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New Asian Studies Initiatives Launched This Fall



Dear friends,

The Asian Studies Program is set for a very busy and exciting academic year, and we hope to see you at many of our events. Tom Burkman, who has continued his excellent service to the Program by advising all of our majors and minors, will be on leave in the fall pursuing his own research while a visiting fellow at the University of Notre Dame. We are pleased to welcome Mark Nathan as interim director of undergraduate studies. You can learn more about Mark below

Assistant Director Bruce Acker and I will be working this fall to implement a project to strengthen South Asian Studies at UB, funded by a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. More details on that effort will be shared in the October newsletter. We are also making plans to establish a Confucius Institute at UB. The Program itself is undergoing a periodic review, and we look forward to hosting two distinguished external reviewers in mid-September. Professors Frank Conlon of the University of Washington and Michael Lewis of Michigan State University are well-known scholars and Asian Studies administrators, and we expect to benefit greatly from their advice.

As you will see from the calendar in this newsletter, we have a rich array of upcoming events, including our famous annual picnic on September 12 and a stimulating Asia at Noon schedule. Please join us! - Kristin Stapleton, Director

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Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies

Mark Nathan

The Asian Studies Program welcomes Mark Nathan as the Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies. He will be taking over Tom Burkman's advising responsibilities while Dr. Burkman is conducting research as a visiting fellow at Notre Dame this fall. Students who have any questions regarding major and minor requirements are encouraged to meet with Mark for guidance. He will be using Dr. Burkman's office in 715 Clemens for the semester. He can also be contacted by e-mail at mnathan@buffalo.edu or by phone (716) 645-0757. Office hours are MWF from 2:00-3:00 pm or by appointment.

Chinese Student Hosting Opportunities Available

The Nacel Open Door program is looking for several more hosts for male high school students from China. The boys will be in the United States for 10 months and must attend high school. The host family provides a bed and meals. The students pay for all of their other needs (healthcare items, entertainment, etc.). Homestay hosts have the support of a local coordinator and the national office. For more information about Nacel Open Door, visit <http://www.nacelopendoor.org>. If you are interested in hosting, please contact: Pat Clark, New York State Coordinator, Nacel Open Door at (716) 627-7081 or (716) 308-4135 (cell). E-mail: Pclark515776464@aol.com.

AAS NEAC FALL GRANT FOR KOREA AND JAPAN

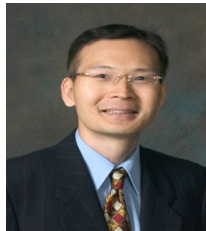
The Association for Asian Studies has announced its deadline for the fall round of grants for Korean and Japanese Studies. Applications must be received in Ann Harbor by October 1, 2009. We hope UB faculty and graduate students can take advantage of the Japan and Korea grant opportunities available from the Northeast Asia Council of the association. These include grants for research travel to sites in the U.S., Japan, or Korea; small conferences; projects that enhance teaching; instructional materials; and more. Please examine categories and some eligibility by following the AAS website link below. The application form and specific information on each grant category is available on the NEAC/AAS website: <http://www.asian-studies.org/grants/main.htm#NEAC-Japan>. If you have any questions, please contact Edward J. Shultz, Interim Dean, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Tel. 808-956-8818, Email: Shultz@Hawaii.edu

ASIAN STUDIES WELCOMES NEW FACULTY TO UB

The Asian Studies Program is pleased to welcome new Asianist faculty to Buffalo this fall.

Dr. Janet Z. Yang was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Communication at UB. She holds a B.A. from Fudan University, an M.A. from Marquette University, and a Ph.D. from Cornell. Dr. Yang's research centers on the communication of risk information related to science, health, and environmental issues. She is particularly interested in exploring how cognitive and affective evaluations of risk influence individuals' decision-making. She currently teaches classes at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Dr. Sahn-Wook Huh is an Assistant Professor of Finance in the UB School of Management. Before and after his MBA studies at the University of Chicago, he worked for several years in the private and government sectors as a research manager at an investment trust company, fund manager of an equity fund, manager of international investments at a merchant bank, and assistant counselor to the Minister of Finance in Korea.



Dr. Sahn-Wook Huh

Dr. Huh later attended Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA, where he obtained his Ph.D. in Management in June 2004. He taught for five years at Brock University in Canada. Professor Huh's research interests include empirical corporate finance, asset pricing, market microstructure, foreign exchange economics, and behavioral finance. His research articles have appeared in top-tier finance journals; including two articles in *The Review of Financial Studies* and another in the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*. Two of his articles won Best Paper Awards at the 2005 Financial Management Association Meetings held in Chicago and the 2009 Administrative Sciences Association of Canada Conference held in Niagara Falls.

Wentong Zheng joins the UB Law faculty this fall as a visiting associate professor. He earned his bachelor's and master's de-

grees in economics from Renmin University of China, and later earned his doctorate in economics in 2005 from Stanford University.

Zheng's major interest is in studying international trade law from an economic perspective. Specifically, he has been looking at the use of the market as a benchmark for the law, as in takings law that requires government to pay fair market value for property acquired through eminent domain.

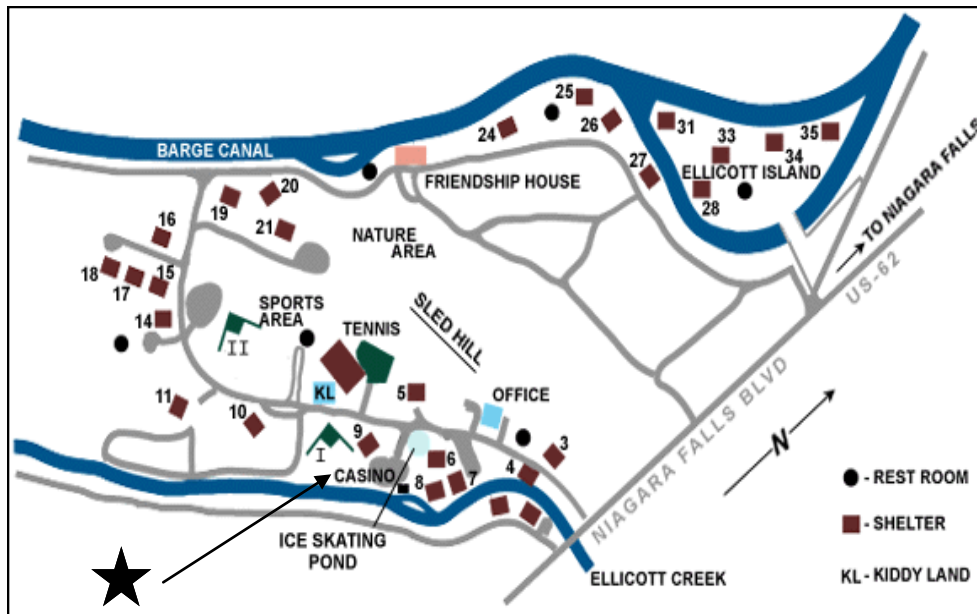


Wentong Zheng

He also is doing work in comparative law, comparing, for example the Chinese and U.S. anti-trust laws through the lens of political and social factors affecting their development, rather than using a traditional economics-only approach. While at UB, Zheng hopes to build contacts in the School of Management, the Department of Economics and the Asian Studies Program.

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM ANNUAL PICNIC

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT ELLICOTT CREEK
PARK CASINO, FROM 1:00—4:00 PM. PLEASE
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FOOD !**



Driving Directions

Driving directions to Ellicott Creek Park from Flint Rd Buffalo, NY (UB, North Campus)

1. Head southwest on Flint Rd toward Service Center Rd 0.4 mi
2. Turn right at Millersport Hwy/NY-263 0.1 mi
3. Take the ramp onto I-290 W 1.8 mi
4. Take exit 3 for Niagara Falls Blvd/US-62 0.3 mi
5. Turn right at Niagara Falls Blvd/US-62 (signs for Niagara Falls) 1.8 mi
6. Continue north on Niagara Falls Blvd
7. Pass Ellicott Creek Road
8. Make an immediate left on Ellicott Creek Park
9. The Casino is located on the left, behind the ice skating pond

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ASIAN STUDIES CALENDAR

- September 9, Wednesday 12:15 pm.** "Journey of Dreams," by Lin Xia Jiang, Professor of Fine Arts, Buffalo State College and Justin Dahl, Student, Graduate School of Fine Arts, Radford University. Unveiling and Reception held at Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center, Grupp Fireside Lounge, Canisius College, Hughes Avenue, Buffalo, New York. Event is free and open to the public
- September 11, Friday 12:00 pm.** "The Tet Festival: Communities of Practice and Citizenship among Vietnamese Americans," by Deborah Reed Danahey, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University at Buffalo. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series
- September 12, Saturday 1:00-4:00 pm.** Asian Studies Program Picnic, Ellicott Creek Park Casino
- September 23, Wednesday 1:00-3:40 pm.** Colonialism & Modernity in South Asia (History 550), guest speaker Anne Hardgrove, Associate Professor of History, University of Texas, San Antonio. 532 Park Hall. Event is hosted by Professor Ramya Sreenivasan
- September 25, Friday 12:00 pm.** "The Marwari Women of Calcutta," by Anne Hardgrove, Associate Professor of History, University of Texas, San Antonio. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series
- September 27, Sunday 7:30 pm.** Rhythm of Rajasthan, music and dance performance. Main Stage Theater, Center for the Arts
- September 30, Wednesday 12:00-1:30 pm.** "The Japanese Deviation in Colonial Korea: Revisiting Customary Law in a Comparative Context," by Marie Seong-Hak Kim (St. Cloud State University, History Dept.). Hosted by The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and Asian Law Working Group. Conference Room/Seminar Room 509 O'Brian Hall
- October 9-10, Friday & Saturday.** New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS). Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- October 16, Friday 12:00 pm.** "Serving Users with Information in Different Languages," by Jianqiang Wang, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Studies, University at Buffalo. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series
- October 17, Saturday 8:30-1:00 pm.** University at Buffalo Fall Open House. Student Union Social Hall.
- October 30, Friday 12:00 pm.** "Empirical Investigation on Korean Immigrants to the U.S.," by Ji Young Park, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series
- November 13, Friday 12:00 pm.** "Islamic Finance: A Panacea to the current Global Financial Problems?" by Jeffrey Chow, Ph.D. Student, Department of Geography, University at Buffalo. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series
- November 20, Friday 12:00 pm.** "Sri Lanka: The Aftermath of The Civil War," by Ram Alagan, Visiting Professor, UB, Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 280 Park Hall. Asia@Noon Series



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