

Special points of interest:

- CAD hosted three conferences in the 2007-2008 academic year.
- Read updates about our three international research projects.
- The Center is welcoming our Visiting Endowed Chair and three Visiting Scholars.
- Plan to attend our upcoming conference on China in 2009.

Message from the Director

The Center for Asian Democracy (CAD) at the University of Louisville, established in 2006, has made significant progress during the 2007-2008 academic year. The Center has accepted three manuscripts for publication with our book series through the University Press of Kentucky. The Center has successfully hosted three conference/workshops in Louisville and abroad. The Center's three international projects concentrating on China, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and Laos have also had a very productive and successful year.

Our annual speaker series, where six scholars presented their academic works to the University of Louisville community, has received enthusiastic support from faculty across campus for the quality and interdisciplinary nature of the material presented. Finally, the Center's Faculty Affiliates have been active in their academic fields, participating in our speaker series, engaging in sophisticated research projects, and traveling abroad to participate in an international dialogue about democracy in Asia.

We look forward to another exciting year with more scholarly activities: We have hired a Visiting Aung San Suu Kyi Endowed Chair for Asian Democracy and three Visiting Scholars who

will be in residence with CAD for the next academic year. We will run an international conference on China in the Spring of 2009 [Keynote speaker: Dr. Tu Wei-Ming from Harvard University]. We have started another book series with Renmin University of China Press on "Contemporary World Classics: Political Science Series." We will continue to publish books in our series "Asia in the New Millennium" with the University Press of Kentucky. We will also continue with our international research projects and will run our annual speakers series.

CAD has also seen some staff changes. After serving as a Graduate Assistant at CAD for two years, Dollie Greenwell has been rehired as an Administrative Support. Two new Graduate Assistants have also joined us: Adam Marlowe and Jason Smith. These three staff will work with Dr. Shiping Hua, CAD Director, and Stacey Schoen, Administrative Associate, to run Center activities.



**Center Director,
Dr. Shiping Hua**

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Book Series

We have accepted the following book manuscripts for our series, "Asia in the New Millennium." The books will be published in late 2008 or early 2009 by the University Press of Kentucky.

1. "Challenges to Chinese Foreign Policy," edited by George Wei, Yufan Hao, and Lowell Dittmer.

2. "China-Russia Relations in the Early 21st Century," edited by James A. Bellacqua.

3. "China, the Other, and the West: Law, Legitimacy, and the Moral Geography of World Order in Chinese History," by Chris Ford.



Faculty affiliate, Dr.
Tricia Gray

Faculty Affiliate Updates

Dr. Steven Bourassa, KHC Real Estate Research Professor and Director of the School of Urban and Public Affairs and Ph.D. Program in Urban and Public Affairs, is planning a visit to Peking University the week of October 13th. While in China, Dr. Bourassa will be giving lectures related to his book, *The Aesthetics of Landscape*, which has been translated into Chinese and published by Peking University Press. Associate Professor Peng Feng of the Department of Philosophy at Peking University translated the new edition. Dr. Bourassa will also visit the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's Program on the People's Republic of China, also based at Peking University.

Dr. Margaret U. D'Silva was the invited keynote speaker at a workshop on intercultural communication at Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway in June, 2008. At the workshop, Dr. D'Silva also discussed her research titled, "Communicating HIV/AIDS Awareness through Folk Theater and Art: Case Studies from India," appearing in the book to be published in late 2008 - M. U. D'Silva, J. L. Hart, & K. L. Walker (Eds.), *HIV/AIDS prevention and health communication*. London, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

In May **Professor Michael Fowler** and Holly Wallace, Esq., of Dinsmore and Shohl in Louisville led a two-week workshop in international negotiation at the Institute of Foreign Affairs, the training wing of the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They are scheduled to lead a similar workshop at the Diplomatic Academy in Hanoi, Vietnam in October. Professor Fowler's forthcoming book, co-edited with senior Japanese diplomat and former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General Sumihiro Kuyama and entitled *Critical Choices Ahead: Enhancing UN Accountability in the 21st Century*, has been submitted to the United Nations University Press.

Dr. Tricia Gray presented the paper: "A South-South Coalition? Prospects and Pitfalls for PRC-Latin American Relations" at the Latin American Studies Association annual International Congress on September 5-7, 2007 in Montreal, Canada. In her talk she discussed some of the challenges and opportunities facing China and Latin American countries as they increasingly coordinate to develop a South-South strategy in an effort to increase the Global South's resources and decision-making power.

Dr. Shiping Hua's single-authored book manuscript "Chinese Utopianism: A Comparative Study of Reformist Thought with Japan and Russia (1898-1997)" has been accepted for publication by Stanford University Press-Wilson Center Press. The book will be published in late 2008. Dr. Hua has been appointed Director of the newly established Asian Studies Minor at the University of Louisville.

During his two visits to China in the last year, Dr. Hua gave a keynote speech at the Opening Session of the Second National Forum of Chinese Young Political Scientists hosted by Chinese University of Political Science and Law in Beijing (December 15, 2007). He also received several interviews with China Central Television on Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda's visit to China (December 28, 2007); on China's recent devastating earthquake in Sichuan Province (May 21, 2008); and on Taiwan Kuomintang Party Chairman Wu Poh-hsiung's visit to the mainland (May 27, 2008).

During the visits, Dr. Hua lectured on "The Late Qing Reform and Deng Reform Revisited" at China Foreign Affairs University (May 14, 2008) and on "Domestic Factors on US-China Relations" at Central Bureau Compilation and Translation (May 20). He also lectured on "Separation of Power and Checks and Balances in the U.S. Political System" at Beijing Municipality Party School (June 13), Anhui Provincial Party School (July 1), and Sichuan University (July 4).

Dr. Hua led a delegation from United Societies of China Studies, a coalition of five scholarly organizations of China studies, based in the United States, to visit China from June 9-13, 2008. During the visit, the delegation had wide range of dialogues with Chinese government officials and scholars. During the summer visit, Hua also taught a graduate course, titled "The Relationship between China, the United States and Japan," with Renmin University of China and Peking University.

Dr. Yuxin Ma, Assistant Professor of History is currently working on two articles. One article is on women's journalism and property rights in Republican China, the other is on Wu Guozhen and the democratic trend in nationalistic government from the 1940's to 1953. Her research interest is on Chinese women's history.

On May 15-16, 2008, **Dr. John McLeod** was one of twelve international experts who were invited to speak at a workshop on "The Idea of Gujarat" at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (United Kingdom). The workshop explored different aspects of the history and culture of the Gujarat region of India. Professor McLeod delivered a paper entitled "Khari Mata, Stri, ane Rani: Introducing Queen Victoria to 'The Gujarati Population of India.'"

Dr. Patrick Pranke, Assistant Professor of Religion, submitted for publication a two-part article, "'Bodawpaya's Madness': Monastic Accounts of King Bodawpaya's conflict with the Burmese Sangha" to *The Journal of Burma Studies* (October 2008, October 2009). This essay was originally presented as a paper at the Association



Dr. Shiping Hua (left) and Visiting Scholar Zhen Qian (right) at one of the refugee camps in Sichuan Province after the recent earthquake.



Dr. John McLeod, chairing a panel at the Center's Islam and Democracy workshop

Faculty Affiliate Updates Continued

for Asian Studies Conference in Atlanta, April 2008.

In addition to this paper and the paper presented at the Center for Asian Democracy in November 2007, Pranke delivered the following papers at professional conferences: "On Saints and Sorcerers: Ideals of Human Perfection in Burmese Buddhism," International Association of Buddhist Studies Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, June 2008. "The Burmese Weikza-lam," Conference on Occult Technologies in Buddhism, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, April 2008. "The Quest for Magical Power and Immortality in Burmese Buddhism," Mid-Atlantic Region-Association for Asian Studies Conference 'Asia Rising' at the University of Maryland, College Park, October 2007. In October, 2008, he will present "Dhammazedi and the Construction of Mon Buddhist History," Burma Studies Conference, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb.

Dr. Wei Song was invited to College of Urban and Environmental Sciences at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, China in May, 2008, where he gave lectures on methods in spatial analysis and transportation geography. He also traveled to Beijing to conduct a research on Beijing's rural migrants in collaboration with faculties from Beijing Union University. This is an ongoing project funded by National Geographic Society. Dr. Wei Song published a China-related article entitled "Patterns of Spatial Interaction and Hierarchical Structure of Chinese Cities Based on Intercity Air Passenger Flows" in *Geographical Research*. A manuscript on spatial polarization of railway transport in Northeast China, co-authored with Dr. Chunliang Xiu of Northeast Normal University, has been accepted by *Acta Geographica Sinica*.

Dr. Kheang Un has accepted an invitation to make a presentation at the Conference on Cambodia for Ambassador Carol Rodley sponsored by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the U.S. Department of State on September 15, 2008. Dr. Un has also accepted an invitation to speak at the East West Center in Washington D.C. on September 16, 2008. His presentation entitled, "Opportunities and Constraints under One Party Domination: Assessing Political Trends in Cambodia." Dr. Un wrote, "Cambodia's 2008 Parliamentary Elections: Prospect for Opposition Politics," in *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, No. 22, August 22, 2008 which was published by the East-West Center in Washington D.C.

On July 7th-25th, 2008, **Dr. Li Zeng**, Associate Professor of Chinese, led a three-week Chinese language summer camp for high school students in Louisville, Kentucky. The project, a collaboration among the Crane House, the University of Louisville, and Jefferson County Public Schools,

was fully funded by a federal grant, the STARTALK Initiative (part of the National Security Initiatives for Critical Need Languages). As the Lead Teacher of the project, Dr. Zeng developed the curriculum which was approved by the grant management, conducted a professional training for bilingual associate instructors, and supervised and coordinated the daily classroom activities, cultural assemblies, and so on throughout the camp. Reflecting the success of the project, about 25 high school students have been qualified for the STARTALK scholarships and will receive college credits in Chinese from the University of Louisville.

Dr. Charles Ziegler, Director of the Institute for Democracy and Development and University Scholar, published several articles in 2008: "When Putin Comes to Shove in Asia," *Far Eastern Economic Review* (January/February 2008); "Russia and the CIS in Asia: Putin's Final Year," *Asian Survey* (January/February 2007); and "Competing for Markets and Influence: Asian National Oil Companies in Eurasia," *Asian Perspective* (Spring 2008). His paper on "Russia and China in Central Asia" is forthcoming in James Bellacqua's edited book on *China-Russia Relations in the Early 21st Century*, part of the CAD book series with the University Press of Kentucky.

Ziegler also delivered the following papers at professional conferences: "Neorealism, Neomercantilism, and Great Power Politics in Central Asia," (with Rajan Menon), *World International Studies Conference*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 23-26, 2008. "Impact of Russia's Resource-Based Economy on Russia's Regions," to National Bureau of Asian Research conference on *Russia's Political Economy: Trends and Implications*, April 24, 2008, Washington D.C. "Civil Society, Political Stability, and Economic Development in Kazakhstan," *International Studies Association*, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2008

Ziegler organized and chaired a panel for the Kentucky Political Science Association, Berea, KY, March 1, 2008, and presented a paper entitled "Competing for Markets and Influence: Asian National Oil Companies in Eurasia." In January 2008 he served on the International Research and Exchanges Board Selection Committee for the Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Grant, in Washington, D.C.

Ziegler continued his work as consultant to the Political Science Department, Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan, and taught a PhD course on Theories of Comparative Politics in May 2008. He also spoke on "Central Asia and the Politics of Oil" as part of the A&S Meet the Professor Series, and was a discussant on a panel on the history of Russian foreign policy at the AAASS national meeting, New Orleans, both in November 2007.



Dr. Patrick Pranke, speaking as part of the Center's 2007-2008 speaker series.



Dr. Li Zeng speaking at the Center's KASA conference.



Dr. Charles Ziegler, chairing a panel at CAD's Islam and Democracy workshop.

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2008-2009 Speaker Series

All speaker series events will take place from 2:30-4:00 in room 407 of Ford Hall except the final speaker, Dr. Tu Wei-Ming, who will speak as a part of our China Conference.

Fall 2008:

"The Olympic Game and China's Political Development,"

Professor Zhen Qian, Central Party School of the Chinese Communist Party. *September 17, 2008.*

"Mongolian nationalism and Chinggis Khan: On collision Course with China?"

Professor Robert Bedeski, University of Victoria. *October 20, 2008.*

"Islamism and After: Political and Intellectual Genealogies,"

Professor Naveed Sheikh, University of Keele, the United Kingdom., *November 10, 2008.*

Spring 2009:

"Urbanization and Governance of Japanese Cities,"

Professor Ronald Vogel, The University of Louisville.

"Cambodia's 2008 Parliamentary Elections: Future Prospects for Configuring Opposition Politics,"

Professor Kheang Un, Northern Illinois University.

"China's Quest for a New Cultural Identity"

Dr. Tu Wei-Ming, Harvard-Yenching Professor of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies, Harvard University. *March 20, 2009*

