

# CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

## Valparaiso University

CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAM  
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### STUDY IN CHINA OR JAPAN

This fall, we have seven students participating in our Hangzhou Study Program and one student in our Japan Study Program. Two students will also participate in the Japan Study Program in the spring.

Anyone who is interested in joining the programs next fall or spring should contact either Professor Hugh McGuigan (x5333) or Professor Zhimin Lin (x5749). Don't miss these great opportunities!

### New Faculty Members

We are fortunate to have added two new faculty members to the Chinese & Japanese Studies staff this fall.

Professor Robin Visser, who has a Ph.D. degree in Chinese literature from Columbia University, teaches courses in Christ College. Professor John Crespi has a master's degree and is completing a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He teaches in the History Department.

### East Asian Club

Nate Ruhter and Joe Rodarte have volunteered to be the contact persons for our East Asian Club. They are currently planning a number of activities, including the weekly noodle lunches and a shish kebab dinner.

If you have any suggestions regarding activities, please email either one of them:

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### Welcome Hangzhou Scholar

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Jigang Yuan who has joined us this fall as a visiting scholar from Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. Mr. Yuan has been a long-time friend of VU and has assisted many VU faculty members and students while they were in Hangzhou. He can be reached at 462-6544.

Mr. Yuan recently offered a six-week course in Taiji Quan (or shadow boxing) in which more than a

dozen faculty members and students participated. If there is enough interest, a similar course will be offered in the spring.

### Scholarships Available

The Chinese and Japanese Studies Program happily announces that, starting in the spring semester of 2001, it will offer two \$500 scholarships a year. Details about this opportunity, as well as applications forms for the scholarships, will be made available after Thanksgiving break.

### FACULTY TRIP TO CHINA

A group of 32 faculty members and their spouses from VU and from member colleges of the Lutheran Colleges China Consortium spent two weeks last May and June in China under the leadership of Professor Zhimin Lin.

The group toured such places as Beijing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Wuhan, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. They also cruised down the Yangtze River and climbed up Yellow Mountain. All the group agreed it was an eye-opening and worthwhile trip.

### Research Project Completed

During the summer, Ryan Murray, a recent VU graduate, and Professor Zhimin Lin completed a research project on the changing Chinese perception of the United States. The project was funded by the AsiaNetwork, and its results will be published in two separate papers.

## CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES SPRING '01 COURSE OFFERINGS

**ECON 336 A. Economics of Developing Nations**  
(Prof. Bernard) TR 11:50-1:05

*An analysis of economic variables, both theoretical and institutional, which characterize developing nations, including China.*

**EAST 390X. The Urban Imagination in Modern Chinese Literature and Film**

(cross listed with CC 325C)

(Prof. Robin Visser) TR 11:50-1:05

*Through a sampling of short stories, novels, films and visual images, this course will examine the shifting connotations of the city in China throughout the twentieth century. The first half will focus on texts from China's Republican Era, and the second on cultural products from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the post-Mao era in the PRC. •*

**EAST 493 A. East Asian Senior Seminar**  
(Prof. Lin) TBA

**EAST 495 V. Supervised Reading and Research.**  
1-3 cr.

(Prof. Lin) M 2:00-3:00

*This course serves as 3rd year Chinese for students having completed two years of Chinese. Focus is on translation of Chinese texts into English.*

**FLC 102 A. Beginning Chinese II**  
(Prof. Liu) MTRF 11:50-12:40

**FLC 204 A. Intermediate Chinese II**  
(Prof. Liu) MTRF 2:00-2:50

**FLJ 102 A. Beginning Japanese II**  
(Prof. Kavanagh) MTWR 10:10-11:00

**FLJ 204 A. Intermediate Japanese II**  
(Prof. Kavanagh) MTWR 11:50-12:40

**FLJ 306 A. Advanced Japanese II**  
(Prof. Kavanagh) MTWR 12:55-1:45

**FLJ 251 A. Intro to Japanese Literature**  
(Prof. Kavanagh) MW 2:00-3:15

**HIST 341 A. Revolution & Its Roots: The Making of Modern China**  
(Prof. Crespi) TR 2:25-3:40

*A study of the decline of traditional civilization resulting from domestic crises and foreign pressures, and the search for a new orthodoxy in the Chinese revolution, with an emphasis on 20th century Chinese society and culture.*

**POLS 130: Comparative Politics**  
(Prof. Lin)

Section A MWF 9:05-9:55

Section B MWF 10:10-11:00

Section C MWF 11:50-12:40

*This course introduces students to the current political systems in six countries, including China and Japan. The main textbook is John McCormick, Comparative Politics in Transition. A reader will also be used. No prerequisite.*

**POLS 490 A: Seminar: Politics in China**  
(Prof. Lin) TR 11:50-1:05

*This course focuses on the basic contradictions in political development in China after 1949, contrasting the policies of Mao and Deng and his successors. The goal is to develop a better understanding of the critical choices China faces today.*

## 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

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