

## This Month in Mongolian Studies – October 2013

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### ACMS Sponsored Programs and Events

#### Symposium on Protecting and Sustaining Central Asian Cultural Heritage (US Office event, Room 206 Ingraham Hall, UW-Madison Campus)

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

This symposium will host several guests from the **Smithsonian Institution**, including: Drs. **William Fitzhugh**, Curator of Archaeology and Director, Arctic Studies Center, **Paula DePriest**, Deputy Director, Museum Conservation Institute, and from East Tennessee State University, Professor of Archaeology **Richard Kortum**.

Aspects of the symposium:

**William Fitzhugh:** "Zuni Gol and Mongolia's Deer Stones: World-Class Heritage At Risk"

**Richard Kortum:** "Rock Art of Far-Western Mongolia and Eastern Kazakhstan"

**Paula DePriest:** "Protecting Mongolia's Cultural Heritage through Documentation and Registry"

*Note: This panel will also be held earlier on Friday, as part of the CESS conference at the Pyle Center.*

#### The ACMS and Asia Foundation Partnership launch Gala (National Museum of Mongolia, Main Presentation Hall)

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

The Asia Foundation and The American Centre for Mongolian Studies will launch their Books for Asia program partnership at a gala event on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. During the partnership launch, Minister of Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ms. Ts. Oyungerel--one of the Foundation's earliest grantees and a distinguished author--spoke of the importance of the Books for Asia program for Mongolia, as well as ACMS' critical work to promote Mongolian studies and academic exchanges. Ms. [Suzanne E. Siskel](#), Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of The Asia Foundation, emphasized the power English-language books play in increasing people's access to information and expanding their opportunities across Asia.

Under the partnership, ACMS will manage Books for Asia's distribution program and connect the program to its newly established librarian training program. ACMS and The Foundation will also work together to further promote the use of English-language academic and non-academic books through special events and social media, and encourage the use of high-quality digital content such as open education resources

## Speaker Series

### **October 26<sup>th</sup> Dr. Chris Westkamp – “Sedentary Lifestyles and Health Risks in Mongolia”**

Dr. Westkamp is a Physiologist currently at the Mongolia University of Health Sciences as a Fulbright Scholar and researcher and will be discussing his preliminary findings and ideas regarding activity related lifestyle risks in Mongolia.

### **October 17<sup>th</sup> Scholar's Corner –**

The Scholars Corner is an informal gathering aimed at providing an opportunity for visiting academics, resident scholars and interested individuals to meet, discuss their research and exchange ideas. The gatherings will be held on the last Thursday of each month, with additional gatherings scheduled around noteworthy events or visits.

## **New Books in the [ACMS Library](#)**

## **Call for Papers, Conferences, Workshops, and other Academic Programs**

Call for Papers: **“Non-Han Chinese diasporic communities beyond China,” 4-5 April 2014, The Australian National University, Canberra.** The organisers of this conference invite applications to present papers which explore a rarely examined aspect of the Chinese diaspora: the non-Han Chinese living and working outside China. The conference will address the identity, migration history and

contemporary status of these people and communities, as well as implications of their situations both for China (the state and their original communities) and for the countries in which they have settled. Non-Han Chinese in the Chinese diaspora number in the millions but these migrants have received virtually no scholarly attention. This conference will thus enrich our understanding of Chinese diasporas and will fundamentally challenge the common view that "Chinese diaspora" is to be understood solely in terms of interaction between (Han) Chinese and non-Chinese cultures. Two major groups will be focused on during the conference: First, the northern and western ethnic minorities -- including the Mongols, Manchu, Tibetans, Koreans and Uighur who have generally migrated beyond China in recent decades. Second, the diasporas from the mountainous southwestern regions of China, with groups like the Hmong, Zhuang, Yao, Tai and Akha, who interact with brethren in Southeast Asia and have long migration histories. These two categories problematize the image of a single, discrete and patriotic diasporic Chineseness and also pose challenges to the countries in which these people have settled. Their stories have yet to be told. Paper proposals including a 300-word abstract and a one-page CV of the proposer should be submitted to [u4892384@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4892384@anu.edu.au) <mailto:[u4892384@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4892384@anu.edu.au)> by **30 November, 2013**. Those selected to participate will be advised within three weeks of this date and will be required to submit completed papers by March 2014. Accommodation will be provided in Canberra for all invited speakers and some travel funding may be available. It is anticipated that the conference will lead to a path-breaking volume in this under-explored field. Queries may be directed to: Li Tana Li ([tana.li@anu.edu.au](mailto:tana.li@anu.edu.au)<mailto:[tana.li@anu.edu.au](mailto:tana.li@anu.edu.au)>), Centre for the Study of the Chinese Southern Diaspora, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU College of the Asia and Pacific Studies, Nicholas Farrelly ([nicholas.farrelly@anu.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.farrelly@anu.edu.au) <mailto:[nicholas.farrelly@anu.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.farrelly@anu.edu.au)> ), School of International Political & Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific Zhang Zhenjiang ([zhangzhenjiang@gmail.com](mailto:zhangzhenjiang@gmail.com)<mailto:[zhangzhenjiang@gmail.com](mailto:zhangzhenjiang@gmail.com)>), Center for Transnational Migration Studies, Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Jinan University or Geoff Wade ([u4892384@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4892384@anu.edu.au) <mailto:[u4892384@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4892384@anu.edu.au)>), Conference Secretary.

**Call for Papers: "Activated Borders: Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships," 4th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network, 8-10 December 2014 Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong.** All over Asia, international borders condition encounters between diverse ethnic, linguistic, economic, religious, and political groups. Recently, many formerly disregarded borders have been activated. Some have become more permeable for people, goods and ideas. By contrast, elsewhere in Asia borders have actively hardened. Such border dynamics (which have a history of centuries) shape cross-border linkages and are shaped by them. During the 4th Asian Borderlands Research Conference in Hong Kong, we invite submissions that address continuities and transformations along routes and borders in Asia, broadly related to the theme "Re-openings, Ruptures and Relationships." The deadline to send in panel, roundtable and paper proposals is **1 February 2014**. Visit: <http://www.asianborderlands.net/activated-borders-re-openings-ruptures-and-relationships>

**Call for Articles: Asian Literature and Translation (ALT)** is an open access, peer-reviewed, online journal established by the Centre for the History of Religion in Asia (CHRA), Cardiff University. The main objective of the journal is to publish research papers, translations, and reviews in the field of Asian religious literature (construed in the widest sense) in a form that makes them quickly and easily accessible to the international academic community, to professionals in related fields, such as theatre and storytelling, and to the general public. The scope of the journal covers the cultural, historical, and religious literature of South, Southeast, East and Central Asia in the relevant languages (e.g. Sanskrit, Pali, Chinese, Tibetan, Japanese, et al.). We particularly welcome literary translations, including extracts from longer works in progress, manuscript reports and commentarial material, new adaptations of

classic texts, archive stories and debate pieces, and the discussion of new approaches to translation. Book and performance reviews, including visual material, and letters to the editor, including responses to published material, are also solicited. Contributions are welcome on a wide range of topics in the research area as defined above. For further information

see: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/share/research/centres/chra/whatwedo/journal-asian-lit-and-translation.html>.

## Position Openings

**Faculty Position: The Department of History at Utah State University** invites applications for an entry-level, tenure-track, assistant professorship in **Asian History (excluding East Asia and including South, Southeast, Central, Western Asia/Middle East)**. Review of applications begins **November 4, 2013** and continues until position is filled. While research is the primary area of emphasis, candidates must also demonstrate effectiveness in teaching and service. Undergraduate teaching will include the world history survey and courses on some aspect of Islamic Asia. The successful applicant will also contribute to our masters level program with graduate seminars and thesis advising.

See <http://jobs.usu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=59342> for more information and to apply online.

## Resources

**TheDukhaEthnoarchaeological Project.** The primary goal of the DukhaEthnoarchaeological Project is the development of spatial theory of human behavior for application to archaeological problems. Visit the website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/dukhaethnoarch/>.

**Asian Politics and History Association.** Asian Politics and History Association is a non-political, non-profit academic society organized by scholars of Asian studies. Established in 2011 in Hong Kong, APHA currently has members from Asian-Pacific, European and North American countries. APHA supports the Journal of Asian Politics & History, an academic journal published twice a year beginning in October 2012. Visit the website at: <http://www.aphahk.org>.

**Juniper: Online Database for Mongolian and Siberian Studies.** This new French scientific tool is created at the initiative of the Centre for Mongolian and Siberian EPHE. It aims to bring together texts (native), images and multimedia on the peoples of Mongolia and Siberia. Several galleries of images are presented, including collections of old prints and a new series of old photographs of the Tuvan National Museum. Sheets populations gather essential information and links to documents relating to the peoples of Northern Asia. Subject files (kinship, Personalia, shamanism and soon others) allow you to browse the data according to thematic itineraries. The bibliography contains references to books and articles, some of which have been digitized and can be downloaded for researchers. Visit: [www.base-juniper.org](http://www.base-juniper.org).

**Searchable Ornithological Research Archive (SORA).** Recently the University of New Mexico Library officially announced the launch of the new, upgraded Searchable Ornithological Research Archive (SORA). The ornithological community is once again indebted to the UNM library for investing in the open access distribution of our historical ornithological literature. SORA has been moved to a new platform that will allow the resource to grow and expand over time. Many of the SORA journal titles have been updated with additional articles, and a new ornithological title has been added to the site. SORA now offers a number of new features for users and provides tools for journal publishers to update

the SORA repository directly, with little or no technical support. All of these improvements have been needed for some time, and the UNM Libraries SORA team appreciates your collective patience; it has taken over a year to convert the entire SORA article holdings and prepare the new site for production. A number of ongoing improvements are still in the works for 2013, and as with any major system upgrade, there are a countless number of small details that still require attention. The new URL to the site is <http://sora.unm.edu>.

**The Mongolist** is a website dedicated to sharing knowledge about Mongolian politics, business, and society. The website is an ever growing resource built on data and information collected on the Internet and in Mongolia. The aim of this website is to make understanding the complexity of the rapid social and economic change occurring in Mongolia not only accessible but also rewarding. The underlying principle guiding the development of all content on this website is evidence based investigation. Whenever possible, opinion, conjecture, and pure guesswork are replaced with facts, data, and extrapolation. And, when this is not possible, opinion, conjecture, and pure guesswork are advertised as such. Visit: <http://www.themongolist.com/>

**Education About Asia (EAA)** has become an essential resource for teachers dealing with Asian themes or topics; both in the broad trans-continental and regional contexts. Conceived as a publication for K-12 faculty, it has in fact proved to be extremely helpful for higher education faculty seeking insights on many subjects. The Asian Studies outreach activities of many colleges and universities have greatly benefited from EAA materials. Register (for free) to access approximately 900 articles from all thirty-seven back issues from 1996-2008: <http://www.asian-studies.org/EAA/index.htm> and subscribe to the Print Edition at <https://www.asian-studies.org/EAA-Subscriptions.htm>.

**Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center:** Indiana University's IAUNRC has updated its website to include not only its regular newsletters but podcasts, lecture videos, teaching resources and more: <http://www.iu.edu/~iaunrc/>.

**Mongolia Focus (formerly "Mongolia Today"):** "This blog is an attempt by three avid Mongolia watchers to share their observations about current developments in Mongolia." By Julian Dierkes and Dalaibulani Byambajav, social scientists at the University of British Columbia, this blog mostly follows Mongolian politics and the mining sector. Visit: <http://blogs.ubc.ca/mongolia/>.

## News and Events

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinggis Khan Memorial Ceremony.** Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 1:00 PM  
Princeton Marriott at Forrestal Hotel, Princeton, New Jersey. Program includes Mongolian music performances and a Mongolian–American cuisine reception in honor of the performers. Visit <http://www.maca-usa.org/> for more information and to reserve spaces.

## Recent Publications

***Mongolia and the United States: A Diplomatic History.* (Jonathon Addleton).** Former U.S. ambassador Jonathan Addleton provides a pioneering firsthand look at the remarkable growth of civil society and diplomatic ties between two countries separated by vast distances yet sharing a growing list of strategic interests and values. While maintaining positive ties with Russia and China, its powerful neighbors and still-dominant trading partners, Mongolia has sought "third neighbors" to help provide balance,

including Canada, Japan, Korea, European nations, and the United States. For its part, the United States has supported Mongolia as an emerging democracy while fostering development and commercial relations. People-to-people ties have significantly expanded in recent years, as has a security partnership that supports Mongolia's emergence as a provider of military peacekeepers under the U.N. flag in Sierra Leone, Chad, Kosovo, Darfur, South Sudan, and elsewhere. While focusing on diplomatic relations over the last quarter century, Adleton also briefly describes American encounters with Mongolia over the past 150 years. More recently, Mongolia has emerged as a magnet for foreign investment, making it one of the world's fastest growing economies.

***In Pursuit of Early Mammals (Life of the Past), (Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska).*** *In Pursuit of Early Mammals* presents the history of the mammals that lived during the Mesozoic era, the time when dinosaurs ruled the Earth, and describes their origins, anatomy, systematics, paleobiology, and distribution. It also tells the story of the author, a world-renowned specialist on these animals, and the other prominent paleontologists who have studied them. Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska was the first woman to lead large-scale paleontological expeditions, including eight to the Gobi Desert in Mongolia, which brought back important collections of dinosaur, early mammal, and other fossils. She shares the difficulties and pleasures encountered in finding rare fossils and describes the changing views on early mammals made possible by these discoveries. Between 1963 and 1971, Kielan-Jaworowska organized eight paleontological expeditions to the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. These expeditions assembled an impressive collection of dinosaurs and Cretaceous mammals. Her research has focused on the study of the detailed structure of the brain and musculature of early mammals and their evolutionary relationships.

***A Monastery in Time: The Making of Mongolian Buddhism, by Caroline Humphrey and Hurelbaatar Ujeed. (University of Chicago Press).*** *A Monastery in Time* is the first book to describe the life of a Mongolian Buddhist monastery—the Mergen Monastery in Inner Mongolia—from inside its walls. From the Qing occupation of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries through the Cultural Revolution, Caroline Humphrey and Hurelbaatar Ujeed tell a story of religious formation, suppression, and survival over a history that spans three centuries. Often overlooked in Buddhist studies, Mongolian Buddhism is an impressively self-sustaining tradition whose founding lama, the Third Mergen Gegen, transformed Tibetan Buddhism into an authentic counterpart using the Mongolian language. Drawing on fifteen years of fieldwork, Humphrey and Ujeed show how lamas have struggled to keep Mergen Gegen's vision alive through tremendous political upheaval, and how such upheaval has inextricably fastened politics to religion for many of today's practicing monks. Exploring the various ways Mongolian Buddhists have attempted to link the past, present, and future, Humphrey and Ujeed offer a compelling study of the interplay between the individual and the state, tradition and history.

***Fossil Mammals of Asia: Neogene Biostratigraphy and Chronology, by Xiaoming Wang, Lawrence J. Flynn, Mikael Fortelius. (Columbia University Press).*** *Fossil Mammals of Asia*, edited by and with contributions from world-renowned scholars, is the first major work devoted to the late Cenozoic (Neogene) mammalian biostratigraphy and geochronology of Asia. This volume employs cutting-edge biostratigraphic and geochemical dating methods to map the emergence of mammals across the continent. Written by specialists working in a variety of Asian regions, it uses data from many basins with spectacular fossil records to establish a groundbreaking geochronological framework for the evolution of land mammals. Asia's violent tectonic history has resulted in some of the world's most varied topography, and its high mountain ranges and intense monsoon climates have spawned widely diverse environments over time. These geologic conditions profoundly influenced the evolution of Asian mammals and their migration into Europe, Africa, and North America. Focusing on amazing new fossil finds that have redefined Asia's role in mammalian evolution, this volume synthesizes information from

a range of field studies on Asian mammals and biostratigraphy, helping to trace the histories and movements of extinct and extant mammals from various major groups and all northern continents, and providing geologists with a richer understanding of a variety of Asian terrains.

***LIVE FROM UB: A Documentary on Modern Mongolian Rock, by Lauren Knapp (Fulbright-mtvU Fellow 2012).*** post-production is currently underway Lauren Knapp's documentary film LIVE FROM UB. She spent ten months in Mongolia researching the rock music scene, its history, and how the new generation of musicians is fusing traditional music and themes with modern styles to create something that is unique to both their generation and Mongolia. Lauren was first interested to learn how the first generation of Mongolians to grow up in a democracy was expressing themselves through music. She found that the trajectory of Mongolian rock through, emulates the path Mongolia has taken as a nation over the past three decades. You can read more about the film, her research, and watch exclusive videos on the film website ([www.livefromub.com](http://www.livefromub.com)).

***Does Everyone Want Democracy? : Insights from Mongolia, by Paula Sabloff. (Left Coast Press).*** Do all people desire democracy? For at least a century, the idea that democracy is a universal good has been an article of faith for American policy makers. Paula Sabloff challenges this conventional wisdom about who wants democracy and why. Arguing that certain universal human aspirations exist, she shows how local realities are highly particularistic and explains that culture, history, and values are critical to the study of political systems. Her fascinating study of Mongolia—feudal until it became the first country to follow Russia into communism and now struggling with post-socialist democratization—is a model for investigating how everyday people around the world actually think about and implement democracy on their own terms.

***A History of Land Use in Mongolia: The Thirteenth Century to the Present, by Elizabeth Endicott (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).*** A History of Land Use in Mongolia examines conceptual and practical issues of land use during eight centuries of Mongolian history. The book analyzes how Mongolia's pastoral nomadic herding population historically has dealt with secular and religious forms of authority in the ongoing struggle for control over pastureland and water resources. The author's findings derive from a number of field trips to the Mongolian countryside as well as a diverse array of written sources including Russian geographic treatises, historical texts, Mongolian press accounts, and Western economic analyses of the present day herding sector.