The Asian Studies Program had a productive year. Students affiliated with various Asian Studies degrees numbered 238 (including 84 Asian Studies, 93 Japanese and 43 Chinese language minors; and an additional 18 in the ASN emphasis in Comparative Cultural Studies. We launched a new webpage (http://nau.edu/CAL/Asian-Studies-Program/) and organized 5 academic lectures for students and faculty regularly filling up the 200 seats of the Liberal Arts auditorium. This year concludes my 5-year service as program coordinator. I would like thank the ASN Faculty for their hard work in promoting diversity and a global approach to education through Asian Studies at NAU. Dr. Alan Lew (Dept. of Geography) will take over for Fall 2014.

– Dr. Zsuzsanna Gulacsi
Professor, Dept. of CCS Asian Studies Program

New ASN-GESEP Emphasis

Globalization is changing the way goods and services are produced and distributed worldwide. Science and engineering have been greatly impacted, creating a need for international leaders to communicate across borders and cultures. In this context, preparing science and engineering students to thrive globally is important. NAU is leading the way with the Global Science and Engineering Program (GSEP), an international initiative for students. GSEP students commit to a 5-year track in their freshman year, choosing a foreign language and cultural studies to complement their degree. During the first 3 years at NAU, students study their language and discipline. They spend year 4 abroad, dividing their time between coursework at a foreign university and a 6-month internship in a company or research laboratory. GSEP students studying Japanese and Chinese can now double major in Comparative Cultural Studies with an emphasis in Asian Studies-GSEP. Currently, 18 students are in this program.
Remembering Dr. Geeta Chowdhry

**Dr. Geeta Chowdhry**  
Professor of Politics and International Affairs, and a faculty member of the Asian Studies Program passed away in New Delhi, on January 13, 2014. A beloved and widely respected professor, Dr. Chowdhry was an active member of the program for many years. Dr. Chowdhry came to NAU in 1989 as an assistant professor of political science. Previously she taught at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. She earned her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Florida and her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from St. John’s College in Agra, India, where she grew up. For much of her tenure at NAU she actively promoted the study of Asia, specifically South and Southwest Asia, by offering courses on the region at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. While her research and teaching interests were wide-ranging and tended toward some of the big questions that interrogated global social, racial and gender inequalities and injustices, she also addressed specific questions related to food security, poverty and child labor in India.

At NAU she served as Coordinator for Asian Studies, Interim Director of Women’s Studies, Director of the Ethnic Studies Program and faculty-co-chair of the Commission on Ethnic Diversity. Most recently she served as chair of the Department of Politics and International Affairs. In all of these roles she brought her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to advancing the mission of programs and building a climate of inclusion, diversity and excellence in research and teaching. She was also a President’s Distinguished Teaching Fellow. Among her other accolades were the President’s Diversity Award, President’s Award for Faculty and Academic Professionals, and Outstanding Teaching in Political Science by the American Political Science Association and Phi Beta Kappa. In 2004-05, she served as the elected chair of the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies section of the International Studies Association.

Her Asian Studies colleagues and students will feel the loss of this remarkable professor and human being for a very long time to come. Dr. Chowdhry has survived by her husband, Dr. Mark Beeman, son, Jai Chowdhry Beeman, and siblings, Meera Shankar, Sudha Sarin, and Ajay Kumar Singh, and their families. Her parents Jai Narayan and Tripti Devi preceded her in death. A celebration of her life was held on March 11, 2014.

Study Abroad in Meknes, Morocco

In the summer of 2013, Professor Mounia Mnouer (Lecturer of Arabic, Department of Global Languages and Cultures) became the first Northern Arizona University faculty member to lead a study abroad program in Meknes, Morocco. This intensive yet rewarding four week long program immersed Arabic 102 students in language and cultural instruction allowing them to acquire a four semester proficiency in Arabic in conjunction with their two semesters of previous study at NAU.

Prof. Mnouer played an active role in the students’ learning. She designed her own curriculum, and taught her students the Moroccan dialect of the language. In addition, she led them on weekend excursions to Fez, the country’s center of scientific innovation, Rabat, the capital, and Tangier, a city highly demonstrative of cross-cultural interactions with Spain. Prof. Mnouer emphasized the importance of conversation in Arabic in the language’s mastery. She arranged for conversational partners for her students, pairing them with native-speaking students from the Moulay Ismail University of Meknes. Not only was the practice effective for comprehension and memorization, but it allowed NAU students to make friends with the locals and subsequently increased their exposure to Arabic culture.
In addition to the students’ submersion into the Arabic language in their daily activities, Prof. Mnouer wanted to highlight the value of cultivating a new perspective of culture and community in a place foreign to them. Many people supported Prof. Mnouer and the NAU students in their study abroad program in Morocco. The help and encouragement of Moroccan colleagues, and Dean Vincent of the College of Arts and Letters, who came to visit the students and participated in this first trip, contributed to the immense success of the program.

For more on the next study abroad program to Morocco (May 2015), contact Prof. Mnouer.

Asian Studies Faculty News

Dr. Sanjam Ahluwalia (Associate Prof. of History, Dept. of History) completed a summer fellowship at Dartmouth College working on a project titled: Global History of Sexual Sciences. In addition, Dr. Ahluwalia presented a paper at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on female sexuality based on the research she completed at Dartmouth titled: “Truth of Orgams: Global Governance of Sexuality from Bombay in the Twentieth Century.”

Dr. Paul Donnelly (Associate Prof. of Comparative Religion, Dept. of CCS) was awarded a Fulbright-Nehru U. S. Scholar Award to India to fund his sabbatical research project on Tibetan Buddhist Pilgrimage in Northwest India.

Dr. Zsuzsanna Gulacsi (Prof. of Art History and Comparative Religion, Dept. of CCS) identified the official seal-stone of the Iranian prophet and founder of the Manichaean religion, Mani (216-276 CE), in the Bibliothèque nationale de France. This seal is the single Manichaean work of art known today from West Asia.

NAU alumni, Jennifer Hunter, (Part-time Instructor of Comparative Religion, Dept. of CCS) has returned to NAU after completing her graduate studies at Harvard Divinity School where she studied with Oktor Skjærvø (Agha Khan Professor of Iranian Studies).

Dr. Alan Lew (Prof. of Geography, Planning and Recreation, Dept. of Geography) published “Globalizing China’s Tourism Scholarship” in Tourism Tribune, the leading tourism studies journal in China. He was part of a discussion forum on China’s Tourism Research: Domestic and International Perceptions (see http://bit.ly/globalchina).

Dr. Sanjay Joshi (Prof. of History, Dept. of History) gave a research paper as part of a series of panels on New Himalayan Histories at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies titled: “Kumaon’s Ramsay and Ramsay’s Kumaon: Exploring Ideas of Belonging through Himalayan Histories, 1850-1900.”

Last year, Dr. Bruce Sullivan (Prof. of Comparative Religion, Dept. of CCS) worked on his sabbatical project which included museum visits in Britain and the US to interview curators of Asian art. Dr. Sullivan published “Religions of the World at the Phoenix Art Museum,” in Material Religion: Journal of Objects, Art and Belief. He is currently editing a volume on the exhibition in museums of sacred objects of Asian religions with contributions by six curators and five scholars of religion plus himself.

From NAU to the Ivy League

Danielle DeLano is graduating with a double major in Political Science and Religious Studies, and double minors in Asian studies and Chinese language as well as five semester of Arabic language (2014). Her studies were guided by Dr. Donnelly and Dr. Sullivan. She was also a TA for REL 150 (Religions of the World). Danielle was accepted to the University of Chicago, Master of History of Religions, Buddhist Studies.

Ian Olsen graduated with a B.A. in religious studies (extended major) and double minors in Asian studies and art history (2012). His areas of interest were “Tantra in Hinduism and Buddhism” and “Asian Religious Art,” in the course of which he worked under the guidance of Dr. Donnelly, Dr. Sullivan, and Dr. Gulacsi. Ian was a TA for REL 150 (Religions of the World), ARH 143 (Arts of Asia), and the student assistant of ASN minor. This year, Ian was accepted to the Harvard Divinity School, Master of Theological Studies, Buddhist Studies.
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ASIAN STUDIES COURSES (79)
6 COURSES (18 units, chosen from 3 disciplines) ARE NEEDED TO FULFILL THE ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Asian Studies (8)
• ASN 108 Gateways to Asia (or ARH 143, HIS 249, HIS 250, HIS 251, HIS 297, REL 203-3 units required)
• ASN 199, 208, 299, 399, 408 (Internship), 497 (Topics), 499

Art History (6)
• ARH 143 Arts of Asia – AHI, GD
• ARH 269 Arts of China – AHI, GD
• ARH 270 Arts of Japan – AHI, GD
• ARH 370 Buddhist Art: Visual Lang. & Religious Context – AHI, GD
• ARH 380 Islamic Art: Religious & Secular Arts of Islamic Asia – AHI, GD
• ARH 440C Capstone in Art History (When subject is Asian)

Comparative Cultural Studies (2)
• CCS 250 Cultural Perspectives (when subject is Asian)
• CCS 490C CCS Capstone (when subject is Asian)

Ethnic Studies (3)
• ES 206 Asian Americans in Film – AHI, US
• ES 378 Asian American Experience – SPW, US
• ES 391 Special Topics (When subject is Asian)

Geography (2)
• GSP 241 World Geography East – SPW, GD
• GGR 348 Geographic Area Studies: Asia - SPW

History (15)
• HIS 230 History of the Islamic World before 1500 – CU, GD
• HIS 231 History of the Islamic World since 1500 – CU, GD
• HIS 249 Pre-Modern India – CU, GD
• HIS 250 Pre-Modern East Asia – CU, GD
• HIS 251 The Making of Modern Asia – SPW, GD
• HIS 312 Gandhi’s India – SPW, GD
• HIS 314 Contemporary India – SPW, GD
• HIS 325 Modern China – SPW, GD
• HIS 326 China Since 1945 – GD
• HIS 331 Medieval Japan – CU, GD
• HIS 332 Modern Japan – SPW, GD
• HIS 378 The Asian American Experience – SPW, US
• HIS 460 Studies in World History (when Asian history)
• HIS 498C Capstone in History (when Subject is Asia)
• HIS 520 Readings in Asian History

Humanities (2)
• HUM 261 Perspectives on Asian Humanities – CU, GD
• HUM 362 Asian Images: India – AHI, GD

Languages (22)
• ARB (Arabic) 101-102, 201-202 - CU
• ASN (Sanskrit) 199, 299, 399
• CHI (Chinese) 101-102, 201-202 - CU
• JPN (Japanese) 101-102, 201-202 - CU
• LAN (other) 101-102, 201-202 (transfer credit)
• LAN 399 Study Abroad
• WLLC 150 Intro to Chinese & Japanese Lang. & Literature
• WLLC 331 Chinese & Japanese Language in Translation

Music (1)
• MUS 260 Introduction to World Music – CU, GD

Philosophy (1)
• PHI 150 Philosophies of the World – AHI, GD

Political Science (2)
• POS 361 Politics of Developing Nations – SPW, GD
• POS 370 Asian Politics – CU, GD

Religious Studies (15)
• REL 150 Religions of the World – CU, GD
• REL 203 Mysticism: Asia – AHI, GD
• REL 206 Women’s Roles & Experience in Asian Religions –SPW, GD
• REL 210 Judeo-Christian Scriptures – AHI
• REL 295 Islam & Judaism in Modernity – AHI
• REL 311 Judaism – CU
• REL 331 Islam – CU, GD
• REL 332 Islamic Art: Religious & Secular Arts of Islamic Asia – AHI, GD
• REL 341 Hinduism – CU, GD
• REL 351 Buddhism – CU, GD
• REL 352 Buddhist Art: Visual Lang. & Religious Context – AHI, GD
• REL 355 The Buddha – AHI, GD
• REL 441 Seminar in Hinduism
• REL 451 Seminar in Buddhism
• REL 491C Capstone in REL (whenever subject is Asian)

Key courses that fulfill Liberal Studies credit:
• SPW: Social & Political Worlds AHI: Aesthetic & Human Inquiry
• GS: Global Diversity US: US Ethnic Diversity

For further information, visit our website (http://nau.edu/CAL/Asian-Studies-Program/) or contact the program coordinator, Dr. Gulacs: Zsuzsanna.Gulacs@nau.edu.