



ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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About the Program:



Degree Programs:

Asian Studies offers:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Minor in Asian Studies
- Minor in Chinese Studies
- Asian Studies Graduate Certificate



Career Opportunities:

Asian Studies students may find work in such areas as education, government, trade and media. Graduates are also prepared to pursue advanced degrees in Asian Studies or other disciplines, such as the arts, history, law and political science.



Special Opportunities:

Asian Studies offers many programs for study abroad with programs open to all eligible UofL students.

The College of Arts and Sciences' Office of International Programs sponsors a five-week Chinese language summer program at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Please contact the Interim Associate Dean of Diversity and International Education for the College of Arts and Sciences with questions: slwall08@louisville.edu

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COVER PHOTO: THE ORNATE STRUCTURES OF THE XICHAN TEMPLE, A BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN FUZHOU, FUJIAN PROVINCE, CHINA.

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MEET THE ASIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT TA'S



NICOLE WEBSTER
My name is Nicole Webster, I'm a 3rd year Finance Major with a minor in Asian Studies. This summer I will be working as an intern for Charles Schwab at their headquarters in Westlake, TX. During my time at the University of Louisville I have had the opportunity to become a member of Chi Omega and serve on SGA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In my free time I enjoy trying new restaurants with my friends and spending time with my local church community at First Baptist Korean Church.



TANNER MORROW
My name is Tanner Morrow and I am junior from Auburn, KY. I am a Political Science and Asian Studies double-major, with a minor in Chinese language. This summer I will be studying abroad in Italy as part of the McConnell Scholars Program. Besides serving as a TA, I am the Director of Internal Coordination for the Student Government Association, and the Health and Wellness chair for my scholarship program. In my free time I enjoy reading, running, and exploring small towns and parks.



MIKAELLA TAÑALES
My name is Mikaella Tañales, I'm a freshman double majoring in Finance and Political Science with a minor in Chinese. This semester I am working as an intern for the Legislative Research Commission at the capitol in Frankfort, KY. I am currently a member of Chi Omega, UNA-USA, Freshman Council, and MUN. In my free time I enjoy traveling with my mom and trying different intramurals.

UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

AST Enrollments Have Kept Growing:

- Students enrolled in AST have grown by 22.5% in the last three years; AST Student Credit Hours have grown by 34.5% in the last three years. (Annual Department Health Check 2022).

Our students have praised the Asian Studies Program:

- In response to the following: "Please rate your agreement on the following statements with regard to teaching effectiveness in this course:" for all 5 questions under this heading, over 90% of the students rate AST teaching positively, meaning "agree" or "strongly agree." ("Teaching Effectiveness Survey Data")
- In the last five years, 100% of graduating seniors in B.A. responded favorably to the survey question "Would you recommend AST to other students" by marking "agree" or "strongly agree." (Graduates reports conducted by the University)

Prestigious awards for the our book series: AST's book series "Asia in the New Millennium" published by the University Press of Kentucky has published 18 titles and won 12 publication awards (see right).
- **Dr. Shiping Hua, Director of the Asian Studies Program**

PUBLICATION AWARDS FOR ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM'S BOOK SERIES: "ASIA IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM":

- Arthur Goodzeit Book Award
- Arthur Ross Book Award
- Bernard Schwartz Book Award
- Comparative Democratization Best Book Award
- Huntington Prize
- ICAS Award
- ICON-S Book Prize
- James B. Palais Prize
- John K. Fairbank Award
- John Witney Hall Book Prize
- Joseph Levenson Prize
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award



Asian Studies Faculty members celebrated the Chinese New Year at the Crane House, a community partner of UofL Asian Studies, in February.

FACULTY UPDATES



Dr. Yuxin Ma

- Serving as Editor-in-Chief of the American Review of Chinese Studies
- Coordinator for the 2022 Southeastern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (SECAAS) at UofL
- College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Faculty Award in Service for Service to the Profession



Dr. Hiromi Taniguchi

- Associate editor for the Journal of Family Studies
- Local arrangements chair for SECAAS at UofL
- Recent peer-reviewed publications in various Academic journals:
 - National identity, cosmopolitanism, and attitude toward immigrants. (2021)
 - Family, collectivism, and loneliness from a cross-country perspective. (2021)



Dr. Shiping Hua

- Edited three books:
 - "Chinese Ideology"
 - "Paradigm Shifts in Chinese Studies"
 - "The Political Logic of the US-China Trade War"
- Chaired panels at conf.:
 - American Political Science Association
 - SECAAS 2022
 - Workshop @ Princeton
- Guest editor for special issue of "Business and Politics" for Cambridge U. Press
- Working on next contracted book on Chinese legality

 2022 College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Faculty Award Recipient

NEW RESOURCE GROUP FOR AAPI FACULTY AND STAFF

Stella Wong, says that UofL's "bold and noble commitment to being an anti-racist institution" was what attracted her to work here. So in the wake of an alarming rise in hate speech and attacks against Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in recent years, Wang knew she had to do something to support UofL's hundreds of AAPI faculty and staff members. Wang immediately set about hosting town halls to gather concerns and gauge interest until at last, the AAPI ERG was assembled last year. The ERG "aims to build community, promote diversity, and cha- (continued on next page)

SUMMER 2022:

AST 290: Survey of Asian Art (AHD2)

^ Distance ed. only.

FALL 2022:

AST 290: Survey of Asian Art (AHD2)

^ Distance ed. and in-person classes available.

AST 340: So. Asian Religion and Culture (AHD2)

AST 366: Politics of East Asia (SBD2)

AST 390: Topics in Asian Studies – Asian Philosophy

AST 390: Topics in Asian Studies – Japanese Pop Culture

AST 390: Topics in Asian Studies – Eastern Mysticism

AST 398: Modern China

Upcoming Courses

Need help fulfilling your Cardinal Core Requirements?

The Asian Studies Program now offers 10 Cardinal Core courses!

AST 310: Introduction to Asian Studies - SBD2;
AST 366: East Asian Politics - SBD2.
AST 317: Anthropology of China - SBD2
AST 343 East Asian Religion & Culture -AHD2
AST 290: Survey of Asian Art - AHD2
AST 340: South Asian Religion & - AHD2
AST 351: Chinese Literature in Translation I -AHD
AST 365: China - WRSBD2
AST 330: 20C Chinese Arts & Architecture - AHD2
AST 335: China through Film - AHD2

RSO SPOTLIGHT: CHINESE CLUB EVENTS REVIVES EVENTS



The Chinese Club is relatively new, and is composed of students who are learning Chinese or are interested in Chinese culture/history. We were quiet during the COVID-19 semesters, but now we are doing events. Last semester, we did a poetry slam where we ate traditional Chinese dishes and shared our favorite Chinese poems. We also hosted a virtual event teaching students how to make Egg Tarts. On Feb. 16th, we did a belated Chinese New Year celebration, and Professor Wu taught us how to make authentic dumplings. In the beginning of Feb. we also partnered with CSU for their Lunar New Year celebration, and the Chinese Club hosted a calligraphy table and taught people calligraphy. We have 3 more events planned this upcoming semester: A tea tasting event, karaoke night, and supporting the Chinese Spoken Drama Event.

Check out Chinese Club on EngageUofL for more info.



-mpion action and change," for all AAPI Cardinals. In Spring 2022 the ERG dedicated the second full week of April as UofL's inaugural AAPI Heritage Week, with daily events to bring the UofL AAPI community together to celebrate their shared heritage. The ERG is open to all AAPI Identifying faculty and staff. Stella Wang (pictured), is an International Admissions coordinator and recruiter with UofL's international Student Services.

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CENTER FOR ASIAN DEMOCRACY UPDATES

From David Buckley, PhD
Interim Director



The Center for Asian Democracy is excited to be relaunching research and program initiatives in the 2021-22 academic year. With the retirement of Prof. Jason Abbott, CAD is now headed by Interim Director David Buckley, Paul Weber Endowed Chair of Politics, Science and Religion. With improved endowment performance, CAD will be able to relaunch research support, public programming, and staff hiring in the coming year. Highlights of the 2021-2022 academic year have included a panel, "The Afghanistan Withdrawal: Im-

-plications for Democracy and US Foreign Policy" that featured academic experts, policy makers, and an alumnus of U of L, Mr. Jawad Patwal, who fled Kabul after the fall of the city to the Taliban. CAD was glad to partner with the Department of Asian Studies to sponsor the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in January. CAD currently has an open application for Postdoctoral Fellows in the 2022-23 academic year, and looks forward to welcoming that scholar to the Louisville Asian Studies community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE CAD'S WEBSITE: LOUISVILLE.EDU/ASIANDEMOCRACY

SECAAS:

UOFL ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS 61ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES



The Belknap Academic Building (BAB), a state of the art modern education building on UofL's campus, the chief location of the 2022 SECAAS, held Jan. 14-17

“ASIA” IN MOTION

The UofL Asian Studies Program was happy to welcome hundreds of academics from dozens of peer institutions to the University of Louisville in late January to exchange ideas on the topic of "Asia in Motion." Over the course of the weekend conference attendees were treated to over two dozen panels, lectures, a film screening, and an art exhibition.

The second night of the conference culminated in a special invited lecture by the foremost western scholar of Chinese sports, Susan Bronwell. Delivered just weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games, Bronwell's lecture, "China, the Olympics, and Human Rights," analyzed the context of the international furor surrounding the upcoming Olympics.

At the end of the conference, prizes were awarded for best book, graduate paper, article, and undergraduate paper. Overall, despite the challenging circumstances, conference attendees lauded the event as a great success. It would not have been possible without conference coordinator Dr. Yuxin Ma, program chair Dr. Andrew Zhao, and local arrangements chair Dr. Hiromi Taniguchi, all of the Asian Studies faculty and staff, and the generous event sponsors and donors.

BILINGUAL Q&A: English and Mandarin language interview with Ma Congxia, a visiting fellow from China.



Ma Congxia, a visiting fellow from Henan, China, is a visiting fellow with Fine Arts this year at the University of Louisville.

Q: Tell us about yourself. Where are you from? What are your interest/field of study?

A: 我来自中国河南，在一所大学的美术学院任教；我的专业是油画，通过试验一些材料，探索一些方式去表达我艺术和社会的理解。（I am from Henan, China, and I teach at a university's art school. My major is oil painting. Through the use of several materials, I explore ways to express my artistic and social understanding.）

Q: How has your experience studying in the U.S. been different from studying in China?

A: 我感觉美国的老师更了解学生，可能是这边的师生比较数较大吧。在专业方面有困惑或有想法，一定要多和老师及同学

沟通，受到的支持可能超乎想象呢。（I feel that teachers in United States know their students better. Perhaps due to the smaller student-teacher ratio here. If you are confused or have ideas in a professional setting, there is much more communication between professors and students and the support can be beyond imagination.）

Q: What challenges have you faced? **A:** 可能是因为我是做当代艺术这方面的吧，在专业方面的交流理解与接受上并未感到违和；生活上在导师和朋友的关照下也步入了正轨；由于气候与食材的差异，身体上的适应可能需要一段时间。（Probably because I'm doing contemporary art, professional understanding and acceptance of the exchange has not been difficult. Moreover, tutors and friends helped me get on the right track adjusting to life. However, physical adaptation can take a while due to the difference in climate and ingredients.）

Q: What advice would you give someone wanting to study in a foreign country?

A: 第一个语言方面，表达愿望很重要，大胆去沟通。周围的人对我磕磕巴巴的英文相当有耐心，这也给了我很大的勇气。不要担心自己的英语不好耽误关键信息，可以反复沟通来确认，毕竟还有翻译APP呢；此外，最好在出境前租好房子，备好可以暂用的手机卡（淘宝上有售）。在美国租房子的流程可能比国内长很多，尤其是对于没有美国社保号的访问学者。另，一些便捷生活的手机APP的使用需要绑定美国的银行卡，最好尽快办理学生卡以办理银行卡等事宜。