinner and David Biller

The Dictionary Awards:

Chinese: Kyle Shernuk and Michael Sothan

Japanese: Erik Christensen

Korean: Elise Page

The Nelson Scholarship in EALC: Michael Banh

Also announced were the students selected to participate in the JET program. They are Billy Bernardo, Kyle Timmermeier, Simon Skinner, Alex Byers, and David Ferron.

On behalf of CEAS, Maggie presented Jill Kleinberg Awards to Nathan Ladd and Libby Allen, and announced the KU nominees for two scholarships for study in China 2006-07, Trenton Wilson for the Chinese Culture Scholarship and Michael Sothan for the Chinese Government Scholarship.

**Congratulations to our 2006-07 FLAS
Fellowship Recipients**

For 2006 Summer: Kuoray Mao, Christopher Mayo, Alison Miller, Michelle Bridges, Peter Tosco, and Geoffrey Cook.

For the 2006-2007 academic year: John Schneiderwind, Halle O'Neal, and Geoffrey Cook

The Okubo Award

The Okubo Award, named after Genji Okubo, a long-time supporter of Japanese studies at KU, is awarded annually for the best student paper on a topic related to Japan. The winner this year is Ai-lian Liu for her paper "Yuima and Monju of Kōfukuji: The Iconographical Evolution and Innovation of the Meeting of Vimalakirti and Manjushri Theme" written for Dr. Sherry Folwer's graduate seminar in Japanese Buddhist art in fall 2005.



Graduate Student Awards

Zhu Jin has received a Graduate Teaching Assistant Award.


Hillary Pedersen is the recipient of a Monbusho Scholarship for Graduate Research in Japan.

At the annual Amsden Awards ceremony in Art History, Sangnam Lee was presented the Lawrence Sickman Award for achievement in the study of Chinese art; Halle O'Neal received the Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Asian Art History; Ai-lian Liu was presented with a Stokstad Award.

CEAS Faculty Awards

The CEAS Advisory Committee awarded Research Travel Grants to John Kennedy in Political Science and Megan Greene in History. John will continue his work with the Northwest Socio-economic Development Research Center at Northwest University in Xian. Megan will work on a new book project, "Crafting Taiwan's Past." The committee awarded three Course Development Grants: Yan Bing Zhang (Communication Studies) will revise COMS 560: Introduction to East Asian Communication to give it a significant modern focus emphasizing current communicative practices in China, Korea, and Japan; Pok Chi Lau (Design) will expand the range of his Topics in Design course taught in China and Michael Baskett will prepare a new course, TH&F 302/702: East Asian Filmmakers. The Center has also "commissioned" three new courses to support upcoming thematic programs. Next year we will focus on the botanical riches of East Asia under the rubric of "Tea and Bamboo." Students in Robert Corser's (Architecture) "Designs for a Contemporary Tea House" will explore East Asian building materials, particularly bamboo, as well as Asian building methods and design principles. Thomas Huang (Design) will create a new course on "bamboo as a medium for sculpture." Megan Greene's new course on "Maoism" will be featured in the 2008-09 academic year when CEAS programs focus on "revolution."

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Opening Events
May 4, 2006
Regnier Hall
Edwards Campus
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Opening Ceremony
Master of Ceremonies:
Diana Carlin, Dean of the Graduate School and International Programs, University of Kansas
Speakers:
William Tsutsui, Executive Director, Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas
Robert E. Hemenway, Chancellor, University of Kansas
Xu Jinchong, Consul General, Chinese Consulate General Chicago
Donna L. Shank, Chair, Kansas Board of Regents
Li Xiangnong, Vice President, Huazhong Normal University
Kathleen Sebelius, Governor, State of Kansas
Wu Qidi, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education, China
Unveiling of the official plaque of the Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas

Confucius Institute Opening Events... *at a glance*



Aerial shot of early morning arrivals for the opening ceremony at Regnier Hall on KU's Edwards Campus.



Members of the KCCNA Dancing Group strike a worshipful pose during their performance on Saturday night.



The *erhu* was just one of the traditional instruments included in a performance of Chinese music by the Kansas City Music Ensemble.



Keynote speakers listen to Wu Qi Di, China's Vice Minister of Education, during the unveiling ceremony. Governor Sebelius is sixth from left.



Vice Minister Wu speaks with some of the participants after the unveiling.



CI VIPs: (from l to r): Sheree Willis, Bill Tsutsui, Xu Jinzhong, Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Donna L. Shank, Chancellor Robert Hemenway and Vice Minister Wu.

CEAS FACULTY NEWS

CEAS associate member James J. Butler, Jr., a senior scientist at the Kansas Geological Survey based at the University of Kansas, has been chosen as the 2007 Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer by the National Ground Water Association. The National Ground Water Association is the country's largest professional society for water scientists. As part of the lectureship, Butler will describe his work to colleagues at academic institutions in the U.S. and around the world. This will take him to Japan, Korea, and China, as well as throughout Europe, and give him a chance to become involved with East Asia once again.

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER:

Chinese Culture Days at the Missouri Botanical Garden
Sat.-Sun, May 20-21 <http://www.mobot.org/events/chineseculture/ccdays.asp>

Opening Ceremony and dedication of the Tearoom and Japanese garden at the Loose Park Garden Center in Kansas City. Monday, July 10, 2006 -- 6:00 PM <http://www.kcjas.org/>

Through June 16, 2006, Museum of Outdoor Art in Denver, Colorado: *The Politics of Power: Art and Images from China's Cultural Revolution*. Curated and organized by the Asian Art Coordinating Council to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution. Photographs and propaganda posters.

Opening May 27, 2006, through September 24, 2006, Art Institute of Chicago: *Recent Acquisitions in Asian Art 2004-5, Part II*.