News and Events

Japanese Language Contest 2017

THREE BC STUDENTS WON AWARDS

The 7th annual Japanese Language Contest, sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan, Boston, was held on April 8, 2017. In total, more than 100 essays were submitted. Three BC students won awards this year. Congratulations to our award winners: Michelle Lin (3rd Place, Advance Speech), Hui Wang (3rd Place, Intermediate Essay) and Zhangqi Liu (Honorable Mention, Intermediate Speech).

Wonderful News!

FOUR OUT OF NINE AWARDS AT THE ANNUAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE CONTEST!

We proudly announce that five BC students won awards this year at the annual Japanese Language Contest sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan, Boston for New England’s prestigious colleges, which was held on April 9, 2016.

BC students won four awards at last year’s annual contest. This year BC students’ achievement at the contest was even better. There were submissions from various New England Colleges, such as Brandeis, Brown, Bowdoin, Harvard, Mount Holyoke, Middlebury, Northeastern, Smith, and UMass Amherst.

Out of 45 essay entrances, BC students remarkably won four out of nine awards. This year’s our award winners are:

Essay Beginner Division: Jiadong Li (Second Place); Soo Jin Choi (Third Place);
Essay Intermediate Division: Weijia Shen (Second Place), Essay Advanced Division: Ji Hye Kang (Third Place); Speech Intermediate Division: Yiwei Wang (Honorable Mention)

Reading Aloud and Writing Program

Organized by Lynch School graduate student volunteers who are native speakers of Chinese, the afternoon tutorial program offers additional instructional support to BC students and teachers of Chinese. BC learners of Chinese are welcome to drop by during the scheduled hours with any questions you may have for our volunteer tutors. More details here.

Lecture Series

THE DANIEL C MORRISSEY ’88 AND CHANANNAIT PAISANATHAN, MD LECTURE SERIES IN ASIAN STUDIES

"Surviving War: How Ordinary Civilians and Soldiers Experienced World War II in the Asia-Pacific"

March 30, 2015
5:00-7:00 p.m. in Murray Function Room

A panel discussion among four experts on wartime and postwar diaries, memoirs, and oral histories of Chinese, Japanese, and Americans in the Asia Pacific War.

Poster: Recording
Storytelling Show

**JAPANESE RAKUGO STORYTELLING WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

**Monday, February 6**

6:30-8:00 PM at Stokes Hall, S195 Auditorium

Rakugo is an over 400-years-old traditional comic storytelling and voice acting art. Using only a folding fan and a small hand cloth as props, the solo Rakugo storyteller, Yanagiya Sankyo, will bring a highly entertaining story to life by voicing an entire cast of colorful characters.

This event is admission free. For more information, please contact Ritsuko Sullivan.

Here is a video of this Rakugo performance.

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Conference

**ASIA: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

**Saturday-Sunday, January 28-29, 2017**

Gasson Hall

This is the 2017 New England Regional Conference of the Association of Asian Studies. A variety of scholarly and artistic projects related to Asia will be presented at the conference. For those interested in Asia, this is an excellent opportunity to deepen your understand of the subject and to meet experts in the field.

For more details, please check the conference program.

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Panel

**FOUR CENTURIES OF JESUIT HISTORY IN CHINA**

**Tuesday, November 29**

2:30-4:00 PM at Stokes Hall North, Room N203
This panel presents new editions from the Institute of Jesuit Sources and other recent work on the deep engagement of the Jesuits with China, from the early modern to the modern period. Come to learn about late Ming philosophical debates, daily life in Qing Beijing, and church-state relations in modern Shanghai!

See here for more details

Music Event

**THE RAT BY ERIC NAM**

**Tuesday, November 1**

**7:30 PM at Lyons Dining Hall**

International entertainment star Eric Nam will return to BC to give a talk about his experiences and plans. Also, he will share his songs to have a wonderful night with attended audience.

Please come to Robsham Theatre to pick up ticket with your student ID on October 26th.
Film Screening and Panel Discussion  
"TELL THE PRIME MINISTER"  
Thursday, September 22  
5:00 PM at Higgins 300  
The documentary film is about the anti-nuclear protests in Tokyo after the Fukushima nuclear meltdown in March 2011. After the film screening, there will be a panel discussion with Professor Eiji Oguma from Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

Please contact Prof. Franziska Seraphim for more information.
Distinguished Lecture

FEMINIST ACTIVISM IN CHINA: A CONVERSATION WITH LU PIN

Wednesday, April 6
4:00 PM at McGuinn Hall 121

Since 2012, in concert with the new wave of global protests, Chinese feminist and queer activists have staged a wide range of performance activism in China. Please come and join Lü Pin, a leading Chinese feminist, for a conversation on feminist activism in China and its future.

Professor Lu Pin in her presentation with Professor Mo Yajun
Distinguished Lecture

**40 YEARS OF EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION IN CHINA AND BEYOND**

**Tuesday, March 29**

5:00 PM at Stokes Hall S195

We were honored to have Dr. How Man Wong speak in front of BC fellows at the Stokes Hall and discuss his career in exploration and wildlife conversation in China and the surrounding regions of Asia. Thank you all for your support! Thanks to photographer Paul Drake, here come the nice photos of this wonderful event. Please also check the BChEights’ [more detailed report on Dr. Wong’s presentation](https://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/aaas/news-events.html).

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**Dr. How Man Wong**

Tuesday, March 29, 4:10 PM

Lecture at Stokes Hall S195 at 5:00 PM

Reception at McGuinn Hall 321 following lecture

Sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, Geography and Environmental Studies Program, and the Environmental Studies Program

**40 YEARS OF EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION IN CHINA AND BEYOND**

Dr. Wong will discuss his over forty decades-long career in exploration to the remote parts of China, from his early career with the National Geographic and defining four great river systems of Asia to his subsequent conservation efforts throughout China. He will also discuss his recent work in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, and the Himalayas.

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Audience in Professor Lu Pin’s presentation

Dr. How Man Wong presenting his work
Dr. How Man Wong interacting with his audience

Interview with Dr. How Man Wong

Speech Presentation

THE 14TH ANNUAL JAPANESE SPEECH PRESENTATION AT BOSTON COLLEGE
ポストンカレッジ・アジア研究プログラム主催: 第14回ポストン近郊日本語スピーチ発表会

Saturday, November 14th, 2015
2 p.m. at Higgins Hall 300 Auditorium

The Asian Studies Program at Boston College is honored to host the 14th Annual Japanese Speech Presentation for Boston area colleges. Students from nine local universities spoke on topics from traditional customs to contemporary pop culture. It was an opportunity for intercultural exploration and friendship.
The Values of Spontaneity

**BY PHILIP J. IVANHOE**

**Thursday, November 12th, 2015**

**5 p.m. at Fulton Hall 511 Auditorium**

While many share a belief in the value of spontaneity, there is less of a consensus concerning what spontaneity is. This talk will discuss two Chinese views of spontaneity found in Confucian and Daoist texts from the pre-Qin (before 221 B.C.E.) period. These two early Chinese conceptions of spontaneity can help us better understand some of our own intuitions about the ethical value of spontaneity.
ENTERING ASIA: THE CARTOGRAPHIC IMAGINATION OF THE EARLY MODERN WORLD THROUGH JAPANESE EYES

Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30pm
Robsham Theater

The idea of Asia as a “continent” was introduced to the Chinese-reading world by the Jesuits. But how did Asians see themselves in the world? This visually stunning lecture surveys how Japanese and other mapmakers responded with their own imaginative syntheses of Buddhist cosmology and Matteo Ricci’s geographical categories in popular prints from the 17th to the early 19th centuries.
Inaugural lecture of the Distinguished Lecture Series in Asian Studies

Prof. Wigen delivering her talk.