Pac Rim Group Embarks into Mongolia!

Ecstatic Pac Rim students in the sand desert of Mongolia.

“...we had just begun eating when rain begins to beat down on our lunch party. Then, it hails. Dime sized hail. We just manage to get everyone inside before the clouds really start throwing rocks.” - Lindsey Spadoni

Pummeled by hail and discovering dinosaur bones for sale, the students in Puget Sound’s 2008-2009 Pacific Rim/Asia Study-Travel Program finished their second leg of the journey through Mongolia. After a brief visit to South Korea in late August, the group arrived in Mongolia for a six-week stay. In late October, they trekked through the vast sand dunes of the Gobi desert and the cacophonous streets of Ulaanbaatar, with new adventures awaiting them each day. Their experiences included listening to paleontology lectures, cooking buuz (dumplings) in their hostel, and pushing their bus out of a rut in the Gobi sand.

Every three years a group of students from the University of Puget Sound ventures out into Asia for nine months of rigorous academic study and personal inquiry. Visiting eight Asian nations, the group engages in a vast multicultural experience that forces them to confront novel systems of culture, economics, politics, religion, and philosophy. Asian classrooms and hands-on education extend the limits of the regular curriculum taking place on campus here in Tacoma.
Itinerary

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Courses

History Course in Japan

Paleontology course in Mongolia by Professor Alyce DeMarais
Politics of China and Vietnam by Professor Karl Fields
Buddhism course and Tibetan Religions course by Professor Elisabeth Benard
Art History course of Angkor Wat and Vijayanagara by Dr. Nagaraja Rao
Independent Study Course with faculty advisor

They are in Japan right now!
For more photos and stories of the PacRim students’ adventures, please visit their blog at:

http://sites.google.com/site/upspacrim/Home

PacRim Participants:
Norah Atkinson     Safa Lohrasbi
Epiphany Couch     Rachel Moshier
Katerina DeHart    Zen Newman
Stephanie Engel    Jeff Pearson
Karin Erwin        Fayez Rumi
Jessica Frank      Jeff Schmitz
Allison Geary      Anna Shepard
Marlene Hild       Nat Shepard
Tara Horn          Lindsey Spadoni
Reed Jessen        Katelyn Stearns
Rachel Johnsen     Jane Wendel
Todd Little        Kelsey Wenger

Class of 2012, it’s not too early to begin thinking about the 2011-2012 trip! For more information on PacRim, go to http://www.ups.edu/x7104.xml

Come check us out on the Pac Rim Blog for more reports!

- South Korea
- Life in Ulaanbaatar
- Cooking with Oko and Erica
- Buddhism in Mongolia
- Paleo-Development Biology in Mongolia
- The Gobi Adventure: A Day by Day Breakdown
Hwa Nan Women’s College celebrates 100th Anniversary!

Lan Nguyen, Puget Sound graduate and this year’s recipient of the Hwa Nan English Language Instructorship, reports on Hwa Nan’s celebration in her blog “I am a teacher”. As part of Hwa Nan’s centennial celebration in October, Puget Sound presented a banner to the college in honor of the occasion (middle banner is from UPS). In addition, a building constructed on the new campus is named in honor of the Trimble family. Ms. Lydia Trimble was one of the founders of the college, her brother Charles served as the school physician, and descendants Bob and his son Gordon and wife Sonia Trimble have all recently taught at Hwa Nan and are generous benefactors of the college.

Here is an excerpt from Lan’s a recent blog entry on her delight in getting her students to speak in English:

“Some of the debates got a little heated, it seriously escalated to the "YO MAMA...." stage. Some of the points went something like ‘Well, I know your momma stays at home to take care of her children. What’s wrong with what your momma does? You don’t love your momma? Why don’t you love your momma[?]’ I had to put my foot down somewhere, so official debate rules in my class are expanded to: No talking about each others' mommas. ”

Female Puget Sound graduates have the opportunity to be English teachers at Hwa Nan in Fuzhou, China. The ten-month appointment is funded by the Charles Garnet Trimble Fund in Chinese Studies and covers round-trip air transportation, a policy for emergency medical assistance, a health insurance policy, a travel allowance, and a modest but reasonable stipend for private use. Inquiries about the instructorship may be addressed to the Asian Studies office in Wyatt 137 or see http://www.ups.edu/x8429.xml

RED, RED, RED
everywhere!
Red is auspicious in Chinese culture.
Study Abroad & Scholarship Opportunities

Miki Memorial Scholarship Award
2009 - 2010

This award is generously funded by the Miki Memorial Endowment for Puget Sound seniors or recent Puget Sound graduates. Miki Scholars will spend nine to twelve months in Japan, as an independent research student. Recipients will have opportunities for travel, formal internships, studio art experiences, and formal assistantships or apprenticeships. The application deadline is Monday, February 16, 2009.

There will be an interest meeting on Tuesday, November 18, at 4 p.m. in Wyatt 226. For more information, please contact Jannie Meisberger (jannie@ups.edu) in International Programs, Howarth 215, x3578.

Financial Support for the Study of Indian Culture

*The Raj K. Kukreja Award offers $500 to support undergraduate student research on India or research that is explicitly related to Indian culture or affairs. This award may also be used in combination with any other student research award (such as those made available for Asian Studies senior thesis field research). The funds may be used to supplement research-related travel costs, books, supplies, tuition for intensive language study or other research related expenses. The deadline is April 1, 2009. Application and materials may be found at http://www.ups.edu/x8429.xml

Freeman ASIA Scholarships

The Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) seek to increase the number of U.S. undergraduates studying in East and Southeast Asia, by providing them with the information and financial assistance they will need. Award recipients are expected to share their experiences with their home campuses encouraging study abroad in East and Southeast Asia and to spread greater understanding of Asian peoples and cultures. For more information, visit their website: www.iie.org/freeman-asia/

Have questions? Please contact:
Jannie Meisberger (jannie@ups.edu) in International Programs
or Lorraine Toler (ltoler@ups.edu) in the Asian Studies office

Senior Thesis Research Grants

Each year the Asian Studies Program funds up to two $3000 research grants for Asian Studies designates to support thesis research in Asia for students who will be seniors pursuing the Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar designation (whether Asian Studies 489 or an approved seminar within the major). These funds may also be used for a semester-break research project between fall and spring semesters. Funds are made available from the Charles Garnet Trimble Endowment in Chinese Studies. The deadline to apply for winter break research is November 15 and for the Summer 2009 research award is April 15. Application materials may be found at http://www.ups.edu/x8429.xml
Puget Sound’s Taiwan Summer Mandarin Language Program

The Tunghai, Taiwan Program offers intensive language training in a native-speaking environment for students wishing to continue their study of Mandarin Chinese during the summer. The program allows students to experience Taiwanese and Chinese cultures, and serves as a preparatory session for those continuing their study abroad either in China or Taiwan during the following school year.

To be eligible for the Tunghai Program, students must be at least sophomores in good standing, have completed one year of college-level Mandarin Chinese (UPS 101-102) or the equivalent, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, and be enrolled at the University of Puget Sound or a recent graduate. Student are selected for participation based on their cumulative grade average, the strength of the required essay, faculty letters of recommendation, an evaluation of the transcript and discipline records, and other information provided in the application and University records.

It is never too early to start planning! For more information, please contact Lotus Perry (perry@ups.edu) or visit: http://www2.ups.edu/faculty/perry/studyabroad/tunghai/home.htm

New Asian Studies Courses in Spring 2009!

ENGL 471 Special Topics in Writing, Rhetoric, and Culture: Bollywood Films - Professor Priti Joshi, TTh 3:30-4:50
Students focus on films from India, primarily those made in the Bombay film industry (hence the moniker 'Bollywood'.) The class focuses on a range of films from the 1950s to the present, with an eye to the ways films articulated the new nation's dreams and desires, fears and follies. Note: in addition to class time, students commit to attending the film screenings that meet at posted times. Think of the screenings as time you would spend reading for class; class readings will be proportional.

**Professor Priti Joshi (English and Asian Studies) is teaching a course called "Bollywood Film" in Spring 2009. The class will watch a film from India every week of the semester. Members of the community who are interested in watching these rau-
cous and over-the-top films are more than welcome to join the screenings which will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30pm in Rausch Auditorium (MC003). For a list of films showing on each Tues with brief descriptions, please check Prof. Joshi's website closer to the start of the semester in January (http://www2.ups.edu/faculty/pjoshi/).

HIST 344 Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution in China, 1800 to the Present - Professor Jennifer Neighbors, MWF, 2-2:50
Twentieth-century China bore witness to a political revolution, a social revolution and a 'cultural' revolution. This course will explore the causes and characteristics of those revolutions, as well as the varying patterns of protest, revolt, and rebellion that have taken place in China since 1800. Topics to be covered include peasant revolts, the role of religion in rebellion and resistance to state authority, and forms of resistance and protest in contemporary China during the age of the internet.

JAPN 380 Reading Modern Japanese Prose - Professor Mikiko Ludden, MWF, 11-11:50
Students strengthen reading and writing skills by reading a wide variety of Japanese prose, including newspaper articles and editorials, nonfiction and fiction. Activities include writing assignments and class discussion of the readings, and a significant final research paper and presentation. The final weeks of the class are devoted to peer review of completed work on the research paper, and student presentations of research.

What is the IEAS Designation?

The Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Asian Studies (IEAS) offers students with an interest in Asian Studies the opportunity to augment their chosen major with an Asian Studies concentration. The designation is included on the transcript, indicating the student’s proficiency in Asian Studies. An explanation of the program and its requirements are detailed on page 5. The letter of intent may be found on page 6 and may also be downloaded from the Asian Studies website (http://www.ups.edu/x8429.xml). Please note that the designation requires study abroad or an internship, at least two units of an Asian language, as well as the course “Asia in Motion” (ASIA 344). If you have questions, please contact Karl Fields, Program Director.
Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Asian Studies (IEAS) Designation

The Asian Studies Program provides a broad range of courses on Asian cultures, civilizations, and societies as electives for all students. The program also offers a curricular concentration on Asia as a designation on the transcript upon graduation for students who choose this concentration. This designation of Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Asian Studies reflects the program’s multidisciplinary content and interdisciplinary effect. The designation is not a major or a minor, but functions as an enhancement of, or a complement to, any major of a student’s choice. Fundamental to the program is its invitation to a student who chooses the designation to cultivate her or his intellectual autonomy by exercising flexible choice of courses and participating in co-curricular events. Students who demonstrate academic excellence and complete a one-semester senior thesis will achieve the added designation Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar.

Designation requirements:

To qualify for the designation in Asian Studies or the designation in Asian Studies as Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar a student must meet requirements as specified below. Every student seeking the designation must coordinate her or his program with the Director of the Asian Studies Program and is encouraged to select a primary or secondary advisor from among the faculty members in the program. Variation of requirements is possible, as arranged with the Asian Studies Committee by way of the director of the program.

Designation in Asian Studies

Designation in Asian Studies requires seven units plus study abroad (or internship) in Asia:
1. Letter of intent (see reverse) submitted at any time, but submitting by the student’s second year at Puget Sound is advised;
2. Two units of Chinese or two units of Japanese from language courses listed below, or two approved units of another appropriate Asian language;
3. One semester (or summer) pre-approved study abroad or internship in Asia;
4. ASIA 344;
5. Four units of electives in the program curriculum exclusive of language courses and ASIA 489 or equivalent (at least two of the four units at the 300 or 400 level, at least two of the four units on campus in Tacoma);
Good academic standing upon entering the designation program, overall GPA in the program of 2.5 or above, and grades of C or better in all program courses (no Pass/Fail).

Designation as Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar

Distinguished designation in Asian Studies requires eight units plus study abroad (or internship) in Asia:
1. All requirements, as above, for designation in Asian Studies;
2. One-semester senior thesis: ASIA 489, or approved research seminar course in a department participating in the program (Art, Business and Leadership, Comparative Sociology, Economics, Foreign Languages and Literature, History, Politics and Government, or Religion)
Overall GPA in the designation program of 3.5 or above, grades of C or better in all program courses (no Pass/Fail), and a grade of B or above in ASIA 489 (or equivalent).
Letter of Intent
Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Asian Studies (IEAS) Designation

Students of all majors at Puget Sound have the option of incorporating Asian studies into their course work by pursuing a “designation.” in Asian Studies. This Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Asian Studies (IEAS) will enhance and complement any major or minor. And like the major or minor, the designation will appear on the student’s transcript. Students interested in the IEAS designation must submit this form and attach to it an unofficial copy of their transcript demonstrating good academic standing to the director of the Asian Studies Program (CMB #1028).

Name: ________________________________    Date Submitted: ________________________
Student ID: ____________________________    Class Standing: _______________________

I.) Objective: How will the IEAS complement your current or possible major course of study?
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II.) Study abroad plans: at least one semester (or summer) of pre-approved study abroad or internship in Asia.
When: _____________________________________ Where: ____________________________________

III.) Seven proposed units of Asian Studies courses:
Two Units Asian Language (Chinese, Japanese, or other approved Asian language courses)
1.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: ____________________________________
2.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: ____________________________________

One Unit Asian Studies 344
1.) Course: __AS 344_______________________ When taken: _________________________________

Four Units Electives in Program Curriculum exclusive of language courses and Asia 489 or equivalent (at least two of which must be at the 300/400 level and taken on campus in Tacoma)
1.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: _________________________________
2.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: _________________________________
3.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: _________________________________
4.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: _________________________________

IV.) Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar (requires 3.5 GPA in the designation program and completion of a one semester senior thesis):
1.) Course: _________________________________ When taken: _________________________________

Approved by _____________________________ Date: _____________________________

For additional information, please contact Karl Fields, the Director of Asian Studies (kfields@ups.edu)
Upcoming Events:
Asian Studies & Bollywood Film Series
Chinese New Year Celebration (end of January)
Japan Week (early April)

Dates to remember:
November 15 - Trimble Financial Aid for Senior Project grant deadline for semester break
February 1 - Hwa Nan Instructorship deadline
February 16 - Miki scholarship deadline
April 1 - The Raj K. Kukreja Award
April 15 - Trimble Financial Aid for Senior Project grant deadline for summer 2009

Chinese Language House is at 1122 North Lawrence Street this fall but will move to “take over” one of the French Houses next semester in the spring. Chinese Conversation Hour is still scheduled for Tuesdays 6-7.

The two Japanese Language House are located at 1123 & 1127 North Lawrence Street. Weekly Conversation Hour is on Wednesdays 5-6 at 1123 address.

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