



# CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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Wenfei Yang performs the Peacock Dance at our annual Chinese New Year Dinner.

## Students travel to Japan for VU Class

Students enrolled in Cultural Memory in Japan had an opportunity for hands on experience with Japanese culture by spending their spring break in Japan. Under the instruction of Prof. Jennifer Prough (Christ College), 7 undergraduate students and 1 graduate student travelled to Kyoto, Japan at the beginning of March. Each student had an individual research project which they were researching during the trip, such as The Contemporary Japanese Family, the Emperor in the Twentieth Century, Samurai Spirit and World War II, among others. In addition, Prof. George Pati, from Theology Department, also attended the trip in order to enrich his course on East Asian Religions.

Thanks to a 7-day Japan Railways pass, the group was able to enjoy daytrips to Hiroshima, Himeji, and Tokyo, on the Shinkansen (Bullet Train). The class was able to travel to various famous places such as the atomic bomb dome, Peace Park, the Itsukushima shrine, Harajuku, Himeji Castle, among others.

In addition to the above mentioned places, the class also traveled to several cities near Kyoto. Among a few places was Kansai Gaidai University, with which VU has an exchange program. Former Valparaiso University exchange students, Chiaki Ishihara and

Ayako Naito, assisted the class in some of their excursions, as did current exchange student, Kaori Naka. Additionally, Kansai Gaidai University students also volunteered their time during the weekend to escort and translate for the class. Ken Takehura, one of our translators, will be studying abroad at VU in the upcoming school year.

The class will be featuring their photos in a photography exhibit in the Mueller Hall Gallery from April 12<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend the opening reception which will occur on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 4:30 PM in the Christ College Commons, to be followed by the Japanese Club Curry Dinner. The opening reception is free to all, and the curry dinner tickets will be on sale, at a nominal fee, from the Union Information Desk.

All in all, the trip was an educational experience and unique opportunity for students of VU. The CJS Program at VU offers similar research trips to China or Japan on a yearly basis.

## CJS Fall 2008 Course Offerings

### Greetings from Alumni – Ryan Jones

I began my career here in Hangzhou about two months after graduation, right at the end of Chinese New Years. As an International Business and Chinese/Japanese Studies double major, working in international marketing for a Chinese software firm is the most fitting job for me! And since I teach English to many employees in addition to my marketing work, they have started giving me some private Chinese lessons several times a week in exchange, so it really is lucky for me to find such a great job! Hangzhou is a beautiful city, and I am really looking forward to living and working here for the next several years!

### Chinese Language

FLC 101A: *Beginning Chinese I*  
MTRF 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 203A: *Intermediate Chinese I*  
MTRF 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 305A: *Advanced Chinese I*  
MTR 6:30 PM – 7:50PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 486V: *Internship in Chinese\**  
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

FLC 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Chinese\**  
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

FLC 531EVX/CHST 531EVX: *Cont Chinese in Mass Media I*  
MTR 4:30 PM – 5:40PM, 4cr, Prof. Ridgway

FLC 607X: *Intensive 4<sup>th</sup> Year Chinese*  
MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

### Japanese Language

FLJ 101A: *Beginning Japanese I*  
MTWR 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 203A: *Intermediate Japanese I*  
MTWR 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 305A: *Advanced Japanese I*  
MTWR 10:10 AM – 11:00 AM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 481V: *Cooperative Ed in Japanese I\**  
TBA TBA, 0.5-3cr, Staff

FLJ 482V: *Cooperative Ed in Japanese II\**  
TBA TBA, 0.5-3cr, Staff

FLJ 483V: *Cooperative Ed in Japanese III\**  
TBA TBA, 0.5-3cr, Staff

FLJ 486V: *Internship in Japanese\**  
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

FLJ 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Japanese\**  
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

### History

HIST 240A: *Intro to East Asian Culture*  
MWF 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 341EV: *Rev. & Roots: Making of Modern China*  
TR 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 393EVX/EAST 390BX: *History Through Film: Asia*  
M 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 541EV: *Rev. & Roots: Making of Modern China*  
TR 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 593EVX: *History Through Film: Asia*  
M 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 210A: *World in the Twentieth Century*  
TR 2:50PM – 4:05PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

### Master of Arts in Chinese Studies (MACS)

CHST 531EVX/FLC 531EVX: *Cont Chinese in Mass Media I*  
MTR 4:30 PM – 5:40 PM, 4cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 590AX: *Public Policy in China*  
MW 3:05 PM – 4:20 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin  
(Cross-listed w/ EAST 390AX, CHST 590AX, & ICP 590AX)

CHST 590BX/HIST 393EV: *History Through Film: Asia*  
M 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

CHST 607X/FLC 607X: *Intensive 4<sup>th</sup> Year Chinese I*  
MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 696A: *Graduate Seminar in Chinese Studies*  
TBA TBA, 0.5cr, Prof. Lin

### Political Science

POLS 490BX: *Public Policy in China*  
MW 3:05PM – 4:20PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin  
(Cross-listed w/ EAST 390AX, CHST 590AX, & ICPAX)

POLS 493A: *Senior Seminar in Political Science*  
TR 3:05 PM – 4:20 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

### Economics

ECON 326A: *International Economics*  
TR 1:20 PM - 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Raman

ECON 626A: *International Trade & Economics*  
TR 11:50AM – 1:05PM, 3cr, Prof. Raman

### East Asia

EAST 386V: *Internship in Chinese & Japanese Studies*  
TBA TBA, 1-4 cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 390AX: *Public Policy in China*  
MW 3:50 PM – 4:20PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin  
(Cross-listed w/ POLS 490BX, CHST 590AX, & ICP 590AX)

EAST 390 BX/HIST 393EV: *History Through Film: Asia*  
M 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

EAST 493A: *East Asian Senior Seminar*  
TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research*  
TBA TBA, 1-3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 499A: *Coll in Chinese & Japanese Studies*  
F 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, 0.5cr, Prof. Prough

**Itsukushima Shrine, on the island of Miyajima, is famous for this torii gate which stands in the water.**



### **Chinese and Japanese Studies Administrative Committee**

Frederick Kavanagh (Japanese, x5311)  
Zhimin Lin (Political Science, x5749)  
Michael Longan (Geography, x 6874)  
Jianyun Meng (Chinese, x6611)  
James Nelson (Psychology, x5443)  
George Pati (Theology, x6110)  
Jennifer Prough (Christ College, x5492)  
Jaishankar Raman (Economics, x6814)  
Benjamin Ridgway (MACS, x5069)  
Jonathan Schoer (Chemistry, x5374)  
Brent Whitefield (History, x6965)

**Office assistants (Spring 2008):  
Jessica Moy, Jason Qiu, & Jonathan Zhang**

### **Events Sponsored by the Japanese Club**

**The Japanese Club** will sponsor:

**Cultural Memory in Japan Photography Exhibit  
Opening Reception:** April 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM,  
Mueller Hall Gallery

The exhibit will be available from April 12 – June 30. For more information, please contact Prof. Jennifer Prough at 219-464-5492 or [Jennifer.prough@valpo.edu](mailto:Jennifer.prough@valpo.edu).

**Curry Dinner.** April 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 PM, Huegli Hall

Tickets for the Curry Dinner are now selling at the Union information desk for \$3.