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

DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Cantonese Language Program

We are thrilled to offer Canada’s first for credit university Cantonese Language program. Thanks to a generous donation by brothers Alex and Chi Shum Watt, we will be offering 2 sections of beginner level courses during the 2015/16 school year.

Learn more about our beginner courses >>

2015 Yip So Man Wat Memorial Lecture

RECONNECT

Get Involved

Interested in mentoring current students? Consider being a guest speaker at our Annual Asian Studies Careers Night! Please fill in the below survey and the department will be in contact with you shortly.

Get Involved Survey >>

Add us on LinkedIn!

Join our Asian Studies LinkedIn Group. With over 200 members already, start
Featuring Dr. Philip J. Ivanhoe, professor at the City University of Hong Kong and an expert in Confucianism, this year's lecture will be held on September 29th at 5pm in the Asian Centre.

Register for the event >>

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Press Start UBC

Press Start was a two-day conference on Japanese videogames that brought together scholars, players, and game industry representatives for a wide variety of panels and discussions related to Japanese gaming culture.

Podcasts, interviews and videos from the conference >>

2015 Asian Studies Careers Night

reconnecting with other Asian Studies students and alumni today!

LinkedIn Group >>

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RESEARCH

The Business of Culture

Dr. Christopher Rea has a new book titled The Business of Culture; it documents 10 interlinked case studies of "cultural entrepreneurs" in China and Southeast Asia during the late nineteenth to early 20th century.

Available through UBC Press >>

Propaganda Performed

Dr. Sharalyn Orbaugh’s new book, Propaganda Performed: Kamishibai in Japan’s Fiteen Year War, offers seven complete translations of wartime plays, over 300 color illustrations from hard-to-access kamishibai play cards, and photographs of prewar performances, this study constitutes an archive of
With 78 student registrants, a handful of faculty and 13 alumni that spanned each decade since the beginning of the Department of Asian Studies in 1961 in attendance, our Annual Asian Studies Careers Night was a huge success!

Photos and guest alumni bios >>

Lunar New Year Celebration

The Department held its Lunar New Year Celebration on February 13, 2015. In conjunction with the main event, Chinese and Korean cultural activities were offered for everyone to enjoy and participate in. Activities included writing Chinese calligraphy, seal engraving, creating paper crafts, tying Chinese knots and traditional Korean games.

Photos and videos from this year’s and past lunar new year celebrations >>

The Harjit Kaur Sidhu Memorial Program

wartime history in addition to providing a detailed analysis of the rhetoric of political persuasion.

Available through Brill >>

Crossing the Lines of Caste

Using a performance-centered approach to situate the production of the Visvamitra legends within specific historical contexts, Crossing the Lines of Caste, Dr. Adheesh Sathaye's new book, reveals how and why mythological culture has played an active, dialogical role in the construction of Brahmin social power over the last three thousand years.

Available through Oxford University press >>

Core Beliefs

Dr. Peter Nosco has co-edited a book with Dr. Simone Chambers of the University of Toronto, titled Dissent on Core Beliefs: Religious and Secular Perspectives, that compares the ways in which nine
The 2015 program featured a presentation by Punjabi actor and activist Samuel John, in dialogue with Margo Kane (Cree/Saulteaux), an interdisciplinary performing artist and founder of the Talking Stick Festival for First Nations Performing Arts.

FEATURED COURSES

Popular

Asian Horror Cinema: National Nightmares and Specters of Trauma

Critical Approaches to Manga and Anime

New

Global Chinese Cinemas

Sex, Sexual Ethics, and Asian Religions

South and Southeast Asian Performing Arts

Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism and Religions of Tibet

Hong Kong Cinema

ethical and religious traditions have dealt with intramural dissent.

Available through Cambridge Publishing >>

INTERVIEWS

Milton Kiang

Milton Kiang, B.A., LLB. is a Sr. Resume Writer with Vancouver Resume Professional. He has written previously for the Vancouver Sun, the Vancouver Courier and the Georgia Straight, and was a contributor to the Career & Business section of The Lawyers Weekly newspaper.

Interview >>

Micki Cowan

Micki Cowan, BA 2011, pursued a career in journalism after graduating. Last summer she spent two months around Shanghai gathering footage, interviews and doing research for a documentary that will be coming out this April called
On Sunday March 22, 2015, the BC "Chinese Bridge" Mandarin Speech Contest for University Students was held at BCIT. The topic of this Speech Contest was "Me and China" where students talked about their individual stories with China, their experience learning Chinese, and their passion for Chinese culture.

Summary, photos and video >>

The 27th BC Japanese Speech Contest was held at UBC Asian Centre on Saturday, March 7th, 2015. There were thirteen UBC
contestants who passed the preliminary screening with eight of our students winning prizes in their respective categories.

Winners and Photo >>

2015 Asian Studies Graduate Conference

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, graduate students and faculty got together to hold the fourth annual Asian Studies Graduate Conference.

Photos, summary and list of topics >>