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E. Taylor Atkins, Japanese music historian, in conversation with Peter Schmelz, Assistant Professor of Musicology, after Atkins' lecture on jazz in Japan, February 10.

Photo by Asian Studies

October 20-23, 2005

Scholarly Conference to Accompany *The Wall* Art Exhibition

The Asian Studies Program, the Departments of History and Art History, the UB Art Galleries, and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery will co-host in fall 2005 an international, interdisciplinary conference on "The Roles and Representations of Walls in the Reshaping of Chinese Modernity." The Conference will be held on October 20-23 to coincide with the opening in Buffalo of a major exhibition of contemporary Chinese art entitled "The Wall: Reshaping Contemporary Chinese Art." The exhibition, the largest of its kind ever to be shown outside China, will include painting, performance art, installation art, and experimental films. Both

the Conference and the Exhibition will be held at the UB Art Galleries and at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Plenary sessions of the Conference, including two keynote addresses and the presentation of papers, will be open to the public free of charge.

During the last two decades, the People's Republic of China has pursued a policy of "opening to the world." The island of Taiwan enjoys contact with the mainland, and both Chinese homelands have strengthened their ties with Chinese living around the world.

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March 4 and March 25

Asia at Noon Addresses Chinese Law, and Chinese Bicycles!

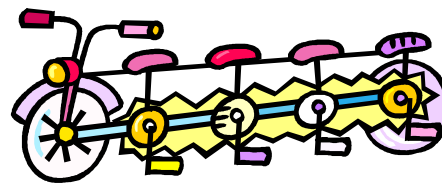
Asia at Noon is a series of brown-bag lunch gatherings where Asian topics are presented and discussed. In March, two sessions will address China issues:

On Friday, March 4, Asian Studies will join with the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy to present Assistant Professor **Ethan Michelson** of the Departments of Sociology and East Asian Languages and Cultures of Indiana University. He will speak on *Global Institutions, Indigenous Meaning: Lessons for Chinese Law for the New Institutionalism*. The paper is posted at <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/pdfs/MichelsonPaper.pdf>. Michelson's research explores many practical aspects of Chinese law and legal practice today. His book, *Dear Lawyer Bao: Ten Years of Legal Advice for Everyday Trouble in China, 1989-1998*, is forthcoming from the University of California Press. Professor Roger Des Forges of the Department of History will give comment. The session begins at 12:30 in O'Brian 545. (Note that this Asia at Noon will convene at a new time and place.) A buffet luncheon is available from 12:00, and may be reserved at 645-2102; baldyctr@buffalo.edu.

Any visitor to China comments on throngs of cyclists on city streets. Chinese designed and manufactured bicy-

cles now dominate world markets. On Friday, March 25, Professor Emeritus **Edward R. Rhoads** of the Department of History of the University of Texas will speak on *Cycles of Cathay: A History of the Bicycle in China*. Professor Rhoads' is the author of two monographs, *Manchus and Han: Ethnic Relations and Political Power in Late Qing and Early Republican China, 1861-1928* (2000); *China's Republican Revolution: the Case of Kwangtung, 1895-1913* (1975); and an annotated bibliography, *The Chinese Red Army, 1927-1963* (1964). He has also published several articles on the Chinese in Texas and the United States. Besides his current research on wheels and pedals, Dr. Rhoads is looking at the Chinese Education Mission to the US in the 1870s. The convener of this session will be Dr. Lee Dryden, Director of Social Sciences Interdisciplinary. 12:00 to 1:00 in Park 280.

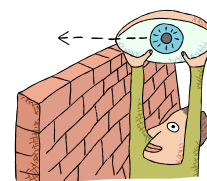
Mark your calendar for subsequent Asia at Noon events, April 8 and April 15.



Cont. from p. 1 The WALL At the same time, many Chinese have shown renewed interest in walls as significant material constructs, as developmental technologies, and as cultural metaphors in the evolution of Chinese civilization. The Conference will bring together some two dozen scholars to explore both the temporal and the spatial contexts of the renewed interest in walls manifested in the Exhibition. It will evaluate various ways of conceptualizing and periodizing Chinese history and the history of Chinese art, taking careful account of the rich and complex interactions between Chinese aesthetic trends and those of the rest of the world. The Confer-

ence will result in a published proceedings and in a book, and the Exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue.

For further information, please contact Professors Thomas Burkman, Minglu Gao, or Roger Des Forges or link to the conference website from <http://cas.buffalo.edu/depts/asianstudies/>



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Conferences and Opportunities

Bridging Scholarships, Fall 2005

The US-Japan Bridging Foundation was formed in 1998 to provide scholarships through the Association of Teachers of Japanese (ATJ) to assist students to study in Japan. Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. The deadline for applications is **April 5, 2005**. The next application deadline, for students studying in Japan beginning in Spring 2006, will be **October 4, 2005**. For more information: <http://www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html>

Korean Grant Program

The Korea Foundation and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation invite applications for research grants on East Asia, including Korea. Research must include, but not limited to, holdings of the George Bush Presidential Library. The program awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$2500. The deadline for spring awards is **February 15** and for fall awards, **September 15**. Applications are available online at <http://www.bushschool.tamu.edu/>

NYCAS 2005 Call for Papers

The theme for NYCAS 2005 is *Facing Asia*. Scholars are welcome to submit proposals for papers, panels, or

roundtables on this theme, or on any topic having to do with East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Asian Studies, or Asian-American Studies. Submission deadline is **April 1**.

The Annual Meeting of New York Conference on Asian Studies will be held September 30-October 1, 2005, at SUNY New Paltz. For details, go to <http://www.newpaltz.edu/nycas05/>

CIEE International Faculty Seminars

Hosted by prominent academic institutions abroad, CIEE Faculty Seminars are short-term, intensive educational experiences designed to challenge preconceptions and open eyes to global issues shaping the world today. Each program features lectures, site visits, and discussions with overseas academics and specialists from public and private sector institutions. In 2005, CIEE Asia-related seminars include:

- June 5-17, "China's Southwest—Culture, Society, and Environment."
- July 1-15, "The Interplay of Geography, History, and Culture in Event and Experience."
- July 4-14, "Tradition and Transformation in Vietnam."

The application deadline for all seminars is **April 1, 2005**. For more information, go to <http://www.ciee.org/IFDS/seminars.aspx>

Des Forges and Fang to Present at Baldy Center Symposium

Fang Qiang is completing a dissertation in the Department of History, titled "A Hot Potato: Complaint Systems in Twentieth Century China." Fang and his principal advisor, Professor Roger Des Forges, have jointly authored an essay, "Were Chinese Rulers Above the Law? Toward a Theory of the Rule of Law in China from Early Times to 1949 CE." They will discuss their paper at a Baldy Center work-in-progress session, Thursday, March 10, 2:00-3:30 in 545 O'Brian.

Asian Faculty Awarded a Grant

Associate Professor Junhao Hong in the Communication Department has recently been awarded a grant from the Boso-Bunka Foundation in Japan for a research project, "Japanese TV Programming in China and Chinese Viewers' Perception of Japan." The amount of the grant is \$10,500.

Ashwill Publishes Work on Vietnam

Dr. Mark A. Ashwill's book *Vietnam Today: A Guide to a Nation at a Crossroads* (with Thai Ngoc Diep) was recently published by Intercultural Press. Research included on-site interviews and surveys of Vietnamese professionals in many fields. The book is available from the publisher (www.interculturalpress.com), at the UB Bookstore, Talking Leaves Bookstore, Barnes & Noble and online at Amazon.com.

Dr. Ashwill is director of the World Languages Program (Department of Linguistics), Fulbright Program Adviser and adjunct instructor in the General Education Program. He is the founding executive director of the U.S.-Indochina Educational Foundation, Inc. (USIEF: www.usief.org).



Asian Studies Calendar

March

- Mar. 4, 12:30. Asia at Noon. "Global Institutions, Indigenous Meaning, Lessons for Chinese Law for the New Institutionalism." Prof. **Ethan Michelson**, Dept. of Sociology, Indiana University. Luncheon from 12:00, reserve at 645-2102; baldyctr@buffalo.edu. O'Brian 545. (Co-sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy)
- Mar. 10, 2:00-3:30. Prof. **Roger Des Forges & Fang Qiang**. On recently submitted article: "Were Chinese Rulers Above the Law: Toward a Theory of the Rule of Law in China from Early Times to 1949." O'Brian 545.
- Mar. 25, 12:00-1:00. Asia at Noon. "Cycles of Cathay: A History of the Bicycle in China." Prof. **Edward R. Rhoads**, Dept. of History, University of Texas. Park 280.
- Mar. 29, 12:00. **Dr. Guofang Li**, Dept. of Learning and Instruction. Presented by Asian American Model Minority Myth Research Group. Place and Topic: TBA.
- Mar. 31 to Apr. 3, Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Hyatt Regency, Chicago. www.aasianst.org

April

- Apr. 3, 5 pm. "China Night '05." Ticket: \$10 in advance,

\$12 at doors. Presented by The Chinese Student Association. CFA Mainstage.

- Apr. 8, 12:00-1:00. Asia at Noon. "Co-Authored a Junior-High Textbook: The World of Asia to 1500 C.E." Prof. **Roger Des Forges**, Dept. of History. Park 280. (Co-sponsored by the Asian American Model Minority Myth Research Group)

- Apr. 15, 12:00-1:00. Asia at Noon. "The Life Story of the Cemberlitas Hamam, Istanbul: From Bath to Tourist Attraction." Prof. **Nina Cichocki**, Dept. of Art History. Park 280.

- Apr. 20, 8 pm. "The National Acrobats of Taiwan, R. O.C." Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Children (12 & Under). CFA.

June

- Jun. 9 to 11. Conference: "Locating Law in Buddhist Societies." At UB. (Sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law and Society)



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