2016 EAST Newsletter

As we welcome the Year of the Monkey we are proud to celebrate 25 years of the Chinese Program at Trinity, and the 10th anniversary of EAST. Featured in this newsletter are some of our achievements from 2015.

Summer Programs

For the fourth year in a row we took a group of students to Shanghai for a 7-week study abroad trip where they interned at a Chinese company, took two classes, and participated in various cultural activities.

Additionaly, thanks to a generous alumnus, 3 Trinity students were awarded an opportunity to attend Lingnan University’s internationally acclaimed service learning program at no cost to themselves.

Fall Events

During the fall semester we had two exciting speakers visit campus, Dr. Bill Tsutsui and Mr. Nick Bonner who came to discuss the significance of the original Godzilla (1954) and North Korean film Comrade Kim Goes Flying (2012).

Please extend congratulations to Dr. Don Clark for receiving the 2015 Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in International Education. We are also both delighted and saddened to announce that Dr. Clark will be retiring this May and will be moving to Seattle. His legacy in co-founding EAST will live on through the enormous impact he has had on the Trinity community.

During International Education Week Dr. Stephen Field presented to Dr. Don Clark the Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in International Education.
Dr. Field is happy to announce that he has published another book, *The Duke of Zhou Changes: A Study and Annotated Translation of the Zhou Yi* (Wiesbaden, FRG: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015).

Here is a short synopsis of the book, “The Zhouyi, Bronze Age progenitor to the *Yijing (I Ching)*, or *Book of Changes*, was a divination manual created and utilized by the early rulers of the Zhou dynasty (founded 1046 BCE). This new translation dispenses with 20th century attempts to discredit tradition and endeavors to recover the context of its early Zhou dynasty origin. As such, interpretation of its language is based strictly upon pre-Confucian sources to avoid the anachronistic readings that accrued to the text in its evolution from a book of divination to a book of philosophy. The general public will appreciate the narrative cohesion of the commentaries, while the specialist will welcome the appended Chinese text. Finally, the book also provides the reader with explanations of the myth, legend, and history in the formative stages of the *Zhouyi*’s creation and gives comprehensive information on how to cast the oracle and interpret the resulting reading.”

**Journey EAST Fund**

Thank you to each of our generous alumni and friends who have donated to the “Journey East” Fund. Our goal is to be able to generate several scholarships making studying in Asia more accessible to students with special talent, but limited means. You can give here [http://new.trinity.edu/advancement](http://new.trinity.edu/advancement). Please make sure to specify that your gift is to EAST, and thank you in advance for your generosity. Every dollar helps to positively impact the next generation of students.

**New Program Associate**

The EAST Office has also been fortunate this academic year to bring on board a new Program Associate, Ms. Kendra Smith. Coming to us from UTSA’s Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, Kendra has a B.S. in Political Science from Clemson University and an M.A. in International Relations from St. Mary’s University. She has studied abroad in China and continues to work on her Chinese language skills at Trinity. We are thrilled to welcome Kendra to the program. Her hard work has already made a great impact on the office.

Faculty, staff, and students of EAST wish you a happy and prosperous Year of the Monkey!

Stephen Field and Donald Clark, Co-Chairs.
Kendra Smith, Program Associate. Professors Angela Breidenstein, Randy Nadeau, Jie Zhang, Chia-Wei Lee, Jindi He, Mario Gonzalez-Fuentes, Ginger Wu, Katuo Nishikawa, Zhaori Liu, Hyon Joo Yoo, Alfred Montoya, and Daniel Lehrmann.