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DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

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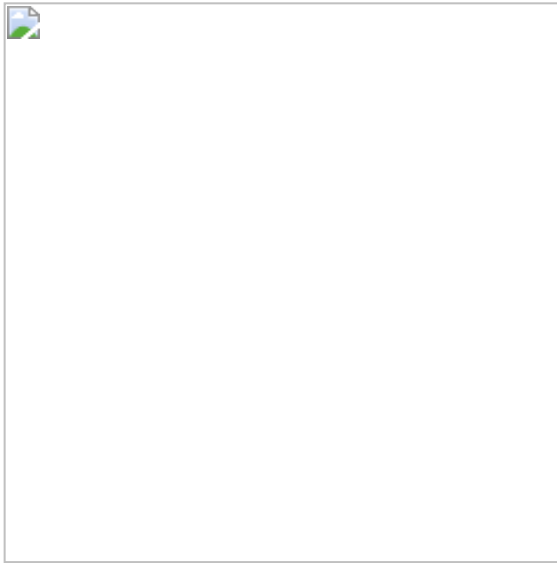
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Department News

Faculty News

- **New Alumni Section on our Website**



In order to keep in touch with our alumni community we have implemented a new Alumni Section to our website. Find ways to stay connected, get involved and support the department while learning about the benefits and services that UBC offers its Alumni.

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As an Asian Studies Alumnus, you can make a significant contribution to the school community through volunteering. If you are interested, please complete this online survey to let us know your volunteer preferences and you will be entered in a raffle to win FREE ASIAN STUDIES SWAG. Based on the preferences you indicate, you will be contacted with specific volunteer opportunities as they arise.

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• **Careers Night**

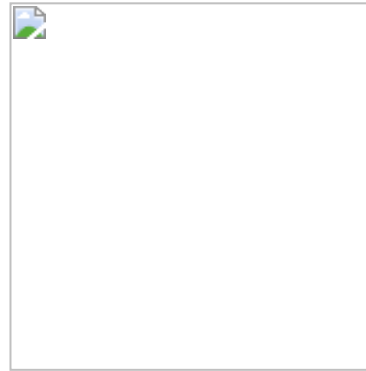
From a Japanese government employee, to a professor, to leaders in business development, Asian Studies' annual Careers Night featured a wide spectrum of career opportunities and what can be done with an Asian Studies degree.

[Careers Night Alumni Bios & more >>](#)

Careers Night speakers, Koichi Ron Shimoda, BA '75, and Shirley Nakata, BA '84, were kind enough to be interviewed after the event.

[Ron Shimoda interview >>](#)

[Shirley Nakata interview >>](#)



• **Professor Edwin G. Pulleyblank (1922-2013):**

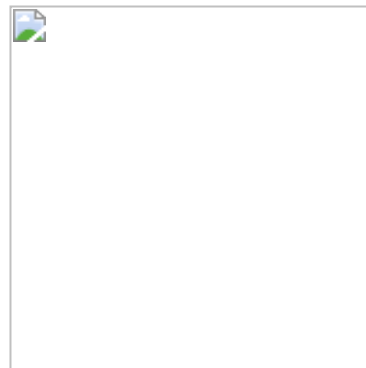
A distinguished Sinologist, linguist and administrator, Professor Pulleyblank will be missed.

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• **Is North Korea a Threat?**

Asian Studies Professor Don Baker was recently on CTV News giving his take on the North Korean Situation.

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• **Assistant Professor Anne Murphy Receives Hampton Research Grant.**

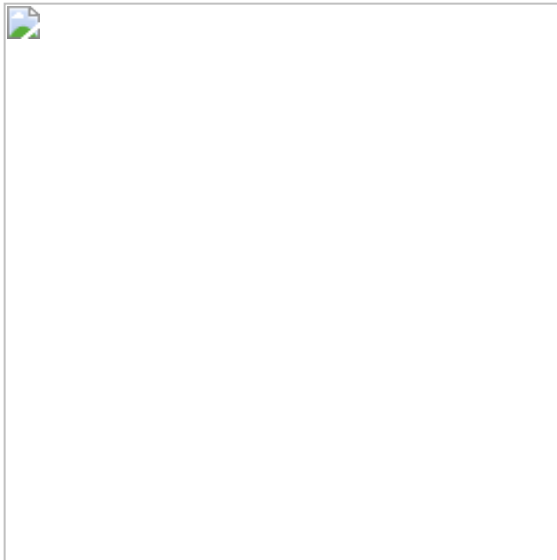
Congratulations to Assistant Professor Anne Murphy on her recent \$39,808 Hampton Research Grant for her project entitled "*Performing the Komagata Maru: Theatre and the Work of Memory*".

• **Professor Jerry Schmidt is Awarded \$92,585 SSHRC Grant.**

Congratulations to Professor Jerry Schmidt on his recent \$92,585 SSHRC grant for his project entitled "*Classic poets of Shanghai (1700-1940) and the Rise of Chinese Modernity*".

If you are interested in being a future Alumni Speaker we encourage you to volunteer. Your participation means a lot to us and our students.

- **Chinese New Year's Party**



The department greeted the Chinese New Year with lion dances, student performances, tea ceremonies and games. Xinnián hao/Gong hey fat choy! Check out photos taken at the event.

[photos >>](#)

Xinhua News Agency covered the wonderfully successful event in their story "*Demand for Chinese Studies Soaring at Canadian University*".

[video >>](#)

- **UBC Students Represent us Proudly in the 2013 BC "Chinese Bridge" Mandarin Speech Contest**

Out of the 14 prizes in total, UBC students won 8 of them. Congratulations to all the prize winners, and every UBC student who participated in the contest. All of you have made UBC proud.

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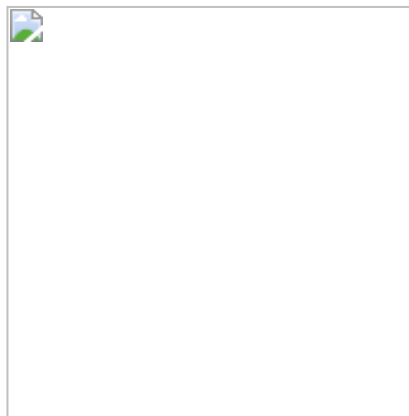
- **Graduate Student Conference 2013**

The conference included more than thirty graduate student presenters and faculty discussants whose papers encompassed the fields of anthropology, art history, drama,

- **Stefania Burk is Awarded the Killam Teaching Prize.**

The Killam Teaching Prize is awarded annually to a faculty member in recognition of excellent graduate-level teaching. The winner is announced each spring and honoured by the Provost and VP Academic at Spring Congregation in May. Congratulations Stefania!

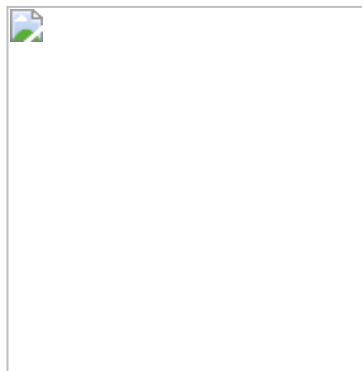
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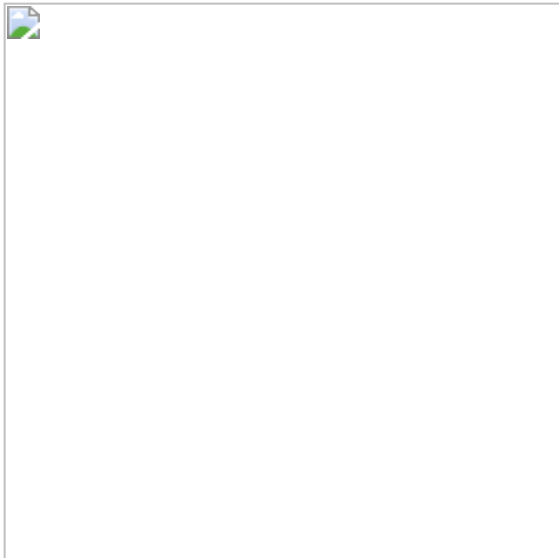


Enjoy a relaxing cup of tea in our Asian Studies Mug infusers;

history, linguistics, literature, political science, and religious studies.

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• **The Virani Lecture Series in Islamic Studies**



For this year's event, held on March 14th, Professor Ayesha Jalal, of Tufts University, offered a new perspective on the dominant communitarian mode of analyzing the partition that tore India apart in 1947 in her lecture titled "*The Pity of Partition, Manto's Life times and Work Across the India-Pakistan Divide*".

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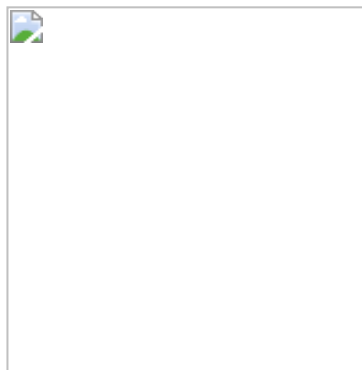
• **The Harjit Kaur Sidhu memorial Program**

The Harjit Kaur Sidhu Memorial Program celebrates the rich life of the Punjabi language and culture and its importance in BC in memory of a woman who shared such passions. This year, our 5th annual celebration of Punjabi, we highlighted Rajinder Singh Bedi's literary and filmic works with a talk by Guriqbal Singh Sahota from the University of California Santa Cruz.

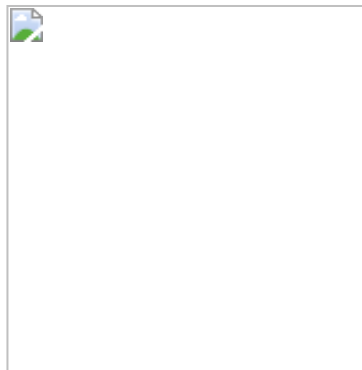
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• **UBC ASIA Club Elections**

UBC ASIA Club has held elections for the 2013-2014 term. Competition was fierce and the process was grueling but ASIA has its new executive team! Congratulations to all those

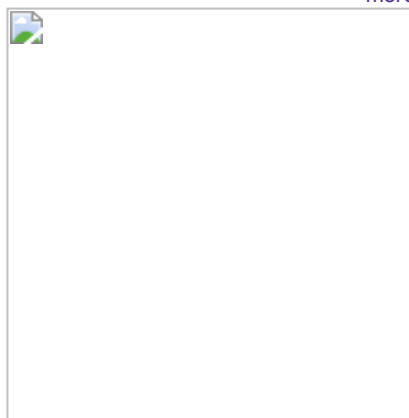


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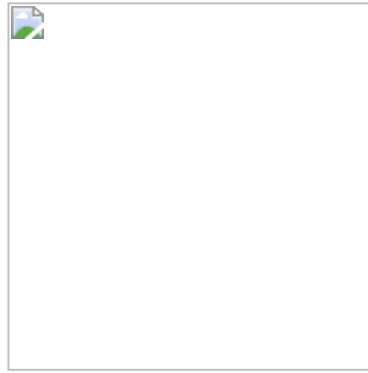
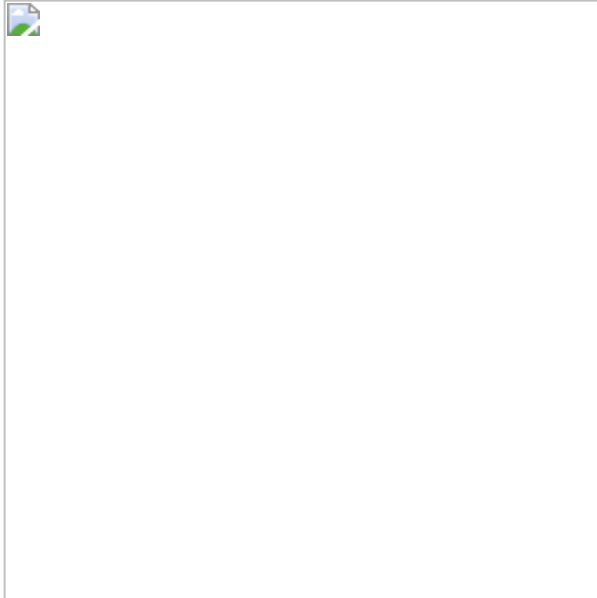
Alumni Spotlight Global Edition

Ever wonder about the graduates who go abroad and start successful careers? Asian Studies has been hunting them down to get their stories.

who were awarded a position. We hope for an exciting year of events and collaboration.

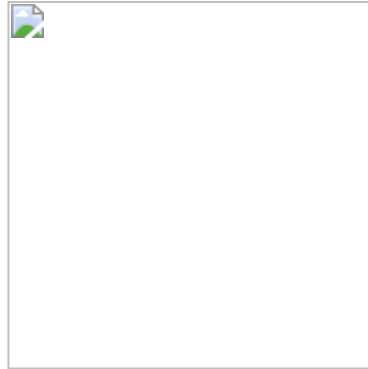
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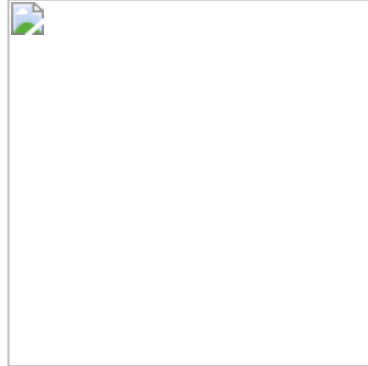
Find out what Dean Robinson has been doing in Hong Kong;

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What Richard N. Liu has been up to in Beijing;

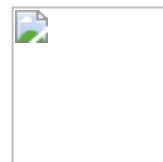
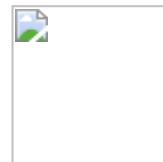
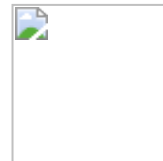
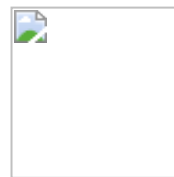
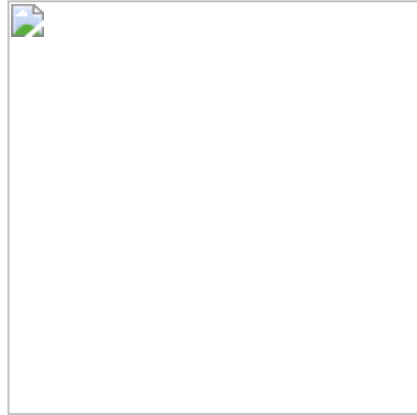
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Or what has kept Basil Tonks in Japan for the last 20 years.

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