

This Month in Mongolian Studies – December 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: Piper Anne Wind Campbell, United States Ambassador to Mongolia. *Innumeracy: a worldwide problem with implications for Mongolia.* **5:30 PM. Tuesday, December 18th. American Corner, Natsagdorj Library.** Innumeracy is a term popularized by mathematician John Allen Paulos to describe the mathematical equivalent of illiteracy, “incompetence with numbers rather than words.” Paulos said this was most notable in the layperson’s inability to calculate probability correctly and in correspondingly flawed decision making. Ambassador Campbell, who admits to having been innumerate much of her life, will discuss some big picture numbers, including the budgets of the United States and Mongolia, and touch upon why understanding these figures is important. Campbell promises, however, that this will not be a dry lecture on numbers but rather will try to help illustrate how numbers (and budgets) tell an important story.

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' (AAS) 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. For information on the AAS meeting and venue for the ACMS annual meeting see: <http://www.asian-studies.org/conference/>.

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 or permanent residents 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

E. Arjona-Tseng. 1993. *Bibliography of Pedagogy and Research in Interpretation and Translation*. University of Hawaii Press.

N. Arlott. 2009. *Birds of Europe, Russia, China, and Japan. Non-passerines. Loons to Woodpeckers*. Princeton University Press.

R.E. Buswell and R.M. Gimell (Eds.). 1992. *Paths to Liberation: The Mārga and its Transformations in Buddhist Thought*. University of Hawaii Press.

P.D. Hershock, M. Stepaniants, and R. T. Ames. 2003. *Technology and Cultural Values: On the Edge of the Third Millennium*. University of Hawaii Press.

L.P. Edwards. 2001. *Men and women in Qing China: Gender in the Red Chamber Dream*. University of Hawaii Press.

J. Geaney. 2002. *On the Epistemology of the Senses in Early Chinese Thought*. University of Hawaii Press.

F.L.K. Hsu. *Americans and Chinese: Passage to Differences*. University of Hawaii Press.

T. Kamata, J. Reichert, T. Tsevegmid, Y. Kim, and B. Sedgewick. 2010. *Managing Urban Expansion in Mongolia: Best Practices in Scenario-Based Urban Planning*. World Bank.

B.M. Knauff and R. Taupier. 2012. *Mongolians after socialism: Politics, economy, religion*. Admon Press.

M. Picard and R.E. Wood. 1997. *Tourism, Ethnicity, and the State in Asian and Pacific Societies*. University of Hawaii Press.

T. Sen and V. H. Mair. 2011. *Traditional China in Asian and World History*. Association for Asian Studies.

A.T. Smith and Y. Xie (Eds.). 2008. *A Guide to the mammals of China*. Princeton University Press.

M. Weidner (Ed.). 2001. *Cultural Intersections in later Chinese Buddhism*. University of Hawaii Press.

Yueng, Y. 2000. *Globalization and Networked Societies: Urban-regional Changes in Pacific Asia*. University of Hawaii Press.

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

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. ACME is published with the financial support and collaboration of Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France. For general enquiries and Instructions for Authors, please visit: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/anthropologyiran/acme/contact/>

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>

Call for Abstracts, Conference: **Authoritarianism and Beyond? Lessons from Postsocialist Societies**, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, March 22-23, 2013.

Authoritarianism has become the common denominator for political regimes of many contemporary postsocialist societies. Authoritarianism highlights strong presidential authority, lack of democratic succession of rule and insufficient public representation. Within this analytic, authoritarianism is the opposite of liberal democracy, deficient in terms of active civil society and critical public sphere, and plagued by state-led oppression and violence. The 2013 SOYUZ symposium invites papers that would extend interpretive work on authoritarianism beyond this dualistic framework. We solicit field-research-based presentations that explore political and social processes in postsocialist societies in ways to complicate this top-down understanding of the state-society relationship. What kinds of alternative analytical frameworks are there to approach these processes? What kind of interpretation might the understanding of politics drawing, for example, on Foucault or Agamben offer to this conversation? Overall, we seek to extend the scope of this symposium beyond the concerns of postsocialist societies and to explore analytical limits and possibilities of the term authoritarianism itself. The deadline for abstracts is: **December 15, 2012**. Please send abstracts of 250 words by email to Zhanara Nauruzbayeva (zn2123@columbia.edu). Please include your full name, paper title, and academic affiliation, and write "SOYUZ 2013" in the subject line. Papers will be selected and notifications made by **January 15, 2013**.

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 Abstracts, 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. **15 January 2013** is the deadline for submitting abstracts, 15 February is the date for notification of acceptance and 27 May 2013 is the deadline for submitting the paper. Please visit the conference website: <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: **“Illusions Killed by Life: Afterlives of Soviet Constructivism**. May 10-12, 2013, Princeton University. In 1923, the influential Russian writer Maxim Gorky complained in one of his letters: “In Russia, formalists, futurists, and certain people called constructivists perform all kinds of deformity. It must be stopped.” Stopped it was not. In the early 1920s, Russian Constructivism emerged as a key emblem of Soviet modernity that responded to the call to “materially shape the flux” of social life, as Alexei Gan put it. It did this through a series of crucial theoretical, aesthetic, and technological interventions which broke with the artistic languages of the past and, simultaneously, offered new tools for organizing a new life. Penetrating all spheres of the everyday – from housing, tableware and clothing to public space, mass performances and journalism – Constructivism fundamentally changed not only the vocabulary of expressive means but also the very understanding of the material environment and its social potentialities. We welcome submissions from historians, anthropologists, sociologists, as well as scholars of architecture, media, art, theater and literature who explore the suspended presence of (Soviet) Constructivism in the USSR, Europe, the USA, and the Middle East in the 1940-1970s. Abstract (300 words) and a short CV (2-3 pages) should be sent to Serguei Oushakine at oushakin@princeton.edu by **January 20, 2013**. Those selected to give presentations at the conference will be contacted in early February 2013. Final papers will be due no later than April 15, and they will be posted on the conference website. We might be able to offer a number of travel subsidies for graduate students and participants from the overseas. Visit: <http://afterlivesofconstructivism.wordpress.com/>

Call for Papers, Conference: **Seeing Eurasia Inside and Out: Representation, Authority, and Inequity**. Friday, April 5, 2013, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University. Representations are always stratified: they come from different positions; they hold different valences of authority. Representations often (re)produce inequality, whether they come from the outside looking in or the inside looking out. This conference seeks to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines who are interested in the representation of authority and the authority to represent. The scope of the conference takes in Eurasia past and present, a region spanning the Black Sea to Mongolia, from Siberia to South Asia. Stressing multidisciplinary, submissions are welcome from a variety of departments (anthropology, archeology, art history, Central Asian Studies, East Asian languages and cultures, history, Middle Eastern Studies, Mongolian Studies, political science, religion, sociology, Slavic languages and literature, and South Asian studies, etc). Keynote: Madeleine Reeves, Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University of Manchester. Closing Remarks: Alan H. Timberlake, Director of the Institute of East Central Europe; Professor of Slavic Languages, Columbia University. Send submissions to oasiesconference@gmail.com **January 31, 2013** [as an attachment in pdf or doc format]. Visit: <http://www.oasies.org/2013-conference-seeing-eurasia-inside-and-out/>

Call for Papers, Conference. **The Pure Land in Buddhist Cultures: History, Image, Praxis, Thought**. University of British Columbia, Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2, 2013. Pure Land Buddhist traditions have been some of the largest and most influential in Buddhist history, and remain so to the present day. Moreover, the very idea of a purified, perfect land of a buddha echoes throughout Buddhist text and praxis. Most often, this buddha is "Immeasurable Light" or "Immeasurable Life," who created a pure land far to the west of our own world. But there are many others. This conference aims to examine sectarian traditions of Pure Land Buddhism as well as the "pure land" within Buddhism generally. As this conference is jointly-sponsored by associations connected to Pure Land Buddhist traditions in two countries, it is a unique chance to approach pure land expansively, in terms of its long history, global reach, and diverse regional and trans-regional expressions-- whether in or across what are today known as China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Canada, and so on. The hope is to increase knowledge and scholarly exchange about the multifaceted development of pure land in Buddhist cultures. Papers are welcome on any aspect of pure land, type of Pure Land Buddhism, any region or historical period, and from any methodological or disciplinary perspective. Please submit a 100 word abstract and short bio to bcsprogram@gmail.com by **February 1, 2013** for consideration. Visit: <http://pureland2013.wordpress.com/>

Call for Papers, Conference. **The European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS)** invites proposals for individual papers, panels and round-table discussions for the thirteenth ESCAS biennial conference scheduled for 5th - 6th August 2013 at Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (<http://www.nu.edu.kz>). The Conference will be hosted jointly by Nazarbayev University and the R. B. Suleimeinov Institute of Oriental Studies of the Kazakhstan Academy of Sciences (<http://www.invost.kz/>). ESCAS welcomes proposals relating to all aspects of research in the arts, humanities and social sciences on Central Asia, namely the republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, together with Xinjiang, Mongolia, Afghanistan and adjacent regions of Russia, China, Iran, South Asia and the Caucasus. Scholars and practitioners of anthropology, archaeology, architecture, art & art history, cinema, development studies, economics & finance, history, musicology, philology,

political science, sociology and other related disciplines are encouraged to participate. We particularly welcome panel proposals which will cross disciplinary boundaries, bringing together experts from different fields. The theme of the 2013 conference is 'The Steppe and the Sown'. This is to encourage scholars to explore both the many complexities implied by the concepts of pastoral nomadism and sedentary farming and the complex interaction between peoples typically characterized by these concepts in the course of history. It also reflects important themes in the history of Astana itself. The electronic form for the submission of proposals will be available from the end of November at www.escas.org. The deadline for the receipt of proposals is **28th February 2013**. Notification of acceptance will be by the 12th April 2013. Online registration will begin from the 1st May 2013

Research Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

AAS-SSRC Dissertation Workshop Series 2013: Family, Gender, and Generation San Diego, March 18-21, 2013. Everywhere in Asia family relations, gender definitions and roles, and previously relatively stable inter-generational continuities are being contested and reconfigured in homes, schools, work places, national politics, and literary and cultural productions. Global forces such as urbanization, migration, expanded educational and employment opportunities as well as old and new media and information technologies are all challenging and expanding the boundaries of what is acceptably male and female, as well as previously tight relations between children and parents. While closely inter-related phenomena, there are also important variations by country, rural and urban locations, class, and within the various religious traditions of Asia. Stereotypic or "traditional" images of gender roles and generational hierarchies are being challenged and redefined with growing consequences for marriage, family, sexuality, property rights, community, and national politics. This workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students, regardless of citizenship, in the humanities and social sciences who are (1) developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research or dissertation writing; and who are (2) also dealing with the kinds of issues mentioned above in the context of contemporary or historic Asian states and societies. The workshop will be limited to 12 students, ideally from a broad array of disciplines and working on a wide variety of materials in a variety of time periods, and in various regions of Asia. It also will include a small multidisciplinary and multi-area faculty with similar concerns. The workshop will be scheduled for the days immediately preceding the 2013 AAS annual conference in San Diego. Pending receipt of outside foundation funding, participants also will be invited back for a post-fieldwork workshop. The organizers will be able to provide financial support for participants including three night's accommodations, meals and travel funds. Deadline: **January 4, 2013**. Visit: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/aasworkshop/>

Call for Applications, Fellowship: **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University "Subjectivities and Identities in Eurasia."** The Davis Center is pleased to announce the theme for its 2013-2014 Fellows Program. The Fellows Program brings together scholars at early and later stages in their careers to consider a common theme spanning the social sciences and humanities. The program is coordinated by faculty from across Harvard University whose research interests include aspects of the selected theme. In 2013-2014, the Fellows Program will be coordinated by Professors Terry Martin (History) and Stephanie Sandler (Slavic

Languages and Literatures). The theme for 2013-2014 is "Subjectivities and Identities in Eurasia." Imagining a personal, ethnic, religious, sexual, or national identity may be no simple matter in any culture, but for the people of Russia and Eurasia this always has been a fraught process. The very question of subjectivity has been self-consciously scrutinized and as readily rejected as embraced. The Fellows Program will examine a range of theoretical approaches and case studies, with an eye to gaining a greater understanding of where the work of constructing identity happens (in domestic, public, textual, and virtual spaces) and what factors constrain, promote, and shape that work. The Davis Center invites scholars whose work considers subjectivities and identities, their formation and structure, their emphases on uniqueness and on replication. In addition to pursuing their own research, Fellows will participate in a regular interdisciplinary seminar series with sponsoring faculty and advanced graduate students. Papers will be presented by the Fellows, Harvard faculty, and invited outside speakers. For more detailed information on the Fellows Program, and opportunities to apply for regional, postdoctoral, and senior fellowships, please visit the Davis Center web site, <http://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu>. * Q&A session with convening faculty at ASEEES Convention Saturday, November 17, 12 p.m., 5 Fifty 5 Restaurant, Private Dining Room

* Online webinars: Friday, October 12, 2 p.m. EST, Friday, November 30, 2 p.m. EST, Wednesday, January 2, 2 p.m. EST. Deadline: **January 8, 2013**.

Call for Applications, Grant: Each year, **the Friends of the Princeton University Library offer short-term Library Research Grants** to promote scholarly use of the library's research collections. Up to \$3,500 is available per award. Applications will be considered for scholarly use of archives, manuscripts, rare books, and other rare and unique holdings of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, including Mudd Library; as well as rare books in Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology, and in the East Asian Library (Gest Collection). Special grants are awarded in several areas: the Program in Hellenic Studies supports a limited number of library fellowships in Hellenic studies, and the Cotsen Childrens Library supports research in its collection on aspects of childrens books. The Maxwell Fund supports research on materials dealing with Portuguese-speaking cultures. The Sid Lapidus '59 Research Fund for Studies of the Age of Revolution and the Enlightenment in the Atlantic World covers work using materials pertinent to this topic. For more information, or to apply, please go to http://www.princeton.edu/rbsc/fellowships/f_ships.html The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**. Email: pulgrant@princeton.edu, Visit the website at http://www.princeton.edu/rbsc/fellowships/f_ships.html

Call for Applications, Fellowship: **The George Washington University's Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)** is pleased to announce a call for applications for the **Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Cold War/Post-1945 International History** for 2013-2014. Applicants need to have completed archival research for their dissertation in two or more countries and be at the final writing stage of their dissertation at an American University. The Fellow must be in residence at IERES from September 2013 through June 2014 and will be provided with an office and computer. The Fellow will also help the IERES Director administer several workshops that train Ph.D. candidates to conduct archival research. The award will offer support in the amount of \$25,000 per year, plus benefits. Interested applicants should submit an 8-10 page proposal, curriculum vitae, and a letter of

recommendation from a member of your dissertation committee. Please also submit a cover letter that clearly addresses your experience with archival research and any previous administrative responsibilities. All applications are reviewed by a GWU faculty panel that rewards clarity of argument and method as well as the originality of the research and the argument. Deadline for all fellowship applications is **15 January 2013**. Applications should be sent to sicar@gwu.edu by 15 January, 2013 with the subject line reading "Predoctoral Application." Recommendation letters may be e-mailed or sent to: Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, ATTN: Pre-doctoral Application, 1957 E Street NW, Suite 412, Washington, DC 20052.

Call for Applications, Fellowship/Scholarship: **Boren Awards** provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their educations. Boren Scholars and Fellows represent a variety of academic backgrounds, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. As part of the African Languages Initiative, Boren Award applicants have the opportunity to further their study of Akan/Twi, Hausa, Portuguese, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba, or Zulu. For a complete list of languages, visit our website. Undergraduate students can receive up to \$20,000 for an academic year's study abroad and graduate students up to \$30,000 for language study and international research. In exchange for funding, recipients commit to working in the federal government for a minimum of one year. National Application Deadlines: Boren Fellowship: **January 31, 2013**, Boren Scholarship: **February 13, 2013**.

Position Openings

Faculty Position: **The Department of the History of Art at the University of California, Riverside** announces an **Assistant Professor, tenure-track position for a historian of East Asian art and architecture** in any geographic area or historical period from the early modern period to the present day. We especially welcome candidates engaged in a cross-cultural approach. We seek a creative scholar with broad interests, exceptional promise, and a strong commitment to teaching the history of Asian art and architecture. The successful candidate will expand the Asian component of our undergraduate and graduate programs; teach courses spanning the field and ranging from lower division surveys to graduate seminars; and advise students in a methodologically diverse department on a campus with strong interdisciplinary interests in Asian culture. Related UCR departments and programs in the field include East Asian Studies, Comparative Asian Studies, Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages, History and Ethnic Studies. Ph.D. required at time of appointment. Teaching experience and a promising record of research and publication are required. Email letter of application, curriculum vitae, writing sample (30 page maximum) and three letters of recommendation to AHSAP@ucr.edu to the attention of Tala Martinez, Academic Personnel, Asian Search Committee, Department of the History of Art, University of California Riverside. Review of applications will begin **December 14, 2012** and continue until the position is filled. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Position begins July 1, 2013.

Faculty Position: **Randolph-Macon College** in Ashland, Virginia seeks candidates for an entry level tenure-track appointment in the **Department of History**, beginning September 2013. Ph.D. required; teaching experience preferred. The successful applicant will have an understanding of, and a sympathy for, a coeducational, collegial, undergraduate, liberal arts environment. The annual seven course teaching load (4 in general education, 3 in the major) will require the ability to teach courses on any aspect of Asian history, except Japan. The ability and willingness to teach Chinese history is especially welcome. Secondary fields are open. Information about the History Department, its curriculum, and its faculty can be found at <http://www.rmc.edu/academics/history.aspx>. Candidates should submit electronically a cover letter addressing teaching and research interests, a curriculum vitae, unofficial graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Prof. Mark Malvasi c/o Ms. Mimi Wright at mimiwright@rmc.edu Review of applications will begin in **mid December** and will continue until the position is filled.

The School of Art and Art History at the University of South Florida invites applications for a tenure-track position with a specialization in art of any period in one of the following areas: African, **Asian**, Latin American/Pre-Columbian, or **Middle Eastern/Islamic art**. Art historians working on any region and epoch in these areas, and/or relevant diasporas are invited to apply. Interest in global interaction and cultural exchange is desirable. Begin August 2013. Qualifications: Ph.D. or close to completion, high level of engagement in research, promise of scholarly productivity, and excellent teaching ability. Candidates must be committed to interdisciplinary investigation and initiatives. Demonstrated knowledge of critical theory is preferred. Teaching experience beyond graduate assistantships and scholarly publications preferred. Typical responsibilities: Teach two classes per semester in area of specialization and supervise M.A. theses, maintain active research agenda, and participate in program development and service. Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested and qualified candidates must complete the University's online application at <https://employment.usf.edu> and upload 1) a letter of application describing research interests and teaching philosophy, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) a sample of scholarly writing, 4) dissertation abstract. In addition, three letters of reference are to be sent by the referees either via email to pnmacgeorge@usf.edu. Applications must be received by **January 7, 2013**. AA/EA/EO employer. Women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply for this position. The search and selection process will be conducted in accordance with provisions of the Government in the Sunshine laws of the State of Florida. For additional search information or disability accommodations, contact Paula MacGeorge at [813-974-9240](tel:813-974-9240). This position is subject to a criminal background check.

Faculty Position: **Marywood University**, a comprehensive Catholic University, invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor in Asian/World History** to begin August 2013. Ph.D. required by the time of appointment. Teaching responsibilities include introductory courses in nineteenth and twentieth-century world history and upper level specialty courses focusing on modern East Asia and/or South Asia. Thematic areas might include environmental history, gender history, the history of science, colonial and post-colonial interactions, the history of migrations and transnational diasporas or other areas of teaching and research that complement the existing offerings, student advising, commitment to scholarly activity, and university professional, and community service. Applicants must provide evidence of scholarly potential as well as commitment to and success in teaching. Preference will be given to persons

who can bring diversity to our programs and University. Marywood University is a comprehensive Catholic university sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and located in northeastern Pennsylvania. Additional information about the University is available at www.marywood.edu. Contact: Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a teaching philosophy statement, copies of graduate transcripts, and the names and contact information of three references by email as separate PDF documents to Dr. Alexander Vari, Chair, Department of Social Sciences at vari@marywood.edu Review of candidates will begin November 30, 2012 and continue until the position is filled.

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 three 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

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.

The newly renamed **Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation**, a partnership between George Mason University and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), is proud to announce their Spring/Summer 2013 course schedule. The School is now offering more courses than ever before, in a wide range of topics, all focused on training in different aspects of biodiversity conservation, from effective conservation leadership, to technical tools in statistics and field sampling. All courses are currently either 1 or 2-week intensive residential courses and they will now be held in a brand-new, sustainably-built Academic Center on the grounds of SCBI in Front Royal Virginia. Most courses can be taken either for graduate credit or continuing education units. See our upcoming offerings below and check out our website for more course details and pricing. If you haven't visited our website (<http://SMConservation.gmu.edu>) recently, check it out to see updated photos and descriptions of our brand-new facilities. We have now hosted two graduate/professional courses in the new buildings and we are VERY excited about our new home. You can also look there for more details about each course, course costs, and credits earned or email us at SCBItraining@si.edu.

Recent Publications

Frontier Encounters: Knowledge and Practice at the Russian, Chinese and Mongolian Border. (Open Book Publishers). Franck Bille, Gregory Delaplace, Caroline Humphrey. 2012. China and Russia are rising economic and political powers that share thousands of miles of border. Yet, despite their proximity, their practical, local interactions with each other — and with their third neighbour Mongolia— are rarely discussed. The three countries share a boundary, but 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 economic 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.

Forgotten Books **has recently reprinted the following out of print titles:** *A Tour in Mongolia, Beatrix M. Gull.* From the Arctic Ocean to the Yellow Sea: The Narrative of a Journey, in 1890 and 1891, *Across Siberia, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert, and North China, Julius M. Price.* *Geological Researches China, Mongolia, and Japan: During the Years to 1891, Raphael Pumpelly.*

The Mongolian Ecosystem Network: Environmental Issues Under Climate and Social Changes. (Springer Verlag). Norio Yamamura, Noboru Fujita, Ai Maekawa. 2012. The aim of this book is to describe what is currently occurring in the Mongolian grasslands, to analyze how various factors creating environmental problems interact, and to suggest solutions for sustainable management of the grasslands. The book has three parts. Part I is an introduction, explaining the key concept of an ecosystem network and providing background information on the general features of Mongolian nomadic pastoralism as well as distribution of vegetation in Mongolian grasslands. Part II describes the effects of natural environmental factors and nomadic activities on grassland conditions. Water dynamics that maintain the grassland system are analyzed in a steppe region with shrubs and in a forest-steppe region with trees. Part III describes the effects of economic and social factors on land-use and the livelihood of herders. As nomadic people moved closer to large cities for economic advantage in the 1990s, degradation of pastures by overgrazing resulted. Finally, the impacts of global warming and globalization on the Mongolian society and ecosystem are examined. This book analyzes environmental problems in Mongolian grasslands, but the contents contribute to consideration of environmental problems and sustainable pasture use in grassland areas worldwide.

Mongol, Han or Erliiz (hybrid): Culture, Way of Life, and Ethnic Identity: A Case Study of Inner Mongolia. (Lap Lambert). Tuya Sun and Gaowa Sun. 2012. In the past 20 years, animal husbandry in Inner Mongolia area of China is transformed from free herding on open pasture to restricted herding plus domestic fodder-feeding. This new implementation, which is now broadly applied in Inner Mongolia, is aiming at protecting and preserving the deteriorated grassland. The authors were doing 6 months' fieldwork in Xilingol League, Inner Mongolia, living with the herders, collecting raw materials, and doing interviews with local households. The book takes Oden Ula Gachaa in Xilingol League as a case study. The aim of the book is to

present the current conditions of the rural pastureland in Inner Mongolia from both social and economic aspects, to help readers have a better understanding of the local reality, and to expect a feasible solution for the welfare of the local people.

Sui-Tang China and Its Turko-Mongol Neighbors: Culture, Power, and Connections, 580-800 (Oxford Studies in Early Empires). (Oxford University Press). Jonathan Karam Skaff. 2012. *Sui-Tang China and Its Turko-Mongol Neighbors* challenges readers to reconsider China's relations with the rest of Eurasia. Investigating interstate competition and cooperation between the successive Sui and Tang dynasties and Turkic states of Mongolia from 580 to 800, Jonathan Skaff upends the notion that inhabitants of China and Mongolia were irreconcilably different and hostile to each other. Rulers on both sides deployed strikingly similar diplomacy, warfare, ideologies of rulership, and patrimonial political networking to seek hegemony over each other and the peoples living in the pastoral borderlands between them. The book particularly disputes the supposed uniqueness of imperial China's tributary diplomacy by demonstrating that similar customary norms of interstate relations existed in a wide sphere in Eurasia as far west as Byzantium, India, and Iran. These previously unrecognized cultural connections, therefore, were arguably as much the work of Turko-Mongol pastoral nomads traversing the Eurasian steppe as the more commonly recognized Silk Road monks and merchants. This interdisciplinary and multi-perspective study will appeal to readers of comparative and world history, especially those interested in medieval warfare, diplomacy, and cultural studies.

Eurasia's Ascent in Energy and Geopolitics: Rivalry or Partnership for China, Russia, and Central Asia? (Routledge Contemporary Asia Series). (Taylor and Francis). Robert Bedeski and Niklas Swanstrom. 2012. The Sino-Russian relationship has experienced several permutations in recent decades as both states have undergone radical domestic changes, including the end of Soviet communism and the abandonment of Maoism. This volume brings together scholars to address the current status of Sino-Russian relations in the political, military, energy and trade sectors. In this comprehensive new volume, authors offer a detailed account on the both the historical context and current status of relations between Russia and China and the geo-political realignments in Eurasia. This analysis of the evolving relationship addresses global strategy, energy politics, national security, human security, and Central Asian links. Individual chapters examine key issues such as China's economic ascendancy, military relations, the geostrategic position of Mongolia, Japan's views and historical background. With authors representing a broad range of current active experts and researchers working in Europe, the US, Central Asia, China and Japan, this book offers a long-term and in-depth analysis of the relations and potential developments in both bilateral and international relations. This work will be of great interest to scholars of international relations, Asian security, and the Eurasian region.

The Routledge Atlas of Central Eurasian Affairs. (Taylor and Francis). Stanley D. Brunn, Stanley W. Toops, Richard Gilbreath. 2012. Providing concisely written entries on the most important current issues in Central Asia and Eurasia, this atlas offers relevant background information on the region's place in the contemporary political and economic world. Features include: Profiles of the constituent countries of Central Asia, namely Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; Profiles of Mongolia, western China, Tibet, and the three Caucasus states of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia; Timely and significant original maps and data for each entry; A comprehensive glossary, places index and subject index of major

concepts, terms and regional issues; Bibliography and useful websites section. Designed for use in teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and seminars in geography, history, economics, anthropology, international relations, political science and the environment as well as regional courses on the Former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and Eurasia, this atlas is also a comprehensive reference source for libraries and scholars interested in these fields.

The Wars for Asia, 1911-1949. (Cambridge University Press). S. C. M. Paine. 2012. The Wars for Asia, 1911-1949 shows that the Western treatment of World War II, the Second Sino-Japanese War, and the Chinese Civil War as separate events misrepresents their overlapping connections and causes. The long Chinese Civil War precipitated a long regional war between China and Japan that went global in 1941 when the Chinese found themselves fighting a civil war within a regional war within an overarching global war. The global war that consumed Western attentions resulted from Japan's peripheral strategy to cut foreign aid to China by attacking Pearl Harbor and Western interests throughout the Pacific on December 7-8, 1941. S. C. M. Paine emphasizes the fears and ambitions of Japan, China, and Russia, and the pivotal decisions that set them on a collision course in the 1920s and 1930s. The resulting wars - the Chinese Civil War (1911-1949), the Second Sino-Japanese War (1931-1945), and World War II (1939-1945) - together yielded a viscerally anti-Japanese and unified Communist China, the still-angry rising power of the early twenty-first century. While these events are history in the West, they live on in Japan and especially China.

Application of the Soviet Theory of "Deep Operation" During the 1939 Soviet-Japanese Military Conflict in Mongolia. (BiblioScholar). Oleksiy Nozdrachov. 2012. During the Interwar period, the Soviet theory of "deep operations," like Soviet military science as a whole developed in parallel with Soviet armed forces organizational reform, including rearmament and preparation for current threats. The determining factors which created favorable conditions for the emergence of the theory were rearmament and reorganization of the Red Army and the combat experience of previous wars of 20th century. However, Stalin's 1937-1940 repression impeded the development and application of the theory. At the same time in the Far East, a full-scale undeclared war developed between Japan and the Soviet Union. The 1939 war became the real battlefield for examining the Red Army, its capability to deploy combined joint forces, to organize comprehensive combat and logistic support of its troops, and to coordinate the efforts with the Mongolian People's Army. The 1939 military conflict in the Far East demonstrated the growth of the Soviet theory of the "deep operation," as well as the leadership talents of General Georgi Konstantinovich Zhukov. This thesis explores aspects of the "deep operation" development and its application during the 1939 Soviet-Japanese military conflict in Mongolia.

How Capitalism Was Built: The Transformation of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia 2nd Edition. (Cambridge University Press). Anders Aslund. 2012. Anders Aslund is known to make bold predictions that initially arouse controversy but soon become common wisdom. In his book Gorbachev's Struggle for Economic Reform (1989), he foresaw the collapse of the Soviet political and economic system. When others saw little but chaos, he depicted the success of Russia's market transformation in How Russia Became a Market Economy (1995). After Russia's financial crisis of 1998, although most observers declared the market economic experiment a failure, Aslund foresaw market economic success (Building Capitalism, 2002). In How Capitalism Was Built, Second Edition, he asks -

and answers in depth for the twenty-one countries he investigates: • Why did communism collapse? • Why did Russia not choose gradual reforms like China did? • Wherein lies the relative success of postcommunist transformation? • How did the oligarchs arise and decline vis-...-vis authoritarian leaders? Anyone who wants to understand the often confusing postcommunist dramas and to obtain an early insight into the future will find this intellectually stimulating book useful. The second edition includes updates to each chapter as well as new chapters on the impact of the global financial crisis and the European Union on the region.

The History of Central Asia: The Age of the Steppe Warriors. (I. B. Tauris). Christoph Baumer. 2012. The epic plains and arid deserts of Central Asia have witnessed some of the greatest migrations, as well as many of the most transformative developments, in the history of civilization. Christoph Baumer's ambitious four-volume treatment of the region charts the 3000-year drama of Scythians and Sarmatians; Soviets and transcontinental Silk Roads; trade routes and the transmission of ideas across the steppes; and the breathless and brutal conquests of Alexander the Great and Chinghiz Khan. Masterfully interweaving the stories of individuals and peoples, the author's engaging prose is richly augmented throughout by color photographs taken on his own travels. For all the complexity of the history, Dr. Baumer, a noted authority on Central Asia, never loses sight of the sweeping grandeur of its overall setting. Volume 1 focuses on the geography of the area now occupied by present-day Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, northern Afghanistan, western and central Mongolia and parts of southern Russia and northern China. Discussing the changing climates of the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Ages, the author explores subjects as diverse as glacial retreat; the invention of the wheel; the legendary Cimmerians and Amazons; Hellenism and Zoroastrianism; and the Oxus Treasure. Future volumes will explore the later historical periods of the region.

A Guide to Mongolian Stoneflies (Insecta: Plecoptera). Zootaxa 3541:1-118. Sarah W. Judson and C. Riley Nelson. 2012. Since the early 1900s, efforts have been made to catalogue the stoneflies of Mongolia. Taxonomic work from 1960 to 1980 greatly expanded basic lists of stoneflies in Mongolia, but no comprehensive survey or synthesis of this dispersed literature has been completed. In conjunction with a modern survey of the aquatic insects of Mongolia, we collected Plecoptera on a series of expeditions to the Selenge (north) and Altai (west) regions of Mongolia. A total of 48 species distributed in 24 genera and 8 families were documented, including 3 of the 5 Mongolian endemics, 2 new species records for Mongolia, and 1 species new to science. The majority of the fauna is representative of the East Palearctic region. The 800+ specimen records were used to validate historical species lists, document species ranges with georeferenced localities, and create identification tools to be used by Mongolian and international researchers with a broad range of taxonomic expertise. These identification tools include a generic-level key to nymphs, species diagnoses, as well as known species range and predicted species range maps created using Ecological Niche Modeling. These tools are primarily intended for use by Mongolian scientists, sampling teams, and community water quality monitoring groups, as well as general use by researchers interested in biogeography, ecology, and water quality applications of Mongolian Plecoptera. With this work, we hope to equip Mongolians with the scientific resources to protect their valuable and vulnerable water resources. Available at: <http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2012/3541.html>.

The Archaeology of Power and Politics in Eurasia: Regimes and Revolutions. (Cambridge University Press). Charles W. Hartley, G. Bike Yazicioğlu, and Adam T. Smith (Editors). 2012. For thousands of years, the geography of Eurasia has facilitated travel, conquest, and colonization by various groups, from the Huns in ancient times to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the past century. This book brings together archaeological investigations of Eurasian regimes and revolutions ranging from the Bronze Age to the modern day, from Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in the west to the Mongolian steppe and the Korean Peninsula in the east. The authors examine a wide-ranging series of archaeological studies in order to better understand the role of politics in the history and prehistory of the region. This book reevaluates the significance of power, authority, and ideology in the emergence and transformation of ancient and modern societies in this vast continent.