

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Valparaiso University

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAM
Prof. Zhimin Lin, Chair 219/464-5749

APRIL 2000

GOOD LUCK TO SENIORS!

The Chinese and Japanese Studies faculty would like to convey our best wishes to all graduating seniors. We hope you will stay in touch with us and let us know what you are doing in the coming years.

VU Faculty Seminar in China

Professor Zhimin Lin will lead a faculty development seminar in China from May 22 to June 6, 2000. By visiting cities with significant historical and cultural treasures, sampling life in city and countryside, contrasting the booming coastal areas and the less developed interiors, and sailing down the Yangtze River where the Three Gorges Dam is currently being built, participants will be able to experience not only the changes within China but also to put the subject areas of their teaching and research in a broader, cross-cultural context.

The 34 participants will visit Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, the Three Gorges Dam, Yichang, Huangshan (Yellow Mountain), Hangzhou, Shaoxing, and Shanghai. The group will include 18 from VU and 16 from Concordia College (Moorhead, MN), Concordia University (River Forest, IL), Luther College, Roanoke College, and Thiel College, which are all members of the Lutheran Colleges China Consortium.

Third Year Chinese Available

Anyone interested in taking third-year Chinese can register for EAST 495-V (Chinese and Japanese Studies) for the fall semester. Offered for 1 to 3

credits, the course will be taught in seminar fashion and will meet once a week for about two hours.

Focus will be on extensive reading of materials in Chinese, translation, and grammar. Prerequisite is two years of Chinese or its equivalent. For more information, contact Prof. Zhimin Lin at x5749 or email <zhimin.lin@valpo.edu>.

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES FALL '00 COURSE OFFERINGS

EAST 495-V
SUPERVISED READING & RESEARCH
TBA
(Prof. Lin)

See accompanying article on taking this course for third-year Chinese.

Economics 236 A:
COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS
TR 11:50-1:05
(Prof. Bernard)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

FLC 101. BEGINNING CHINESE I.
(Jessica Liu)
MTRF 11:50-12:40

FLC 203. INTERMEDIATE CHINESE I.
(Jessica Liu)
MTRF 2:00-2:50

FLJ 101. BEGINNING JAPANESE I.
(Prof. Kavanagh)
Section A. MTWR 10:10-11:00
Section B. MTWR 2:00-2:50

FLJ 203. INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I.

(Prof. Kavanagh)
MTWR 12:55-1:45

FLJ 305. ADVANCED JAPANESE I.
(Prof. Kavanagh)
MTWR 11:50-12:40

History 240:
INTRODUCTION TO EAST ASIAN CULTURE
(Staff)
TR 2:25-3:40

An exploration of the main political, social, and cultural values in traditional China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam and of the ways that they flourish today.

History 342:
TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH--
THE MAKING OF MODERN JAPAN
(Staff)
TR 6:30-7:45 p.m.

A study of Japan's rise to its position as a world power with emphasis on the consequent social dislocations in the twentieth century.

Political Science 130:
COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Section A MWF 9:05-9:55
Section B MWF 10:10-11:00
Section C MWF 11:50-12:40
(Prof. Zhimin Lin)

Part of the course will deal with contemporary Chinese politics.

Psychology 390-EVB:
CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
(Prof. Nelson)
T 6:30-9:15 pm

The purpose of the course is to study the relationship between culture and the behavior of the

individual, using the scientific method as applied in psychology. Prof. Nelson will be utilizing his expertise gained from conducting cross-cultural research in China in the Fall Semester of 1994.

Theology 364:
THE BUDDHIST TRADITION
(Prof. Ludwig)
MWF 9:05-9:55

This course will investigate the origins and fundamental teachings and practices of Buddhism. We will focus especially on the life of the Buddha and his original teachings, the expansion of Buddhism and its influence on the cultures of Southeast and East Asia, and the special developments of Mahayana Buddhism.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This newsletter, produced by the Chinese & Japanese Studies Program at Valparaiso University (formerly called the East Asian Studies Program), aims to enhance communication among those who are interested in Chinese and Japanese Studies. If you wish to submit an item to the newsletter, please contact Professor Zhimin Lin at 5749 or email him <Zhimin.Lin@valpo.edu>.

To have your name added to or deleted from the mailing list, contact Beth Schoppa at 5954 or email: Beth.Schoppa@valpo.edu.

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES FACULTY

Prof. James Bernard (Economics), 5045

Prof. Fred Kavanagh (Japanese), 5311

Prof. Zhimin Lin, Chair (Pol. Sci.), 5749

Prof. Ted Ludwig (Theology), 5303

Prof. James Nelson (Psychology), 5442

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Prof. Hugh McGuigan, Director, 5333

Holly Singh, Admin. Asst., 5333

Rachel Gretencord, Admin. Asst., 5333