

# 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, Jenny Oseen, students, International Office, and Arts & Science Deans for your continued support!

## Michael Chan Prize in Asian Studies, Value: \$1,000

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](mailto:gideon.fujiwara@uleth.ca) as an e-mail attachment accompanied by a cover letter.

**Next submissions due Aug 20, 2023.** Learn more at [Scholarships | University of Lethbridge \(ulethbridge.ca\)](https://www.ulethbridge.ca/scholarships)

**Saturday, May 13, 2023** Join us from 1:00-4:00 pm for a **Nikkei Memory Capture Project "Returning the Stories" event** with Dr. Darren Aoki, Dr. Carly Adams, and Elaine Toth at Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden in the Bunka Centre. We will provide updates on workshop outcomes, public programming, and unveil new Memory Booth installations. More info about the Nikkei Memory Capture Project can be found at [Nikkei Memory Capture Project – Just another WordPress site \(nmcp.ca\)](https://www.nmcp.ca)

**Coordinator's Desk:** This edition highlights exciting courses offered in Summer and Fall 2023. **Congratulations to Prof. John Harding (RELS) and Prof. Bonnie Lee (HLSC) for their most well-deserved promotions to Full Professor!** John has provided vision and leadership as our Founding Coordinator and Bonnie established the Chan Prize and led Study Tours of China. **Congratulations to Prof. Hillary Rodrigues (RELS) and Prof. Trevor Harrison (SOCl) on their retirement!** Hillary's courses on South Asian religions were highly popular, and Trevor was our most constant adjudicator of the Chan Prize. From guest lectures to great ideas, all four have made invaluable contributions from the very start in growing Asian Studies to what it is today. Our heartfelt thanks to our colleagues, and best wishes to all! Gideon Fujiwara **See more:** [Asian Studies | University of Lethbridge \(ulethbridge.ca\)](https://www.ulethbridge.ca/asian-studies)

## Asian Studies Courses in Summer 2023

### RELS 3850 Myths of India CRN 20365

Dr. Raj Balkaran TR Online 9:00am - 11:45 am

An exploration of India's rich mythic traditions.

### JPST 3400 Japanese Society and Culture CRN 20202

Dr. Abigail McMeekin (MODL) Online MW 1:00-3:45 pm

Japanese society and culture from pre-modern to present with perspectives from history, education, religion, food, language, holidays, pop culture, family, modernization, and subcultures.

### HIST 3290 Japan, 1570-1890 CRN 20396

Dr. Gideon Fujiwara (HIST) Online MW 9:00 - 11:45 am

History of Japan from state unification through the Tokugawa and Meiji periods.

## Asian Studies Courses in Fall 2023

### RELS 2100 A The Hindu Tradition

Rutika Gandhi Days/Times: 10:30-11:45 am in C610

### RELS 2200 A The Buddhist Tradition

Dr. Shayne Dahl Online T/R 10:30-11:45 am in C610

### JPNS 1000 A Beginners' Japanese I & Lab 1

Dr. Abigail McMeekin TRF 12:00 - 12:50 pm W514

### JPNS 1000 B Beginners' Japanese I & Lab 2

Tomoko Greenshields MTR 5:00 - 5:50 pm M1060

### JPNS 2010 A Intermediate Language I

Dr. Abigail McMeekin TRF 9:00- 9:50 am W428

### HIST 2290 A Main Themes in East Asian History

Dr. Gideon Fujiwara MW 3:00 - 4:15 pm C640

### ASIA 2020 Japan, Asia and the World

Dr. Gideon Fujiwara MW 6:00 - 7:15 pm Sep 6 -

Nov 4 / MW 5:00 - 6:16 pm Nov 5 - Dec 9 in B716

Questions, comments can be directed to the Coordinator at [gideon.fujiwara@uleth.ca](mailto:gideon.fujiwara@uleth.ca)

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!