

Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies

About Us

Introduction

The Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies (MAR/AAS) is a nonpolitical, nonprofit scholarly organization dedicated to improving understanding between Asia and America. Since 1971, the MAR/AAS has offered conferences, publications and outreach activities to an increasingly large public in the mid-Atlantic region. Membership is open to all individuals and institutions interested in Asia and relations between Asia and the United States. Membership in the MAR/AAS entitles individuals and institutions to participate in the MAR/AAS activities, to receive news about Asia-related educational opportunities, and to gain access to a network of scholars and experts on Asia in the region.

Purpose

The MAR/AAS encourages the exchange of views and information on Asia and on ties between Asia and the United States. It facilitates contact among educators and professionals in such fields as business, law, government, and mass media. The MAR/AAS, one of the eight regional organizations affiliated with the national Association for Asian Studies (AAS), is represented on the AAS Council of Conferences. The objectives of the MAR/AAS parallel those of the national organization, with a special focus on the needs of the mid-Atlantic region, including its colleges, universities, high schools, and elementary schools. It provides outreach support to teachers of Asian Studies through an annual workshop, a newsletter, an annual high school essay contest, and presentations at state and regional social studies meetings.

The geographic scope of the MAR/AAS includes the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the metropolitan areas of New York City and Washington, D.C. The MAR/AAS conference programs and other activities focus primarily on the social sciences and humanities as they deal with the nations of Asia, but also aim increasingly to serve the needs of other professions.

Administration

Executive Committee and Advisory Council

Executive Committee Officers of the MAR/AAS are elected by the membership. They manage the affairs of the organization with the assistance of an Advisory Council and a number of standing committees. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, two members-at-large, the representative of the AAS Council of Conferences, and the immediate Past President.

Funding

The MAR/AAS is primarily funded by membership dues but invites contributions in support of its activities to build better understanding of Asia and better relations between Asian and American peoples. It is incorporated in the State of New Jersey and has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Publications and Activities

- ASIA NEWSLETTER, an official bulletin of the MAR/AAS
- ANNUAL CONFERENCE including scholarly panels, book exhibits, art exhibits, and programs of Asian dance and music
- ANNUAL TEACHING ASIA WORKSHOP for secondary school teachers
- MARIE G. WANEK PRIZE, a high school essay contest

Annual Conference Sites

Each year in late October or early November, several hundred people interested in Asia gather at a college or university in the region for a three-day conference featuring scholarly panels, a book exhibit, art exhibitions, and programs of dance and music related to Asia. Participants include university and secondary school teachers, librarians, students, business people, and public officials.

2011	Princeton University
2010	Penn State University
2009	Villanova University
2008	Rutgers University
2007	University of Maryland
2006	Seton Hall University
2005	University of Pittsburgh
2004	University of Pennsylvania
2003	George Washington University
2002	The Community College of Baltimore County Essex Campus
2001	Slippery Rock University
2000	Lehigh University
1999	Gettysburg College
1996	University of Delaware
1997	West Chester University
1996	Seton Hall University
1995	Towson State University
1994	University of Pittsburgh
1993	Ramapo College
1992	West Chester University
1991	Lock Haven University
1990	Rutgers University
1989	Georgetown University
1988	Indiana University of Pennsylvania

1987	Lehigh University
1986	University of Delaware
1985	George Washington University
1984	Princeton University
1983	University of Pennsylvania
1982	University of Pittsburgh
1981	University of Maryland, College Park
1980	Drew University
1979	Clarion University of Pennsylvania
1978	George Washington University
1977	Princeton University
1976	The Pennsylvania State University
1975	Towson State University
1974	Bucknell University
1973	Glassboro State College
1972	Seton Hall University