



Asian Studies Opportunities at Alabama

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Welcome back to UA! Asian Studies at UA provides a variety of opportunities to enable you to “Do More,” both while you are a student and after graduating. People who have studied Asia at UA have gone on to many successful endeavors, including playing rugby on a Chinese rugby team, doing graduate work in a number of fields (East Asian Studies, American Studies, Psychology, Education, among others), teaching English in various parts of Asia, working as a real estate agent in China, anchoring the local news in Pittsburgh, PA., and curating and developing educational programs at an art museum. Other career opportunities include using language skills and cultural knowledge in the US State Department, working in International Marketing or Business, and serving as a translator. The minor in Asian Studies prepares students for this range of opportunities by emphasizing student engagement with various aspects of Asian cultures through multiple departments at UA. Talk with the Director of Asian Studies, Steven Ramey (sramey@as.ua.edu), to learn more about the minor requirements.

Stay informed to Do More with Asian Studies:

Facebook group: Alabama Students Interested in Asia

Twitter feed: @AsianStudiesUA

Website: <http://www.as.ua.edu/asianstudies/>

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Sampling Asia Fair - Wednesday, September 7, 6:00pm

A free, interactive fair including Asian foods, Japanese drums, Chinese calligraphy, Anime, and more! Plus, you can meet others at UA who are interested in Asia and learn about opportunities to learn and get involved on campus. The event will be held in Woods Quad behind Manly Hall on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00pm.

Student Organizations related to Asia

A variety of student organizations at UA connect with different elements of Asian cultures. Several of them, including Nozomi Daiko, the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, Indian Association of Tuscaloosa, BAMA, Kamicon, and Sigma Lambda Gamma will have members at the Sampling Asia Fair. Sigma Lambda Gamma, a multicultural sorority at UA, has expressed particular interest in recruiting students interested in Asia. For more information, contact bamaslg.recruitment@gmail.com. Other student organizations are welcome to let students interested in Asia know about their activities through making announcements in this newsletter and participating in the Sampling Asia Fair.

Asian Studies Awards

The Asian Studies Program gives two awards each year at the College of Arts & Sciences Honors Day Convocation. The Asian Studies Research Award is open to all UA undergraduates who have conducted research related to Asia. Information about submission guidelines will come out later in the Fall 2011, so watch the website and the newsletter for more information. The deadline will not be before the end of the semester, so keep the award in mind as you work on your research projects this semester. The Outstanding Student Award is given each spring to an Asian Studies minor whose academic work in Asian Studies and potential for future success is outstanding. Faculty nominate students for this award, so no application or submission by the student is necessary. However, you must be an Asian Studies minor to be eligible, so sign up for the minor soon.

Vietnamese Art Exhibition and Speaker Series

In October and November, UA will host a Vietnamese art exhibition entitled 'Stories of Daily Life from Vietnam Through Visual and Material Culture', 1965-2011' and the speaker series on 'Daily Life and Alternative Histories: Using Visual and Material Culture for Telling Stories of the Past' in Gorgas Library's foyer and room 205. The exhibit will begin on October 17 and feature speakers Nora Taylor, Alsdorf Professor of South and Southeast Asian Art, School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Rebecca Hill, Associate Professor and MA Program Director, American Studies, Kennesaw State University. Watch for more details in the October newsletter.

Tibetan Buddhism Scholar

Kurtis Schaeffer, an expert on Tibetan Buddhism at the University of Virginia, who also contributed to both the Asian Studies Program and the Department of Religious Studies when he was a professor at UA, will be giving a public lecture in October at UA. Watch for more details about the lecture and other opportunities to engage with scholars of Buddhism.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE UA

Study Abroad Scholarships for Asia

If you are interested in studying in Asia, check out the numerous scholarship awards available to students planning to study abroad in Asia. We will post more information about some of these in future newsletters. You can also contact Deidre Vanzandt in Capstone International Center (dmvanzandt@ua.edu). Keep updated on the deadlines and requirements for each:

- Freeman Asia <http://www.iie.org/en/programs/freeman---asia>
- Asia Learn Program Scholarships
http://www.asialearn.org/programs/semester_or_year_abroad/fees_and_finances/scholarships/asialearn_scholarships/
- Gilman International Scholarship (for students receiving a Pell Grant)
<http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman---Scholarship---Program/About---the---Program>
- Boren Scholarship (Dr. Fran Oneal serves as the representative for the Boren.
foneal@ua.edu or 348---5554) http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship
- Chinese Government Scholarships
<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/4acd2f2e7d2d454ab1af1233ad4fc7b5.shtml>
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship
<http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/educationalprograms/ambassadorialscholarships/pages/howtoapply.aspx>
- Scholarship Program of Taiwan
<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=6798&CtNode=10632&mp=1>
- JET Program (for graduates wanting to teach in Japan)
<http://www.jetprogramme.org/e/aspiring/index.html>

Chinese Film Festival

The **Alabama Asian Cultures Foundation** is pleased to announce its presentation of a year-long Chinese film series. The series will begin on **Sunday, September 18, 2011** with the movie *Shaolin Soccer* a martial arts/action comedy from 2002. With the exception of December, 2011, the foundation will present a different film *every second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon in the Auditorium of the Vestavia Hills Library in The Forest, 1221 Montgomery Highway* (across from the Vestavia Civic Center swimming pool and ballpark) through November, 2012. Some of the films will be in Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles and some will be in English with Chinese subtitles. At least one will be in Cantonese Chinese with English subtitles. Watch the announcements for each for information about the film. Information will be posted on the Foundation website: www.AlabamaAsianCultures.org and the Foundation's Facebook page, www.facebook.org/asiancultures.



The Asian Studies Program at UA produces this newsletter to highlight events and opportunities at UA and in the area. If you have questions about the newsletter or opportunities that you want included in a future edition, contact Steven Ramey, Director of Asian Studies, at sramey@as.ua.edu. For more information, you can also visit <http://www.as.ua.edu/asianstudies>. To add a name or remove yourself from the mailing list, email asianstudies@as.ua.edu.