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Congratulations to Asian Studies Masters Graduates Class of 2011



On May 14th, 2011, the College of Arts and Sciences conferred Master of Arts degree honors on eleven students from the Department of Asian Studies.

Dr. Dongdong Chen announced the names of the degree recipients who were hooded by the Department Chair, Dr. Anne Mullen-Hohl.

Ryan Ouellette, M.P.A. '11 of the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs gave the closing remarks for the ceremony.

Best of luck to the Asian Studies Master Graduate Class of 2011!

2011 Department of Asian Studies Master of Arts Recipients

Mickey C. Ashmont
 Weidan Cheng
 James W. Flynn
 Shanshan Li

Shengjie Lu*
 Liping Meng*
 Thomas M. Osbourne
 Jerome V. Ramos*

Jesse J. Rosso
 Sevan V. Simon*
 Wenfei Tang

* Graduated with Distinction ** Graduated with High Distinction

A Message from the Director of Graduate Studies



A number of exciting events are worth reporting from our graduate program in this past spring semester. Among them are the following three highlights. First, four new graduate students joined our program. They are Xin Lin, Xin Xu, Yuan Yuan, and Xiaotang Zhang, all from China. Secondly, three graduate students made their first presentations at academic conferences. Kristin Wingate presented her paper "Japanese Salary-men: On the Way to Extinction?" at the 10th

Annual East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region hosted by the East-West Center Education Program, University of Hawai'i on February 17-19. Yanfei Li and Fangzhou Zhang presented as panelists at the CLTA-GNY 2011 An-

nual Conference & 9th New York International Conference on Teaching Chinese on May 14 at Rutgers University. Their presentation titles were "Experiencing Culture in the Theme-based Chinese Language Teaching", and "Teach Chinese Culture through Chinese Culture Week" respectively. Thirdly, three Chinese teaching track students have recently landed on jobs. Weidan Cheng, M.A. '10, is now working as a Chinese research associate in Embassy of the Republic Korea in China. Shengjie Lu, M.A. '11 is going to work in International School of Beijing in the fall. She will teach for *Princeton in Beijing* during the summer. Shanshan Li, M.A. '11, has started an intern at Bilingual Buds, an immersion school for children located in Manhattan. Congratulations to our students!

-Dr. Dongdong Chen

Remarks from the Director of the Asian Studies Program



Welcome to our Spring 2011 issue of Asian Voice, the bi-annual newsletter for the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and the Asian Studies Program. I would like to thank the faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates for making the 2010-2011 academic year most memorable.

Upon merging the four departments last fall – Modern Languages, Classical Studies, African Studies, and Asian Studies – into the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, all respective faculty members have collaborated positively since this significant change. The Department would like to thank Dr. Anne Mullen-Hohl for her leadership after the merge.

Spring 2011 was highlighted by many events sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, such as China Night and Japan Week. Both events aimed to encourage language study as well as the experience of both cultures' traditional customs throughout the university. Furthermore, the Department is proud to announce that many students of the Asian Studies Program have also received various scholarships and employment.

The Department also wishes Dr. Deborah Brown a happy retirement from Seton Hall University. For 17 years, she has dedicated her hard work and her continuous support to the university.

We are looking forward to the new academic year.

-Dr. Shigeru Osuka

Dr. Edwin Pak-wah Leung Named Researcher of the Year by College of Arts and Sciences

Professor Edwin Pak-wah Leung has been named Researcher of the Year (in Humanities/Social Science) by Seton Hall's College of Arts and Sciences for the year 2010. A prolific writer and productive scholar, Dr. Leung has written over 20 books since he joined Seton Hall in 1978. Some of his books have received special recognitions such as the CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book and Seton Hall's Provost Outstanding Book Awards. In 2007, he was awarded the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his outstanding contributions in promoting scholarly and cultural exchanges. Professor Leung served as Chairman of the Department of Asian Studies from

2002 to 2010. Currently, in addition to teaching full-time, he is also serving as Chairman of the New Jersey Chinese Cultural Studies Foundation (a non-profit organization).

In the past year, Dr. Leung was the author of the four books, two in English and two in Chinese. The two books in English are: *The A to Z of the Chinese Civil War* and *Managing China's Modernization: Perspectives on Diplomacy, Politics, Education and Ethnicity*.

The A to Z of the Chinese Civil War, the first of its kind written in English, details microscopic and macroscopic views of the Chinese Civil War, as well as significant people, events, places and institutions. *The China Journal* comments

that "...the book is very concise by any standard. In the entries, Leung demonstrates excellent skills in providing summaries of complex historical events....as the first English-language historical dictionary on the Chinese civil war, this is a pioneering work."

Dr. Leung's second book, *Managing China's Modernization: Perspectives on Diplomacy, Politics, Education and Ethnicity* attempts to provide such perspectives by exploring different aspects of modern China's developmental experience. Collectively, these perspectives will enable the readers of this book to gain a more comprehensive and in-depth understanding of China today. This book is divided into four themes and each deals with an important



Dr. Edwin Pak-wah Leung

aspect regarding China's management of modernization.

The Asian Studies Department Congratulates Dr. Deborah Brown on Her Retirement



Dr. Brown and Dr. Osuka with graduate students of the Asian Studies Program.

Dr. Deborah Brown, who has taught at Seton Hall University in the Department of Asian Studies (now part of the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) since 1994, is retiring at the end of this academic year. Among her undergraduate courses, she has instructed upper-level undergraduate students in modern and contemporary Japan and China and United States-China relations. At the graduate level, her courses have included- American Foreign Policy in Asia, International Politics in East Asia, Contemporary East Asia, and Research Methods.

Dr. Brown's research focus is national politics, international relations, and democratic development in East Asia. She has authored, edited, and co-edited 10 books on East Asian affairs and contemporary religion and politics in the region, as well as authored and co-authored 70 refereed and popular press articles. Between 1997 and 2003, Dr. Brown was managing editor of *The American Asian Review*, a scholarly, refereed journal addressing modern and contemporary Asian affairs, published by St. John's University. Since 2004,

she has been the managing editor of the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, a refereed journal devoted to the study of democratic politics internationally. The journal provides a forum for academic and policy research and a venue for dialogue among scholars and professional specialists on democratic experience. She is also an associate scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia, PA.

Since her arrival at Seton Hall University, Dr. Brown has offered invaluable guidance to her students and service to the Department and University community. She served for many years on the College of Arts and Sciences Educational Policy Committee, the University Research Council, the Faculty Senate, and the Senate's Academic Policy and Compensation committees.

Although retiring from teaching at Seton Hall, Dr. Brown will continue to edit the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* and to engage in research. She and a colleague in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary have just completed a study of religious relations across the Taiwan Strait to assess their role in evolving China-Taiwan relations. She and her colleague presently are working on a book on the growth of Christianity in China and its implications for China's political future. This includes a study of the leaders of the Tiananmen demonstrations of 1989, of whom at least one-third have become Christians. This chapter will be presented at a conference at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Join the Asian Studies Association

Please contact Jamie Kwai at jamie.kwai@student.shu.edu or Dr. Dongdong Chen, advisor for the Asian Studies Association, at Dongdong.Chen@shu.edu if you wish to join the Asian Studies Association.

China Night 2011



Dr. Leung, Dr. Chen, Michel Marcil, S.J., faculty and students at China Night 2011

China Night 2011 was held on February 5 in the auditorium of Jubilee Hall, hosted by the Chinese Program, Asian Studies, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, sponsored by the Asian Studies Association and Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

This event celebrates the Chinese Lunar New Year, which is one of the most important traditional Chinese holidays. This year's Spring Festival ushered in the Chinese year of the rabbit.

The opening dance performed by King's Dance and Arts Studio kicked off the event with a festive atmosphere. The following performances demonstrated the various talents of the Seton Hall students. This included traditional dance, Chinese songs, martial arts, instru-

mental pieces, poem recitation, and comedic skits.

The audiences were impressed by the overall performances. Chinese folk songs sang by Father Michel Marcil won thunderous applause. Seth Davis and his group's weapon demonstration captured the charm of Chinese martial arts. The event concluded with performances from the students in Chinese classes. Moreover, the event offered everyone a red envelope to bring home with not only joyful memories but also the best wishes for the New Year.

China Night is one of the important activities in the Asian Studies to promote language and culture study throughout the university as well as the Seton Hall community.

Japan Week 2011

Japan Week, held March 28-April 15th, marked five days of events that promoted Japanese culture, language, studies, and current events.

The Asian Studies Club and the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures sponsored the 12th Annual International Kite Contest that kicked off Japan Week. Contestants brought handmade kites to the field behind the University Center where awards were given to the three highest flying kites, the most artistic kite, the largest kite, and the smallest kite.

Ritsuko Moore, ceramic artist of Summit, NJ, explained the history of Japanese earthenware and demonstrated various pottery techniques. Students were invited to participate and make their own pottery. On the same day, the afternoon lecture was led by Professor Fumiko Bacon. After explaining the importance of rice and soybeans in Japanese food, Professor Bacon directed workshop where students could make their own *onigiri* – Japanese rice balls.

The middle of the week featured a special guest lecturer, the Honorable Yasuhisa Kawamura, Deputy Consul General & Director of Press & Information Center Consulate General of Japan in New York. Hosted by Dr. Yui Suzuki of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Mr. Kawamura spoke of the Tohoku Earthquake's effects, US-Japanese

relations, and described Japan's contributions to Afghanistan.

Prayers of intercession for victims of the Tohoku Earthquake and tsunami were led by Father Stanley Gomes, Director of Campus Ministry. Dr. Shigeru Osuka, Director of the Japanese Program, then provided a lecture on the Pacific coast after the effects of the earthquake and tsunami, as well as the recovering efforts by the Japanese.

The capstone of Japan Week was the 14th Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium, where graduate students in the Asian Studies program shared their most recent research on Japan with their peers and experts in the field outside of a classroom setting. Presentation topics ranged from politics and contemporary culture to literature and religion. In addition to the student presentations, there were faculty commentators and a keynote speech by Dr. Gitanjali DasBender of Seton Hall's English Department on Haruki Murakami's literary works.

Overall, Japan Week fulfilled its goal of encouraging the further study of both traditional and modern Japanese culture as well as its history and language. Japan Week was able to offer students of Japanese and other majors some first-hand experience of Japanese culture and customs.



Dr. Osuka and Dr. Leung with contestants of the Twelfth Annual International Kite Contest.



Participants and attendees of the Fourteenth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies held in the Beck Room of the Walsh Library.

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Recipients of the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship



Katia Diaz, B.A. '13, Kristin Wingate, M.A. '12

Katia Diaz, B.A. '13 and Kristin Wingate, M.A. '12 have been awarded the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) to study Japanese in Kyoto, Japan at Doshisha University during the summer of 2011.

Katia and Kristin are among the approximately 575 U.S. undergraduate and graduate students who received a scholarship from the U.S. Department of State's

CLS Program. Over 5,200 applications were received.

The CLS Program provides fully-funded, group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences. CLS Program participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship and apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

Salgo Noren Scholarship Awarded to Felicia Kazin, M.A. '12

Felicia Kazin, M.A. '12, was awarded the Salgo Noren Scholarship for \$2,000 through the Whitehead School of Diplomacy as part of their summer internship grant program for Whitehead students.

As a Master of Arts in Asian Studies/ Diplomacy and International Relations candidate, Felicia will be interning this summer

for the Nanubhai Education Foundation. She will be working in Kadod, India, in a public school to help improve English education. In Kadod, Felicia will teach English classes, help train Indian teachers, and formulate a research project that she will conduct during her time there.



Felicia Kazin, M.A. '12

Shonda Cunningham, B.A. '11 Accepted to the JET Programme

Shonda Cunningham, B.A. '11, is the recipient of the 2011 Departmental Honors Citation in Asian Studies. This award acknowledges her exemplary scholarship throughout her academic career at Seton Hall. Shonda also participated in several university clubs: Buddhism for Peace Club, Anime Club, and the Asian Studies Association.

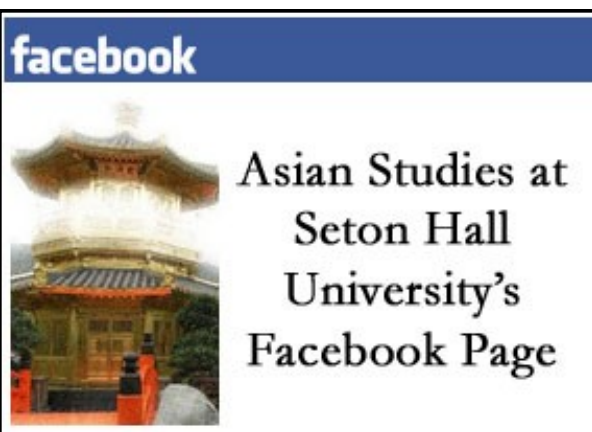
Beginning in August, Shonda will work

as an assistant language teacher for the Japan Exchange Teaching (JET) Programme. Shonda aspires to gain valuable first-hand work and teaching experience as well as deepening her understanding of Japanese culture.

After JET, Shonda is considering a Master's in Education or Public Policy and Management.



Dr. Osuka and Shonda Cunningham, B.A. '11



Graduate Employment

Shengjie Lu will teach Chinese at the International School of Beijing in the fall.

Shanshan Li is employed at Bilingual Buds, an immersion school that teaches Mandarin Chinese to children ages 1-10 in New York City.

Weidan Cheng, graduated in December 2010, is now working as a Chinese research associate in China at the Embassy of the Republic Korea.