Awards
Outstanding Asian Research Paper – To be announced
Outstanding Research Bibliography – To be announced
Jonathan Coleman and Scott Shin,
Sarah Ann Wirth Memorial Scholarship
in East Asian Studies and History

Special Recognition and Appreciation
LeaAnn Martin, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Paqui Paredes Mendez, Chair, Modern and Classical Languages
Stephanie Wannie, Secretary Supervisor
Lisa Weed, Admin. Services Manager, Modern and Classical Languages
Liz Partolan-Fray, Director, International Programs and Exchanges
Margaret Fast, Librarian for East Asian Studies and History
Wayne Richter, Library Specialist, Mongolia Collection
Henry G. Schwarz, Professor Emeritus, Past-President Mongolia Society
Xing’s Panda Palace, Luncheon

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and Francine Clark Art Institute. Department of Prints, Drawings and
Schedule of Events

11:30: REFRESHMENTS
12:00: WELCOME: RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Introductions:
Massimiliano Tomasi, Director, Center for East Asian Studies
Recognition of Special Guests
Recognition of Graduating Seniors, Majors and Minors

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12:15-5:00 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM
Student Speakers and Faculty Discussants

12:15: Panel #1
Topics in Japanese Art with Dr. Julia Sapin
Jonathan Coleman “Preserving the Old by Means of the New: Mokume Gane”
Emily Sorenson “Deconstructing the Female Gender Role through Contemporary Japanese Visual Culture”

12:45 Panel #2
Perspectives and Memory in Japanese Literature
with Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi
Chelsea Rothe “Homosexuality in Contemporary Japanese Literature and the Changing Public Discourse”
Mercedes Henley “Reconstructing the Collective Memory of Japan’s Atomic Bomb Victims”

1:15: Panel #3
Social Issues in Contemporary East Asia with Dr. Baozhen Luo
Matthew Owen “Japanese Police and the Community”
Maddie Diabate “Creating Ideal Beauty”
Kevin Campbell “The Effect of Japan’s Population Decline and Aging Society on Its Economy”

2:00 Panel #4
Economic and Social Issues in Japan with Dr. Tom Roehl
Lukas Czerniecki “Japanese Whaling: Rooted in Culture rather than Economics”
Ian Robbins “Suicide Methodology in Contemporary Japan”

2:30 Panel #5
War, Occupation and Feminism in Japan with Dr. Diana Wright
Christophe Murdock “Phoenix: The Rise and Fall of the Imperial Japanese Navy”
Elvira Sylvester “The American Occupation and Japanese Identity”

3:15: Panel #6
Literature in East Asia during the Pre-Modern Period with Dr. Janice Kam
Jenny Ji “Aesthetic Perspective of Tang Chinese Literature: The Role of Yijing’s Character”
Misha Mantor “Edo Period Travel Novels as Products of Commercialization”

3:45: Panel #7
Karaoke and Film in Japan with Dr. Judy Pine
Keynan Katschman “Way of the Vocals: Intricacies of Karaoke”
Krystina T. Blanton “Japanese Feminism in Hayao Miyazaki’s Films”

4:15 Panel #8
Politics of Friendship with Dr. Kristen Parris
Jonathan Ross “Chinese Involvement in the Economy and Stability of North Korea”