

ASIAN STUDIES U OF L NEWSLETTER

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Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program at the University of Lethbridge which seeks to understand the human experience in Asia and the Asian diaspora. We create opportunities for students to learn about Asia through courses, presentations, exchange programs, and faculty and student research. Many thanks to our colleagues, students, admin assistant Bev Garnett, the Arts & Science Deans, and the International and President's Offices for your support!

Michael Chan Prize in Asian Studies, Value: \$1,000 Submit by Aug. 20, 2020

Michael Wing-Cheung Chan (1952-2001) was a Chinese Canadian scientist and humanitarian known for his brilliance in mathematics and his passion in promoting Canada-Asia understanding.

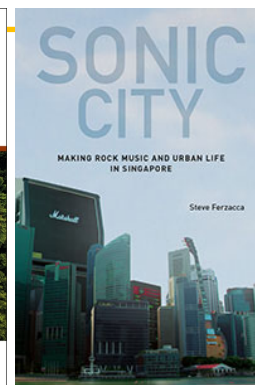
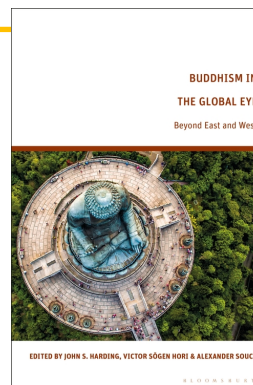
Eligibility: Continuing or graduating full-time undergraduate or graduate students in any degree program. Outstanding achievement in a course project or paper on an Asian topic. Submit your project to gideon.fujiwara@uleth.ca as an e-mail attachment accompanied by a cover letter.

To learn more, visit:

www.uleth.ca/artsci/asian-studies/scholarships

Recent Faculty Publications: Kudos!

John S. Harding, Victor Sogen Hori, Alexander Soucey, eds. *Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West*. Bloomsbury Academic, March 2020.



Steve Ferzacca. *Sonic City: Making Rock Music and Urban Life in Singapore*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, May 2020.

Bonnie Lee. "Analogous Systems Principles and Concepts of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Congruence Couple Therapy," *Chinese Medicine and Culture*, in press.

U of L Students, are you interested in learning about Asia's societies, cultures, and histories?

Want to make your degree international? Considering traveling Asia or pursuing work with ties to Asia?

If so, declare your Minor in Asian Studies!

Required courses: ASIA 1000 Introduction to Asia plus 5 courses with at least 1 at the 3000/4000 level.

Consider structuring the Asian Studies Minor into one of the following combinations:

Major/Minor; Major/Double Minor; or within a General Humanities/Social Science degree. Be creative!

Asian Studies Courses in 2020-2021

Fall 2020

ASIA 1000 Introduction to Asian Studies (Harding)
ASIA 2020 Japan, Asia, and the World (Fujiwara)
ASIA 3850 Population Dynamics in South Asia (Islam)
RELS 2200 Buddhism (Rodrigues)
RELS 3100 Indian Religions through Art and Architecture (Rodrigues)

Spring 2021

RELS/ASIA 3850 Gender & Sexuality in Buddhism (Reid)
RELS 2330 Chinese Religions (Harding)
WGST/ASIA 3150 Gender in Asian Studies (Bonifacio)

See our website for many more courses that count for the minor in Asian Studies

See more details on our website:

<https://www.uleth.ca/artsci/asian-studies>

Contact the coordinator at
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From the Editor's desk: Thank you for reading our 2nd edition. I study *kokugaku*, how scholars in the Edo period (1600-1868) read classical texts to glean an Ancient Japanese Way. After graduating from UBC, I applied to a Masters program at an esteemed university in Tokyo to research *kokugaku* in Japanese. After waiting over a year, my application was rejected. Twenty years later, however, that same school Kokugakuin University invited me to lecture on my research at their International Forum in Feb. 2020. In life, never say never! With anticipation, I prepared my presentation which was received with great interest... or so I heard. In yet another twist, a bad cold caused me to cancel my flight to Tokyo, so a colleague gave my paper in my absence. When things settle down, I am determined to visit that campus and exchange ideas with colleagues, without waiting another two decades. As we wait out this pandemic, here's info on Asian Studies opportunities for the coming year. Thanks, and take care. Gideon Fujiwara, Asian Studies Coordinator, Associate Professor in History