News, updates, and upcoming events

Ocha No Jikan Japanese Conversation Hour

Every Friday, 4:30-5:30PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

Practice your Japanese language skills with Professor Ludden at the weekly Japanese Conversation Hour.

Zoom meeting ID: 945 6871 7121

2020 Tacoma Moon Festival

October 1, Festival Website Officially Launched
Virtual Celebration, Website

Presented by the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation (CRPF), the Tacoma Moon Festival is an annual outdoor celebration held at Tacoma’s Chinese Reconciliation Park to honor the rich diverse cultures of the Puget Sound region, brought here by our immigrant communities over the 150 years of the city’s history.

The 8th Tacoma Moon Festival will be celebrated virtually, and the Festival Website will be launched officially on October 1, 2020, and will remain online permanently.
Celebrating the 8th Tacoma Moon Festival

October 2, 6:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

Join UPS Chinese students to participate in this annual celebration virtually.

We will discuss Tacoma’s past history via a video tour of the Chinese Reconciliation Park, watch clips of performances from Puget Sound-based artists, musicians, and dancers, and learn about Tacoma’s diverse immigrant communities.

Image source: @UPSChinese

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Blakemore Freeman Fellowships

Deadline: Dec 30, 2020

Since 1990, the Blakemore Foundation has awarded over $20 million in grants to graduating seniors, college graduates, graduate students and young/mid-career professionals to fund an academic year of advanced language study in East and Southeast Asia.

Superior candidates pursuing careers which will involve the regular use of an East or Southeast Asian language are encouraged to apply. Applications for the 2021/2022 academic year fellowships are now open.

See application website for details.

Image source: Blakemore Freeman Fellowships.

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Dr. Nimjee featured on PBS: Kathak: Stories in Motion

Dr. Ameera Nimjee is an ethnomusicologist, musician, and kathak dancer.

She is a student of Toronto-based kathak artist Joanna de Souza.

Learn more about the place of kathak dance and Asian identity in her life, as a resident of Tacoma.

Image source: Dr. Ameera Nimjee
Kim Soom, *One Left*, and the Legacy of Korea’s “Comfort Women”

October 8, 6:00PM PST  
Virtual Event, Zoom

Join us for a reading from *One Left*, followed by discussion with renowned translators Bruce and Ju-Chan Fulton.

*One Left* is a provocative, extensively researched novel by Kim Soom. Constructed from the testimonies of dozens of “comfort women,” this first-ever English translation recovers the overlooked and disavowed stories of Korea’s most marginalized women.

Please note that this event addresses a topic (sexual violence) that may be disturbing for some attendees.

See event website for Zoom info and details.

SE Asia Symposium

Virtual

Although the pandemic sadly prevented the Indonesia field program as planned this year, Puget Sound and Indonesian students who would have taken part were instead able to participate in a rewarding “cultural exchange from home” which you can read about here.

Through this exchange, Indonesian and Puget Sound students were able to discuss environmental, cultural, and political themes through the lens of scholarship, popular media, and their own backgrounds.

Participants recorded reflection videos in which they discuss their thoughts on the experience and what they got from it, and many have volunteered to share those videos with the broader community.

They will be made available on the 2020 Symposium page after Prof. Bonus’s keynote talk on Friday, October 9 at 4:00PM PST.

Finding "Homes" While Going "Global": A Southeast Asian American Perspective

October 9, 4-5:00PM PST
Virtual Event, Zoom

What does it mean to find a “home” in a place where one is treated as a guest? What does it mean to undertake a study of a part of the world that’s not your “home”?

In a keynote presentation webinar, Prof. Rick Bonus (chair of American Ethnic Studies at University of Washington, Seattle) will talk about the prospects and challenges of answering these questions by sharing some lessons he and his students learned in doing study abroad trips to the Philippines.

Image source: Prof. Rick Bonus

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Career and Employment Services Joint Career Fair

**October 7, 12-4:00PM PST**  
Virtual Event, Handshake

The Joint Virtual Career Fair is a prime opportunity for students to learn about potential career fields, practice professional behavior in a virtual environment, and connect with organizations to apply for jobs and internships.

Puget Sound has partnered with Saint Martin’s and Seattle Pacific University to offer this event, and has attracted over 50 organizations to participate.

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Making the World a More Environmentally Friendly Place:  
A Conversation with Keagan Rubel ’04

**October 9, 6:00PM PST**  
Virtual Event, Zoom

Keagan Rubel ’04, received his BA at Puget Sound as an International Political Economy major and his MBA in Strategic Carbon Management. He is currently the Director of Sustainability and the Environment for CBRE Global Work Solution APAC, a financial services organization of 95,000 staff. He previously taught part-time on global sustainability business solutions at Hult
International Business School and for the Shanghai Center for Sustainability. With a specialization in China (12 years working there), Mr. Rubel is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

He will join us from Singapore, to speak about his journey from Puget Sound to his current career, with a focus on his work with some of the world’s largest organizations to manage their climate change impacts.

Image source: @UPSChinese

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**Asian Studies Interest Meeting**

**October 12, 5-6:00PM PST**  
Virtual Event, [Zoom](#)

If you want to learn about Asian Studies, Chinese and Japanese majors and minors, scholarship opportunities, or future study abroad programs in Asia, attend our [interest meeting](#).

Asian Studies faculty members and students will share information about the program and answer questions.

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**Cooking with @UPSChinese**

**October 16, 6:00PM PST**  
Virtual Event, [Zoom](#)

We will follow Angel Wang’s [Green Onion Pancake recipe](#).

Get the ingredients and have your friends and families also join us to cook for this easy and well-loved Chinese dish.

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Find Your Voice with the Center for Speech and Effective Advocacy

The Center for Speech and Effective Advocacy is a free resource for students to improve their public speaking, presenting, and advocacy skills.

Need help preparing for a speech or presentation? Visit the CSEA website. This is where, you’ll find an abundance of material on communication topics such as delivery, persuasion, and visual aids. Individual virtual appointments and drop-in hours with Peer Speech Consultants are available.

Please email speechcenter@pugetsound.edu if you have any questions.

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Film Screening: *The Farewell*

**October 23, 6:00PM PST**  
Virtual Event, [Zoom](#)

This 2019 American-Chinese comedy-drama film, written and directed by Lulu Wang, is based in part on her own family story. We will stream it via Zoom, with no memberships or other apps needed.

Image source: @UPSCChinese

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**All About Tea: A Webinar presented by Jeffrey McIntosh**

**October 30, 6:00PM PST**  
Webinar, **Registration required**

In this *All About Tea* Webinar, co-hosted by the 8th Tacoma Moon Festival and the Asian Studies Program at University of Puget Sound, tea expert Jeffrey McIntosh will take you into the world of Pu-erh tea and the Chinese tea market, and will provide a glimpse of the Vietnamese tea culture.

Space is limited. Please register and save your spot ASAP.

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