Recent Successes

Honors Seminar: Motion Pictures and Motion in Pictures
This year’s High School Honors Seminar, held on April 22, was a great success! The topic was Motion Pictures and Motion in Pictures. We had over 40 teachers and students from Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and Franklin, Indiana participate. In the first session, students learned about issues concerning contemporary Japanese film from Dr. Greg Waller. Graduate student Lori Hitchcock then took over and imparted her wisdom about martial arts in Cantonese and Mandarin cinema.

In the afternoon, students broke into two groups. One group learned tai chi from Brenna Dwyer and Brent Hatfield, both from IU’s own Tai Chi Club, who were kind enough to teach them some traditional tai chi techniques. The second group learned about Korean national identity from Yoonhee Chang, a graduate student in Ethnomusicology and Jinsob Choi, a graduate student in Education. The students had a wonderful time learning “Chindori Arirang,” a traditional Korean folksong. The students then switched groups so that each group had an opportunity to learn about both Chinese martial arts and Korean national identity. Overall, the students benefited greatly from the seminar, and it was a hit!

Globalizing East Asian Studies
On Monday, April 4, the East Asian Studies Center held a public workshop entitled “Globalizing East Asian Studies.” With two lunch presentations and two panels, the workshop focused on strategies and ideas for integrating discussion of China, Japan, and Korea into undergraduate classes and for placing the experiences of these countries into the broadest possible international context.

Guest presenters were Martin Lewis (Stanford University), Kären Wigen (Stanford University), Adam McKeown (Columbia University), and Rana Mitter (Oxford University). Presentations were also given by IU East Asianists Lynn Struve (History) and Anne Prescott (EASC). Heidi Ross (Education) and Rick Wilk (Anthropology) graciously served as moderators for the panels. Over thirty people were in attendance including East Asian faculty and staff, faculty from other area studies, and graduate and undergraduate students.

On Tuesday, April 5, a follow-up meeting for further discussion on integrating East Asia into the undergraduate curriculum was held for IU faculty members. The workshop concluded with a reception in the Faculty Room of the University Club. This workshop was generously funded by an Undergraduate Initiative grant from the Freeman Foundation.

Human Rights in Asia Symposium
On Friday, April 22, the Committee on Asian Security at Indiana University sponsored a symposium on “Human Rights in Asia.” Tom Malinowski from Human Rights Watch’s Washington, DC office gave the opening remarks. Panelists then discussed the overall status of human rights in China, Tibet, Korea, and Southeast Asia. Experts on a second panel examined how gender affects the enjoyment of human rights in China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, and India. Following the session, panelists and audience members had the opportunity to continue the debate on the importance of human rights over lunch. Audio files from the symposium are available at www.indiana.edu/~easc/security_issues/index.html.

Upcoming Events

NCTA Enrichment Event
Teachers who have participated in a National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) 30-hour seminar in the Midwest region and/or the Teaching East Asian Literature in the High School summer workshop are invited to attend a summer enrichment event held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, July 11-13.

Dr. Anne Prescott will teach Arts Across the Curriculum, which will set the theme for the week. Sessions will include calligraphy, manga and anime, tai chi and finally, images of Japan. Other sessions are tailored for participant discussion and curriculum strategies. A concert of East Asian music is also scheduled. The workshop ends with our final speaker, Ji-li Jiang, author of Red Scaf Girl. The workshop is currently full, but names are being accepted for the waitlist.

Annual Summer Workshops
Check out our website at www.indiana.edu/~easc for current information about upcoming events, such as Teaching East Asian Literature in the High School summer workshop (July 17-23), and Teaching East Asian Music in the Elementary Classroom summer workshop (July 24-27).

Language and Culture Programs
EASC is pleased to announce our Summer Language and Culture Programs on China and Japan. Fun and interactive, these special two-week courses offer the faculty and staff at Indiana University, Bloomington the opportunity to learn about the cultures of these pivotal East Asian countries and to acquire some basic language skills in Chinese and Japanese in a low-pressure, hands-on environment. The courses are free and all resources will be provided. For further information visit our website.

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**Saying Good-bye!**

The East Asian Studies Center is saying a fond farewell to our Associate Director, Jacques Fuqua, who has accepted a position as Director of International Engagement and Protocol at the University of Illinois. In his five-year association with EASC, Jacques has led the Center in a number of exciting new ventures involving teachers and the study of East Asia. His leadership and vision will be missed, but we wish him all the best in his new position.

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**Classroom Connection: The United States, East Asia, and Oil**

In recent months, China became the world’s second leading consumer of petroleum (6 million barrels per day), surpassing Japan (5.6 million barrels per day), but still well behind the world’s largest oil user, the United States (20.4 million barrels per day).\(^1\) Also, recent news reports attribute increasing U.S. gasoline prices to the growing demand for petroleum by other nations, specifically China and India.\(^2\) China’s consumption of oil has dramatically increased in recent years. Until 1993, China was an exporter of petroleum but today it imports about 35 percent of its oil.\(^3\) While China is the world’s second leading consumer of oil, its current per capita petroleum use lags far behind that of most East Asian neighbors and certainly the United States (see the following graph). A report by the International Energy Agency predicted that by 2030, Chinese oil imports will equal current U.S. levels of oil importation.\(^4\) Japan and Korea import virtually all of their petroleum, chiefly from Middle Eastern sources.\(^5\) Growing East Asian economies will likely place upward pressure upon future world oil prices, as people worldwide compete for this finite natural resource.

Increasing U.S. gasoline prices at the pump are informative and relevant illustrations of connections between the lives of our students and the lives of many East Asians. Teachers might explore the economic and political consequences of China’s rapid industrialization and urbanization upon people throughout the world. Written by John Frank, Center Grove H.S., Greenwood, IN

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\(^3\) Country Analysis Briefs - China, July 1, 2004, (http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/china.html)


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![Graph: Per Capita Annual Petroleum Consumption (barrels)](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/china.html)