



## Yu to Compare Ancient Greek and Chinese Thought at Humanities Institute Faculty Fellow Lecture

On April 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Jiyuan Yu, Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, will present the Humanities Institute's Faculty Fellow Lecture entitled "Philosophy and Cultivation of Virtue: Greece and China". For both ancient Greek philosophy and Chinese philosophy, the ultimate goal of the quest for philosophical wisdom is not just the achievement of abstract knowledge, but for one to live and to transform oneself. This is different from the prevailing modern university conception of philosophy according to which philosophy is mainly a theoretical discipline to address a set of problems or a set of doctrines and philosophical reflection is peripheral to life, even when it comes to those who practice it. Yu's project investigates and compares how Greek and Chinese philosophers conceive of the idea that philosophy is an art of living, how this goal of philosophy determines its style, how many general of ways of living there are, and how such an idea can be carried out in human life. This is to keep alive the ancient conception of philosophy as an art of living, and also to reveal some fundamental features of these two ancient philosophical traditions. The project is a sequel to his *The Ethics of Confucius and Aristotle: Mirrors of Virtue* (Routledge, March 2007).



Jiyuan Yu was educated in China at both Shandong University and Renmin University, in Italy at Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, and in Canada at the University of Guelph. After a three year post as a research fellow at the University of Oxford in England from 1994 to 1997, he joined the Department of Philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 2002, he received the University's Exceptional Scholar (Young Investigator) Award, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences' Excellence in Teaching Award. Yu was a Fellow at the National Humanities Center during the 2003-4 school year.

Yu's primary areas of research and teaching are Ancient Greek Philosophy and Ancient Chinese Philosophy. At UB he offers graduate seminars and supervises doctoral students in both of these areas. He has served and continues to serve on the Editorial Boards of *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2002-2005), *World Philosophy* (2000-present), *Frontiers in Philosophy* (2006-present), the Chinese translation of the *Complete Works of Aristotle* (1988-1998), and the book series on Chinese and Comparative Philosophy (New York: Global Publications). Yu also served as a guest editor for *the Journal of Chinese Philosophy*. He is a member of the American Committee of the Philosophy Summer School.

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## *International Club Events Spotlight*

Every year UB's International Clubs provide a variety of cultural events for UB's students and the surrounding community. Below are just a few of the events that the clubs will be hosting this semester.

### *International Fiesta 2008*

Friday, February 29, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. 215 Student Union and CFA Main Stage.

The theme of the 2008 International Fiesta is Culture Shock and the event promises to be exciting. Each year the Student Association International council hosts this unique and thrilling multicultural evening with three different events, including a dinner, a dance competition and an after-party. The night kicks off with dinner 4:00 pm in 215 Student Union. Ten different international clubs will provide catered food representative of their cultures in an all-you-can-eat buffet. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

The dance competition will begin at 7:00 pm at the Center for the Arts Main Stage. This year there will be two exhibition performances and eight competitive acts from groups such as the Filipino American SA, the Latin-American SA, the Indian SA, the Korean SA, the Japanese SA, the Organization of Arab Students, the African SA, and the Chinese SA. The winners of this competition will receive cash prizes of \$1500 for first place, \$1000 for second place, and \$500 for third place. Tickets are free to UB undergraduates at 350 SU.

After the main event, the performers and audience are invited to the Town Ballroom for "Voltage," the official after party, where music will include both popular and international songs beginning at 10 pm. Admission to the downtown club will be \$10 at the door with a valid ID.

### *Japan Nite*

April, Exact Date and Time to be Announced

Every year since 2004, the Japanese Student Association has held Japan Nite, a celebration of Japanese culture featuring sketches, exhibitions and dances. In the past the Japanese Student Association has called on other UB clubs, such as UB Kendo, and local organizations, such as the Buffalo Nihongo Club, to help with this event. Tickets will be available in advance and sold at the door.

### *Asian Bazaar*

Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Asian Bazaar. Student Union.

Presented by UB's Intercultural and Diversity Center, along with International student clubs, fraternities, sororities, and organizations from across campus, the Asian Bazaar is a two-hour-long celebration of Asian cultures. On April 16, the Student Union will host a variety of informational tables, samples of Asia cuisine provided by local restaurants, and tables where visitors can try their hand at crafts, calligraphy, or henna. In addition, Asian music will be playing and several clubs will provide entertainment. In previous years, this entertainment has included dances performed by the Korean Folk Art Club, the Filipino American Student Association, the Tibetan Student Association and the Japanese Student Association. The Asian Bazaar is part of a series of four celebrations put on by the Intercultural and Diversity Center.

### *Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan*

The US-Japan Bridging Foundation was formed in 1998 to provide scholarships through the Association of Teachers of Japanese to assist students to study in Japan. The ATJ Bridging Project is accepting applications from American students participating in semester- or year-long study-abroad programs in Japan in Fall 2008. Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations has made it possible for the Foundation to award 50 scholarships to assist students with the travel and living expense they will incur while studying abroad in Japan. Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and be enrolled as undergraduates in a college or university in the U.S. Recipients of Bridging Scholarships will receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students of semester-long programs) or \$4,000 (for students on academic-year programs). The deadline for applications is April 7, 2000 for students who will be studying in Japan in Fall 2008. For more information, see [www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html](http://www.colorado.edu/ealc/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html).

## Upcoming Special Events

•April 15, Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. "Explosive Beats: Japanese Taiko Drumming." CFA Mainstage. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and children. A limited number of free tickets will be available to UB students at the Student Union ticket office, details to be announced.

Taiko are Japanese drums that can range in size from 12 inches to over 6 feet in diameter. Taiko performances can range from one person playing one drum to large ensembles with multiple drums. Often seen at festivals and concerts in Japan, this style of music has been growing in popularity in America as well.

•April 17, Thursday, 7:00 pm. China Town Hall. "The China Issue in the 2008 Presidential and Congressional Campaigns." Norman J. Ornstein, Resident Scholar at

American Enterprise Institute. Also, local speaker to be announced. 215 Natural Sciences Building.

The program will open with a webcast from Washington, DC, featuring noted political analyst Norm Ornstein discussing how China will figure as an issue in the 2008 presidential and Congressional elections. National Committee on US-China Relations president Steve Orlins will moderate this 45-minute portion of the program, comprised of a 15-minute talk and a half hour for Mr. Ornstein to respond to questions emailed in from audience members throughout the country.

Following this national portion of the program, each venue will have an on-site specialist provided by the National Committee who will address a China-related topic of particular interest to the local community.

## 2008 New York Conference on Asian Studies Call for Papers

The next annual meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies will be held at Hamilton College, September 26-27, 2008.

As hosts of the 2008 NYCAS, the Asian Studies Program at Hamilton College invites panel and paper proposals to explore the theme of "Cultural Connections, Convergences, and Collisions Past and Present" along with any other aspects of East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Central Asian, West Asian, Asian American, and Asian diasporic studies.

Scholars based in New York as well as other states and countries are welcome to participate. Graduate students are especially encouraged to submit proposals. Proposals should be submitted by May 1, 2008 to 08NYCAS@hamilton.edu. Visit <http://www.hamilton.edu/NYCAS/> for more information.

*The Asian Studies Program will pay the conference registration fee for any UB graduate student who presents a paper at NYCAS. Send a copy of your paper proposal and acceptance notification to Liz Felmet.*

## Asian Studies Program Seeks Assistant Director

The University at Buffalo Asian Studies Program announces a search for an Assistant Director to work with the faculty Director and interdisciplinary Advisory Council. Responsibilities will include identifying grant opportunities and helping draft grant proposals to support the Program and its outreach activities, organizing events and conferences, communicating with core constituencies, representing the Program at regional meetings, working with local schools on outreach projects, and assisting with the routine work of the Program. Applicants must apply on-line at <https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/> [Posting #0800076]. The application deadline is March 10, 2008.

More information about the Asian Studies Program and Assistant Director position may be found on the department website. Questions about the position may be addressed to Kristin Stapleton, Director of Asian Studies. The Research Foundation of SUNY is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## Asian Studies Calendar

### March

▪March 8, Saturday, 6:00 pm. American Association of University Women's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Women's Day Celebration and Discussion. Geeta Desai, an organizational development consultant and women's advocate, will speak on "Modern India: Sacred Cows and High Tech Business." Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence. Tickets for dinner and the talk cost \$35. For more information, contact JWeide7170@aol.com.

▪March 20, Thursday, 7:00 pm. "Amu", directed by Shonali Bose. Market Arcade Film & Arts Centre at 639 Main Street. Tickets are \$8.50 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors.

▪March 24, Monday, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Professor Bill Tsutsui, University of Kansas. "War and the Environment: The Case of Japan during World War II." Park 280.

▪March 29, Saturday, 8:00 pm. HT Chen and Dancers. Center for the Arts Main Stage. \$18 for general admission, \$10 students.

### April

▪April 4, Friday, 12:00 pm. *Asia at Noon*. Geoffrey Shugen Arnold, Sensei, Vice Abbot of Zen Mountain Monastery. "Buddhist Compassion in a Troubled World." Park 280.

▪April 11, Friday, 12:00 pm. *Asia at Noon*. Zhao Ma, Asst. Professor of Chinese & East Asian History at SUNY

Fredonia. "Transgressing the Boundaries: The Story of a Female Abductor in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing." Park 280.

▪April 15, Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Asian Studies Senior Research Symposium. Clemens 830.

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▪April 25, Friday, 12:00 pm. *Asia at Noon*. Heather Fried, Graduate Student in Anthropology. "Takers Anyone?: Tu Thangka and the Tibetanizing Effects of Tourism in Tongren County, China." Park 280.



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