



East Asia Center

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Message from the Director by: Charles A. Laughlin



Greetings from the East Asia Center!

This is my first semester as Director of the Center; I did not have much time to get up to speed before the semester began, and I have been using the time just to familiarize myself with the Center's essential functions. I thank you all for your patience on all the things you needed me to attend to, not the least of which is this newsletter, which should have come out over a month ago. I want to thank my predecessor John Shepherd, Maggie Bierwirth, and many senior faculty who offered me guidance these past ten weeks. Because of the lateness of this issue we are combining the usual updates from students' and faculty's activities with the overview of spring

courses and upcoming deadlines that normally come out in the December newsletter.

I would like to say a few words about what I devoted much of my summer to: the evolving relationship between UVa, Peking University (PKU), and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). After an initial phase of funding exploratory and research visits of UVa faculty (including many outside East Asian faculty) to these institutions, we had our first two academic events: an excellent workshop on "Filial Piety in Chinese History: Ideals and Practices," organized by Ellen Cong Zhang held at Peking University on June 16-17, and a broadly interdisciplinary conference which took place August 17-20 on "Foundational Texts and Traditions." I coordinated the latter conference, like Ellen, with the help of Prof. Zongli Lu of HKUST's School of Humanities, who is also serving as the director of the three-university Joint Institute at PKU. The Filial Pi-

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Brantly Womack Receives China's Friendship Award

Source: UVA Today, October 5, 2011

University of Virginia foreign affairs professor Brantly Womack was given the China Friendship Award as part of China's Oct. 1 National Day ceremonies in Beijing, led by Premier Wen Jiabao. The award is China's highest honor for foreigners who have "made outstanding contributions to the country's economic and social progress" and is comparable to France's Legion of Honor medal.

Womack was one of 50 honorees from 23 countries, mostly involved in major projects in medicine, science and engineering. Womack was one of five Americans and the only social scientist to receive the award.

The award was presented by Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang, followed by a state banquet celebrating National Day in the Great Hall of the People.



Professor Brantly Womack receives the Friendship Award from Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang.

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Looking for course listings?

You can find the listing of East Asia related courses for Spring 2012 online at:

www.virginia.edu/eastasia/courses.html

New Courses for Spring 2012

Chinese Painting (ARTH 3559)

Instructor: Sara Yeung

Tuesday/Thursday 12:30PM - 1:45PM

This course studies the history of Chinese painting in its artistic and historical context, spanning from the Neolithic period to the present. The evolution of Chinese painting, as the major part of Chinese art history, has been lasting and unique. Following chronological sequence, the course examines major periods, styles, schools and individual artists and works of the visual art in relation to political, social, economic and philosophical history. It seeks to discuss major topics and issues including authenticity, realism, symbolism, literati tradition, relationship between painting and calligraphy, the Western approaches and media, and the contemporary challenges.

Documentary Writing and Film in China (CHTR 4559/5559)

Instructor: Charles Laughlin

Wednesday 3:30PM - 6:00PM

A seminar exploring the role of the documentary impulse in modern Chinese writing and film. Beginning with reportage literature and foreign documentaries about China from the early 20th century, the course follows the development of documentary art forms in the People's Republic of China (with some attention to Taiwan as well), culminating in the recent trend of independent documentary filmmaking and its influence on narrative film aesthetics.

Seminar on Korea: Division "North and South" (KRTR 4559/5559)

Instructor: Susie Kim

Tuesday 3:30PM - 6:00PM

An examination of narratives of division and representations of "North and South" through films and literary texts. Sub-topics to include the Korean War, national division, generational conflict, trauma, and gender.

Gender, Sexuality and Nation in Contemporary South Korea

Instructor: Caren Freeman

Th 9:30AM - 10:45AM

This course looks at the way South Korean men and women have refashioned their everyday lives amidst the radical and turbulent changes of the past century. Since liberation from colonial rule, South Koreans have lived through rapid urbanization, industrialization, military authoritarian rule, democratic reform, rising consumerism, and integration into the global capitalist economy. We will explore what it means to have lived through these changes and what the consequences are for the diverse ways Koreans think about their gender, sexual and ethnic/national identities. Keeping in mind the tensions and interrelationship between ideological constructs and lived experiences of gender, family, sexuality and nation, we will consider a wide range of social contexts and structures which frame the lives of South Koreans past and present, including the historical legacies of colonialism, national division, military rule, American neo-imperialism, transformations in mothering, care, sexuality, marriage, consumerism, neoliberalism, and global capitalism. We will also look at South Korea's relationship with its diasporic communities as a site for the construction of new meanings and practices of gender, sexuality and nation.

**For more
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courses being
offered in Spring
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/eastasia/
courses.html](http://www.virginia.edu/eastasia/courses.html)**

New Weedon Professor in Asian Architecture: Shiqiao Li

The School of Architecture is pleased to announce Dr. Shiqiao Li as the new Weedon Professor in Asian Architecture. Li is an internationally recognized architect and scholar whose research is focused on understanding emergent conditions in Chinese cities by contextualizing them in traditional discourses of modernity and architecture in their Western and Asian manifestations. He received his BA from Tsinghua University in Beijing and his PhD from the AA School of Architecture and Birkbeck College, University of London.

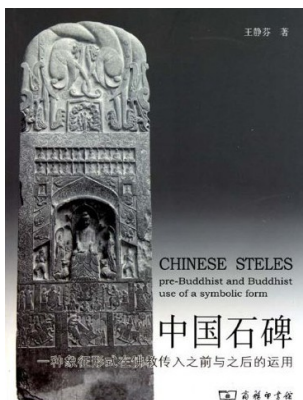
Li practiced in Hong Kong from 1995 to 2000, and was co-founder and consultant of BHSL Design from 2002 to 2007. He taught at the AA School of Architecture and the National University of Singapore, and has been teaching at the Chinese University of Hong Kong since 2006. His selected publications include *Architecture and Modern Thought (Xiandai sixiang zhong de jianzhu)* (Beijing: China WaterPower Press, 2009) and *Power and Virtue: Architecture and Intellectual Change in England 1660-1730* (London and New York: Routledge, 2007).

Following on the success of the School of Architecture's Weedon lecture series on Asian studies, Li will take a leadership role in building an appreciation for Asian environmental design culture and expanding the School's established international profile. He will also have the opportunity to contribute to the University's broad base in Asian Studies through connections with the East Asia Center, the Center for South Asian Studies, and the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, among others.

Li's appointment will begin in January 2012, and he will teach courses in both the Department of Architecture and the Department of Architectural History. The Weedon Professorship is made possible by the Ellen Bayard Weedon Foundation and a matching gift by the Saunders Family Challenge. (source: <http://www.arch.virginia.edu/spotlight/weedon2012/>)



Faculty Updates: Research Projects, Summer Field Work, Recent Publications



Dorothy Wong had the Chinese edition of her book *Chinese Steles: Pre-Buddhist and Buddhist Use of a Symbolic Form* published by the Shangwu Press in Beijing in April 2011. In June she traveled to Kyoto and Nara for field research, and also gave a paper at a workshop on Chinese art held at Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Congratulations to **Tashi Ragbey** for being selected for the National Committee for US-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) for 2011-2013.

Brantly Womack presented at the four-day Forum for Global Engagement, sponsored by the Institute for Shipboard Education, August 21-25. The forum focused on Sino-U.S. relations. More information on the forum can be found at: <http://blog.isevovages.org/category/forum-on-global-engagement>.

UVa Japanese faculty members **Tomoko Marshall**, **Tomomi Sato**, and **Mieko Kawai** have been working on an exciting research project called "J-GAP" (Japanese Global Articulation Project), funded by the Japan Foundation and UVa Title VI. This world-wide enterprise aims to develop a model to investigate and archive the process of establishing articulation, which fosters continuity and persistence in Japanese language study through a proficiency-oriented approach to instruction and assessment. The six locations on the globe involved are Canada, EU, Hong-Kong, South Korea, Japan, and U.S. UVa is especially proud that the state of Virginia has been chosen as the sole U.S. site to conduct this unique project.

Jung Hee Kim joined the Korean language faculty this semester as a lecturer. She is teaching the newly-introduced 4th year Korean language course, as well as 2nd year Korean.

Yi Feng and **Yimu Sun** are visiting lecturers in Chinese this year. Yi Feng is the East China Normal University (ECNU) Visiting Lecturer. Sun Yimu is the Inter-University Program for Chinese language studies (IUP) Visiting Lecturer. Both are teaching a variety of Chinese language classes. **Jingjing Ji** also joined us this semester, substituting for **Ran Zhao** who is on maternity leave.

Miao-fen Tseng gave a workshop at the Consortium of Illinois Language Schools in June, and three talks at the annual conference of the Southern California Council of Chinese Schools in August. Ms. Tseng also presented a pre-convention workshop Chinese Language Teachers Association of Virginia (CLTA-VA) annual conference in October. She will continue to serve as the CLTA-VA president for her second-term service after the adjournment of the conference. **Hsin-hsin Liang** participated in the CLTA-VA Chinese Pedagogy Workshop which was held at College of William and Mary in April, and presented a paper in the 19th International Conference on Chinese Language Instruction at Princeton University also in April. **Shu-chen Chen** attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) annual conference in November, where she made a presentation about UVa's "Chinese Corner" program.

UVa Signs Cooperative Agreement with Academia Sinica in Taiwan

In November, a delegation from UVa formalized a cooperative agreement between UVa's Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics and Academia Sinica's Institute of Political Science. The agreement was signed by institute director **Wu Yu-Shan** and **Yoke San Reynolds**, UVa's vice president and chief financial officer.

The signing took place during a conference at the Academia Sinica's Institute of Political Science "The Chinese Models of Development: Domestic and Global Aspects." The conference was co-organized by U.Va.'s **Brantly Womack**, Cumming Professor of Foreign Affairs, and **Leng Tse-Kang**, a 1995 Ph.D. graduate of the UVa politics department who is now a professor of political science at National Chengchi University in Taiwan. **Harry Harding**, a China expert and dean of UVa's Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, delivered the conference's keynote address.

Source: *UVa Today*. Full article: <http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=16565>



Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou (far right) receives a gift from the U.Va. delegation, including (left to right) Harry Harding, Brantly Womack and Yoke San Reynolds.

Ever wonder what our professors are up to when they're not teaching or grading? This section features just a few of the projects that UVa's East Asia faculty are working on.

Summer Language Programs 2011

UVa In Shanghai:

This summer, 24 UVa students and one non-UVa student participated in the 2011 UVA-in-Shanghai Chinese Language Program during May-July. This was the 8th successful Chinese intensive summer program at East China Normal University (ECNU). Starting from next summer, the program will be open to non-UVA applicants. Professor **Hsin-hsin Liang** is the director of the UVA in Shanghai program.

Summer Language Institute (SLI):

In addition to the Shanghai program, UVa also hosts intensive summer programs on grounds in both Chinese and Tibetan Languages. The program ran from June 8-August 5.

This summer the **Chinese** SLI had a total of 22 students. Eleven students participated in the 1st year Chinese program, and 10 in 2nd year. The program director for the Chinese SLI is **Shu-chen Chen**.



Students at Chinese Corner. Chinese Corner meets every Thursday night at 6 pm. Come enjoy Chinese food, meet international students and practice your oral Chinese.



During the Tibetan Summer program, students enjoyed a performance Gomang monks (above)

For the **Tibetan** program, program director **Tsetan Chonjore** with two other native teaching assistants taught 15 students. Eleven of them were graduate students. The students came from England, Norway, China, Korea, Switzerland, and different parts of North America.

Special activities included a visit and performance from monks of the Gomang Monastery, and a field trip to Washington, D.C. to get the exposure of Kalachakra initiation with thousands of Tibetans from all over, North America, Europe and other parts of the world.

For more information on UVA in Shanghai, check out UVA's study abroad website: <http://www.studyabroad.virginia.edu>. The application deadline for study abroad programs is April 1. More information on the Chinese and Tibetan SLI programs can be found at: <http://www.virginia.edu/summer/SLI>. Application deadline is April 6. Check their websites for the most up-to-date information on deadlines and costs.

UVA Startalk successfully concluded at UVa, July 8, 2011

by Miao-fen Tseng

The Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy has received the federal funding at approximately \$100,000 for four consecutive years since 2008. This year the three-week program was implemented on grounds at UVa again. Miao-fen Tseng continues to serve as the program director and key trainer. The program recruited 15 teachers nationwide and 24 local high school students for the fulfillment of practicum requirements. Teacher participants received up to five graduate credits on teaching Chinese as a foreign language. The Startalk onsite evaluators praised the program for its "good reputation as a rigorous and hands-on practical teacher training program that attracts applicants from around the nation."

Alumni News: Former UVa Anthropology PhD Student Gareth Fisher Receives Grant

Gareth Fisher, Assistant Professor of Religion and Anthropology, Syracuse University, and UVA Anthropology Ph.D. (2006), has received a grant to spend his sabbatical year (2011-2012) at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Gottingen Germany. While in residence, Professor Fisher will work on finishing his book "The Rise of the Bodhisattvas: Lay Buddhists and Moral Reform in Post-Mao Beijing."

Alumni News: Alyssa Paredes, East Asian Studies and Anthropology '11, receives Fulbright Scholarship to Study in Japan

Ms. Alyssa Paredes of University of Virginia has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Japan in Anthropology, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently. Paredes is one of over 1,600 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2011-2012 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Ms. Paredes received her B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies last year. She completed the East Asian Studies program as a distinguished major.

Graduate Student News: Chris Bell, Religious Studies and Julie Starr, Anthropology Awarded IIE Graduate Fellowships

Chris Bell, Religious Studies, and Julie Starr, Anthropology, have been awarded IIE Graduate Fellowships. The fellowships will provide dissertation research support. The IIE Graduate Fellowship is the replacement grant funded by the Mellon Foundation when the Fulbright-Hays fellowships were defunded earlier this year due to the federal budget cuts.

Four UVa Students receive awards in the Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest at George Washington University

On the 6th of November, 2011, four of our UVa students of Chinese participated in the Jiangsu Cup Chinese speech contest at George Washington University. There were 17 finalists from 5 universities (American U., The GWU, Georgetown U., U of Maryland College Park, and UVA). Jin Shin (辛珍珠) in the Intermediate group, EzDean Fassassi (付思迪) in the Intermediate-high group and Margaret Varland (范梅洁) in the Advanced group received Bronze awards. Josiah Case (周加诚) in the Advanced group received a Silver award. Recipients of the Bronze award will receive a 50% reduction in the cost of studying at Nanjing University for 4 weeks in the summer of 2012. Silver award recipients will be treated to a cost-free tour in China for 8 days.

Travel & Study Grants Available

The East Asia Center administers several grants for travel and study each year. The deadline for applying these grants is Friday March 2, 2012. Another important grant is the FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship) Award, which is awarded for study of modern East Asian languages. The FLAS deadline is typically also in early March.

Information on all grants administered by UVa for study related East Asia are available on our website.

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**For more information
 about grants available,
 please visit:**

[www.virginia.edu/
 eastasia/grants.html](http://www.virginia.edu/eastasia/grants.html)

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Professors from Jiangsu Visit UVa

By Maria W. Chee

On November 11, East Asia Center (EAC) hosted a reception for a group of 34 faculty members from nine universities and colleges in Jiangsu Province, China. This was the largest contingent of Chinese academics to descend upon Grounds as of this date. They represented a range of disciplines including STEM, Chinese Literature, Economics, History and Medicine (both western and traditional Chinese.)

Funded by the provincial government of Jiangsu, the 34 attended the 3-month Bilingual Faculty Program designed by the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

The EAC reception showcased U.Va. programs and research by EAC faculty **Richard Cohen**, **Fred Damon**, **David Germano**, **Charles Laughlin**, **Brantly Womack**, and Admission Director **Howard Hoegge** representing Harry Harding of the Frank Batten School. **Hsin-hsin Liang**, Director of

Chinese Language Studies, appealed to the 34 Chinese faculty about U.Va. students' possible need for opportunities to teach/study in their home institutions in Jiangsu in the future.

Three of the 34 Chinese faculty participated in an interdisciplinary panel each for 15 minutes on their latest research findings: "Homeric Pity: Motif and Construction of *Iliad* and *Odyssey*" by **Bao Jiang**, Associate Professor in the School of History Culture and Tourism, Xuzhou Normal University; "The Theoretical and Experiment Study on Poison in the Treatment of Diabetic Nephropathy" by **Zhou Liu**, lecturer in theory of Chinese medicine, College of Preclinical Medicine in Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine; and "How is Bilingual Writing Possible?: Based on the Cultural Comparison Study of Lin Yutang and Eileen Chang" by **Yanfang Wang**, Professor of Chinese Language and Literature, Xuzhou Normal University.



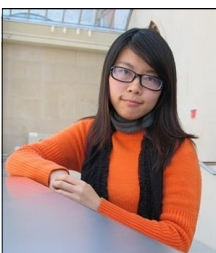
Visiting Professor from Jilin University: Wang Qiubin



Dr. Wang Qiubin, Associate Professor of International Studies at Jilin University, arrived last January with us through the calendar year. His primary area of interest is international relations, especially regional cooperation and Northeast Asia. Professor Wang was one of the presenters during the Fall Lecture Series, speaking on China, US and East Asian Integration.

Jilin University is the major comprehensive university in China's Northeast. Jilin Province borders North Korea, and its capital, Changchun, is famous for automobile manufacturing.

Chen Yuting (Vesper), Visiting Scholar from HKUST, Receives Award for Paper



Chen Yuting (Vesper), a visiting scholar last year from UVA's partner institution Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) recently won The Wong Wai-chong Essay Prize in Chinese Culture for her paper "Walled-Houses: The Art of Water Management in Northeastern Guangdong," which was written last year at UVA as part of an environmental anthropology directed readings class with Professor Frederick Damon in the Department of Anthropology.

Ms. Chen conducted her dissertation fieldwork in Eastern Guangdong, a Hakka dialect speaking area. Her research applies her interest in landscape studies, popular religion, and social history to issues in south China at both the macro level of regional interaction and at the micro level of development of local communities and domestic groups.

Brantly Womack receives friendship award...*(Continued from page 1)*

Womack has participated in activities at 18 universities and research institutes in China, and is an honorary professor at three Chinese universities. At U.Va., he is Cumming Memorial Professor of Foreign Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences, and has served as director of the East Asia Center and chair of the former Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures.

He first visited China in 1978, and has authored several books and more than 100 articles and chapters on Asian politics, most of which have been translated into Chinese. Most recently, he authored "China Among Unequals: Asymmetric International Relationships in Asia" and edited "China's Rise in Historical Perspective," which was based on a lecture series at U.Va.'s Miller Center.

"In the present political environment – with China-bashing an all-too-common occurrence in the American media – this award is a great example and validation of U.Va.'s commitment to international relationships with institutions in Asia," said David Leblang, J. Wilson Newman Professor of Governance and chair of the Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics.

— By Brevy Cannon



Womack and other Friendship Award honorees pose with Premier Wen Jiabao (bottom row, at right)

East Asia Center Lecture Series

The East Asia Center hosted 8 lectures in our lecture series in the Fall Semester. Subjects ranged from the Japanese "Cell Phone Novel" Phenomena to Medieval Chinese Rebellions. Lectures touched on a variety of disciplines including history, anthropology, politics, religious studies and literature.

For more information on past lectures, as well as information on upcoming lectures in the Spring, see our website at www.virginia.edu/eastasia/events.html, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UVa.EAC. To join our mailing list send an email to eastasiacenter@virginia.edu.

China Town Hall Hosted at U.Va.



Photo by Thomas Bynum, *Cavalier Daily*

Zbigniew Brzezinski, a former national security adviser to President Jimmy Carter, spoke via webcast to audiences at 50 cities through the U.S. Nicholas R. Lardy, an expert on the Chinese economy spoke following the webcast. Director of the East Asia Center Charles Laughlin, gave opening remarks, while Brantly Womack introduced Lardy.

China Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving about 50 cities through the U.S., organized by the National Committee for U.S.-China Relations. The Asia Institute event is cosponsored by Mary Baldwin College, with support from the East Asia Center, the U.Va. Center for International Studies, the Curry School of Education and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Full Story: <http://www.cavalierdaily.com/2011/11/17/carter-advisor-discusses-china/>

Think Tank on Global Education

by Rachel Stauffer, Asia Institute

In May 2011, I attended a two-day conference at the Harvard Graduate School of Education called "Think Tank on Global Education". This was an intensive program with participants from all over the U.S. in higher education, K-12, the non-profit, and the business sectors. Among the speakers were Fernando Reimers, Ford Foundation Professor of International Education at Harvard, Anthony Jackson of the Asia Society, staff from the Peace Corps and U.S. Department of Education, and representatives of Title VI National Resource Centers at Harvard, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

It was a tremendous networking opportunity, particularly for making contacts at other National Resource Centers (NRCs). This was also right around the time that we learned we would be asked to make a substantial cut in our own NRC budget here at U.Va, so this was an outstanding opportunity to make contacts with other NRCs in order to try to stretch our strained resources.

The best part of this workshop was that I had the opportunity to learn more about the teaching of global competence. The challenges of the 21st century, categorized by Dr. Reimers, are complex, falling into categories across disciplines: economics, geopolitics, environmental sciences, social, and technological. In quizzing the Think Tank participants, it became clear that the overwhelming majority perceived that current high school students are woefully ill equipped to address these challenges. Dr. Reimers made the point that we have spent a great deal of time teaching and learning about the world, but we have not focused enough on preparing future generations to change the world. Therefore, we must focus on integrative knowledge that unites content knowledge with critical thinking and problem solving skills - and this is what we call global education for the pursuit of global competence. In terms of outreach, the teaching of global competence is now something that I can bring up with local school administrators in order to promote our expertise more effectively and to create opportunities for sustained programming for the long-term. Additionally, this has reshaped my thinking in my own teaching here at the University as I have started to consider how students can take the content of language and culture courses and translate it into something meaningful and constructive in the real world as professionals in a global economy.

The Think Tank not only served to educate me about global competence, but has also provided me with a new perspective and a new way to connect with the schools we serve. A special thanks to John Shepherd and Rich Cohen who provided me with the opportunity to attend.

Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach

by Maria Chee

Supported by the **East Asia Center** and the **Asia Institute**, and in concert with a colleague from Grounds, **Maria W. Chee** organized and conducted two cultural outreach presentations to two classes of third graders, one in an exclusive private and the other a public elementary school in Charlottesville. These events took place in September and concerned the Mid-Autumn Festival.

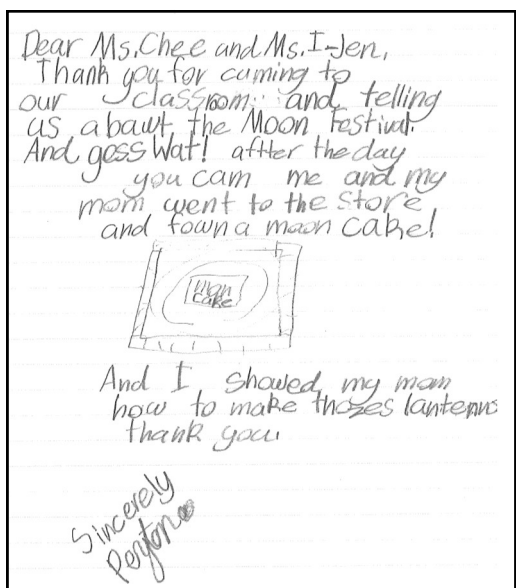
Why elementary schools, even kindergartens? Maria opines that the earlier we reach young children in a positive context, the more potential they become open to differences and the richer their knowledge bank to encompass diversity. This might be best reflected by the words of those who experience it. The thank you note depicted at left was just one of many such notes we received from the children.

Dear Ms. Chee and Ms. I-Jen,

Thank you for coming to our classroom and telling us about the Moon Festival. And gess wat! After the day you cam me and my mom went to the store and fown a moon cake!

And I showed my mom how to make thoses lanterns. thank you.

Sincerely
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ety conference brought ten scholars from four institutions' Philosophy, History, Religious Studies, and Literature departments (including Anne Kinney, Clarke Hudson, and Ellen Zhang from UVa) for a broad-ranging and vigorous discussion that, as Ellen Zhang put it in her report, "went beyond the concern of specific topics and papers and turned to such large issues as morality, virtue, the many meanings and practices of filial piety, and family life and family relations in Chinese history." This demonstrates the kind intellectual resonance of Chinese studies among the three institutions that will be an ongoing pillar of the developing relationship.

Moving from Chinese studies to a transcultural perspective, two months later ten UVa faculty from the History, Religious Studies, Philosophy, German and English Departments and the Curry School joined six each from Peking University and HKUST to deliver papers on the university (both as an educational practice and as a historical phenomenon), global flows of particular intellectuals (like Max Weber, Heidegger, and John Stuart Mill), ideas (rule of law,

fundamental rights, critical engagement, theism, language and translation), and documents/texts (the Bible, Greek tragedies, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, Goethe's "The Sorrows of Young Werther," even Harry Potter). The conference's first paper was actually a segue from the Filial Piety conference because it was given by Zhang Xianglong from PKU's Philosophy Department who had also participated in the June event (his topic was "Filial Piety in Harry Potter"!). The exchange was not strictly a presentation of specialized research, but a cross-cultural reflection on the nature of education and how these elements interact in its global evolution, which involved the very practical matter of PKU's development of a Classics program (all six of the PKU participants were involved with this program).



For UVa, the important outcome of this conference was the planning of further avenues of cooperation among the institutions, with proposals for student and faculty exchanges as well as the establishment of a summer institute with faculty and students from all three institutions cooperating on a joint program that could begin in Summer 2013. Several faculty outside the East Asia Center from History, Religious Studies, and Philosophy who participated in the August conference are keenly interested and involved in this planning. Since my return, I have been in conversations with them and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies (also in charge of international programs) Philip Zelikow about the implementation of these proposals, and Dean Zelikow traveled to Hong Kong and Beijing in October to work out the details and draft the necessary agreements. It looks like there could be two undergraduate and two graduate student exchanges with Peking University in the works, and plans are ongoing for the summer program, tentatively called the Jefferson Global Seminar. I will update the EAC community as soon as there are further developments on these fronts.

In these pages you will also find what the many students and faculty who have received funding through the Center have been up to since the spring, as well as deadlines for upcoming grants and scholarships. I hope to get a version of the newsletter up online so that we can distribute it more widely, and if you have any suggestions or contributions for upcoming newsletter issues, please don't hesitate to let us know!

Charles A. Laughlin