Department News

- New Alumni Section on our Website

Faculty News
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.

Online Survey >>

- **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.

  Video >>

- **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. Xīnnián hǎo/Gòng hey fat choy! Check out photos taken at the event.

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

- **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.

- **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!
history, linguistics, literature, political science, and religious studies.

- **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".

- **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.

- **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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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;

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

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

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