Awards
Diana Wright 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
Dr. Brent Mallinckrodt, Dean, College of Humanities and Social
Sciences
Dr. Paqui Paredes Mendez, Chair, Modern and Classical Languages
Sara Helms, East Asian Studies Administrative Assistant
Holly Childs, Admin. Services Manager, Modern and Classical
Languages
Dr. Ryan Larsen, Director of Education Abroad
Margaret Fast, Librarian for East Asian Studies and History
Wayne Richter, Library Specialist, Mongolia Collection
Henry G. Schwarz, Professor Emeritus, Past-President Mongolia Society
Western Washington University Catering, Luncheon

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New Face. Mao-era propaganda poster from Liaoning province, April 1975.
Creativesomerset.com. https://www.thechinastory.org/wp-content/up-
loads/2013/10/F4_2b_poster_half_the_sky.jpg.
In Memory of

Diana Elizabeth Wright, PhD
Historian of Japan
Department of History and
Center for East Asian Studies
1997-2014

11:30 to 12:00 Welcome & Recognition Ceremony
Massimiliano Tomasi, Director, Center for East Asian Studies

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

12:00 to 5:40 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM
Student Speakers and Faculty Discussants

12:00-12:50 Mongolia and China from Different Perspectives
Dr. Ed Vajda with Michael Ridley-James – “The Kamikaze: Mongol Invasions of Japan 1274 & 1281”
Dr. Roger Thompson with Ellyse Brewster – “Holmes and Huo: A Tale of Two Detectives”
Dr. Roger Thompson with Ryan Hoveskeland – “The Significance of Maoism in Modern Chinese Politics”

12:50-1:40 Society and Film in Japan
Dr. Masa Deguchi with Rachelle Spencer – “Wakon Yosai and the Preservation of Japanese Culture”
Dr. Colleen Laird with Brandon Larson – “Japanese Film: Japan’s Unique Evolution of Film”
Dr. Glenn Tsunokai with Ian McElwee – “Yakuza Media Versus Reality”

1:40-2:30 Asian Feminism
Dr. Colleen Laird with Riley Jones – “History of Japanese Feminism from the Meiji Period to Now”
Dr. Scott Pearce with Rainbow Williams – “A Comparative Analysis of Women’s Movements in China and America”
Dr. Scott Pearce with Jiali Lewis – “The Interwining of Communism and Feminism in China”

2:30-2:50 Break

2:50-3:30 Society in Japan
Dr. Judy Pine with Ryan Buchanan – “Jisatsu in Transition: The Social Transformation and Stagnation of Suicide in Japan”
Dr. Judy Pine with Adam Gallinat – “Japanese Policies and Attitudes Toward the Ainu”

3:30-4:10 Japanese Cities
Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi with Anna Hull – “Nagasaki’s Cultural Influence from Chinese Trading”
Dr. Patrick Buckley with Sam Tomlin – “The Development of Railway Transportation in Tokyo”

4:10-4:50 Music in Japan
Dr. Bertil van Boer with Fabiola Yupari – “The Japanese Element in Music: Tokugawa vs Meiji”
Kevin Woods with Ashton Kershner – “The Status & Future of Jazz in Japan”

4:50-5:40 Historical Japan
Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi with Kerri Shepard – “The Downfall of Christianity In Japan”
Dr. Emi Foulk with Timothy Welch – “Influence of Emperors: Post Meiji Restoration”
Dr. Emi Foulk with Tyson Macomber – “The Changing Role of Japan’s Security Policies”