

Calendar of Events

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GRADUATING IN APRIL, 2008?

If you have applied to your Dean's office for April 2008 graduation, you also will need to apply to receive your Asian Studies certificate. To do so, come see Dianne Dakis in 4109 Posvar Hall and fill out a short form. Also there will be a Graduation Ceremony just for Asian Studies certificate graduates on Thursday, 24 April 2008, for which you will receive a special invitation. This event will include some short speeches, presentation of your certificate to you by the Asian Studies Center Director, and an informal reception to which you and your guests are cordially invited. Please come in and fill out your ASC certificate graduation application as soon as possible.

Asian Studies Center

2008-2009 Scholarships and Fellowships

Current as well as prospective students in Asian studies at the University of Pittsburgh are eligible to apply for a variety of scholarships and fellowships. These awards are administered directly by the Asian Studies Center for full-time undergraduate and graduate students concentrating on East Asia and enrolled in an approved degree and certificate program.

Please address questions to Katherine Carlitz, Interim Associate Director, Asian Studies Center, (412) 648-7371, or by e-mail at kcarlitz@pitt.edu. The deadline for receipt of scholarship and fellowship applications is **Monday, February 4, 2008**. For more information and an application form, see the web site at http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/financial_aid/index.html. For a description of the specific awards, please see the web site.

TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM – HARVARD-YENCHING LIBRARY

The Harvard-Yenching Library is pleased to announce its Travel Grant Program for the 2007-2008 academic year. The purpose of the grant is to assist scholars from outside the metropolitan Boston area in their use of the Harvard-Yenching Library's collections for research. There will be seventeen grants of \$400 each (six in Chinese studies, six in Japanese studies, and five in Korean studies) to be awarded on a merit basis to faculty members and to graduate students engaged in dissertation research. Priority consideration will be given to those at institutions where there are no or few library resources in the East Asian languages, and no major East Asian library collections are available nearby. Each grantee will also be provided with the privilege of free photocopying of up to 100 sheets.

NOTE: the awards must be used before August 1, 2008. Recipients are usually notified by early January. The grants are open to citizens of any country. However, because the program is supported by funds from a Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education, all travel to and from the library must be via U.S. carriers.

Applications for the travel grant for the 2007-08 academic year must be received by Monday, December 31, 2007. Applications should include a letter, a brief description of the research topic, and an estimated budget, and should be addressed to:

James K. M. Cheng, Librarian. Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University 2 Divinity Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138 USA. Fax: (617) 496-6008. E-mail: jkcheng@fas.harvard.edu.

2008 U.G. Internship Programs

2008 Summer Internship applications are now available from the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) for undergraduate students. APAICS will place a class of summer interns at posts in Congress, federal agencies, or the APAICS office. Internships will last from June 5, 2008 to July 28, 2008. This year, the internship application features fillable form fields, allowing you to type the internship application on the computer. In order to take advantage of this feature, you will need the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. See their website at <http://www.apaics.org/> for details.

With the successful placement of the Class of 2007-08 Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) six Fellows, the non-profit organization announced that the application for the next cycle is available on their Website: www@apaics.org.

“We are extremely proud and delighted to welcome to APAICS an increase of four additional Fellowships,” said President and CEO William H. (Mo) Marumoto. Joining the existing fellowship programs of The George Aratani Foundation/Senator Daniel K. Inouye Fellow, the Anheuser-Busch/Congressman Frank Horton Fellow, and the Sodexo USA Fellow are the Wal-Mart Stores, Inc./Governor George R. Ariyoshi Fellow, two fellowships from The Coca-Cola Foundation/Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta Fellow and The National Association of Realtors Fellow.

The six to nine months fellowship programs provide an opportunity for a graduate to be placed in either the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, federal agencies, or a non-profit organization in the Washington area. All the Fellows are assigned specific projects by their placement offices.

APAICS Chair David L. Kim indicated that there is also a State Farm Congressional Fellowship. This stipend provides an elected official to shadow a member of Congress for two weeks. This application is also made available through the APAICS’ Website. “This program,” said Kim, “is a terrific way to learn and experience first-hand the legislative process on how our laws are made in this country.”

APAICS Fellows for the Class of 2007-08, were placed in the following offices: Wendy Ho (The George Aratani Foundation/Senator Daniel K. Inouye Fellow) in the Office of Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA); Gene Kim (The Coca-Cola Foundation/Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta Fellow) in the Office of Congressman Al Green (D-TX); Seng Peng (Sodexo USA Fellow) in the Environmental Protection Agency; Paulo Pontemayor (The Coca-Cola Foundation/Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta Fellow) in the Office of Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA); Jonathan To (Wal-Mart Stores, Inc./Governor George R. Ariyoshi Fellow) in the Office of Congresswoman Mazie Hirono (D-HI); and Lynne Yasui (The George Aratani Foundation/Senator Daniel K. Inouye Fellow) in the Office of Congressman Sanford Bishop (D-GA).

APAICS is a national 501 (c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to build a politically empowered Asian Pacific American (APA) community, to fill the political pipeline for APAs to enter and advance into elected office, and to be a resource to Congress about the APA community.

ASIA FOUNDATION JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

The Asia Foundation invites graduate students and recent graduate degree holders to apply for a limited number of opportunities as Junior Associates in Asian Affairs in the Foundation’s offices in **San Francisco** and **Washington, D.C.** These See their web site at <http://www.asiafoundation.org/> and look at the right column, fourth article down for more information on this opportunity.

ASIAN STUDIES CENTER **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December

Sat., 1 Dec: **A NIGHT OF TIBETAN MUSIC AND CULTURE.** The Pittsburgh Friends of Tibet and Three Rivers Dharma present a concert in Tibetan, Hindi, and Nepali with renowned Tibetan singers Pasang Dolma and 12-year-old Tenzin Kunsel and instrumentalists Tenzin Wangyal and Tenzin Shampel. Tickets are available at Snow Lion Imports (412-687-5680) and Kohli’s Indian Imports (Craig St, Oakland), A Pleasant Present (Murray Ave, Squirrel Hill), or at the door. 8:00pm at Synod Hall, 125 N. Craig St., Oakland. Audience: Open to the public with ticket purchase. Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors, Patron package: \$100 for 2 front-row seats, autographed items, and reception with artists after the show.

Wed., 5 Dec.: **KYŌGEN Lecture & Workshop.** Professor Larry Kominz from Portland State University will be doing a one-Day lecture and workshop on the Japanese theatre form, *Kyōgen*. The workshop is limited to 25 people; however others are allowed and encouraged to watch the workshop. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis at sits@pitt.edu or 412.624.1897. The Lecture will take place from 2:00 until 3:00 pm and the Interactive Workshop will happen from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Both events will take place on Wednesday, 5 Dec. in the Henry Heymann Theatre, Stephen Foster Memorial on the Pitt campus. This event is sponsored by the departments of Theatre Arts and History, the Asian Studies Center, and the Honors College.

Wed., 5 Dec.: **Indonesian Orchestra Gamelan – Open House.** 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Bellefield Hall Room 309A. Audience: Open to the public. Cost: Free. Please join us for an hour of music played by this semester’s students,

under the direction of Andrew Weintraub. For more information, please contact Andrew Weintraub (412) 624-4184, anwein@pitt.edu

Fri. 7 Dec.: FALL TERM: Last day for undergraduate day classes

Fri. 7 Dec.: SPRING TERM DEADLINE for continuing students to register without a penalty fee

Mon. – Sat. 10-15 incl.: Final Examination Period for undergraduate day classes

Sat. 15: FALL TERM ENDS

Sun. – Sun. 16 Dec – 6 Jan: Winter recess for students (no classes), all schools

January 2008

Tues., 1 Jan: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wed. 2 Jan: All University offices and buildings re-open

Mon. 7 Jan: Classes begin for Spring Term (2084)