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Olivia Medrano, Brittany Partin, Adam Raynor, and Breanna Huston helped with *Aid for Japan* fundraiser at the Concert by the visiting Bach Collegium Japan on the evening of March 19 in the Chapel.

Aid for Japan!

Immediately after the earthquake and tsunami hit Japan, members of the Japanese club worked to raise money for the people in Japan who were affected by the tragedy. Working with Rumi Mitsubayashi, our Japan Outreach Coordinator, members of the Chinese Student and Scholar Association, majors in Chinese and Japanese Studies, members of the Master of Arts in Chinese Studies Program, members of VISA, members of SALT, staff of Chapel, staff of VUCA, and a number of faculty, especially Dr. Prough, have raised a total of \$3,263.13 as part of the Aid for Japan fundraiser campaign as of 3/19. The donated funds will be given to Red Cross and Lutheran World Relief. Online donation for Japan is ongoing. More fundraising activities were planned throughout March.

The following students contributed in particular to the *Aid for Japan* fund-raise: Adam Raynor, Yoshika Iwasaki, Olivia Medrano, Joseph Zandra, Lindsey Skala, Brittany Partin, Breanna Huston, Britt Byers, Kirsten Eid, Kaori Naka, Lauren Prusinski, Emily Wambach, Tim Young, Rachel Blane, Chuchu Wang, Yuan Pan, Ming Yang, Weimin Tsai, and Di Geng. We thank them!

Fall 2011 Course Offerings

Chinese Language (* requires approval of chair)

FLC 101A: *Beginning Chinese I*

MTWF 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Staff

FLC 101B: *Beginning Chinese I*

MTRF 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 4cr, Prof Meng

FLC 203A: *Intermediate Chinese I*

MTRF 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 305EV: *Advanced Chinese I*

MTR 6:30 PM – 7:40PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Chinese**

TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

FLC 531X/CHST 531X: *Cont Chinese in Mass Media I*
MTR 3:10 PM – 4:10PM, 4cr, Prof. Ridgway

FLC 607X: *Intensive 4th Year Chinese I*

MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

Japanese Language

FLJ 101A: *Beginning Japanese I*

MTWR 10:10 AM – 11:00 AM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 203A: *Intermediate Japanese I*

MTWR 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

Topic Courses Offered by CJSP

EAST 390AX/CHST590AX/CC300HX: *China's Cities in Lit & Film* TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Ridgway

Following China's recent rapid economic growth and the accompanying large scale migration of people from the countryside to the cities, the city and urbanization have become the foci of much debate in both mainstream media and in the university. Yet what has often been overlooked is how the current growth of China's cities relates to the complex cultural history of China's cities in the past. In this class we will explore the cultural history of a few of China's most iconic cities, both ancient and modern. Our main goal will be to examine how the city has shaped everyday life over the long duration and how certain cities have been imagined and represented in literature and film during three key historical moments. Readings and class discussion in the first half of the class will focus on the three premodern cities of Chang'an, Kaifeng, and Hangzhou, during China's medieval and late imperial periods. In the second half of the class we will turn to examine the three cities of Beijing, Shanghai, and Taipei, whose images in Chinese literature and film are directly connected with China's transition to modernity from the 19th to the 21st centuries.

EAST390BX/PSY390/CHST590BX: *Psy & Rel: Buddhist Perspectives* TR 9:45 AM–11:00AM, 3cr, Prof. Nelson

Buddhism is one of the great religions of China and Japan, and has been studied by Westerners from many perspectives. In this course we will read primary Buddhist texts and use the theory and constructs of psychology to enhance our understanding of Buddhism. Specific topics will include: Religious experience, ideas of spiritual development, religious practices, and perspectives on mental health.

EAST390OL/CHST590OL/ICP590OL: *Contemporary China*, 3cr, Prof. Lin

This online course is open to all majors. It will examine what has happened in China since the late 1990s through in-depth investigations, using both written texts and online materials of in several cases: What does the emergence of middle class mean to the future of China? How does popular protest play a role in the emerging of a civil society in China? How does the rapid commercialization affect the values systems in China? How does internet activism expand the public space? How does the reform in education affect the Chinese society? And how does generational change in political leadership affect the direction of Chinese politics?

FLJ 305A: *Advanced Japanese I*

MTWR 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Japanese**

TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

History

HIST 240A: *Intro to East Asian Culture*

MWF 9:05 AM – 9:55 PM, 3cr, Staff

HIST 341EV/541A: *Rev. & Roots: Making of Modern China*

MWF 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM, 3cr, Staff

Master of Arts in Chinese Studies (MACS)

CHST 531X/FLC 531X: *Contemp Chinese in Mass Media I*

MTR 3:10 PM – 4:20 PM, 4cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 590AX/CC300GX: *China's Cities in Lit & Film*

TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

CHST 590OLX: *Contemporary China*

TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Lin

CHST 607X/FLC 607X: *Intensive 4th Year Chinese I*

MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 696A: *Grad Seminar in Chinese Studies**

W 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM 0.5cr, Prof. Lin

Political Science

POLS130A: *Comparative Politics*

MWF 10:10 AM – 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

POLS 490OLX/EAST390OLX/ICP590OLX: *Contemporary China*

TBA 3cr, Prof. Lin

Economics

ECON 326A: *International Economics*

TR 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Raman

East Asia

EAST 390AX/CHST590AX/CC300HX: *China's Cities in Lit & Film*

TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST390BX/PST390AX: *Psy & Rel: Buddhist Perspective*

TR 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Nelson

EAST 493A: *East Asian Senior Seminar**

TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research** 1-3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 499A: *Colloquium in Chinese & Japanese Studies*

1st Friday of month, 3:30 PM-4:30PM, 0.5cr, Prof. Lin

Geography

GEO 101A: *World Human Geography*

MW 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Longan

Psychology

PSY390AX/ EAST390BX: *Psy & Rel: Buddhist Perspective*

TR 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Nelson

Theology

THEO 361A/ THEO 561A: *Indian Religions and Culture*

TR 11:50 AM – 1:05 PM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

THEO 361B: TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

THEO 363A/THEO 563 A: *Religions of China & Japan*

TR 8:15 AM – 9:30 AM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

THEO 367A/THEO 567 A: *Religions, Rituals, Performances*

TR 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

**** April CJS Events ****

-MACS and CIVU will host the Third Annual Indiana-Illinois High School Chinese Speech Contest on April 10 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in Gold & Brown Room of Harre Union. Contact Dr. Ridgway (Benjamin.ridgway@valpo.edu) if you are interested in participating.

-The JAPANESE CLUB will host the annual Japanese dinner on April 30 (Saturday) starting at 5:30 PM in Huegli Hall. Contact Adam Raynor (adam.raynor@valpo.edu) or Tim Young (tim.young@valpo.edu) or contact Rumi Mitsubayashi (rumi.mitsubayashi@valpo.edu) for more information.

2011 Chinese New Year Celebration. February 7, 2011



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