The Second Annual Pittsburgh Asia Consortium Undergraduate Research Conference
Slippery Rock University of PA
April 5, 2014

This conference is jointly sponsored by the Asian Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Asian Studies Program at Slippery Rock University.

Note: All panel sessions will be held at Carruth Rizza Hall (CRH) on the SRU Campus. Please see the campus map below for details on location and parking.
8:00 am. Carruth Rizza Hall Lobby. Pick up programs, name badges, and enjoy coffee and continental breakfast.

8:30 – 10:00: Panel Sessions 1 and 2.

Panel One: CRH 203 Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. George P. Brown
Bethany Ratkovich
How Colonial Policy Continues to Influence Japanese-South Korean Relations.
Patrick Baker
China, ASEAN and Maritime Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea.
Thomas Whittaker
A Strained Triangle: Evaluating Sino-Israeli Strategic Cooperation through its Mutual Effects and the U.S. Perspective

Panel Two: CRH 213 Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Andrew Colvin
David Potsubay
Japan Travel Project: Zen Buddhist Sites.
Matthew Kizior
The Reach of Great Peace: The Establishment, Authority, and Reception of Soto Zen Buddhism.

10:00 – 10:15: Coffee Break.

10:15 – 11:45: Panel Sessions 3, 4 and 5.

Panel Three: CRH 22 Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Satya Laxman
Adam Patterson
Abdulquddus Gangohi: A Sufi Saint from South Asia.
Ran Stark
Abu Qasim al Junayd: Sufi Saint from West Asia.
Vincent Unger
Lindsey Townsend
Dara Shikoh: Sufi personality from the Indian Subcontinent.

Panel Four: CRH 203 Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Clark Chilson
Jennifer Smith
Explaining Localization, Processes and Theories Involved in Translation.
Courtney Zelinsky
Kaitlin Wise

Panel Five: CRH 213 Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Mi-Hyun Kim
Elizabeth Reynolds
Double eyelids and egg-shaped faces: Using the language of Korean women to better understand the standards of female beauty.
Kelsey Williams

12:00 – 1:15: Lunch. Lunch will be held in Weisenfluh Dining Center, Room 103

Our keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Clark Chilson, Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, who will speak on Healing the Heart: Spiritual Healthcare in Japan. Before joining the faculty at Pitt in 2006, Clark Chilson lived in England for three years and in Japan for over thirteen years. In Japan he studied cultural anthropology, did fieldwork at a
Zen temple and among secretive Buddhists, and for five years was the associate editor of *Asian Folklore Studies* and the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*. He also supplemented his income in Japan by doing jobs as diverse as interpreting for an F1 racecar driver, working on a documentary for the Japanese Broadcasting Company (NHK), and translating medical texts.

### 1:30 – 3:00: Panels 6 and 7

**Panel Six:** CRH 22  
Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Satya Laxman

- **Gabriel Matukaitis**  
- **Joseph Lule**  
  Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi: Sufi Saint from Anatolia.
- **Spencer Myers**  
- **Nasir Abdul-Qudus**  
  Nizamuddin Aulia: Sufi Saint from South Asia.
- **Samantha Furin**  
  Rabia al Adawiyah: Sufi Saint from West Asia.

**Panel Seven:** CRH 213  
Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. James Cook

- **Zilu Wang**  
- **Sam Walczak**  
  Ethnic Identity of Minorities in China
- **Zhibin Yao**  
  The Significances of the Mass Migrations of Han Chinese to Inner Manchuria Since the Mid-Nineteenth Century.

**Panel Eight:** CRH 203  
Chair and Discussion Leader: Dr. Armand Policicchio

- **Nimako Akosua**  
  Female Infanticide.
- **Taylor Winter**  
  Sex Education in India
- **Kimberley Milius**  
  Footbinding

### 3:15: Pittsburgh Asia Consortium Faculty Meeting. CRH 203

Following the faculty meeting, all participants are welcome to join us for conversation and food at North Country Brewing Co. 141 S Main St, Slippery Rock.

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