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Program News

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This is my first report for the Newsletter as the new director of Asian Studies, and the first and most important job is to pay tribute to Kidder Smith for all of the wonderful things he has done for the Program over his years as director, teacher and mentor. Kidder will be taking some extremely well-deserved Sabbatic leave this Spring and next. Thanks also to Tom Conlan, who served as acting director last Spring – and congratulations also to Tom on tenure!

Sadly, we bid goodbye to Takeyoshi Nishiuchi, who is returning to the warmth of San Francisco after seven highly successful years teaching. Tai's intellectual interests, well-reflected in his classes, ranged from architecture to Zen, and from medieval Japanese history to Heidegger and Hegel. It's hard to imagine the program without him, and we wish him all the best: Ogenki-de, Tai. We were unable to find a replacement for him this year (some would say he is irreplaceable), but we'll be searching again this year for someone who can offer courses in both the language and culture of Japan.

In the Fall we will be joined by Rachel Sturman from the University of Michigan, and we say farewell and thanks to Lisa Mitchell for some wonderful classes on modern South Asia.

Lance Guo will spend his first sabbatical year in China continuing his research on political economy. Bill Hurst, from Berkeley's political science program, will join us for the year to teach Chinese and comparative politics.

Interest in Korea continues to be strong. Last Fall we hosted the Korean Economic Institute for a well-attended seminar, with one of the speakers, James Lee, returning to teach a Spring class on Korean Politics. In Spring '05, Tae Yang Kwak will commute from Harvard to teach "The International History of Korea."

East Asian language enrollments continue to grow: we currently have nineteen students in Chinese and twenty-six in Japanese, not including any first-years joining in Fall '04. Our new language fellows have proved a great help in this regard. Our thanks to Shang Cheng for his work in Chinese this year. In his place we welcome Xiaoyun Jiang, who has been teaching at the CET program in Beijing, as well as at Middlebury. Reiko Yoshida, I am happy to report, will be staying for another year to assist Natsu Sato in Japanese. We are still looking at ways to turn these trial positions into permanent appointments.

Study abroad is still the mainstay of our South Asia track. Last year 5 students went to Sri Lanka on the ISLE program, and another 3 to India. In addition, 5 students spent at year with the AKP program in Japan, and other students studied in China, Nepal, South Korea, and Thailand.

Thanks in part to the Freeman Foundation Grant, we were able to send a record number of both students (17) and faculty (13) to Asia for research and language study. In addition, we were able to sponsor some memorable musical, artist and literary events such as dancing with Sukanya Rahma, koto,

shamisen and biwa performed by Yoko Hiraoka, and speakers including Rae Yang, Ellen Liang, Helie Lee and Peter Rowe. Our Freeman activities have benefited enormously from the energy and talents of Jim Kim, our newly appointed Freeman Grant Coordinator and Assistant Dean. Thanks Jim!

Finally, we will be searching again this year for someone to fill our new position in Asian Diaspora studies, which is

being funded initially by the Luce Foundation. The position will help us bridge our traditional focus on Asia with the experience of diasporic communities elsewhere across the globe, and the plan is that the person will also be able to offer regular courses on Asian-Americans. It's an exciting new position, so look out for more about the successful candidate in the next *Newsletter*.

Faculty News

Tom Conlan: This past year has been an important one for Tom Conlan. He received tenure at Bowdoin, and is happy to continue being a member of the Asian Studies community.

His book, *State of War: The Violent Order of Fourteenth Century Japan*, was published by the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan in December 2003. The timing proved fortuitous, for it coincided with the release of "The Last Samurai" film. Tom experienced his fifteen minutes of fame appearing on National Geographic and History channel specials about the samurai. He has also enjoyed his courses at Bowdoin – his Japanese history survey, and a new advanced seminar about the warrior culture of Japan. His research continues to progress, as he focuses on the court and social structure in late thirteenth and early fourteenth century Japan. He plans to visit Japan this summer and collect new materials for his class, "Living in the Sixteenth Century." His wife Yuko and son George are also well and a source of continuing happiness.

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Shuqin Cui: After the subject of Women and Writing in Modern China, Shuqin is currently offering a new course, Pop and Mass Culture in Post-Socialist China. Topics of urban films, revolutionary posters, Chinese theaters, and music have drawn students' enthusiastic interest and engagement to the course. In addition, Shuqin served as academic director for the CET Chinese program in Washington D.C., summer 2003, and will hold the same position in Beijing, summer 2004.

Besides an intensive teaching schedule, Shuqin is working on her second manuscript, tentatively titled, "Female Subjects: Rethinking Women's Writing in Modern China." With the support of a Freeman Grant, she has been conducting research and collecting materials in China. The year 2004 also saw two

previously published articles in reprint and two forthcoming articles:

"*Raise the Red Lantern: The Cinematic Orient and Female Conflict*," in *Film Analysis: A Norton Reader*, W.W.Norton, forthcoming.

"Ning Ying's Beijing Trilogy: Cinematic Configuration of Age, Class, and Sexuality," in *Urban Cinema*, Duke University Press, forthcoming.

With her decision to take the College and Brunswick as her home, Shuqin has been excitedly engaging in house construction. She'll move into a hut surrounded by whispering pines in May.

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Songren Cui had an exceptionally busy year. The fourth year Chinese class "Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese" offered for the first time at Bowdoin has not only added a new dimension to the curriculum, but also stimulated fresh interest of research. In February 2004, his book *Business Chinese: An Advanced Reader* was finally published by the Chinese University Press in Hong Kong. He is going to serve as a teacher-trainer at the Summer Chinese Language School at Middlebury College in June, and then concentrate on writing the manuscript of Chinese pedagogical grammar.

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Sara Dickey: This year Sara Dickey has taught one course in Asian Studies, an old favorite of hers, "South Asian Cultures and Societies." This time the course includes a new critical media analysis component, in order to help students critique the views presented in the ethnographic, documentary, and popular films they see. Next fall she and her family will return to Madurai so that Sara can direct the SITA Program.

Sara's research continues to focus on class relations and the construction of class identities in India. She took a new turn with this work when she

began to examine the relationships between class identities and economic liberalization. She first presented this work in a paper at the University of Iowa in February, titled "The Pleasures and Anxieties of Being in the Middle: Emerging Middle Class Identities in Urban South India." The paper was part of a three-year University of Iowa Workshop on "Lived Experience, Mediated Representations and Rapid Economic Growth: South and East Asia, 1980-2000." The workshop's participants from over the years will be gathering in Chicago in July to discuss their work together in preparation for a collected volume of the workshop papers.

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Lance Guo currently teaches government and Asian Studies courses. Before joining Bowdoin, he worked as a staff researcher and a research fellow at the East Asian Institute of National University of Singapore and at the Asian Research Center in Perth, Australia. He has a Ph.D. in political science, an M.A. in sociology and a B.A. in literature, and his teaching and research interests are diverse and interdisciplinary, straddling comparative politics, international relations, political sociology and political economy. His book *Market Communism: The Institutional Foundations of China's Post-Mao Hyper-Growth* is published by Oxford University Press and his articles have appeared in numerous journals and edited books, some translated into other languages. Currently he is working on a number of projects in collaboration with organizations and scholars in and outside China. While continuing the project on the market development, his research on the evolving state-market relations in China has turned to focus on the changing role of the SDPC from its inception in the heydays of the command economy to the present market economy. Parallel as well as part of his broad research program on state-market relations is a research on how the CCP organizations coping with the market environment. At Bowdoin he teaches courses on Chinese Politics, Chinese Foreign Policy, International Relations in the Asian Pacific, Political Economy of Development in East Asia, Politics and Societies in Southeast Asia, International Political Economy.

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John Holt has been teaching courses on Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism this year, chairing the Dept. of Religion, and making scholarly presentations at the American Academy of Religion, the Association for Asian Studies, Harvard, Oslo (Norway) and Calgary

(Alberta) universities. In August, he will deliver the keynote address at a symposium on Theravada Buddhist Studies at the National University of Singapore. His book, *THE BUDDHIST VISNU*, will be published by Columbia University Press in October.

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Jack Kline will be teaching three courses on Chinese philosophy and religion for Asian Studies in 2004 – one course in the spring and two in the fall. When not teaching he works on researching early Chinese Daoism and Confucianism. In particular, at present he is writing articles on ritual in the *Lunyu (Analects)*, Xunzi's political philosophy, as well as an essay on Zhuangzi's critiques of Confucian ritual cultivation.

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Henry Laurence: My first attempt at directing the program has been a fascinating eye-opener into, well, how hard it is to direct such a lively and dynamic program. Truly it has made me appreciate all of the work that previous directors – most recently Kidder Smith and John Holt – have done for Asian Studies at Bowdoin. At the same time, it has been a challenging and rewarding time, and I am mindful of Kidder's comment from the last newsletter that it is indeed a privilege.

I spent the Fall teaching Japanese Politics and Society (this year I elected not to open with the infamous Tuna Fish story) and a first-year seminar on East Asian politics. In the spring I was in England directing the now-defunct CBB London Program, and am enjoying Brunswick life again.

My research on public service television in Japan, Britain and America continues. This year I presented my work on self-censorship of the Comfort Women issue by NHK at various conferences. I am now back looking more at issues of political economy and information technology. My current article/book chapter compares how different countries are trying to convert from analog to digital television broadcasting. This sounds boring but it isn't! Digital transmission is much more efficient and technologically superior, but the switch is expensive and requires treading on the toes of powerful vested interest in the broadcasting industry, as well as winning over technophobe viewers. So this is a case of how to achieve what's in the public interest over the objections of special interests. Should governments leave things to the market, or try to intervene? If so, how? And which approach is more successful? Watch this space!

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De-Nin Deanna Lee taught four new courses in art history and Asian studies this year. Her students have had opportunities to work with high quality reproductions of scrolls in the library's Special Collections, and she has taken students on fieldtrips to museums in Boston and Cambridge. She continues to broaden and deepen the curriculum in Asian art history. During winter break, she traveled to Japan to gather ideas and materials for a seminar on Buddhist art in Asia to be taught in Spring 2005, and she looks forward to participating in an on-site seminar at the Buddhist caves at Dunhuang this summer. She continues to research and write on painting in China in the tenth century.

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James Lee: Jongsoo (James) Lee (Ph.D., Harvard, 2003), who is teaching A History of Modern Korea this semester, has been thoroughly enjoying his time at Bowdoin, the home of the polar bears. Having spent some time in Moscow doing archival research in Russian winter for his doctoral dissertation (a Cold War international history of the division of Korea, 1945-1948), James, whose childhood nickname was bear, says he totally feels at home in the home of the polar bears. What he enjoys the most at Bowdoin are the bright and incredibly motivated students in his class. James has been spending the 2003-2004 academic year as a research fellow at Harvard (at the Korea Institute and the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies). Apart from serving as a discussant on panels such as those on East Asian and Eurasian political economies at the October 2003 Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (at Harvard) and at the March 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (in San Diego), James has been actively engaged in publication efforts, contributing book reviews and articles (under review) to journals such as *Journal of Cold War Studies* (MIT Press). His revised dissertation is currently under review for publication by a couple of university presses. James would like to thank all the wonderful people in the Asian Studies Department for their warm hospitality during his tenure at Bowdoin as an Adjunct Lecturer in Asian Studies. James says he will miss Bowdoin very much.

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Lisa Mitchell – defended dissertation on "The Making of a Mother Tongue in Modern South India" on Sept. 26, 2003 in the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University. Dissertation was awarded

distinction, an award granted to less than ten percent of dissertations at Columbia. Ph.D. degree conferred on Feb. 11, 2004;

□ articles accepted for publication in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* and *The Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*;

□ with funding from a Freeman Faculty Research Grant began a new project on the role of the railways in the creation of new forms of public space in India over the winter break;

□ presented papers at conferences at Yale University (Feb. 2004), Arizona State University (March 2004), the Society for Cultural Anthropology Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon (to be presented at the end of April 2004);

□ named to the Executive Committee of the South Asia Microfilm Project, Center for Research Libraries, Chicago.

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Clifton Olds: I will retire from teaching at the end of the spring term, 2004. Looking back at the 22 years I have spent at Bowdoin, I particularly value the opportunity I have had to teach courses in East Asian art, and to have benefited from my association with the Asian Studies Program. And I am delighted to leave the teaching of Asian art history in the capable hands of De-nin Lee, Bowdoin's first full-time historian of Asian art. I will continue my study of the historic gardens of Japan, having received a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to expand and enhance our website devoted to that subject.

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Sree Padma has continued as the administrative director of the Inter-collegiate Sri Lanka (ISLE) Program for the past several years. She enjoys working with various groups of people, including faculty, students, and administrative staff here and in Sri Lanka. She has also begun to offer a course in Asian Studies each fall on ancient history of India. She is also coediting a book, a collection of essays on various aspects of the Buddhist Culture in Krishna River Valley in Andhra Pradesh. As a part of this project, she recently organized a panel of presentations at the Association for Asian Studies meeting held in San Diego.

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Natsu Sato has had a very good year with many good students. She received a Freeman Asia Faculty Fellowship to conduct a language textbook survey preparing for her Japanese language supplementary textbook project with Professor Tsujimura at Indiana University. Natsu will spend the summer of 2004 in Shiga, Japan, teaching at the Japan Center for Michingan Universities.

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Kidder Smith taught a new course last fall called "Investigating Subjective Experience." An article of

his entitled "Natural Crazy Wisdom" will be published in the *International Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* next year.

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Reiko Yoshida had a delightful experience at Bowdoin this year. As a language fellow, she taught first and second year Japanese language courses with Natsu Sato. She is looking forward to teaching again at Bowdoin in the fall.

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Alumni/ae Notes

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"I started my own Intercultural Consulting Company, Fox Intercultural Consulting Services. I am working with Maine companies that are doing business with Asia particularly China and South Korea, conducting workshops and training sessions on understanding other cultures. I am also teaching Intercultural Communications at Saint Joseph's College in Standish."

CLASS OF 1988

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"In June I will be taking 12 boys from The Haverford School, where I work as a teacher of history in the Upper School, to China. The school offers Chinese language from 7th-12th grade. We will be in Beijing for one week and Shanghai for three weeks. I will also be taking my son, Josh, who is 7. This is very exciting for me since I have not been back to China since 1987."

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"Brendan Fletcher McIntire born on July 23, 2003"

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"Am still at the Lingnan Foundation working on many exciting projects. We are now emphasizing liberal learning in our grant-making program with the goal of improving critical thinking, leadership ability, international understanding and service to society. Of course, I am drawing upon my own experiences at Bowdoin as we consider and communicate the content and significance of a liberal arts education. It seems that our counterparts in China are very excited about adding related new programs to the curriculum within higher education in South China and Hong Kong. We are also working on an oral history project to document the lives of alumni who graduated from the original Lingnan University in the 1930-50s.

On the personal front, Mia Overall Sloan joined husband Michael and brother Dylan last May. The work/family juggle is a constant challenge but we all seem to be surviving!"

CLASS OF 1989

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"I'm still working as the Director at CET Academic Programs, where the work is never dull. We expanded our study abroad programs to include new offerings in Europe and SE Asia, wrestled with SARS last year, and in 2005 we'll launch new China programs. Bowdoin alumni interested in the field of study abroad should check our website (www.cetacademicprograms.com) and contact me if you're interested in our job openings. Best wishes to Chris Yager '89 & Leslie Stone '88 - I frequently hear about your great work!"

CLASS OF 1990

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"On March 15, 2004 I had my second daughter. Her name is Eleanor Quincy Adams. We are all doing well!"

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"I am married and have a young daughter, Bridget. Have not been to Asia since 1997, had numerous opportunities through the University of Michigan to go there - my brother recently set up operation for RR Donnelly over there in Shanghai - he lives in Pu Dong."

CLASS OF 1991

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"My husband, Matthew, and I welcomed our second daughter, Charlotte Mei Singer, on May 29th, 2003. She was 6 lb. 2 oz and 19 inches at birth. Matthew has joined the Diplomatic Corp with the U.S. State Department. For his first oversea's assignment as a foreign service officer, we will move to Vilnius, Lithuania in the summer of 2004 to live for the next two years."

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"Can't remember what, if anything, I've contributed here so I'll start from the beginning. Left Bowdoin 1991, studied 4th year Japanese at Indiana University's summer program and moved to Tokyo for 1993 to be a translator for a Japanese international law firm. 1994 moved to Chapel Hill, NC to work in a lab helping to develop new treatments for Cystic Fibrosis. Married in '96, divorced in 2001, studied Korean at Yonsei University in Seoul for 6 months in 1996 while working in a cancer research lab at Seoul National University. 1997 started a Ph.D. program in Pharmacology at UW Seattle, finished at long last June 2003. Currently a post-doc in a neurobiology lab here at UW where I'm working on possible genes involved in neurodegenerative disorders including Parkinson's disease.

Best of all, and to anyone who knows where I can get in touch with Miyako Satoh (former instructor in Japanese and Japanese literature), I'd appreciate contact information much."

CLASS OF 1992

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I'm still living in Hong Kong, having returned after a 14-month backpacking odyssey around the world. My husband and I have settled back in and I am working at an investment bank in hedge fund sales. Luckily, I'm still able to do a fair amount of travel and exploring in the region."

CLASS OF 1993

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"I spent last year in Ecuador, doing the fieldwork for my dissertation which looks at religion and development in the Andes. I'm back at Carolina this year, teaching and writing, and should finish up with the Ph.D. sometime in 2004-2005. When I'm not in the library, I'm on the soccer field or in the midst of some knitting or spinning project, habits that my husband Brian has learned to tolerate with grace."

CLASS OF 1995

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"Moving again, this time from Taiwan to Hong Kong to focus more on technology and telecom in China. I go to China once or twice a month these days as I ramp up coverage of the Internet and wireless value-added services segment. My wife and I are getting adjusted to Hong Kong with little difficulty and the convenience is a bonus."

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"I've heard some news from several garden keepers about a revival of sorts at the Lancaster garden. glad to hear that entropy is being kept at bay a bit longer and that more people are enjoying the garden.

i have a new address. it's a little cottage on the duwamish river in the middle of a sublime industrial landscape. salmon jumping, barge moving, heron swooping, drawbridge creaking. i have a lot of habitat restoration and community park projects in the area so it's a great spot."

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"I graduated in May 2003 with a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and am now an Assistant Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University."

CLASS OF 1996

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"I finished my MBA in June and moved to Seattle where I now work at Microsoft managing partnerships and alliances with external companies. It's a lot of fun and I also occasionally help coordinate efforts in Asia. I also got married to my wife Wendy whom I met in Singapore when I was working there from 99-01. We love Seattle."

CLASS OF 1997

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"The software company I started three years ago (www.agilix.com) is finally profitable! We have 16 employees and our products continue to win industry recognition. My role as the VP of Corporate Development requires substantial travel and constant meetings.

Outside of Agilix, I am helping a great team of Vietnamese entrepreneurs with a wonderful idea. Nha Magazine is the first bi-lingual, bi-cultural Vietnamese American lifestyle magazine. <http://www.nhamagazine.com/>. Nha Magazine tries to create the platform for cultural exchange that celebrates what it means to be Vietnamese in America. We celebrate community leaders and try to shed a positive light on being bi-cultural.

After three years, I finally made it to Harvard Business School! I am incredibly excited about the opportunity. I am optimistic that it will be a pivotal experience in my life and help me scale my leadership.

I'm probably going to take some time off starting in May so that I can travel before classes start in August. I'm thinking about Europe for a month and then backpacking Asia. I am particularly excited about Tibet, mainland China and, of course, Vietnam. Happy Year of the Monkey."

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“I just got back from 3 weeks in Mongolia conducting training for rural local NGOs and government staff on basic civil society topics such as NGO-government collaboration and the role of the civic sector. Driving around the Gobi desert in winter you might think there are no inhabitants except sheep, horse and camels, if it weren't for spotting the occasional yurt where there's sure to be folks staying warm inside. What a place!”

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“I am currently working in the technology venture capital industry. My firm has a number of Japanese corporate limited partners including Toshiba, NTT Docomo, Omron, and the Tokyo Electric Power Company.”

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“my most recent news is that i just came out with a new cd "every night when the sun goes in." details can be found on my website if it's of interest (www.josephinecameron.com). i've actually been living in brunswick these days & working a day job & making some music. life is good...especially now that spring is arriving!
i'm looking forward to hearing news from the department!”
“I started work as an associate at Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York in the fall.”

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“I am currently teaching in Berkeley, California, enjoying all the Bay Area has to offer. I am planning for another substantial travel venture through Asia or Latin America, and considering Graduate programs. I'd love to connect with old Bowdoin friends. I send my warmest regards to all.”

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CLASS OF 2000

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“Yes, I am now home in West Palm Beach. Yes, the weather is lovely. No, I am not actively looking for a job. No I have no plans for the immediate future (or otherwise, for that matter) and no, I am not applying to graduate schools (yet?). Europe was liberating, but it was good to be back with the family in FLA for Christmas. But, I am doing well and happy to have things settling down to what I guess will become "normal" -- for a little while anyway. (Just breathe, just believe). I like it here in West Palm, so far, so I think I will stay a bit. But that means all of you are elsewhere and I do miss your company. I have to admit, compared with the follies of Europe and New York, it can get a just a wee bit stifling here . . . so do keep in touch.”

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“I am currently in my first year of graduate school in social work at Columbia University.”

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"I am finishing my first year of law school at Wake Forest University. This summer I will be working as an intern with Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition ("CAIR Coalition"), a D.C. non-profit which provides legal assistance to immigrants pursuing asylum claims, facing deportation, or seeking counsel during their criminal detention. I look forward to working with CAIR's clients, to increasing my public interest experience, and to returning to D.C. I am also excited to share that I have just founded an Amnesty International group at Wake Law, and I encourage anyone with experience in human rights to contact me--I'd love to brainstorm some topics for events next year! Peace, Candice”

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“I am now working for the government at Ft. Detrick in Frederick, Maryland.”

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“I’m in Charlottesville, Virginia going to school at the University of Virginia - the program is called Critical and Comparative Studies in Music.”

CLASS OF 2003

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“I guess that the most life changing news is that I am getting married on August 15th here in Maine. I met Jeremy in Brunswick last fall. He graduated from Georgetown University with a major in Chinese, and is finishing a master’s degree in Community Planning and Development from the Muskie School of Public Service, USM. I am getting a certificate in Child and Family Policy and Management from the Muskie School this year, and I am currently spending a lot of time planning the wedding. Jeremy and I will be going to China next fall to teach English, improve our Chinese and have a great adventure. We are setting up jobs in Liaoning province, but any suggestions for great jobs in China relating to environmental issues, community planning, sustainable development, or education would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at sbruss@alumni.bowdoin.edu”

Announcements about Current Majors

Chrysta Goto received honors for her thesis "International Trade and the Economic Development of Japan 1858-1899" a path-breaking study of how trade, particularly with Asia, fueled the process of Japan's economic development and modernization in nineteenth-century Japan.

Special Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to the Freeman Foundation for their generous Freeman-Undergraduate Asian Studies Funding Initiatives and to Robert M. Sargent '58, for their generous support of the Asian Studies Program.

Goldsmith Adams Fund

Jennifer Goldsmith Adams '90 recently established the Goldsmith Adams Fund in support of Asian Studies travel and research.

It’s pretty simple, Jennifer explains: “I wanted to give back. Asian Studies opened a whole world to me.”

“Jennifer’s generosity will make it possible for future students to meet China the way she did: on the ground and right up close,” explains professor Kidder Smith. “It was a mind-changing experience for her, as it is for all of us. We’re extremely grateful for a gift that will allow that experience to perpetuate itself through the next generation of Bowdoin students.”

“Kidder was part of the motivation” for her gift, Jennifer says. The courses she took with Smith taught her critical thinking skills, and her yearlong study in China gave her the opportunity to implement and expand them. The Goldsmith Adams Fund will help pay for a Bowdoin student to go to Asia, as Jennifer did, and Jennifer plans to build the Fund in the future.

“I wanted to give someone else this opportunity. Studying in the Asian Studies department at Bowdoin changed my life,” says Jennifer.

Asia to Bowdoin, Bowdoin to Asia: An Update on the Freeman Grant

A Taiko drum expert gives a workshop on the Bowdoin campus. An acupuncturist is visiting a spring semester sociology class as a guest speaker. Opportunities like these were planned by members of the Bowdoin community and supported financially by funds from the Freeman Grant.

The Freeman Grant has been instrumental in enriching our educational community by increasing exposure to and encouraging study of Asian cultures. Students, faculty, and administrators have all found creative ways to study Asia with these funds. From the start of fall semester 2003 to the end of summer 2004, twelve faculty will have traveled to various parts of Asia to gather material for their teaching or independent research. For example, a professor from the Department of Biology will visit Malaysia to learn about the ecology of tropical forests in Asia. During that same time period, 16 students will have spent time in Asia; some for independent projects, most for intensive language study. Destinations include China, Japan, Vietnam, and South Korea.

Not only has the Freeman Grant been used to send faculty and students overseas, but it has also helped bring glimpses of Asian culture to campus. During the 2003-04 academic year, more than a dozen speakers have come to Brunswick to deliver guest lectures in courses. Sukanya Rahman delivered a lecture and demonstration of Indian Classical Dance to Wish Theater in October. Adjunct Professor Jongsoo James Lee is teaching a course entitled “A History of Modern Korea” to 34 Bowdoin students. These examples are only a sampling of the diverse array of uses of the Freeman funds.

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