The Asian Edge, released at the end of each term, summarizes the main news and events of UBC’s Department of Asian Studies.

Photos & Video - Congratulations to Dr. Joshua Mostow

On October 8th, more than fifty scholars from across the university, as well as members of the community beyond UBC, gathered to celebrate Dr. Joshua Mostow’s election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada - the highest honour a scholar can achieve in Canada.


"Five Long, Short Years: Our World, Our Fukushima" with guest speaker Dr. Norma Field.

Photos & Video - Yip So Man Wat Memorial Lecture

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Asian Studies Careers Night 2016
Interested in mentoring current students? Consider being a guest speaker at our annual Asian Studies Careers Night!

Asian Studies is on Linkedin
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INTERVIEWS

Joshua Mostow - Professor
The Faculty of Arts spoke with Dr. Mostow about how he chose his field, the convergence of classical and contemporary Japanese art, and the most exciting discovery of his career.

Jessica Main - Assistant Professor
ArtsWIRE spoke with Dr. Jessica Main about stress-management techniques

Anne Murphy - Associate Professor
The Department of Asian Studies spoke to Dr. Anne Murphy about the recent
practiced by Buddhists today, the motivations behind Buddhist-led violence in Myanmar and Sri Lanka, and where her program is headed in the future.

appointment of the Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Canada's newest Defense Minister, and why Canadians can be proud to see him at the helm.

Ajay Bhardwaj - PhD Student

Raymond Pai - Instructor
Meet our new Cantonese language Instructor.

FEATURED COURSES

ASIA 346
Topics in Japanese Cultural History II: The Early Modern Age

ASIA 310A
Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism and Religions of Tibet

ASIA 488
Religion, Society and State in Modern India
FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Photos - Concert for Nepal Featuring Pandit Rajeev Taranath
From ticket sales and individual donations, over $2200 has been raised to help fund post-earthquake reconstruction efforts in Nepal.

Long Live Cantopop
Our Cantonese Language program has been featured in several news stories around the globe since it started this fall.

Paper, Print and Cyberspace
The Perspective of a Global Network for Multimedia and Interdisciplinary Studies of Buddhism and East Asian Religions.

Canadian Premiere of Minako: Last Geisha of the Yoshiwara
On October 30 audience members were introduced to the world of the geisha through a screening of Minako: Last Geisha of the Yoshiwara together with early-modern
scholar and documentary director Makoto Yasuhara. Presenting with scholar Kenji Watanabe, Dr. Yasuhara explained her six-year journey covering the final years of Minako’s life and her efforts to debunk stereotypes about geisha.

Photos - The Maiden at Dojoji Temple
On October 22nd, the Department of Asian Studies co-hosted a lecture and demonstration by professional kabuki actor Gankyo Nakamura.

Symposium: Voices of Kakehashi in Multicultural Canada
Matsuo Soga, Professor Emeritus, was invited from Japan to give a keynote speech titled: "For Developing Students’ Communication Abilities."

RESEARCH

Don Baker - Article
Received the Korea Journal Award for Best Article in the Humanities

Chris Rea - Book
The Age of Irreverence: a New History of Laughter in China

Peter Nosco - Book
Values, Identity, and Equality in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Japan
Adheesh Sathaye - Book
Crossing the Lines of Caste: Visvamitra and the Construction of Brahmin Power in Hindu Mythology

Bruce Fulton - Translation
MOSS - Korean Manha

Sarah Shneiderman - Book
Rituals of Ethnicity: Thangmi Identities Between Nepal and India

STUDENT NEWS

Eiji Okawa Receives the Khyentse Foundation Award
The Khyentse Foundation recognizes undergraduate or graduate student achievement in Buddhist Studies.

Julie Vig Receives Goel Family Foundation Award
Julie Vig was awarded the Nehru Humanitarian Graduate Scholarship.

Photos - Chinese fun Night
On Tuesday, October 13th, CHIN 101 and CHIN 111 students gathered for the annual Chinese Fun Night, organized by the Chinese language program at UBC.
Famous Hong Kong Film & TV Star Visits ASIA 325: Hong Kong Cinema
It was a delight and honour to welcome Mr. Yueh Hua on his visit to speak about his experience as a star of cinema and TV.

Japanese Movie Night
There were lots of laughs (and a few tears!) during the movie, after which the students and instructors had a chance to talk while enjoying pizza and cookies.

Video - Cantonese Got Talent
An amazingly creative final project put together by the students of our new Cantonese language program.

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