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Welcome to Asian Studies Program!

Asian Studies Program (AST) at the University of Louisville, established in 2011, has four education programs: Asian Studies Major, Asian Studies Minor, Chinese Studies Minor, and the Graduate Certificate of Asian Studies. It covers East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Central Asia. AST has 22 teaching faculty.

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AST Director Shiping Hua and AST Assistant Landon Littleton Welcome Prospective Students.

Selected Faculty Profiles

Professor Delin Lai teaches modern Chinese architecture. His publications include: *Jindai Zhejiang Lu (Who's who in modern Chinese architecture, 2006)*, which was one of the ten books that received the First Architectural Book Award of China in 2008, and *Zhongguo Jindai Jianzhushi Yanjiu (Studies in modern Chinese architecture, 2007)*.



Professor John McLeod's research is on the history of India during the colonial period. His publications include: *Sovereignty, Power, Control: Politics in the States of Western India, 1916-1947*, published in 1999 (South Asian edition published in 2007); *African Elites in India*, co-edited with Kenneth X. Robbins and released in 2006; *The History of India*, second edition published in 2015; and *Modern India*, published in 2020. He teaches courses related to Indian history.

Professor Kendra Sheehan teaches contemporary Japanese culture. Her publications include "Soft Power, Globalization, and the Otaku: Influencing Japanese Nationalism Within and Without" in *National Identity and Millennials in Northeast Asia: Power and Contestations in the Digital Age* (Routledge, 2023) and "The Japanese Spirit and Aesthetic in Western Animation: Japanese Influences in Adventure Time" in *Critical Essays about Cartoon Network's Adventure Time* (McFarland, 2023).





Professor Kris Grady

with extensive living experience in China, teaches Asian security. Dr. Grady served as the AST Acting Director in the fall of 2023.



Professor Lisa Björkman

teaches courses related to Indian film and society. Her book *Pipe Politics, Contested Waters: Embedded Infrastructures of Millennial Mumbai* was published by Duke University Press in 2015.



Professor Charles Ziegler's

most recent book is *Russia in the Pacific: The Quest for Great Power Recognition* by Oxford University Press in 2023. He teaches courses related to Central Asia and Russia Far East.



Professor Patrick Pranke's area of specialization is Burmese Buddhism and popular cults, research for which he conducted over the course of several years in the Sagaing Hills, Upper Burma. He teaches courses related to religions and humanities in South and Southeast Asia.



Professor Li Zeng coordinates foreign language teaching for us. He teaches in the areas of Chinese language and culture. His most recent book is: *The Art of Allusion in Chinese Poetry: Analysing the Works of Li Shangyin* published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2023.



Professor Hiromi Taniguchi teaches Japanese families. Her current studies examine family-loneliness connection and family-related job adjustment using data from various countries, including but not limited to China, Korea, and Japan.

This Is What Our Students Said about AST:



Eric Bush (Former Asian Studies Student, currently J.D. candidate at Harvard Law School)

My coursework in the Asian Studies Program was a highlight of my time at UofL. In particular, I enjoyed studying the Chinese political system, which influenced me to write a senior thesis on China's One Country, Two Systems policy. Another highlight was traveling to China with Dr. Hua. His insights and contribution to the Sino-American political science literature are truly unmatched. Finally, the Asian Studies Program provided an incredible community. I built lifelong friendships with my peers, and I appreciated all the dinners, gatherings, and other community-building events the faculty organized.

Carole Kenner (Current Graduate Certificate Student)

Pursuing the Asian Studies (graduate) certificate was the perfect choice for me to solidify my life experience and gain in depth academic knowledge that I was missing. This certificate has provided me with a solid background in history, culture, economics and politics in regional issues impacting China, Japan and Korea. This certificate provides valuable high level background information to those looking to do business and work in Asia. My professors, with their amazing backgrounds, have been inspiring and supportive throughout this process. They are always happy and willing to make time to help me with any questions. As I work to obtain my master's in political science to pursue a career in foreign service, I know that this certificate will put me ahead.



This Is What Our Students Said about AST:



Anna Adams (Former Asian Studies Student, currently Ph.D. candidate at Indiana University at Bloomington)

The Asian Studies program at the University of Louisville was an incredible educational experience. The program provided me with a strong appreciation for cultures outside of my own and exposed me to the many dimensions of Asian culture, language, history, and politics. While in the program, the faculty were incredible mentors and provided an education that set me up for success after graduation. After graduating from the program, I chose to pursue a PhD in Political Science and I have no doubt that the Asian politics courses I took in the program led me in that direction. Majoring in Asian Studies was one of the best decisions I made during my undergraduate experience and continues to benefit me today.

Camryn Meece, (Asian Studies Student, currently studying at Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies - Nagasaki, Japan)

I have been lucky enough to study abroad in two countries in East Asia: Japan and South Korea. My experiences have been some of the best memories of my life. From visiting shrines, climbing the tallest mountains each country has to offer, and interviewing atomic bomb survivors. My time abroad has been the best learning opportunity I have chosen for myself. An immersive learning environment where I can learn language and culture together has skyrocketed my understanding of my field of study. I am happy with how I am growing as a person, and my only regret is that I could not study abroad in more countries.



AST Courses:

(1) Selected Graduate Level Courses:

- AST 531: East Asian Landscape
- AST 531: Modern Cities and Archeology in Asia
- AST 641: Clash of Civilizations
- AST 598: Nationalism and Modernity in East Asia
- AST 501: Culture of India
- AST 501: Women in East Asia
- AST 501: International Criminal Justice in Asia
- AST 531: Space of Asian Cities and Archeology
- AST 501: US China Relations
- AST 500: East Asian Women's History
- AST 500: Japanese Media and Japan



(2) Courses to be offered in the fall of 2024



Asian Studies Courses to be Offered in the Fall 2024

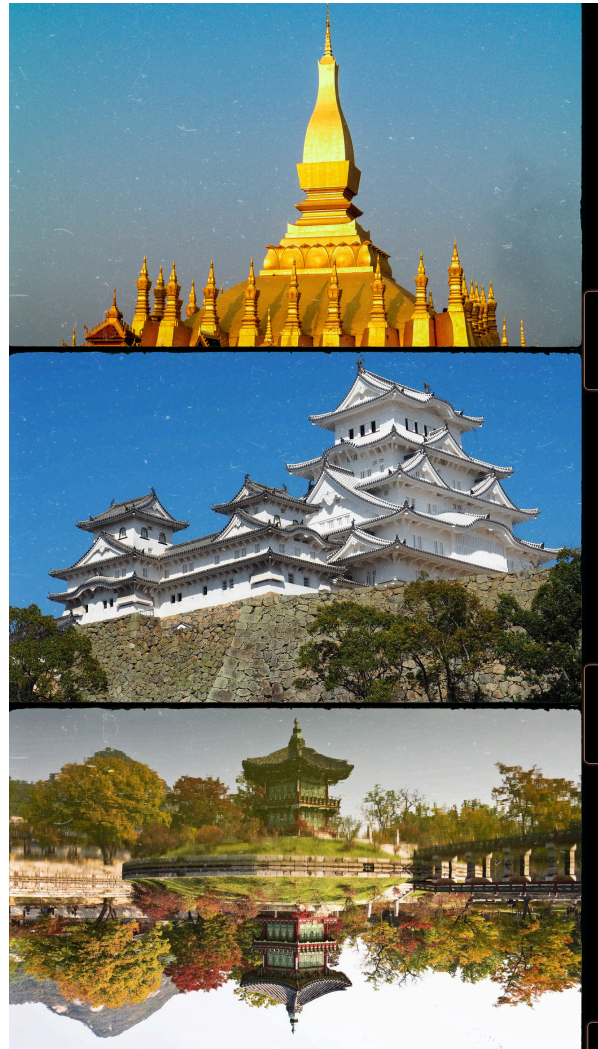
- AST 290 01 SURVEY OF ASIAN ART - AHD2
- AST 290 50 SURVEY OF ASIAN ART - AHD2
- AST 335 01 CHINA THRU FILM - AHD2
- AST 340 02 SO. ASIAN REL & CULTURE - AHD2
- AST 390 02 JAPANESE POP CULTURE
- AST 390 04 TOPICS IN ASIAN ST-HUMANITIES
- AST 390 05 EASTERN MYSTICISM
- AST 390 07 YOKAI: JAPN GHOSTS MONSTERS
- AST 396 01 HISTORY OF INDIA
- AST 398 01 MODERN CHINA
- AST 495 50 SENIOR SEMINAR - CUE
- AST 500 01 TOPICS AST & HUMANITIES
- AST 501 50 US-CHINA RELATIONS
- AST 531 01 MEETING OF EAST & WEST IN ARCH



(3) Asian Studies Courses to be offered in the Spring of 2025

AST Courses in Spring 2025:

- AST 310 01 INTRO ASIAN STUDIES - SBD2
- AST 316 01 GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTH ASIA
- AST 317 01 CONTEMPORARY CHINESE SOCIETY
- AST 330 01 20C CHINESE ARTS/ARC - AHD2
- AST 337 01 EAST. ASIA LANDSCAPE ART
- AST 343 02 EAST ASIAN REL & CULTURE-AHD2
- AST 351 01 CHINESE LIT IN TRANSLAT I -AHD
- AST 366 01 POLITICS OF EAST ASIA - SBD2
- AST 390 01 BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES
- AST 390 03 CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE CULT
- AST 390 04 LIVING IN JAPAN
- AST 390 05 BUSHI JAPANESE WARRIOR MEDIA
- AST 390 06 CHINESE POPULAR CULTURE
- AST 390 50 JAPANESE CULTURE THRH FILM
- AST 391 02 JAPANESE FAMILIES
- AST 391 50 TOPICS IN ASIAN ST- SOCIAL SC
- AST 396 01 HISTORY OF INDIA
- AST 397 01 TRADITIONAL CHINA
- AST 399 01 MODERN JAPAN



(4) A More Comprehensive List of AST Courses Can be Found at the university catalog: <https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/courses/ast/>



AST Research Publications:

(1) Three book series

In the last decade, AST has been editing three book series and a total of 56 titles have been published (AST Professor Shiping Hua who teaches East Asian politics is the editor):

- “**Comparative Asian Politics,**” with **Routledge** :
<https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Studies-on-Comparative-Asian-Politics/book-series/RSCAP>
- “**Asia in the New Millennium,**” with **University Press of Kentucky**:
<https://www.kentuckypress.com/search-results/?series=asia-in-the-new-millennium>
- “**Contemporary World’s Classics: Political Science Series,**” with **Renmin University of China Press**: (translations, 2009-2022).

(2) An Academic Journal

AST edits *American Review of China Studies*, an academic journal in publication for over two decades: The chief editor is AST Professor Yuxin Ma who teaches East Asian history. She is the author of *Colonial Tactics and Everyday Life: Film Workers at Manchuria Film Association* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2023), and *Women Journalism and Feminism in China, 1898-1937* (Cambria Press, 2010).

<https://americanreviewofchinastudies.wordpress.com/>



AST Professor Yuxin Ma

Evaluations from the Administrators:

- According to UofL’s Office of Academic Planning & Accountability (OAPA), AST Department Health Check’s score in 2022-23 is 12.3 (passing grade is 9.5).
- Asian Studies BA program passed the seven-year review by the Council of Post-secondary Education (CPE) of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2022.
- UofL’s Academic Program Review Committee (2022-04-19) finds: “It appears that the (Asian Studies) program is doing well overall ... Overall program enrollment exceeds original goals. *Asia in the New Millennium* book series has won a very impressive number of awards.”

Strategic Partners:

Center for Asian Democracy (CAD) at UofL. The Director David Buckley is specialized in the politics of Southeast Asia. His most recent book is *Faithful to Secularism: The Religious Politics of Democracy in Ireland, Senegal and the Philippines* by Columbia University Press 2017.
<https://louisville.edu/asiandemocracy>



David Buckley, PhD
Director, Center for Asian
Democracy



**AST professor Andrew
Zhao**

Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Island for Faculty and Staff at the University of Louisville (AAPiFSA). The organization's President is AST professor Andrew Zhao who teaches East Asian anthropology. His publications include *The Chinese Fashion Industry: An Ethnographic Approach* published by Bloomsbury in 2013.
<https://louisville.edu/aapifsa>

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