Awards
Outstanding Asian Research Paper – To be announced Spring quarter
Outstanding Research Bibliography – To be announced Spring quarter
Sarah Ann Wirth Memorial Scholarship in East Asian Studies and History –
To be announced at the end of Spring quarter

Special Recognition and Appreciation
LeaAnn Martin, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Paqui Paredes Mendez, Chair, Modern and Classical Languages
Stephanie Wanne, Secretary Supervisor
Holly Childs, 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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the Buddha (Oni no nenbutsu) from the Series Souvenir Paintings from Ōtsu
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Bigelow Collection at The Museum of Fine Arts Boston

East Asian Studies
Twenty First Annual
Student Symposium

Scholars Week 2015
Thursday, March 5th, 11:30-4:00
Miller Hall 123
Schedule of Events
In Memory of
Diana Elizabeth Wright, PhD
Historian of Japan
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Center for East Asian Studies
1997-2014

11:30: Refreshments

12:00: Welcome and Recognition Ceremony

Introductions:

Massimiliano Tomasi, Director,
Center for East Asian Studies

Recognition of Special Guests
Recognition of Graduating Seniors, Majors and Minors

12:15- 4:00 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM
Student Speakers and Faculty Discussants

12:15: Panel #1
Akutagawa and Christianity with Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi
Mariah Resa “Akutagawa's Christianity”
Japanese Anime with Dr. Janice Kam

12:55 Panel #2
Social Issues in Contemporary Japan with Dr. Baozhen Luo
Frank Bonafe “Japan's Fertility Crisis”
Angela Miles “Hikikomori: The Safe Space of Solitude”
Marriage in Japan with Dr. Bob Marshall
Quinn Stanton “The ‘Appropriate Person’ to Marry in Japan”

1:55: Panel #3
Japanese Dress with Dr. Julia Sapin
Alicia Faires “Things to Wear: How and Why Modern Kimono Evolved”
Koreans after the Kantō Earthquake with Dr. Roger Thompson
Scott Shin “The Persecution and Discrimination of Ethnic Koreans in Japan following the 1923 Kantō Earthquake”

2:35 Panel #4
Struggle for Peace with Dr. Judy Pine
Renee Banks “Sōka Gakkai: A Struggle for Peace”
Immortality in Taoism with Dr. Scott Pearce
Chelsea Young “The Pursuit of Immortality in Chinese Taoism”

3:15 Panel #5
Korean Politics with Dr. Kristen Parris
Deyland Somer “Role of Political Institutions and Public Opinion in the Impeachment, Removal, and Reinstatement of President Roh Moo-hyun and the Process of Democratic Consolidation in the Republic of Korea”
e-Sports in Korea with Dr. Tom Roehl
Michael Zhou “The Development of e-Sports in South Korea”