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This Month in Mongolian Studies - October 2007

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This is a monthly compendium of important and interesting events taking place in Mongolian Studies in Ulaanbaatar and around the world. This list is based on information the center has received and is presented as a service to ACMS members. If you would like to renew your membership, have information you would like to submit to future e-mails or have received this message in error, please contact the ACMS at info@mongoliacenter.org

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ACMS Speaker Series

"The Importance of Motivational Interviewing Theories for Behavior Modification in Healthcare"

Speaker: Sean Armstrong, Fulbright Fellow

October 11, 2007, 5:00 PM Room 305, Building No.5 NUM

Sean Armstrong is a recent graduate of University of Michigan's School of Public Health where he focused on how globalization has affected behavior change. He is a Fulbright Fellow in Mongolia studying the cultural understanding of alcoholism and how this impacts the success of treatment options. The person-centered and autonomy-building approach of Motivational Interviewing is receiving increased attention as behavior-related illnesses become more responsible for the disease burden internationally.

"The Great Bustard in Mongolia: Research and Conservation"

Speaker: Aimee "Mimi" Kessler, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University

October 25, 2007 5:00 PM Room 305, Building No.5 NUM

The range of the Great Bustard, one of the world's heaviest flying birds, once stretched from Portugal to China. Now that range is highly fragmented and this species is endangered in many countries where it was once common. An estimated 1500 Great Bustards remain in Mongolia. Aimee Kessler researches populations of the Great Bustard in Mongolia and Kazakhstan using satellite telemetry to map habitat use patterns and genetic studies to determine population structure. Her team is also involved in public educational programs in regions where the bird is found. She will talk about the ecology of this species using photographs from the field and discuss the preliminary results of her research. Aimee Kessler is a graduate student at Arizona State University's School of Life Sciences. She specializes in conservation biology in Central Asia. She began traveling to the Former Soviet Union in 1993 and speaks Mongolian, Russian and Uzbek. She grew up in Carlsbad, California.

ACMS Job Announcement

Office Assistant – Mongolian Citizens Only

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 5, 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is seeking a full-time Office Assistant. For more information please visit mongoliacenter.org.

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ACMS Workshop

"Critical Thinking Workshop: The Archaeology of Nomads"

American Center for Mongolian Studies Reading Room

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 10, 2007

The American Center for Mongolian Studies invites Mongolian scholars and professionals in the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, Museum Management, and other Social Sciences with an interest in improving

their research techniques and methods to apply for this series of workshops to run every Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm from October 13 to December 8, 2007. The workshops are free and open to the public. To view the preliminary workshop syllabus visit mongoliacenter.org/docs/Archaeology_of_Nomads.pdf. For more information or to register for the workshop contact enkh@mongoliacenter.org.

Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

"Postdoctoral fellowships at Havighurst Center"

Miami University of Ohio

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Havighurst Center invites applications for postdoctoral fellowships in all areas of academic study related to Russia and other post Soviet countries, including history, politics, music, culture, art, architecture, religion, literature, and daily life. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to pursue their research agenda for a calendar year with the support of a competitive salary and up to \$2,000 for research support. For more information, please contact havighurstcenter@muohio.edu or visit <http://www.units.muohio.edu/havighurstcenter/opportunities/postdoctoral.html>.

"Central Asia Research and Training Initiative"

Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25, 2007

Citizens and residents of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan are invited to submit applications for the Central Asia Research and Training Initiative (CARTI) 2008-2010 fellowship program. CARTI is committed to innovation in, and enrichment of, university teaching in the humanities and social sciences and emphasizes the role of research in the development of academics as scholars in the classroom. For more information about the program, please visit www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp.

"Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching"

Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2007

Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET) Program for Junior University Teachers in the Humanities and Social Sciences invites Concept Proposals for projects starting in summer 2008. The International Higher Education Support Program (HESP) promotes the advancement of higher education within the humanities and social sciences throughout the region of Eastern and South Eastern Europe, the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia. For more information about the program, please visit www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp.

"Opportunity to Host International Scholars"

American Councils for International Education

DEADLINE: October 12, 2007

American Councils invites US institutions to host participants of the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) for the 2008 spring semester. The JFDP is a non-degree, professional development program intended to provide opportunities for university faculty from Eurasia and Southeastern Europe to expand their knowledge in their field of study and develop new ideas and educational programs through exposure to U.S. academic life. For more information about applying, please visit http://www.jfdp.org/h_apply.php.

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies

Academic Year 2008-2009.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007

The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University invites applications from scholars in Central Asian Studies and other fields of historical research to conduct intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. A Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are also required. Information and application forms may be found on the School's website, www.hs.ias.edu, or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (E-mail address: mzelazny@ias.edu).

'Networks and Boundaries'

Getty Research Institute

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Getty Research Institute welcomes applications from researchers in the arts, humanities, and social sciences who wish to be in residence at the Institute in 2008-2009 and whose projects explore cross-cultural exchange and the visual arts. Scholars who apply for the 2008-2009 academic year will research topics centered around the "Networks and Boundaries" research theme. The study of the visual arts can and does cross cultural, civilizational, ethnic, religious, and geographic boundaries. Applications and more information can be found at http://www.getty.edu/research/scholarly_activities/annual_themes/future_networks.html.

Conferences

"Interchanges and Influences in Chinese Buddhist Sculpture"

Sotheby's Institute of Art, London

DATES: 2-3 November 2007, 9am-6pm

This international academic conference will reassess Chinese Buddhist Sculpture exploring issues of patronage, scientific dating, conservation methods, multi-cultural influences, iconography and the history of collecting. The conference is organised by Dr Anne Farrer, Programme Director of the MA in East Asian Art, Sotheby's Institute of Art, and Dr Lilla Russell-Smith, Chair, Circle of Inner Asian Art and is supported by the British Academy and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. For more information and a full list of speakers please visit <http://www.sothebysinstitute.com/day-eve-6.html>.

Call for Papers

"Nation, Identity, Conflict, and the State"

13th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

DEADLINE: November 1, 2007

The ASN invites proposals for papers and presentations for more than 100 panels on the Balkans, Central Europe and the Baltics, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Central Asia and Eurasia, the Caucasus, Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kurdistan, China and surrounding countries in a variety of media for its 13th annual world convention to be held April 10-12, 2008 at Columbia University. For more information about the program, please visit www.nationalities.org.

"Generation Removed? Assessing Nostalgia, Memory, and Legacy in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia"

Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburgh, REES, and GOSECA

DEADLINE: December 1, 2007

REES and GOSECA invite papers that assess the current and past roles of nostalgia, memory and legacy in the Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia for its 5th Annual Graduate Student Conference to be held February 22-24, 2008. The conference is deliberately interdisciplinary and aims to deepen our understanding of the region as a whole using a broad range of approaches to examine an intricately woven matrix of issues. Participation is open to graduate students in the social sciences, the humanities, and the professional schools. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words long. For more information, please contact gosecaconference@yahoo.com.

New Publications

"Mongolia and Nuclear Age"

By Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan

The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program August 2007 issue of the China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly contains an article entitled "Mongolia and Nuclear Age." To read the full text, visit http://www.silkroadstudies.org/new/docs/CEF/Quarterly/August_2007/Jargalsaikhan.pdf

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