Awards

Rachel Ashby, Outstanding East Asian Studies Graduate for 2013
Rachel Ashby, Outstanding Asian Research Paper
Megan Cross, Outstanding Research Bibliography
Misha Mantor, Sarah Ann Wirth Memorial Scholarship
in East Asian Studies and History

Special Recognition and Appreciation

Brent Carbajal, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Paqui Paredes Mendez, Chair, Modern and Classical Languages
Kim Kolb Ayre, 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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Cover: Ando Hiroshige, (1797 - 1858), "New Year's Eve, Fox Fires by the Nettle Tree at Oji: One Hundred Famous Views of Edo," 1857 (Polychrome wood block print, first impression from the Yale University Art Gallery). "Nettle trees were often planted along highways at every Japanese mile (2.45 Western miles) during the Edo Period. One particular tree at Oji was made famous by a local folk tale. On New Year's Eve, it was believed that foxes gathered by the tree and threw flames of fire out of their mouths. By the amount of the fire, farmers could predict the grain harvest for the coming year--the more the fire, the better the harvest. As foxes feed on rodents, grains are, in effect, protected by foxes, and they were semi-deified as messengers of Inari, the deity who protects cereals." --ARTstor metadata description

East Asian Studies Nineteenth Annual Student Symposium



Scholars Week 2013 Friday, June 7th, 11:30-4:00 Miller Hall 121

Schedule of Events

Nineteenth Annual East Asian Studies Student Symposium

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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The Sarah Ann Wirth Memorial Scholarship in

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12:15-4:00 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Student Speakers and Faculty Discussants

12:15 Panel #1

Artistic, Historical and Christian Contexts in Japan with Dr.

Massimiliano Tomasi

Neil Holford "Influence of Christianity during Meiji: Joseph Hardy Neesima and Doshisha University"

Hilary Hamilton "Japanese Prints and Impressionist Painting: The

Reciprocal Influence Between East and West"

Eli Choi "Korea and the First Great East Asian War"

1:00 Panel #2

Japanese Films and Manga with Dr. Masanori Deguchi

Genna Daniel "Historical Memory in Studio Ghibli Films: The Teachings of *Totoro* and the Many *Kami* of Hayao Miyazaki"

Jonah McGary "Manga: The Artistic Ambassador"

1:30: Panel #3

New Perspectives on China with Dr. Roger Thompson

Megan Cross "Politics versus Modernization: The Foreign Influence on Railroads in Late Qing China"

Tully Smith "Taiwan-U.S.-China Relations and the Taiwanese People's Views on Independence versus Unification"

Rebecca Mantyla "The Effects of State Censorship on English-Learning in China"

2:15: Panel #4

Elements of Bushido and Folktales with Dr. Diana Wright

Chuan Lu "Bushido: Surviving Warrior Spirit of Imperial Japan"

TJ Okamura "Survival of the Samurai Spirit: The Rise of Militarism in the Japanese Imperial Army"

Rachel Ashby "Bakemono: The Shifting Status of Supernatural Beings from Edo to Meiji"

3:00: Panel #5

Disputes in Japan with Dr. Judy Pine

Tim Lazelle "Ethics and Social Engagements of the *Yakuza* in Japan" **Ji Kang** "Dokdo or Takeshima: Ongoing Island Disputes between Korea and Japan"

3:30: Panel #6

Sociological Aspects of Women and Education in Asia with

Dr. Baozhen Luo

Chelsea Hillis "Discrimination of Japanese Women in the Workplace: An Analysis of Gender Discrepancies in Contemporary Japan"

Chris Wu "Living in a Shadow: South Korea's Efficacy in Efforts Dealing with Dependence on Private Tutoring"