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This Month in Mongolian Studies - November 2005

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place at the ACMS in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolian Studies and among the Mongol peoples of the world. This list is based on information our center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to become a member, have information you would like to submit to future newsletters or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at [acms_2005 at yahoo dot com](mailto:acms_2005@yahoo.com).

For more information on each entry, please see the "Announcements" section of the ACMS webpage <mongoliacenter.org> or call our office at (976-11) 314-055.

News from the Center

Center activities this month will include the final of our two-part series of lectures on graduate school education in the United States for Mongolian students and a lecture by a Henry Luce scholar on press freedom in Mongolia.

ACMS Announcements

ACMS Speaker's Series

"How to Get an American Student Visa", by Joan Kane, Consul, United States Embassy in Mongolia
November 3, 2005 5 pm 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

The second of two lectures the ACMS is organizing to help Mongolian students understand the process of applying for the graduate study in the United States. Ms. Kane will explain to students the new rules regarding student visas, how and when to apply for them and what common mistakes to avoid.

"Press Freedom in Mongolia: A Reality Check" by Charles Mayer, Senior Producer, National Public Radio
November 17, 2005 5 pm 5:00 pm in the 'Round Lecture Hall' (second floor) NUM, Building no. 1

There are more daily newspapers published in Ulaanbaatar than in any American city. But anyone who reads them understands that few, if any, of them are truly independent. What does this say about press freedom in Mongolia? Is it possible to have a free press if so many news organizations are under the influence of politicians, political parties, businesses or religious groups? And how can democracy succeed if the press is not free? Charles Mayer is a Senior Producer at National Public Radio in the United States. During his year-long stay in Mongolia as a Henry Luce Scholar, Mr. Mayer is serving as the General Editor of the daily newspaper *Ardiin Erkh*. He is also working with other organizations including Mongolian National Radio.

Calls for Papers, Seminars & Conferences in November

Call for Papers – Title VI and Fulbright-Hays National Outreach Conference, April 27-29, 2006

DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 11, 2005

This conference, to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, is for professional outreach coordinators and staff of the US Dept. of Education Title VI and Fulbright-Hays international programs (area studies centers, language resource centers, centers for international business, etc.) and others that teach about the world. For more information, contact Steven K. Smith, email: [sksmith at wisc dot edu](mailto:sksmith@wisc.edu), Associate Director of Global Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Call for Papers – EARC Essay Competition, "Students' role in the Mongolian education system"

Deadline: November 11, 2005

The Educational Advising and Resource Center (EARC) of Mongolia is calling interested undergraduate students of Mongolian colleges and universities to participate in an essay competition held to coincide with International Education Week 2005, November 14-18, 2005. Essays should address three core questions about education in Mongolia: What are students' roles in Mongolian education? How can they shape their own education? How can they contribute to the further development of their own university? For more information please contact the Center at e-mail: [info at earcmn dot org](mailto:info@earcmn.org); website: <http://www.earcmn.org>.

Seminar - Recent Developments in Cultural Policy in Xinjiang, PRC November 1, 2005

Arienne Dwyer, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Kansas, will lead the Central Asia & Caucasus Seminar: "Spin-Doctoring the Uyghurs: Recent Developments in Cultural Policy in Xinjiang," on Tuesday, November 1, 4:15-6:00 pm at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. For more information see web: <http://centasia.fas.harvard.edu>.

Conference: 37th Annual AAASS National Convention, November 3-6, 2005

The 37th Annual National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

(AAASS) will take place at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on November 3-6, 2005. The conference will feature special sessions on the topic of Anthropology of the former Soviet bloc. For more information, please see or contact Wendy Walker, the AAASS Convention Coordinator at [walker at fas dot Harvard dot edu](mailto:walker@fas.harvard.edu)

New Publications & Resources

On-Line Resource – Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies

The third Issue of the *Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies* is now online at <http://www.pipss.org>. This is a semesterly publication devoted to the armed forces and power ministries in post-Soviet societies. It is a multi-disciplinary journal that addresses issues across a broad field of disciplines in human and social sciences. The entire issue is available at <http://www.pipss.org> (Open Access Journal). For more information, contact the publishers at e-mail: [contact dot pipss at org](mailto:contact@pipss.org).

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