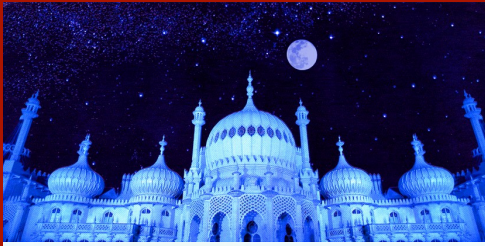


# Asian Studies Program Newsletter

University of Louisville  
College of Arts & Sciences

## Spring 2016. Issue 5.



We have enrolled 38 students in the B.A. since Jan. 2013!

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Evan Aldridge

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Sheridan Alexander

Allan Anderson

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Ni'Veka Bailey

William Baumler

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Courtney Browne

Christian Bush

Matthew Byron

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Benjamin D. Campbell

Joseph Ceballos

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Stephanie Clay

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Calvin Grant



Provost Dr. Pinto with UofL Faculty in Asian Studies above, at the Asia Institute Crane House (AICH) Annual Asian New Year Dinner. (Left to Right) Professors Chan, Rajack Tally, D'Silva, Mrs. McLeod, Dr. McLeod, Provost Dr. Pinto, Mrs. Pinto, & Professors Ma and Lai.



Above: Dean Dr. Leonard (right) and her husband Mr. Leonard (left) with Asian Studies' Professor Baik at the New Year



Professor Hiromi Taniguchi (left) has joined us as Faculty Affiliate. She has done research and has published extensively on Japan.



Helen Lang (founder of AICH) with Dr. Shiping Hua. He is the Calvin and Helen Lang Distinguished Chair.

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James Hardy

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Timothy Heilers

Emile Heilman

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Kanessa L. Jaalouk

Matt Jansing

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Douglas Krauth

Erin Kurtz

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Kelly Lake

Austin Lynch

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Paul Marchetti

Mason Maxwell

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Theresa Men

Ethan Pelletier

Savannah Philipson

Brigid Rader

Kelsey Reid

Michael Reese

Arial Schneider

James Sils

Huai Vung

Emily Ware

LadyeAnna Webber

With consent, we are printing the names of these 38 majors.

# Getting to Know Asian Studies

## Interview with Asian Studies Major Doug Krauth (Junior)

**Q:** What led you to be interested in Asian Studies?

**A:** Though I've had an interest in Asian culture and language for a long time, I first really considered it as something to study in college after I visited China with my Chinese language class in high school. After taking one Asian Studies course freshman year, I decided to pursue it as one of my majors.

**Q:** What were your reasons for studying in Thailand?

**A:** One of the major reasons I chose Thailand was the ability to take courses that I could apply towards my Biology major and Asian Studies major. Most universities in Asia only offer humanities, Asian studies, or political science courses but Mahidol University in Thailand allowed me to take biological science classes as well. Another reason I chose Thailand was to study in and live in a country with a culture entirely different than my own.

**Q:** How has studying abroad changed the way you might approach your major?

**A:** Studying abroad has changed the way I see both of my majors. In terms of my biology major, it has made me think about the global scientific community and how I can contribute after I graduate. With my Asian Studies major it has really made me narrow my focus to Southeast Asia.



Doug on the Island of Koh Chang in southern Thailand with friends.

**Q:** Tell me about some of your experiences in Thailand: food encounters, adventures, etc.

**A:** I could rant about my experiences in Thailand forever so I'll just share one of my favorite aspects of Thailand. There's a phrase in Thai, Sabai Sabai, that's not exactly translatable to English but can be thought of as a relaxed way of living. In Thailand, everything moves at its own pace and not a lot is rushed. Sometimes businesses open up late because the employees don't rush to work. Sometimes meetings happen an hour later and it's not really questioned. People walk slowly and it takes a lot to get someone angry. In general, the Thai Sabai Sabai way of life is something I dearly miss since returning to the states.

**Q:** Do you think study abroad is an important part of being an Asian Studies Major?

**A:** I firmly believe studying abroad is crucial to any foreign studies major, not just Asian Studies. Studying abroad puts everything you have learned into perspective and changes the way you view your classes, for the better.



# Asian Studies Faculty Update



## Dr. Shiping Hua

- Appointed by Provost Pinto to represent UofL to serve on the editorial board of University Press of Kentucky, the academic publisher of 15 institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The main responsibility is to approve the publication of books by the press.
- Nominated as one of the "Ten International Scholars with Most Valuable Ideas about China in 2014," by the Chinese magazine Renmin Tribune.
- Listed among two dozen faculty from such institutions as Harvard, Stanford, MIT, and Duke Universities, on a list of "The Third Generation Watchers of Chinese Politics in the United States," i.e., those who have played significant roles since the 1980s.

### Books:

- "East Asian Development Model," Routledge, published in January 2015. With R.H. Hu.
- *Routledge Handbook of Politics in Asia*, Routledge. 48 authors have signed up for it. This is the second largest handbook by Routledge. It is under contract. Sole editor.

### Articles:

- "Rule of Law in Chinese Cultural Tradition," *Journal of Liaoning University*, Sept. 2015, Vol. 43, No. 5, 8-12.
- "Sun Tzu's [Art of War] Is A Way of Thinking," *Financial Views*, No.12, 2015, 26-27.



## Dr. Delin Lai

- *Zhongguo Jindai Sixiangshi yu Jianzhu Shixueshi* (Changing ideals in the modern historiography of Chinese architecture), Beijing: Zhongguo Jianzhu Gongye Chubanshe, Projected Publication date: Jan. 2016.

### Book Editor:

- *Zhongguo Jindai Jianzhusi* (History of Modern Chinese Architecture), Beijing: Zhongguo Jianzhu Gongye Chubanshe, Projected Publication date: Spring, 2016.

### Articles:

#### In Chinese

- "Yazhou Shiye xiade Zhongguo Jianzhu Yanjiu" (An Asian View of Chinese Architecture), *Jianzhu Xuebao* (Architectural Journal), Nov. 2015, 15-17.
- "Yizhong Gongmin Jianzhu de Chansheng: Wan Qing he Minguo Zaoqi Zhongguo Tushuguan Huayu yu Shijian" (Discourses and Practices of Public Libraries in Late Qing and Early Republican China), *Zhongyang Yanjiuyuan Jindaishi Yanjiusuo Jikan* (Bulletin of the Institute of Modern History Academia Sinica), No. 88, June 2015, pp. 95-150.
- "Zhongguo Yuanlin Huayu yu Liang'an Dangdai Jianzhu Sheji" (Discourses of Chinese Gardens and the Design of Contemporary architecture on both sides of the Taiwan Strait), *Taiwan Jianzhu Xuehui Huikan Zazhi* (Journal of the Architectural Institute of Taiwan, No. 78, April 2015, 36-41.

#### In English

- "Reinventing A Tradition: Ritual Architecture and Art in the Post-Xinhai Revolution Period," *Zhongguo Jianzhu Shilun Huikan* (Journal of Chinese Architectural History), No.11 (Apr. 2015), 407-469.

# Asian Studies Faculty Update



## Dr. Yuxin Ma

Dr. Ma has enjoyed teaching a new course Hist 598 Imperialism and Modernity in East Asian in Spring 2015, and is looking forward to teaching another new course Hist/AST 399 Modern Japan in Spring 2016. Ma continues her research and monograph preparation on the cinematographic culture in Manchukuo. She has presented papers at SEA-AAS in 2015 and 2016, reviewed three new books on Japanese imperialism in Taiwan, Korea, and Manchukuo respectively, and translated an article into English. She has supervised an honor thesis and a graduate independent study. Traveling along the Silk Road and pilgrimage to Dunhuang Grotto has been the highlight of her summer in 2015.



## Dr. John McLeod

In February 2015, a revised and updated second edition of **John McLeod's** *The History of India* was published by ABC-Clio in the *Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations* series. Professor McLeod is now writing several chapters for a forthcoming book edited by Dr. Kenneth X. Robbins and entitled *The Princely States of Gujarat*, and he has resumed work on his study of the life and times of Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownagree, an Indian statesman and community leader who was an elected member of the British Parliament from 1895 to 1906.



## Dr. Patrick Pranke

From August 2014 through July 2015, Dr. Pranke was on sabbatical leave. For a portion of that time, December 2014 through July 2015 he conducted fieldwork and archival research in Southeast Asia. In December 2014, he traveled to northern Thailand where he explored the hybridization of Thai, Shan and Burmese architectural styles in the pagodas and monasteries of the region. Beginning in January 2015, he relocated to Burma/Myanmar where he spent the remainder of his sabbatical researching Burmese Buddhism. His research agenda included: 1) examination of manuscript collections of Burmese monastic chronicles, and 2) collecting materials on a contemporary cult of mummy veneration. During this same time he presented three professional papers at conferences and two invited lectures.



## Dr. Charles Ziegler

Editor, *Civil Society and Politics in Central Asia* (University Press of Kentucky). Author of three chapters in the book, including the Introduction, Conclusion, and chapter co-authored with Ruslan Kazkenov on the state approach to civil society in Kazakhstan. Chapter on "Sovereignty, Security and Intervention in Central Asia," in *Russia, Eurasia, and the New Geopolitics of Energy* (Macmillan). Article on Environment in the USSR and Russia for the *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). He presented papers at the International Studies Association convention (New Orleans), the CISS-ISA (Krakow, Poland), Southern Conference of Slavic Studies (Lexington, KY), and was invited to deliver a keynote address at a Conference on Central Asia in Bielefeld, Germany. Organized a conference on Central Asia at UofL, and a conference on the Responsibility to Protect at Indiana University—Bloomington, where he also presented a paper.





## Interview with Asian Studies & Urban Geography Double Major Calvin Grant (Sophomore)

**Q:** How has your history of studying Chinese affected your choice to study abroad?

**A:** What better place is there than China to study Chinese? After a few years of classroom study in the US, going to China was the perfect way to become more intimate with the culture and have an adventure of actually living the language. I was not disappointed.

**Q:** Which program were you participating in Beijing? How did you discover this program?

**A:** I got connected with Dr. Zeng and Dr. Hutcheson, both from Classical and Modern Languages, who both encouraged me to apply for the World Scholars Scholarship offered by the University of Louisville. It covered the tuition for two semesters at Peking University, one semester in the School for Chinese as a Foreign Language and another as a student in the International Relations School.

**Q:** How was the schooling in China different from here at UofL?

**A:** The daily schedule was very regimented, and the classes were much longer. My classes were each two hours long, with a 10-minute break in the middle, and at 12pm the entire student body of 30,000 swarmed the cafeterias for designated lunchtime. The teachers were all lecturers, with very little class discussion except for our Oral Chinese classes.

**Q:** Do you think study abroad in China is something you would recommend to other students?

**A:** If you have the chance, everyone should go abroad. You will have some stressful days, especially adjusting to a new culture and living environment. But along the way you will learn so much about a new part of the world and about yourself as well. And you should embrace that; really interacting with Chinese people and making friends everywhere I went really made this an intimate life experience and not simply a travel experience.

**Q:** What do you think you gained from your study abroad experience?

**A:** The most obvious change for me has been my language proficiency, but I am always discovering more subtle things as well. I definitely have a greater respect for how diverse the world is, and there is a great sense of accomplishment for having lived in a foreign country.



## Update with Dr. Kristopher Grady on new Asian Studies Course

Dr. Grady has spent much of his time within the past academic year extensively researching not only domestic politics and war fighting, but also challenges to authoritarian regimes and pressure to supplant the executive, as well as more recent case studies on China and Japan.

Next semester Dr. Grady will be offering a new course within Asian Studies: **Security and Conflict in Asia**. The intention of his course is to familiarize students with the domestic politics as well as security concerns of states within Asia. Students should be able to anticipate future security concerns of Asia and in turn be able to develop a stronger conceptualization of security interests in relation to the United States as well.

This course covers: China, Japan, North Korea-South Korea, Russia & Central Asia, Southeast Asia, India-Pakistan, Regional IGO's, and U.S. involvement in Asia. The course will also focus on stability within the Asia region concerning both politics and energy securities. **Security and Conflict in Asia** is a course that will be focused on topics in regard to specific issues in Asian nations; this course will be cross-listed with Political Science Fall 2016.

Asian Studies - Fall 2016 offered courses:

- AST 290 - Survey of Asian Art
- AST 317 - Anthropology of China
- AST 335 - China Through Film
- AST 340 - S. Asian Religious Thought & Culture
- AST 366 - Politics of East Asia
- AST 391 – Asian Security
- AST 398 - Modern China
- AST 399 - Modern Japan
- CHNS 101 - Elementary Chinese I
- CHNS 201 - Intermediate Chinese I
- CHNS 301 - Advanced Intermediate Chinese I
- HUM 307 - East Asian Cultures
- HUM 341 – South Asian Religion & Culture
- JAPN 101 - Basic Japanese I
- JAPN 201 - Intermediate Japanese I
- JAPN 301 - Advanced Japanese I
- ML 313 – Japanese Pop Culture

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