

This Month in Mongolian Studies – November 2012

This is a monthly listing of selected academic activities and resources related to Mongolia. This list is based on information the ACMS has received and is presented as a service to its members. If you would like to submit information to be included in next month's issue please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org and/or the editor, Marissa Smith, at msmith@mongoliacenter.org.

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ACMS Sponsored Programs and Events

ACMS Speaker Series: Johanna Herr, B.F.A., Fulbright Fellow. *The Shape of Kazakh: How Women and Traditional Craft Impact Kazakh-Mongolian National and Transnational Identity*. **5:30 PM. Tuesday, November 13th. American Corner, Natsagdorj Library.** Johannah Herr, a Fulbright Research Scholar and artist spent the last year working with traditional Kazakh-Mongolian women artisans to examine how their craft impacts Kazakh cultural identity as a minority group in Mongolia. Her research manifests through the creation of several bodies of work including installation, photography and works on paper which explore various aspects of this impact.

ACMS Speaker Series: Amanda E. Fine, VMD, PhD, Wildlife Conservation Society, Mongolia Country Program Director. *From Leopards to Landscapes: The History of the Wildlife Conservation Society in Mongolia*. **5:30 PM. Tuesday, November 27th. American Corner, Natsagdorj Library.** The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity. WCS's history in Mongolia dates back to 1989, when Dr. George Schaller conducted wildlife surveys in the Gobi Desert with Mongolian biologists from the Academy of Sciences and initiated a long-term study on snow leopards. A decade later, WCS launched a long-term research and conservation project focused on the Mongolian gazelle and provided key technical support for the UNDP/GEF Eastern Steppe Biodiversity Project which ran from 1998 through 2005. Today, the WCS Country Program in Mongolia is implementing its second five-year landscape-level conservation program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with a focus on the grasslands of the Eastern Steppes, the world's largest

intact temperate grassland ecosystem, which supports livestock herders and a million-plus Mongolian gazelles (the last great migratory herd of ungulates remaining in Asia).

ACMS Speaker Series: Jim Dwyer, Business Council of Mongolia. *Update on Mongolia's Business Environment*. **5:30 PM. Tuesday, December 4th. American Corner, Natsagdorj Library.**

New Open Access Resources Page Online. The ACMS is happy to announce the unveiling of the new *Open Access Resources for Researchers in Mongolia* website. This guide is meant to provide access to open access and online material relevant to research in Mongolia in a new easy to access format. This project is an ongoing collaboration between the American Center for Mongolian Studies and the Mongolian Library Consortium. This project was sponsored in part through the ACMS-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program, which is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research. The new website can be viewed through the ACMS Library Webpage at: <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library> .

Call for Posters and Displays: American Center for Mongolian Studies Annual Meeting March 22, 2013, San Diego, California, United States. The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is organizing a poster session on topics related to Mongolia to be held on Friday, March 22nd, 2013, 7:00-10:00pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies' annual meeting and the ACMS annual meeting. Posters or displays on any topic related to Mongolia, Mongolian people or historical subjects related to the Mongols are welcome. All presenters are required to appear at the meeting to discuss their work. Posters and displays may be in either English or Mongolian language, and students and scholars from all countries and fields of study are invited to participate in the poster session and reception. The audience is expected to include students, scholars, and local residents from Mongolia, and members of the community interested in Mongolia. To propose a poster or display for the session, please send a brief abstract or description (no more than 250 words) to Baigalmaa at baigalmaa@mongoliacenter.org before **March 1, 2013**. Posters and displays will be accepted on a rolling basis. You do not need to be registered for the AAS conference to participate, but poster presenters should be a member of the ACMS at the time of the meetings.

ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program: The program will provide awards of up to \$4,000 to students from US universities to conduct academic field research in Mongolia between May and October 2013. Student applicants can be at an advanced undergraduate, masters, or doctoral level, and all fields of study are eligible. Applicants must be US citizens currently enrolled full-time in a university or college in the United States. Students graduating in the spring of 2013 are eligible to apply. Faculty fellowship awards of up to \$4000 each will be provided for travel and living expenses. The fellowship supports faculty members from US colleges and universities to conduct short-term field research in Mongolia between May and October 2013. Applicants must be US citizens currently teaching at a college or university in the United States. The program priority is to support faculty from non-research intensive universities and colleges, especially faculty who are helping guide student research projects or who can show how the experience will enhance their teaching. Prior experience working in Mongolia is not a requirement and the program is open to all fields of study. The ACMS Research Fellowship

Program for up to 12 months of dissertation research will not be offered in 2013. However, short term dissertation and post-doctoral research projects are eligible to apply to the US-Mongolia Field Research Program. The fellowship is supported with funding from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through a grant by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. Deadline for receipt of complete applications: **February 15, 2013**. For further details visit: www.mongoliacenter.org/field.

ACMS Library Fellowship: The American Center for Mongolian Studies is pleased to once again offer the ACMS Library Fellowship. This fellowship supports US advanced graduate students or faculty members in library science from US colleges and universities to conduct short-term projects and/or research in Mongolia between May and October 2013. Applicants must be US citizens currently enrolled in or teaching at a college or university in the United States. The ACMS Library Fellowship program is to help support the development of the ACMS research library through specific defined projects designed to enhance the collection content and resource availability. The Fellow will also offer training and support for local scholars and the public. Fellows will spend up to 12 weeks onsite in Mongolia at the ACMS library; prior experience working in Mongolia is not a requirement. Fellowships will be awarded to fund travel and living expenses of up to \$4,000. The fellowship is supported with funding from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through a grant by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. Deadline for receipt of complete applications: **February 15, 2013**. More information about the program and how to apply is at: www.mongoliacenter.org/librarian.

ACMS Intensive Mongolian Language Program: The American Center for Mongolian Studies invites students and scholars to enroll in an eight week Intensive Mongolian Language Program from June 10 to August 9, 2013 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The purpose of this summer language program is to provide Intermediate-level students of the Mongolian language with an opportunity to enhance their communicative competence through systematic improvement of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, in an authentic environment. Classroom and supervised outside-the-classroom activities will help students achieve more fluent, accurate and multi-functional communication. The program entails 8 weeks of intensive study of the Mongolian language, over a 9-week period, at the Intermediate level of language learning which is equivalent to approximately 9 semester credit hours. The course will be taught by experienced Mongolian language teachers. The Language Program Fellowship provides up to \$3000, including \$2,000 to cover airfare or other expenses and a \$1000 tuition waiver. Additional fellowships covering the cost of tuition may be available. Both fellowships are awarded to applicants based on merit and need. The fellowship is supported with funding from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through a grant by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. Deadline for receipt of complete applications: **February 15, 2013**. For further details visit: www.mongoliacenter.org/language.

ACMS Enkhbaatar Demchig Field Research Fellowship Program: The ACMS is continuing the Enkhbaatar Demchig Field Research Fellowship Program to enable Mongolian students the opportunity to carry out field research, become adept in modern research methods and technologies, and support a new generation of Mongolian scholars. This fellowship supports students who are Mongolian citizens currently enrolled full-time in a university in Mongolia or

North America to conduct research in Mongolia for a period of up to 3 months. The program will award one or two fellowships and students will receive a research stipend of \$500 to support their work in the summer or fall of 2013. Deadline for receipt of complete applications: **February 15, 2013**. For further details visit: www.mongoliacenter.org/enkh.

New Books in the ACMS Library

Batbold Ganhuu. 2009. Mongolia's Transition to Democracy and Market Capitalism. VDM Verlag.

J.K. Odin and P.T. Manicas. 2004. Globalization and Higher Education. University of Hawaii Press.

K.A. Galvin, R.S. Reid, R.H. Behnke Jr., and N.T. Hobbs (Editors). 2008. Fragmentation in Semi-Arid Landscapes: Consequences for Human and Natural Systems. Springer.

Zong-qi Cai. 2002. Configurations of Comparative Poetics: Three Perspectives on Western and Chinese Literary Criticism. University of Hawaii Press.

J.H. Bentley, R. Bridenthal, and A.A. Yang (Editors). 2005. Interactions: Transregional Perspectives on World History. University of Hawaii Press.

D. Romer. 2012. Advanced Macroeconomics, 4th Edition. McGraw-Hill/Irwin.

N. Barma, K. Kaiser, T. Minh Lee, and L. Vinuela. 2011. Rents to Riches?: The Political Economy of Natural Resource-led Development. World Bank Publications.

Erforschung Biologischer Ressourcen der Mongolei, No. 11. 2010.

Lonchen Ravjamba. 2012. Ulaani Shashni Zogchen Sargaal. Polar Star Books.

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

Call for articles: We are pleased to announce the launch of the **online journal “Entangled Religions”** published by the Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions” as part of the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) at Ruhr University Bochum. “Entangled Religions” is a peer-reviewed online periodical with “gold” open access and has been established to channel research on religious contact and transfer in past and present times into a single journal. Its purpose is to provide a platform for bringing together scholars of various academic specializations – ranging from philologies to the social sciences, and also bridging historical and contemporary research. “Entangled Religions” welcomes papers on all aspects given above! Please visit us at <http://er.ceres.rub.de/>. The first articles will be online in spring 2013. Submissions are welcome at any time.

Call for articles: The Research Center for Chinese Frontier Archaeology, Jilin University announces the publication of a **new academic journal named Asian Archaeology**. The journal will publish short papers in English on the Archaeology of China, and Asia (including East Asia and India). This is a good opportunity to make research known in China. Researchers who are interested in publishing in this journal can see the full announcement at: http://www.bjkgjlu.com/cn/homepage_2.asp?id=1006&type2_id=50.

Call for Articles: **The Journal of the Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia** (ACME) is a peer-reviewed journal devoted to the anthropological studies of all societies and cultures in the Middle East and Central Eurasia. Its scope is to publish original research by social scientists not only in the area of anthropology but also in sociology, folklore, religion, material culture and related social sciences. It includes all areas of modern and contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia (Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, China) including topics on minority groups and religious themes. The journal also will review monographic studies, reference works, results of conferences, and international workshops. ACME also publishes review essays, reviews of books and multimedia products (including music, films, and web sites) relevant to the main aims of the journal. All submissions for articles are peer-reviewed. For general enquiries and Instructions for Authors, please visit: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/anthropologyiran/acme/contact/>.

Call for papers: An international conference on "**Asia-American Relations after the 2012 US Presidential Election**", organized by the Graduate Institute of Asian Studies (GIAS), Tamkang University, will be held in Taipei, Taiwan. Papers on topics related to political/diplomacy, economy/technology, society/culture (and other related areas) are all welcome. Tentative conference dates-**March 14-15, 2013**. Deadline for abstract submission-**November 30, 2012**. For details please consult conference website: <http://www.tiix.tku.edu.tw/10-1-3-1.htm>.

Call for abstracts: 5th International Conference "**Growth: Critical perspectives from Asia.**" **13-14 June 2013** - Asian Dynamics Initiative - University of Copenhagen. Over the past fifty years we have witnessed phenomenal economic growth in Asia, lifting millions of people out of poverty, and propelling many Asian nations to premier ranks in the global order, but as the social and ecological costs become more apparent, economic and demographic growth looms as both promise and peril. The concept of growth has not only been central to economic theory and ecological critique, but also to social and cultural theories of societal and civilizational transformation that increasingly challenges universalizing Western notions of modernity. This conference critically examines the notion of growth and the ways in which it is shaping social-political landscapes in Asia. We define and question growth in this very broad sense, implying that quantitative changes are inevitably accompanied by qualitative transformations, and paying equal attention to the intricate interconnectedness of naturally occurring growth and human interference as well as to its limitations, stagnation, decline and renewal. Understood in this extended sense, the term and related concepts can be fruitfully used to explore social, economic and cultural processes across time and space within the macro-region of Asia (and beyond) from cross-disciplinary perspectives. Based on this notion of growth not as an autonomous, self-determined entity but as the outcome of close and constant interaction between nature and purposeful human action, at this conference we propose to rethink and scrutinize this concept from an Asian perspective and from multi-disciplinary vantage points - cultural, economic and

social. Deadline for submitting abstracts: **15 January 2013**. Please visit the conference website to read the full call for abstracts <http://asiandynamics.ku.dk/english/growth/>. Abstracts including title, name and affiliation should be sent to marie.yoshida@nias.ku.dk.

Call for papers, conference: **Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference, Seoul National University, 14-16 February, 2013**. Papers and proposals for sessions are invited for the APEBH 2013 conference. The main theme is 'Markets, institutions and people in economic crisis and recovery', but the organizers are open to proposals for contributions on other topics in economic, social, and business history, as well as proposals for sessions on particular themes. The conference organizers are particularly interested in attracting papers that examine developments in countries and areas in the Asia-Pacific region and papers that provide an international comparative perspective. During the recent Global Financial Crisis, various commentators heralded the end of globalization. A few noted that the world economy as a whole, and also different economic regions had overcome major economic crises before. Are there indeed limits to how mankind learns from history? How did crises unfold in the past? What roles did product and factor markets play in how crises unfolded? What role did institutions play? How were recoveries from crises achieved? What was the human impact of crises? What are the lessons from comparative approaches to analyzing crises across time and across countries? What lessons can be drawn from comparative historical perspectives for current and future crises? All materials should be mailed to all four committee members: Professor Chulhee Lee, Seoul National University, chullee@snu.ac.kr; Dr. Duol Kim, Korea Development Institute, duolkim@kdi.re.kr; A/Professor Lionel Frost, Monash University, Lionel.Frost@BusEco.monash.edu.au; and Dr. Keir Reeves, Monash University, Keir.Reeves@monash.edu. Paper abstracts of one page may be submitted at any time up to the closing date of **30 November, 2012**. A decision on proposals will be made within a month of submission. Session proposals of one page may be submitted up to the same date, outlining the main objectives of the session and potential participants. A conference paper prize will be awarded. A selection of papers (subject to the normal reviewing process and standards) may be published in *Australian Economic History Review: An Asia-Pacific Journal of Economic, Business and Social History*. Some support will be made available to graduate students wishing to participate in the conference. Visit: <http://apebh2013.wordpress.com/>.

Call for Papers: On the occasion of the 850th anniversary of Chingis Khaan's birthday, the Academy of Sciences of Mongolia is going to organize an international symposium on the theme "**Chingis Khaan and Globalization**" on **November 14-15, 2012**, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. For information contact the International Cooperation Department of the Academy of Sciences of Mongolia at icd@mas.ac.mn.

Call for Papers: The Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS) in association with the Mongolian National University is very honoured to host the **13th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS)** in Ulaanbaatar from **Sunday 21st July to Saturday 27th July 2013**. The joint convenors will be Dr S. Chuluun (Institute of History, MAS), Dr U. Bulag (University of Cambridge), Dr Bumochir Dulam (Anthropology Department, NUM) and Dr Ulrike Roesler (University of Oxford). It is with great pleasure that we now extend this invitation for proposals for papers and panels. Please visit: <http://www.iats.info/the-thirteenth-seminar-of-the-iats-%E2%80%93-ulaanbaatar-2013/>.

Call for Proposals: We are planning a panel that addresses “**THE SECULAR IN TIBET & MONGOLIA**” for the **International Association of Tibetan Studies** conference in Mongolia **next July**. If you are interested in joining this panel, your further input and suggestions would be welcome and appreciated. Please contact Holly Gayley (gayley@colorado.edu) or Nicole Willock (nicole.willock@du.edu) for further information or to express interest in joining the panel.

Call for Papers: **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia. York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) Graduate Student Conference.** York University, Glendon Campus, Toronto, Canada: **April 26 and 27, 2013**. Keynote Speaker: Vinay Gidwani, Department of Geography and Institute of Global Studies, University of Minnesota. How does scholarship of or about "Asia" contribute to dispelling geographies of ignorance? How can our own work better contribute to understanding, and pointing out the /mis/understandings, of the categories, spaces and frameworks constructed as part of Asian Studies within and beyond the territorial limits of "Asia"? The question of reconstructing the conceptual frameworks for research in Asia and Asian Diaspora has been actively debated in the last few decades, reflecting dynamic changes in both scholars' and broader society's notions of "Asia." These discussions pay critical attention to the modern politics of constructing Asian spaces and identities, and of disseminating knowledge of the area throughout the world. The disciplinary divides traditionally associated with Area Studies are also being contested, and more interdisciplinary approaches are being demanded for researching Asia. Taking up this challenge, the conference seeks graduate student research that can speak to ways of rethinking the epistemologies and methodologies of researching Asia, and reconstructing conventional categories and frameworks from a broad range of disciplines. Interested participants should submit a paper title, abstract with keywords (250 words maximum) along with brief biographical information (name, affiliation, stage of graduate study) by **December 1, 2012**. Successful candidates will be contacted by January 15, 2013 and must submit completed papers by March 25, 2013. Please email submissions to the conference organizers at: YCARreconstructions2013@gmail.com More information about the conference can be found on the conference website: http://www.yorku.ca/yicar/Events/reconstructions_graduate_conference.html.

Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Call for Applications: **The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship Program** supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Applicants are eligible to apply as individuals or in teams. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Application Deadline: **January 15, 2013**. Visit: <http://caorc.org/programs/multi.htm>.

Call for proposals: **Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies.** The American Council of Learned Societies is pleased to announce a new program of fellowships and grants in China Studies. The Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies seeks to maintain the vitality of China Studies in the U.S. through fellowships and grants designed primarily for

scholars early in their careers. Studies on and in China have developed over the last 30 years in the United States into a robust field, but current conditions pose daunting problems, especially for scholars just before and just after the dissertation. To address this situation, the program will offer three competitions: 1. Pre-dissertation Grants for Research in China, enabling young scholars to gain familiarity with work underway in archives and field sites in China and to establish formal and informal relations with Chinese institutions and colleagues; 2. Postdoctoral Fellowships, supporting scholars in preparing their Ph.D. dissertation research for publication or in embarking on new research projects; and 3. Collaborative Reading-Workshop Grants, providing opportunities for scholars of different disciplines to share in-depth investigation of texts that are essential points of entry to Chinese periods, traditions, communities, or events in contemporary or historical times. Deadline for applications for the first competition is **November 15, 2012**. For more information on the Luce/ACLS Program on China Studies, and information on how to apply, please see <http://www.acls.org/programs/china-studies/>.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships: **History of Central Asian Religions** and **History of Religions in the Ancient Near East**. The Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe” at Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, invites applications for 2 visiting fellowships during the academic year 2013, from April 2013 to March 2014. Both fresh and senior scholars may apply. The Ruhr University Bochum is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and members of minorities to apply. Applications are expected to include a letter of interest, a current resume, a list of publications, and an expose of the intended research of about five pages. Please e-mail your application by **15 November 2012** at the latest to: Lucia an der Brügge: lucia.anderbruegge@rub.de. For further information please consult our website: www.khk.ceres.rub.de.

Fellowship: The **University of Wisconsin-Madison** invites applications for its **postdoctoral fellowship program in the humanities and humanistic social sciences**. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, it will provide 3 two-year postdoctoral fellowships for recent PhD recipients starting on **August 26, 2013**. Fellows will be affiliated with a department in the College of Letters and Science, as well as the Institute for Research in the Humanities and the Center for the Humanities. They will teach one undergraduate course per semester in one of the humanities or humanistic social science departments in the College of Letters & Science. The theme for 2013-2015 applicants is DEMOCRACY. We invite scholars to reflect upon democracy as a focus of historical, philosophical, literary, cultural, or aesthetic analysis. We seek projects that consider democracy from within the humanities and that understand democracy as concept, practice, or mode with bearing on politics, law, and society, as well as literature, language, and the arts. Research may focus on any region of the world, any period of history, and any language, medium, genre, or form. We especially encourage work that challenges disciplinary or methodological boundaries. Applicants should explain in their proposals how their research relates to this theme. In an effort to foster disciplinary diversity in our program of six postdoctoral fellows, we are not likely to award fellowships to candidates whose teaching would be in the departments of Anthropology, Communication Arts, and English. Doctoral candidates and those holding PhDs or other doctoral degrees from the UW-Madison are not eligible. Deadline: **November 20, 2012**. See: <http://humanities.wisc.edu/fellows/about-the-a-w-mellon-postdoctoral-program>.

Fellowship: **The Davis Center** at Princeton University welcomes applications for Fellowships from scholars whose research engages broadly and imaginatively with the theme that the Center sets each year. Our aim is to bring to five to six Fellows per semester to the Center where they pursue their own scholarly projects and contribute to the intellectual community of the Center and the university. **New Topic for 2012-14: Belief and Unbelief:** During the academic years 2012/13 and 2013/14, the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies will focus on belief and unbelief and how they have interacted in history. How has the line been drawn between religion and other forms of deeply held conviction: secularism, secular religions, political theologies, and the like? At issue are not just questions of demarcation and definition but processes: secularization, proselytizing, conversion. How does belief manifest itself in lived experience, in ritual, observance, and daily-life practices? How have people and cultures moved across the borderline between belief and unbelief? How has belief itself become a subject of study, whether from a secular or theological point of view? As always, we hope to address these questions from a wide variety of periods and places, from prehistory to the present and from all parts of the world. Applications are due **December 1, 2012**. See: http://www.princeton.edu/dav/program/new_topic/.

Position Openings

The Center of Religious Studies (CERES) and the Department of East Asian Studies of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) invite applications for the position of a **Professor (W 2 – permanent position) in Religions of Central Asia Past and Present** to start on 1 April, 2013 or at the earliest possible time. The future holder of the post will represent the subject in research and teaching. The applicant should represent Central Asian religious history in full breadth within the BA and MA study programs of Religious Studies. He or she should participate in the promotion of young researchers in religious studies, should coordinate the own research with the re-search program of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK) “Dynamics of Religious History between Asia and Europe” which focuses on religious contacts and transfers, and should integrate him- or herself into the Faculty of East Asian Studies. Positively assessed junior professorships, habilitation or equivalent academic achievements and evidence of special aptitude are just as much required as the willingness to involve in university self-administration, in particular in the coordination of the study program of Religious Studies and of cooperative research within CERES and in particular within the KHK. The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is an equal opportunity employer. Complete applications with CV, list of publications, taught courses and research profile should be sent to the Dean of the Department of East Asian Studies of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, D-44780 Bochum no later than **November 30, 2012**. Further information is available at www.ceres.rub.de and www.khk.ceres.rub.de.

The College of Staten Island, The City University of New York. Assistant Professor - History (World History pre-1700, with particular interest in South or Central Asia). The Department of History at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in World History pre-1700, with particular interest in South or Central Asia, at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning in Fall 2013. In addition to responsibility for teaching introductory to advanced History courses, the successful candidate will also be expected to teach general education History courses, upper division courses in his or her area of specialization, and support the university's interdisciplinary priorities; pursue an active research and publication

program; and perform departmental and college service. Ph.D. degree in History or a closely related field is required at time of appointment. We seek a scholar with a commitment to research and publication and a strong teaching record with an ability to communicate their specialty to a diverse student body. Applications documenting research in broad areas of cultural, commercial and religious exchange, such as the Silk Road and the Indian Ocean World will receive particular attention. Salary range is commensurate with experience. To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6768. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. The deadline for applications is **November 30, 2012**.

Angelo State University, Assistant Professor of History, tenure-track, Asia Since 1800. The successful candidate must teach both halves of U.S. History survey, along with advanced Asian History courses in subfields that may include, but are not necessarily limited to: comparative, diplomatic, economic, political, and social history. A tenure-track assistant professor of History is expected to teach four courses a semester, typically three sections of U.S. survey and one advanced course. Tenure-track faculty serve on committees, participate in the operations of the History Department in a collegial manner, hold office hours, advise students, share their expertise with community and national professional organizations, and have an active research and publication agenda. (Research fields may be in U.S. or Modern Asia, or from a comparative perspective.) Quality teaching with clear, high standards is of first importance. Tenure-track faculty are expected to communicate well and collegially with campus and community constituencies, and to be engaged professionally with their disciplines. Ph.D. in hand at the time of appointment, one year of teaching experience, either as a graduate teaching fellow or in a college as an adjunct, instructor, or assistant professor. Evidence of professional engagement with the History discipline, which may be indicated by papers given at professional conferences, book reviews and essays published in peer-reviewed forums, and books published by recognized peer-reviewed presses. Required Applicant Documents: Cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, Teaching Philosophy, and three professional letters of reference. Closing Date: **November 15, 2012**. Applications should be submitted online through ASU Human Resources: <http://www.angelo.edu/publications/employment/>.

Nomadicare Part-time Assistant. NOMADICARE works to harmonize traditional and modern medicine to support the health and cultural survival of Mongolia's nomads. Nomadicare's assistant will promote and prepare for Nomadicare's programs in Mongolia. The objective of this assignment is to: Prepare for acceptance and welcoming of Nomadicare's program on all levels, setting groundwork for government, NGO and public awareness as well as financial support; Have an on-the-ground presence for Nomadicare; Identify opportunities for Nomadicare to partner with persons and organizations; Take care of logistical arrangements. For further information see: <http://nomadicare.org/> or contact: sascarey@comcast.net.

Resources

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/>.

We are pleased to announce the new website for **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>.

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 Today: "This blog is an attempt by avid Mongolia watchers to share their observations about current developments in Mongolia." By Julian Dierkes and Dalaibulanii 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

Theater Mitu presents: Heartpiece by Heiner Muler. New York-based international performance company, Theater Mitu, in collaboration with popular Mongolian singer Nominjin, will present Heartpiece. Dedicated to experimenting with theatrical form, this company will push the boundaries of contemporary performance and ask audiences "what becomes of love and the human heart in an unstable cultural landscape? How do superstitions, beliefs and traditions survive amidst rapid change?" Performed at the Blackbox Theater (next to Mongol Televis), Ulaanbaatar, November 16th and 17th at 7pm. Tickets are 5,000 Tugriks. For more information call 94946690 or go to: www.facebook.com/events/443367869042545.

Monthly Biobeers Talk: First Thursday of the month, Sweet Cafe (located behind the Information and Technological National Park and next to the Admon Printing Company, west of Internom Bookstore Building). People are requested to arrive after 6pm, in time for the talk to start at 6.30. Biobeers is a monthly gathering of government and NGO staff, biologists, researchers, and other professionals interested in conservation. Each month, Biobeers sponsors a half-hour presentation on a topic relevant to Mongolian conservation, followed by an informal gathering to discuss activities and issues of interest. Biobeers is an opportunity to find out what is happening in the field of conservation in Mongolia, talk informally to other researchers and peers in your field, and share information about issues critical to the environment and people of Mongolia. Biobeers is organised by the Zoological Society of London's Steppe Forward Programme and sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Join the Yahoo! Group Mongolbioweb for announcements.

Recent Publications

Mongolia's Nomads: Life on the Steppe. Nina Wegner, Taylor Weidman. 2012. For millennia, pastoral herders have lived on the Mongolian steppe, moving with their livestock according to the seasons. They still live in traditional felt tents, subsisting on the meat and milk of their animals, and living "as free as the country is wide." But today, Mongolia is on the fast track for change: desertification and climate change are threatening pastures and herds, while some of the world's largest reserves in coal, copper, and gold are positioning Mongolia to become one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Nomads now face a choice that will shape the future of their country: withstand new threats on the steppe, or give up herding in search of new opportunities. The Vanishing Cultures Project traveled to Mongolia in 2012 to document the ancient traditions of nomads and to understand their current struggles. Packed with first-person interviews, perspectives, and anecdotes from herders, Mongolia's Nomads reveals what ancient nomadic philosophies and traditions are still practiced by herders, where these customs come from, why they are so important, and how they may be altered forever by shifting climates, development, and new ways of life. Available at: <http://www.vcproject.org/mongolias-nomads/>.

Frontier Encounters: Knowledge and Practice at the Russian, Chinese and Mongolian Border. Open Book Publishers. Franck Billé, Grégory Delaplace, Caroline Humphrey (Editors). 2012. China and Russia are rising economic and political powers that share thousands of miles of border. Despite their proximity, their interactions with each other - and with their third neighbour Mongolia - are rarely discussed. Although the three countries share a boundary, their traditions, languages and worldviews are remarkably different. Frontier Encounters presents a wide range of views on how the borders between these unique countries are enacted, produced, and crossed. It sheds light on global uncertainties: China's search for energy resources and the employment of its huge population, Russia's fear of Chinese migration, and the precarious independence of Mongolia as its neighbours negotiate to extract its plentiful resources. Bringing together anthropologists, sociologists and economists, this timely collection of essays offers new perspectives on an area that is currently of enormous economic, strategic and geo-political relevance.

An Elementary Mongolian Grammar. CreateSpace Publishing. Daniel Elliott, T. Uranchimeg, and P. Yandii. 2012. This book is written to provide Mongolian language students a reference book of English explanations for the Mongolian grammar system. Each area of Grammar is explained in simple English and then several examples are given. There are significant differences between spoken Mongolian and written Mongolian. We will attempt to point out the grammatical differences as we study them. If the Mongolian language teacher uses this book when teaching Mongolian grammar, it will help them give good English explanations. Even though the teacher may not know the English grammar terms, the teacher can use this book because we have given the English and Mongolian grammatical terms. It is our hope that this book will help the beginning, middle, and advanced Mongolian language learners in addition to those that are studying the differences between the Mongolian and English languages.

Change in Democratic Mongolia: Social Relations, Health, Mobile Pastoralism, and Mining (Brill's Inner Asian Library). (Brill Academic Publications). Julian Dierkes. 2012. Some 100 years ago, Mongolia gained independence from Qing China, and more than 20 years ago it removed itself from the collapsing Soviet Bloc. Since then, the country has been undergoing momentous social, economic and political changes. The contributions in *Change in Democratic Mongolia: Social Relations, Health, Mobile Pastoralism, and Mining* represent analyses from around the world across the social sciences and form a substantial part of the state of the art of research on contemporary Mongolia. Chapters examine Buddhist revival and the role of social networks, perceptions of risk, the general state of health of the population and the impact that mining activities will have on this. The changes of patterns of nomadism are equally central to an understanding of contemporary Mongolia as the economic focus on natural resources.

Vegetarian Asia Travel Guide. Teresa Bergen. 2012. *Vegetarian Asia Travel Guide* is an indispensable resource for vegetarians and vegans planning a trip to Asia. The guide book covers what to eat and how to say you're vegetarian in more than 20 Asian countries. Learn about the current state of vegetarianism, animal welfare, food customs and relevant religious or philosophical traditions. Find out which common dishes are usually vegetarian or vegan, or can easily be made so. Get restaurant recommendations and information on additional resources.

Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia (Scientists in the Field Series). (Sandpiper). Sy Montgomery (Author), and Nic Bishop (Illustrator). 2012. Grade 4–8—Reading this book is an extraordinary experience. It has an elegant layout featuring ornamental lettering, watermarks, and gorgeous photos; were it not for the delightfully exuberant text, it would be a stately coffee table book. But kids will giggle about the central role of scat or, as Montgomery often writes, "poo," in the research of snow leopards' habits. Children will be swept up in the buoyant account of the journey through Mongolia led by Tom McCarthy, conservation director of the Snow Leopard Trust, in search of the elusive cat known as the "ghost of the mountain." He has devoted much of his life to studying these animals and persuading their human neighbors of the importance of their survival. Montgomery's enthusiasm translates well to the page and will have readers cheering for the entourage as they attempt to spot a snow leopard. This slender book abounds with information, including stories of McCarthy's rare, powerful past encounters with the cat, as well as zoological and cultural

sidebars. Bishop's trademark stunning photography fills out the book with breathtaking views of the extreme environs of Central Asia and warm portraits of the charming people who live there. Author's and photographer's notes aren't typically as engaging as the main text, but the reflections of Montgomery and Bishop on their experiences with McCarthy's crew are eloquent, integral parts of the book. A great way to learn about a spectacular animal and its habitat.

Socialist Revolutions in Asia: The Social History of Mongolia in the 20th Century (Central Asian Studies). (Routledge). Irina Y. Morozova. 2012. Contemporary Mongolia is often seen as one of the most open and democratic societies in Asia, undergoing remarkable post-socialist transformation. Although the former ruling party, the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (the MPRP), has fundamentally changed its platform, it holds leadership and frames nation-building policy. This book re-conceptualises the socialist legacy of Mongolia and explains why in the 1920s a shift to socialism became possible. Furthermore, the role of Mongolian nationalism in the country's decision to ally with the USSR in the 1920-1930s and to choose a democratic path of development at the end of the 1980s is explored. Focusing on social systems in crisis periods when the most radical differentiation in social relationships and loyalties occur, the book describes the transformation of the elite and social structures through the prism of the MPRP cadres' policy and the party's collaborations with the Third Communist International and other Soviet departments that operated in Mongolia. Based on original sources from former Soviet and Mongolian archives the author offers a critique of the post-modernist approaches to the study of identity and its impact on political change. This book will be of interest to academics working on the modern history of Central and Inner Asia, socialist societies and communist parties in Asia, as well as the USSR's foreign policy.

Steppe Eagle Migration Strategies – Revealed by Satellite Telemetry. British Birds 105: 506–519. Bernd-Ulrich Meyburg, Christiane Meyburg and Patrick Paillat. 2012. Sixteen Steppe Eagles *Aquila nipalensis* were fitted with satellite transmitters during migration or on their wintering grounds (15 in Saudi Arabia, one in South Africa). From these 16 birds, a total of 3,734 location co-ordinates were received. Adult and immature Steppe Eagle migration strategies were markedly different in terms of timing (adults returned to breeding territories in southern Russia and Kazakhstan in late March and early April, whereas immatures arrived in mid May) but not in terms of route and wintering area. Immatures remained on the wintering grounds for substantially longer than adults, typically for about six months. An adult took almost eight weeks to cover 9,543 km from Botswana to Kazakhstan, averaging 177 km daily. The longest mean daily flight distance among all tracked individuals was approximately 355 km. In 1998, an adult male was recorded through a complete annual cycle; it spent 31.5% of the period in the wintering area in Ethiopia and Sudan, 41.9% in the breeding area in Kazakhstan, and 26.6% on migration. The complete article is available as a PDF file from Bernd Meyburg: BUMeyburg@aol.com