

**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 Ali ibn Uthman al-Jullabi al-Hujwiri: Sufi Saint from South Asia.
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 A Computational Approach to Exploring Classical Japanese and Representations of Home Life in Man'yo'shu.
Kaitlin Wise The Role of English in J-pop and K-pop.

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 A Specifically Korean Beauty: Understanding the Interplay of Modern Korean Cultural Identity and Korean Beauty Ideals.

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 Khwaja Hasan Mu'in alddin Chisti: Sufi Saint of Central Asia.
 Joseph Lule Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi: Sufi Saint from Anatolia.
 Spencer Myers Muhammad Ghaus Gwaliori: Sufi Saint of the Indian Subcontinent.
 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 Economic Growth and Growth of Christianity in Post-Reform Urban China--
 Evidence from a Household Survey.
 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.

Conference Participants

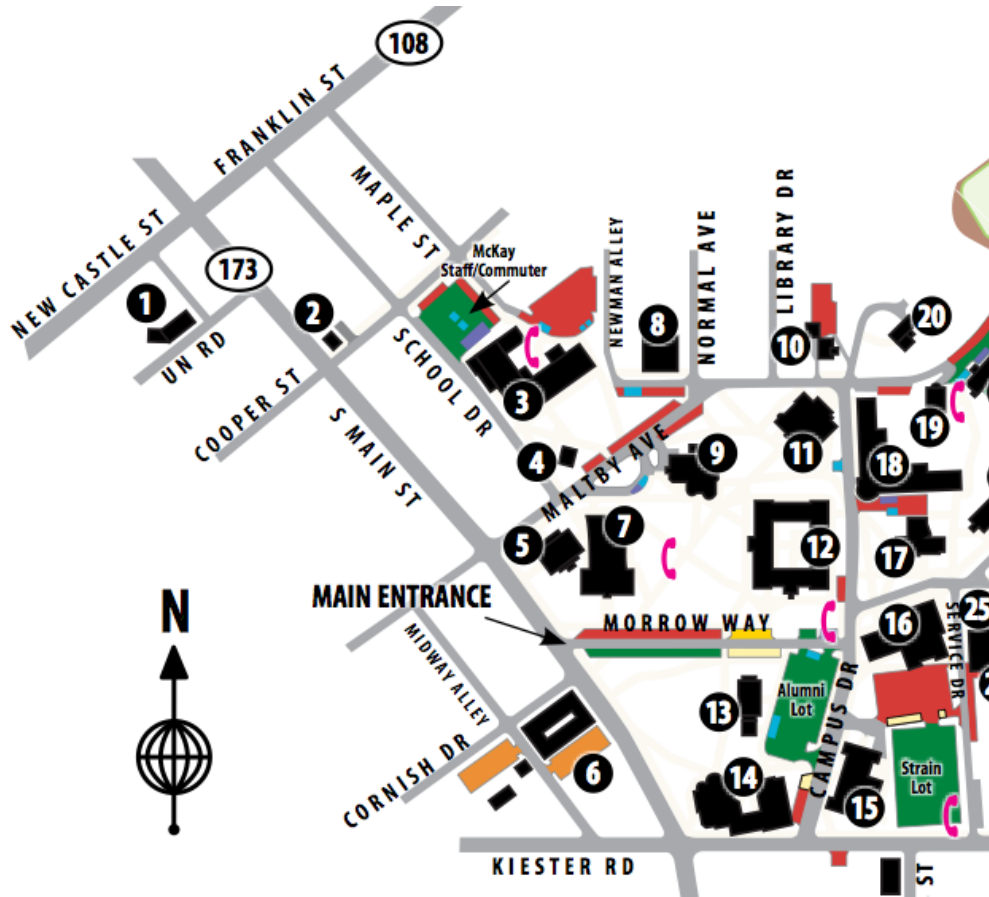
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Parking Map



Carruth Rizza Hall is # 5 on the map above. Limited parking is available on Maltby Avenue, in the staff parking lot next to McKay Education Building just next to Maltby Avenue, and behind McKay in the lot on School Drive. Additional parking can be found on Morrow Way. **Weisenfluh Dining Center is # 16 on the map.**