

This Month in Mongolian Studies – February 2009

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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APPROACHING DEADLINE - ACMS Research Fellowship

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), with funding support from the Henry Luce Foundation, is pleased to announce the second year of the American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) Research Fellowship Program. The ACMS Research Fellowship Program annually supports three fellows to conduct up to 12-months of doctoral dissertation or post-doctoral research in Mongolia on topics in the Social Sciences or Humanities. Previous Mongolian Studies experience is not required, but projects should enhance knowledge of Mongolia and the Mongols within relevant academic disciplines or fields of study. Projects that link research conducted in Mongolia to research in other parts of Asia or across academic fields are especially encouraged. More information at www.mongoliacenter.org/doctorate.

ACMS Speaker Series

"Contact-induced language change in Inner Mongolia"

Merle Schatz, M.A, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

FEBRUARY 19, 2009, 5PM ROOM 305, BUILDING NO. 5 NUM

Ms. Schatz will present some of her research results on bilingualism (Chinese, Mongolian) and contact-induced language change in Inner Mongolia. Diglossia and bilingual education in Inner Mongolia lead to code-switching and linguistic transfer phenomena in the vernacular language of Inner Mongolia. New mixed Mongolian-Chinese word creations seem to defy the rules of the particular language family. The literary genre *bensen üliger* is part of the oral tradition in Inner Mongolia and its language reflects the mixed Mongolian-Chinese word

creations and language use that she has observed in Huhhot. The main focus of her presentation will therefore be code-switching and linguistic transfer aspects.

"Hearing Mongolian Identity: Tradition, Change and Social Commentary in Mongolian Films and their Soundtracks"

Lucy Rees, PhD Candidate, University of Leeds, England

MARCH 5TH, 2009, 5PM ROOM 305, BUILDING NO. 5 NUM

This talk provides an overview of the main themes and issues raised by filmmakers and film composers throughout seven decades of Mongolian cinema. A discussion of a number of the most influential films will illustrate how filmmakers and film composers have expressed the socialist ideology, Mongolian cultural traditions, and social problems associated with the transition to a market economy. Both Mongolian-made films and collaborations with foreign film studios will be explored.

More information about the Speaker Series at <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/ss>.

ACMS Speaker Series - Call for Speakers for Spring 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites researchers and scholars to present public lectures during the ACMS Spring 2009 Speaker Series. If you are planning to visit Mongolia between January and June 2009 to conduct research or study, please contact info@mongoliacenter.org to schedule a date to participate in this public lecture series. The lectures must be conducted in English, and all academic disciplines are welcome. The Speaker Series is a great opportunity for scholars to present their work and for the general public to learn about academic research in Mongolia. Please notify the ACMS at least two weeks prior to your proposed date to speak in order to allow enough time to advertise the lecture. For more information about past lectures, please visit <http://www.mongoliacenter.org/ss>.

ACMS Annual Meeting - Call for Presenters

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 1, 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) is organizing a Mongolian Studies poster session to be held on Friday, March 27, 2009 at Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers (301 East North Water Street, Chicago, IL), in Chicago Ballroom VI, in conjunction with the ACMS' Annual Meeting. Posters on any topic related to Mongolia, the Mongolian people or historical subjects related to the Mongols are welcome. Poster presenters are required to appear at the meeting to discuss their work. Posters 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. To propose a poster for the session, please send a brief abstract (no more than 250 words) to Enkhbaatar Demchig at info@mongoliacenter.org before March 1, 2009. Posters will be accepted on a rolling basis.

ACMS Intensive Mongolian Language Program Summer 2009

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS) invites applications from students and scholars wishing to participate in an eight week Intensive Mongolian Language Program from June 15 to August 14, 2009 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The program is designed to

develop intermediate to advanced language skills, and all applicants must have the equivalent of at least one year of Mongolian language study experience by the time the program begins. Fellowship opportunities are available. The program is open to students and faculty from all countries, but certain conditions do apply for fellowships. More information about the program at www.mongoliacenter.org/language.

ACMS Field Research Fellowship Program 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2009

The American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), with funding support from the Council for American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), is pleased to announce the fourth year of the ACMS US-Mongolia Field Research Fellowship Program to support student field research in Mongolia in summer or fall 2009. The program will provide \$500-\$3000 grants to approximately 5-10 students from US or Mongolian universities to conduct academic field research in Mongolia between May and October 2009. Student applicants can be at an advanced undergraduate, masters or pre-dissertation doctoral level, and all fields of study are eligible. Applicants must be either US or Mongolian citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled full-time in a university or college in the United States or Mongolia. Students graduating in spring 2009 are eligible to apply. More information at www.mongoliacenter.org/field.

Call for Interns

"Asia Foundation Mongolia Summer Associates Program"

Summer 2009, Mongolia

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2009

The Asia Foundation's Mongolia office is recruiting faculty, students, and professionals for an exciting program entitled: Securing our Future: Mongolia Natural Capital Conservation and Environmental Security Program. This program was launched in December 2006 and aims to build a body of ecological knowledge and understanding, and engage citizens and local schools in order to promote responsible resource use in Mongolia. Complete information about the program is at www.mongoliacenter.org/announcements.

Call for Papers

"Study of Mongolian Symbolism: Quest and Perspectives"

September 9-10, 2009, Centre for the Study of Nomadic Culture and Civilization, National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The Center for the Study of Nomadic Culture and Civilization, National University of Mongolia, invites panel and paper proposals for its first Conference on Mongolian Symbolism scheduled for September 9-10, 2009. The Center welcomes panels and paper topics related to all aspects of Symbolism in the Mongolian cultural area. The Mongolian cultural area including (but not limited to): The Republic of Mongolia, The Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (PRC), Xingjian Autonomous Region (PRC), Buriyati (RF) and Kalmukya (RF). See full announcement at www.mongoliacenter.org/announcements.

Conference

"16th Annual ACES Central Eurasian Studies Conference"

February 28th, 2009, Indiana University, Bloomington

Complete information available at: www.indiana.edu/~aces.

Research Grant

"Travel Grants in Mongolian Studies"

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

The Center for East Asian Studies of Western Washington University 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. Applicants from institutions with few or no Inner Asian resources are given preference. Applications must be submitted by August 1 for research during September through January and by February 1 for research during February through June. They should include a brief description of the research project, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and an estimated budget. When completed, they should be sent to:

Director,
Center for East Asian Studies
Western Washington University
Bellingham WA 98225-9057

Seminar

"Mongolia: Empire and Democracy"

June 21 - July 1, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2009

The Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE) in cooperation with the American Center for Mongolian Studies will offer a faculty development seminar in Mongolia during the summer of 2009. This 11-day seminar begins and ends in Ulaanbaatar. Included is a study tour to Khentii province, birthplace of Chinggis Khaan, where participants will spend two nights at a traditional ger camp, the circular felt tents that the Mongolians have traditionally lived in for centuries. This is a unique opportunity to travel off-the-beaten-track for on site lectures in places of historic significance and witness the traditional Mongolian nomadic lifestyle. For more information about the program and how to apply, please visit <http://www.ciee.org/IFDS/seminars/mongolia.aspx>.

New Publication

"How NGOs React: Globalization and Education Reform in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Mongolia"

Edited by Iveta Silova and Gita Steiner-Khamsi
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303 pages

Limited preview is available through Google Book: <http://books.google.com/>