

This Month in Mongolian Studies – December 2010

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

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ACMS Membership Renewals

For current ACMS members who have not renewed their membership for the 2010-2011 academic year, this is the last issue of This Month in Mongolian Studies you will receive. Visit www.mongoliacenter.org/join to renew your membership. If you are not sure if you have renewed your membership, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org for more information. Thank you for your continued support of the ACMS.

ACMS Speaker Series – Mongolia

These lectures are free and open to the public. Directly following the lecture the ACMS hosts "Thursday Nights/Naitz at the ACMS." This is a time and a place where lecture attendees and other scholars in Ulaanbaatar gather to continue discussing the presentation and to meet others conducting research in Mongolia.

Date: 5:30 PM, Thursday-December 9th, 2010, MUST, Central Library, Room 405
Speaker: Anna Maria Marras, PhD., University of Trento, Italy, and Erasmus Mundi Postdoctoral Fellow, MUST
Title: "Mapping and Managing Landscape with New Technologies"

ACMS Trainings

Date: December 08, 2010, Wednesday, 4.00pm Room number 601
Audience: This training is for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in Mongolian universities
Topic: "Google Books"

New Acquisitions at the ACMS Library

Each month the ACMS publishes a list of materials acquired and added to the collection. The complete list for October 2010 can be viewed on the ACMS library website at http://www.mongoliacenter.org/library/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=658&Itemid=54 Here are some highlights:

"Traces of the Central Asian Culture in the North," Ildiko Lehtinen, 1986, Soumalais-Ugrilainen Seura

"To the Harbin Station: The Liberal Alternative in Russian Manchuria, 1898-1914," Wolff, D. (1999), Stanford, Calif: Stanford University Press.

“Монгольские Рукописи и Ксилографы Института Востоковедения,”(Mongolian Manuscripts and Xylographs of the Institute of Oriental Studies), L.S. Puchkovsky, 1957, USSR Academy of Sciences

“Memoria Saecularis Sakari Palsi,” Harry Halen, 1982, Soumalai-Ugrilainen Seura

Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Master of Human Rights and Democratization (Asia Pacific) Scholarships-2011

The Master of Human Rights and Democratization (Asia Pacific) offers graduate students the opportunity to study both at the University of Sydney and one of four selected partner universities in the Asia Pacific with particular expertise in human rights and democratization. The degree consists of a foundational semester and a one-week inter-session intensive at the University of Sydney and a second semester at one of the partner institutions. Applicants from Mongolia are encouraged to apply.

Visit:http://sydney.edu.au/arts/human_rights_democratisation/ Deadline: December 10, 2010.

British Ornithologists' Union (BOU) Research Grant

The BOU supports a wide a range of research projects and welcomes applications from both amateurs and professionals. Applications may be on any aspect of ornithology but the BOU will look especially favorably on areas where there are particular difficulties in funding research from national or local sources. The grant amount is limited up to £2, 000. Visit:<http://www.birdgrants.org/> Deadline: December 31st, 2010.

Travel Grants for Mongolian Studies

The Center for East Asian Studies at Western Washington University (WWU) is offering travel grants for research in the WWU Libraries on any subject dealing with Mongolia and the Mongols. Two grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded in any one calendar year to scholars, including doctoral candidates, who at the time of application reside more than 500 miles from Bellingham. The grants, funded by the Henry G. Schwarz Endowment Fund for Mongolian Studies, are designed to help scholars use the more than 11,000 books and dozens of periodicals dealing with Mongolia and the Mongols. This large collection of materials, broadly representative of all parts of Mongolia and of every major group of Mongols elsewhere in the world, is known not only for its books on language, literature, the humanities and social sciences but also for its unparalleled resources in medicine and the natural sciences. It is supported by more than 3,000 titles on Tibet and substantial collections on neighboring regions, such as Eastern Turkestan (Xinjiang), and the indigenous populations of Eastern Siberia, the Russian Far East and Manchuria. Contact: Edward.Vajda@wwu.edu, with a copy to Henry.Schwarz@wwu.edu. Application deadline: January 1 for research during February through June.

Netherlands Organization (NO) for Scientific Research Doctoral/Postdoctoral Fellowship

This Organization's Division for the Humanities funds scientific research in the area of history, art history, archeology, language, literature, theology, philosophy, film, music and theatre studies. Candidates are invited to apply for the research program entitled: *Eurasian Empires: Integration Processes and Identity Formations: A Comparative Program*. MA and PhD students committed to comparative work in all relevant disciplines of the humanities as well as law, sociology, and anthropology are encouraged to apply.

Visit:http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_8AEGAW Deadline: January 1, 2011.

Peter Buck Fellowships – Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) announces the Peter Buck Fellowship Program, which will offer Postdoctoral and Graduate Fellowships to those wishing to work with advisors at NMNH. Peter Buck Postdoctoral Fellowships may be up to three years in duration, Graduate Fellowships up to two years. The Fellowships are open to citizens of any country. Visit: <http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm#fmmnh> Deadline: January 15, 2011.

Smithsonian Postgraduate Fellowships in Conservation of Museum Collections Program

These fellowships are offered to recent graduates of masters programs in art conservation or the equivalent, or conservation scientists, including those at the postdoctoral level, who wish to conduct research and gain further training in Smithsonian conservation laboratories for a period of one year. Additional facilities may be available to museum or archives fellows for analytical work at the Museum Conservation Institute (MCI).

Visit: <http://www.si.edu/ofq/fell.htm#fofg> Deadline: January 15, 2011

INTERACT Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship through the International Network to Expand Regional and Collaborative Teaching (INTERACT) program at Columbia University. INTERACT focuses on developing global studies in the undergraduate curriculum through a network of postdoctoral scholars focused on cross-regional, trans-regional and interdisciplinary study. Columbia University will offer several INTERACT Postdoctoral Fellowships in the 2011-2012 academic year, with candidates selected by centers and institutes across the University. Candidates will function as liaisons between their home office and the INTERACT network of scholars with other regional and disciplinary specializations. Candidates from all East Asian disciplines and areas of study are welcome to apply. Eligible countries: China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Tibet, and Mongolia. Visit: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/postdoctoral-fellowship-details.html#interact> Deadline: January 19, 2011.

Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies Visiting Fellowship Program

The Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies (CNAPS) at the Brookings Institution is accepting applications for its Visiting Fellows program, a four-month residential research fellowship at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. CNAPS will host two classes of Visiting Fellows in the 2011-2012 academic year. The Autumn class will be in residence during August 15-December 16, 2011 and will include one Fellow each from China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia. In this program year CNAPS will give preference to applications that include research proposals focused on "organizing for national security decision-making."

Visit: <http://www.brookings.edu/about/employment/fellowships/FP9133.aspx> Deadline: February 15, 2011

Finnish Government Scholarship for Doctoral Students

The Finnish Government offers scholarships of 3-9 months for Doctoral level studies, research and teaching at a higher education institution in Finland. The Finnish Government Scholarship Pool programme is open to young researchers from all academic fields. The scholarships are available to scholars from select countries, including Mongolia.

Visit: http://www.studyinfinland.fi/tuition_and_scholarships/cimo_scholarships/finnish_government_scholarship_pool Deadline: February 28, 2011.

Smithsonian Institution Libraries Resident Scholar Programs

The Smithsonian Institution's Dibner Library Resident Scholar Program and Baird Society Resident Scholar Program provide support for scholarly research in the Special Collections of the Smithsonian Libraries in Washington, DC and New York, NY, in an extensive range of subject areas. Each program awards stipends of \$3,500 per month for up to six months. Historians, librarians, doctoral students, and post-doctoral scholars are welcome to apply. Scholars must be in residence at the Smithsonian during the award period. The Dibner Library Resident Scholar Program supports research on topics relating to the history of science and technology collections in the Dibner Library. Visit: <http://www.si.edu/ofq/fell.htm#fscems> Deadline: March 1st, 2011.

Call for Papers, Conferences and Workshops

International Conference: December 2-3, 2010, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"Tarvagatai 370-National Assembly on the Unity of Mongolians." The Mongolian State University of Education (MSUE) Department of Mongolian History, and the Tod Nomiin Gerel Center are organizing a conference on Oriat and Khalkha history, including textual analysis of some of the major works produced about these two

ethnic groups' internal and external policies, including legal documents. The conference will take place in Ulaanbaatar. Contact: info@msue.edu.mn

Call for Authors in Asian History and Culture: Mongol Invasions 1200 in volume II

The Cultural Sociology encyclopedia plans to present concise information on historical and contemporary aspects of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, in four volumes of area studies, to illuminate the powerful influence of culture on society. It is the intent of the publishers to convey what daily life was/is like for people in these regions. Each article ranges from 600 to 3,000 words. Contact: culturalsociology@golsonmedia.com

Position Openings

The Experiment in International Living (EIL)-Group Leader position

Group leaders are sought for EIL travel with groups of 10-14 students for a 3 to 5 week summer program. The leader's main duties include helping students acclimate to a new culture, exploring a new country, and integrating with a homestay family as well as working with the Experiment's international partners to make sure the summer program is safe, fun, and experientially rich. Before traveling abroad, EIL leaders participate in an intensive one-week training program on World Learning's campus in Brattleboro, Vermont. Leaders then depart directly after training for a major US airport where they meet their group members. All transportation to and from leadership training, abroad with the group, and back to a home city is purchased for leaders by the EIL, and all in-country expenses (including health insurance, transportation, meals, activities, lodging, incidentals, communications) are covered. In addition to this, group leaders receive an approximately \$100 per-week honorarium while leading the tour. Group leadership applications should be completed online, and submitted before March 28th 2011. Visit www.experimentinternational.org Contact: leadership@worldlearning.org.

News and Events

Mongolian and Tibetan Film Festival-Indiana University, Bloomington

In conjunction with the special exhibition, "From the Steppes and the Monasteries," the IU Art Museum has collaborated with the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center to present screenings of four Mongolian and Tibetan films on Thursday evenings in October, November, and December, 2010.

The 2012-VI Conference of International Organization of Folk Arts (IOV), Buryatia

The President's office of the Buryat Republic announced that the VI international conference of the IOV will be hosted in Buryatia. The President remarked that organizing the conference in Buryatia will provide opportunity for Buryatia to make contribution to the world folk art conservation efforts. Visit: [http://mongolia-buryatia.ru/ru/news/novosti-mongolia-buryatiaru/?tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=692&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=29&cHash=23f1e2a7dd2ddd16d71037b492ee7066](http://mongolia-buryatia.ru/ru/news/novosti-mongolia-buryatiaru/?tx_ttnews[tt_news]=692&tx_ttnews[backPid]=29&cHash=23f1e2a7dd2ddd16d71037b492ee7066)

Mongolian Cultural Night, December 15, Washington, DC

On Wednesday, December 15, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, the Friends of Mongolia (FOM) and the Asian Pacific Islander Organization for Cultural Awareness (TAPIOCA) will host a cultural night in Washington DC, at the AED Globe Theater. The event will feature Mongolian songs, dance and cultural performances. The acts will be representing the best talent of the DC Mongolian Community.

RSVP: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=170709252946868>

"Cultural Stewardship in Mongolian American Communities," December 3, Washington, DC

"Cultural Stewardship in Mongolian American Communities" will be the subject of a lecture by Alicia Campi, at the Library of Congress at noon on Friday, Dec. 3, in the Asian Reading Room foyer, on the first floor of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street S.E., Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Asian Division,

the program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Campi is a former U.S. diplomat, and president of the Mongolian Society, the U.S. Mongolia Advisory Group and the Chinggis Khan Foundation. She holds a doctorate in Mongolian studies from Indiana University, and a master's degree in East Asian/Mongolian studies from Harvard University. Source: <http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2010/10-262.html>

December Biobeers Meeting, December 2, Ulaanbaatar

Ts. Munkhzul, Institute of Biology, MAS, will give a talk about "Results of a Survey on Ecology and Biology of the Eurasian Badger in the Ikh Nart Nature reserve." Biobeers is organised by the Zoological Society of London's Steppe Forward Programme and sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society. The meetings are held first Thursday of every month at Sweet Café. 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 nature conservation in Mongolia. Visit: MongolBioweb@yahoo.co.uk

Mongolia International Tourism Fair (ITF), December 2-4, Ulaanbaatar

Mongolia ITF-2010" is the 6th International Tourism Fair organized in partnership with the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism and The Mongolian National Tourism Center. ITF-2010 will take place at the Misheel Expo Center December 2-4, 2010. Contact: marketing@mongolia-tourism.mn, phone: +976-11-330778, visit: <http://www.mongoliatourism.gov.mn/events/mongolia-itf>

IAAS LECTURE, December 15, Harvard

Kurtis Schaeffer: Discovering the Dalai Lamas, December 15, 1PM The Committee on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies invites you to a Lunchtime Lecture by Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia. He will speak on "Discovering the Dalai Lamas" at the CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor, in Seminar Room S250. Room opens at 12:30. Guests may bring their own lunch to the Seminar Room. The Cafeteria is located in the CGIS Knafel Building. Snacks will be provided. Contact: iaas@fas.harvard.edu

Mines and Money Conference, March 22-25, 2011, Hong Kong

Asia's premier investment event for the mining industry has now moved to the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre to cope with the increase in demand. This year's event will feature a two-day conference and exhibition, with added investment summits on Mongolia and Indonesia on March 22-25, 2011. Over 80 mining companies will be exhibiting and highlighting their investment opportunities and over 1000 delegates are anticipated to attend. The conference and exhibition includes a number of workshops and investment summits. Visit: <http://www.minesandmoney.com/hongkong/>

Tuva Center for Mongolian Studies Opened at Kyzyl

On November 29, 2010, to commemorate the Proclamation of Mongolia's Independence, The Institute of Humanities of the Tuva Republic opened a new center for Mongolian Studies. The opening ceremony was accompanied by the III International Conference titled "Tengrism and Epic Heritage of Eurasian People: Roots and Contemporary State." The Center will exist to promote collaboration between scholars of Mongolia and Tuva, and to develop and publish joint projects. Source: <http://www.unuudur.com/?p=12092>

Virtuoso-2010, December 2, Ulaanbaatar

This is an annual gala concert to be held at the Mongolian State Philharmonic Theatre and features the best performers of the year from among local new performers, which enables them to showcase their abilities.

Recent Publications

"Islamic Chinoiserie: The Art of Mongol Iran," Yuka Kadoi, (January, 2010), Edinburgh University Press. The Mongol invasion in the thirteenth century marked a new phase in the development of Islamic art. Trans-

Eurasian exchanges of goods, people and ideas were encouraged on a large scale. With the fascination of portable objects brought from China and Central Asia, a distinctive, hitherto unknown style; Islamic chinoiserie was born in the art of Iran. Highly illustrated, *Islamic Chinoiserie* offers a glimpse into the artistic interaction between Iran and China under the Mongols. By using rich visual materials from various media of decorative and pictorial arts, textiles, ceramics, metalwork and manuscript painting, the book visually illustrates the process of adoption and adaptation of Chinese themes in the art of Mongol-ruled Iran.

"Mongolian-German Karakorum Expedition, Volume 1: Excavations in the Craftsmen Quarter at the Main Road (Forschungen zur Archäologie Ausereuropäischer Kulturen)," Edited by Jan Bemann, Ulanbayar Erdenebat, Ernst Pohl, (December, 2010). Reichert Verlag. Since 1998 Karakorum has been explored by archaeologists from the University of Bonn in an interdisciplinary and international cooperation project. This multi-year study sheds new light on the complexity of equestrian nomadic organizations. This publication includes findings from the excavations in the city center, contributions on the research history of Karakorum, and research on environmental geography. Essays are English, with two in German.

"Незабываемый вкус боргойской саранки: традиции и обычаи джидинских бурят (Unforgettable taste of Borgoin Sarank)", B. M. Choibonova, December, 2010. Published in both Russian and English, this book includes proverbs and Buddhist words of wisdom.

"Петр I и Бурятия: литературно - историческое эссе (Peter I and Buryatiya: Historico-Literary Essays)", Vladimír Mityov, November, 2010. The book explores the visit by Buryatian statesmen to Peter I and the complicated geopolitical status of Russia during 12-13th century.

"Бабжа Барас Баатар (Babzha, Baras, Baatar)", Ts. J. Jimbiyev, December, 2010. One of the last and major works by Jimbiyev, this book contains historical research on the Buryat legendary figure from Hori Buryat.

"East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute," David C. Kang, October, 2010. Columbia. Focusing on the role of the "tribute system" in maintaining stability in East Asia and in fostering diplomatic and commercial exchange, Kang contrasts this history against the example of Europe and the East Asian states' skirmishes with nomadic peoples to the north and west.

"Early Buddhist Transmission and Trade Networks: Mobility and Exchange within and beyond the Northwestern Borderlands of South Asia," Jason Neelis, 2011. Brill. This exploration of early paths for Buddhist transmission within and beyond South Asia retraces the footsteps of monks, merchants, and other agents of cross-cultural exchange. A reassessment of literary, epigraphic, and archaeological sources reveals historical contexts for the growth of the Buddhist sangha from approximately the 5th century BCE to the end of the first millennium CE. Patterns of dynamic Buddhist mobility were closely linked to transregional trade networks extending to the northwestern borderlands and joined to Central Asian silk routes by capillary routes through transit zones in the upper Indus and Tarim Basin. By examining material conditions for Buddhist establishments at nodes along these routes, this book challenges models of gradual diffusion and develops alternative explanations for successful Buddhist movement.

"Making Knowledge: Explorations of the Indissoluble Relation between Mind, Body and Environment," edited by Trevor Marchand, January, 2011). Wiley. This book features a contribution by Anna Odland Portisch who wrote a chapter of the book dedicated to customs of Kazakh women "The Craft of Skillful Learning: Kazakh Women's Everyday Craft Practices in Western Mongolia."

"The Spread of Buddhism Among Western Mongolian Tribes Between the 13th and 18th Centuries: Tibetan Buddhism in the Politics and Ideology of the Oirat People," Baatr Kitinov, 2010. Mellen Press. The book explores the early introduction of Tibetan Buddhism into Mongolia, particularly by Oirat lamas.