2017 EAST Newsletter

As we welcome the Year of the Rooster we are proud to feature in this newsletter some of our achievements from 2016, and our plans for 2017.

Don Clark’s Retirement

At the end of the spring semester we said farewell to Dr. Don Clark who retired and has since moved to Seattle to be closer to family. His legacy in co-founding EAST lives on as we continue to offer classes and programs which educate students about East Asia. Dr. Clark’s position in the History Department has been filled by Dr. Gina Tam.

Summer Programs

For the fifth year in a row we led a group of students to Shanghai for a 6-week study abroad program. Led by Drs. Stephen Field (Modern Language and Literature), Vicky Liu (Business Administration), Bo Peng (SJTU), Shage Zhang (Finance and Decision Sciences), and Ms. Kendra Smith (EAST), students began the program with a 2-week course at Shanghai Jiao Tong University then proceeded to intern at a local Chinese company. The program concluded with a short tour of Beijing.

In addition to the Shanghai Program, 2016 saw our inaugural year of the Ecological Civilization in China Program. This program was led by faculty members Drs. David Ribble (Biology), Siu-Tai Tsim (UIC), Kelly Lyons (Biology), and Stephen Field. Faculty and students journeyed to Hong Kong for a tour of the Wetland Park, then completed a 3-week course, Ecology and Bioconservation of China at United International College’s campus in Zuhai, China. Following the conclusion of the China leg of the program in Pudatso National Park in Shangri-la, two Trinity students, and four UIC students returned to Trinity in July to continue their research.

Furthermore, other Trinity students were able to take advantage of our exchange programs and other faculty-led programs which gave them the opportunities to spend the summer at Ewha University in South Korea, Tunghai in Taiwan, Lingnan University in Hong Kong, and Japan.

Thank you to the generous alumni whose donations helped to fund student trips to Shanghai, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Without your generosity many of these students would not have had the opportunity to attend these programs.

Fall Events

During the fall semester we had the second year of First Year Experience Being Young in Asia course. Freshman students were able to discuss the social and cultural aspects of those growing up in Asia while improving their researching and writing skills. During this semester we welcomed Belmont University’s Dr. Qingjun Li to campus as a guest in FYE to speak on Adapting, Belonging, and Liberating: General Tso, Chinese Cuisine, and Cultural Identity.

2017

This year we are looking forward to another year of our faculty-led programs and on campus events. We will hold our annual East Reception during family weekend in early April. Save the dates to come at a later date.

Journey EAST Fund

The Journey East Fund continues to support students by providing scholarships to make studying in Asia more accessible to students with special talent, but limited means. You can give here 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.

Faculty, staff, and students of EAST wish you a happy and prosperous Year of the Rooster!
Shanghai Program Students Ready to Begin their Internships

Students Ending the Shanghai Program with a Tour of Beijing

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