Program News

Kidder Smith

We have one piece of especially good news this spring. After ten years of steady work by many people, the basic framework for an outstanding Asian Studies Program at Bowdoin is finally, and fully, in place. Just last week the President authorized the continuation of our position in advanced Chinese language and culture on a permanent basis. This brings to four the full-time faculty positions devoted to China – on a par now with Japan – and allows us to teach Chinese language from beginning to advanced levels. We were helped in this process by a grant from the Freeman Foundation, which had given us five years of “bridge” money to fill this position on a temporary basis. We will conduct an international search next autumn, and we expect someone to be joining us in the fall of 2002.

This year we had the great good fortune to host five faculty members on a visiting basis. Karen Nakamura has taught almost everything that the term “Japanese anthropology” might imply, from deaf culture to animation. Next year she will be at Macalester College in Minneapolis. Chieko Numata has offered a variety of courses on Japanese politics, ranging from seminars to lecture classes. She will be at the University of Oklahoma next fall. Sudharshan Seneviratne, our distinguished professor on the Tallman Foundation, has already returned to Sri Lanka, after a successful fall teaching the social history of early Buddhism.

Jiwon Shin is returning to her graduate work at Harvard, having taught a popular course on Korea through its literature. And Yiqun Zhou will spend next year in Chicago completing her dissertation at the University there. She has taught courses such as “Food and Drink in Greece and Ancient China” as well as instructing advanced Chinese. You can read more about these people in the Faculty News section of the newsletter. These five friends have brought wonderful new ideas to Asian Studies, and we’re very sorry to see them go.

This year Takeyoshi Nishiuchi won the Sydney B. Karofsky Award for Junior Faculty, given by the Dean for Academic Affairs to a Bowdoin teacher who “best demonstrates the ability to impart knowledge, inspire enthusiasm, and stimulate intellectual curiosity.” Sounds like Tai!

Next fall Sara Dickey, John Holt, Henry Laurence, and Takeyoshi Nishiuchi will be rejoining us; Tom Conlan will be off to Japan; Shen Rui, a doctoral candidate at the University of Oregon, will teach Chinese film as well as advanced language; and Munis Faruqui will be joining the Department of History, teaching courses on modern South Asia. It doesn’t seem to stop happening.

News from alumns on page 4. We hope you will stop by to visit when you’re in the area.
Faculty News

**Tom Conlan** will be on sabbatical in 2001-2, after three highly enjoyable and stimulating years at Bowdoin teaching courses in Japanese history. His latest research project, about the role of Shingon Buddhism in determining political legitimacy in medieval Japan, will be supported by both NEH and Fulbright grants. Tom will be spending most of the next year in Kyoto, although he will also briefly visit Okinawa late in 2001 under the auspices of a Freeman grant, in order to view fifteenth-century Japanese firearms. His monograph on the Mongol Invasions, called *In Little Need for Divine Intervention*, is scheduled for publication by July 2001. And his other monograph, *State of War: The Violent Order of Fourteenth-Century Japan*, is in press at the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan, and should be published early in 2002. He is also scheduled to attend conferences at the University of Tokyo in July 2001, and the University of Michigan in October 2001. His wife Yuko is delighted at the prospect of returning to Kyoto this August but, like Tom, will miss Bowdoin and Maine.

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**Songren Cui** has adapted himself quite well to the weather of Maine and continued to enjoy teaching Chinese at Bowdoin. He is very pleased that eight of his students are going to study in China this summer and/or next fall. Recently his textbook *Business Chinese: An Advanced Reader* has been accepted for publication by the Chinese University Press, Hong Kong. With the help of E.T.C., Songren has put together a “Chinese Program” website which has a variety of materials related to the study of Chinese language and culture. You can find it linked from the Chinese Studies page on the Asian Studies website at http://academic.bowdoin.edu/asianstudies. Soon his family is moving to Brunswick, about which he is very excited.

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**Sara Dickey** is finishing two years of leave, during which she has taken two fieldwork trips to India and carried out work on a book project. She went to India for six months in 1999–2000 and for two more months in 2001 to do research on the significance of class in everyday life in Madurai, the city in southern India where she has done most of her previous research. The project is based on 50 interviews, and also builds on research done in 1991–92 with domestic workers and employers. Pieces from the domestic service project have recently been published, including an article in *American Ethnologist*, “Permeable Homes: Domestic Service, Household Space and the Vulnerability of Class Boundaries in Urban India” (May 2000). Another article, “Mutual Exclusions: Domestic Workers’ and Employers’ Narratives on Labor, Class and Character in South India,” is a chapter in a volume that Sara co-edited with Kathleen M. Adams, *Home and Hegemony: Domestic Service and Identity Politics in South and Southeast Asia* (University of Michigan Press, 2000).

During the two fieldwork projects, Sara was accompanied by her son Daniel, now two years old. He loved being in Madurai when he was a baby, but had a harder time with the disruption to his life caused by the most recent trip. Nonetheless he became very attached to friends in Madurai, not to mention whizzing around in autorickshaws and feeding elephants, and did not want to leave when the time was up.

At the moment, supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, Sara is working on a draft of her book, which will be called *The Everyday Life of Class in Urban India*. Built around four narrative portraits of individuals in different class positions, it examines the symbolic ways in which class is communicated and interpreted, local concepts of class and power, the significance of class versus caste hierarchies, and cultural and economic constraints on class mobility. A portion of one of the narrative portraits will appear in “Anjali’s Prospects: Class Mobility in Urban India,” to be published in *Everyday Life in South Asia*, an undergraduate reader on South Asia edited by Sarah Lamb and Diane Mines. Anjali, a young woman whom Sara has known for the past 16 years, is the daughter of a rickshaw driver who convinced her parents to let her work her way through college and has now become a computer graphics designer.

During 2001–02 Sara will teach a course on Women, Power, and Identity in India in the fall, and her South Asian Cultures and Societies course in the spring. She is also developing a new 100-level course on activism and expressive culture in India.

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**Lance Guo** currently teaches government courses at Bowdoin College. Before joining Bowdoin in January 2001, he was a research fellow at the East Asian Institute of the National University of Singapore (1998-2000) and at the Asian Research Center in Perth, Australia (1996-1998). He earned an M.A. in sociology from Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of
Washington, trained in the fields of international relations, Chinese politics, comparative politics, political sociology, and development studies. His book, *Market Communism: The Institutional Foundation of China’s Post-Mao Hyper-Growth*, was published by Oxford University Press in 1998. His current research interests include the implications of marketization for political change in China, the political economy of development, and policy and institutional reforms in China’s energy sector.

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**John Holt** was the Visiting Numata Professor of Buddhist Studies at the University of Calgary this past fall semester. This spring, he is in Sri Lanka writing a book on the cult of Visnu in Sri Lanka and will return to teaching at Bowdoin this fall.

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**Henry Laurence** has been enjoying his sabbatical, paid for by an Abe Fellowship from the Japan Foundation. His book, *Money Rules*, came out recently and he would welcome feedback on it – (translation: he would welcome sales!). He is working on a second book, comparing television in Japan, Britain, and America.

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**Li Zongjun** is a former professor at Bowdoin. He is a second-time retiree, having recently moved back to Wuhan from his native Shanghai. He is planning on visiting the States soon and wishes to meet with as many former friends and students as possible. His new address is: 307-1-2 Xi Yuan, Mafangshan Campus, Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, Hubei 430070, P.R. CHINA; phone number: 8627-87855039.

**Ayumi Nagatomi** enjoyed her second year of teaching Japanese language courses at Bowdoin. She attended Kyuudoo (Japanese archery) classes a few times. Currently, she is looking forward to the new experience at Middlebury College (summer intensive).

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**Karen Nakamura** has been our Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian Studies and Anthropology this year. She just recently finished her dissertation on deaf identities, sign languages, and minority social movements in modern Japan for the Department of Anthropology at Yale University. During the semester, she also presented papers at the annual meeting of the American Anthropology Association as well as at the first major conference on Japanese law and social change at the University of Michigan. A book she is co-editing on international deaf identity and some journal papers are in the works.

Her courses at Bowdoin were notable for being slightly off the beaten path. In the fall, she taught “The Deaf World” and “Minorities and Sexualities in Modern Japan.” In the spring, she taught “Japanimation and Manga (Comic Books)” as well as “Japan through its Women.” She’s enjoyed the Maine landscape greatly and was often spotted zooming around on her motorcycle with her tripod and camera gear strapped to her back. Next year, she will be joining the Department of Anthropology at Macalester College as a tenure-track faculty member.

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**Takeyoshi Nishiuchi** has been on sabbatical leave this past year. During this time, he conducted research in Italy, Germany, and Japan, and is completing a book-length manuscript entitled *Towards an Architectonics of Zen Performance*.

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**Chieko Numata** taught Japanese Politics and Society, Women and Politics in East Asia, Intro Seminar in East Asian Politics, and Advanced Seminar in Japanese Politics. She presented a paper “Social Contexts, Electoral System, and Corruption Voting: The Case of Japan” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Next year she will be a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Oklahoma.

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**Clifton Olds** reports that his website on Japanese Gardens is the result of a four-year project funded, in part, by the Freeman Foundation and many trips to Japan. The historical and analytical texts and all of the photographs are his own, and the site provides an opportunity for the user to travel through each of 17 historic gardens, all but one located in or near Kyoto. The URL is “academic.bowdoin.edu/zen.” Because the site is rather complex, it works best with Netscape 4.7 or Internet Explorer 4.7; it works less well with AOL or the 6.0 versions of Netscape or Internet Explorer.

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**Nancy Riley** has been continuing her research on Northeast China. She is examining the effect of factory work on women’s power in their families. She recently presented a paper from this research at the AAS meetings in Chicago. In addition, she has done some work on India and recently published an article in *Signs* titled “Planning an Indian Modernity: The Gendered Politics of Fertility Control,” co-
authored with Nilanjana Chatterjee (who taught at Bowdoin from 1991-1993). She has made a couple of recent trips to China connected to her work there.

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Jiwon Shin has recently been awarded two summer fellowships from Harvard—a summer fellowship for web pedagogies given by the Bok Teaching Center and the Provost’s Office, to develop Korean studies related materials on the web; and a Harvard Graduate Society summer dissertation fellowship. She is currently working on her dissertation provisionally entitled, “Urban Space in Transition to Korean Modernity: Seoul Literary Clubs, Secondary Status Groups, and Construction of Literature and Community, 1857-1918.” She plans to spend part of her summer in Korea, at Seoul National University, National Central Library, and Yongnam University (in Taegu), digging through their map archives, poetry anthologies, and the 19th-century Korean printmaking paraphernalia, while eating enough cold noodle soup (“naengmyon” in Korean) and grooving with a few Korean avant-garde writer friends.

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Kidder Smith taught two new courses this fall. One was “An Introduction to China,” which focused considerably on the experience of the land—its economic, social, and political ramifications. The other was called “The Psychology of Subjective Experience,” which he taught with Susan Burggraf of the Psychology Department. Part of that project involved reading a number of Buddhist meditation texts. Kidder was on leave in the spring, and he and his wife spent February in India, visiting a trio of sacred spots, north and south. His collaborative translation and study of the Sun Tzu Art of War is finally out from Shambhala Publications this January, with the authorship rendered as “Denma Translation Group.” Check it out!

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Yiqun Zhou has enjoyed teaching literary Chinese and courses on classical Chinese and Greek civilizations, and leaves with many new insights and inspirations when she returns to Chicago to finish her dissertation.

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Dan received his MBA from Kellogg, Northwestern. He joined Merrill Lynch in 1999 as Head of Technology Research, Asia/Pacific. His new baby daughter, Angelina Mary Heyler, was born on May 14, 2000.

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Kevin reports he is working by weekday and skiing by weekend. In November, Susan Lyons ’89, Steve Ryan ’88, and he comprised three members of a four-person team for Trailwalker 2000, a 100-kilometer hike along the MacLehose Trail in the New Territories of Hong Kong.

Jill was married in 1997, received her Ph.D. in English in 1998 from UMass/Amherst and is now an Assistant Professor in English at Kansas State University.

Leslie is Executive Director at the Lingnan Foundation. They are in the process of initiating a new Fellowship program for Chinese students in Hong Kong and China to spend six months here participating in service-learning internships. She and her husband, Michael Sloan, just bought a fixer-upper house and are in the process of renovating it. Their son, Dylan, is now ten months old and is a seasoned crawler.

Mark is a reporter for Bloomberg News in New York City.

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Effie and Jamie Bernard are living near New York, while Jamie is practicing law in the city.

Kate reports that her work at the Harvard Law School is interesting, especially during the last election. She is currently doing a graduate seminar in literature. Her son, Gage, is getting really big and she is thrilled with his school and after school, both part of the public school system.

Mark will finish his MBA in May.

Ed has traveled to South Asia twice this past year, once for work (an e-business workshop for General Electric India) and once for fun traveling in Central Asia, from Kazakhstan through western China and on the Karakoram highway to Pakistan. The highlight was a trip to Khotan, the subject of his Bowdoin history thesis.
### CLASS OF 1990

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Selena is settling into life in New York, finding the city a fast-paced, dynamic, and fun place to be – a refreshing change from tame Nebraska. She’s enjoying her work challenges, swimming a lot, and getting out and about to explore and enjoy what the city has to offer.

Scott Dedrick  
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Scott’s been in the high-tech world since graduate school at Penn. His current work in Seattle has centered around interactive television. He has taken a few trips to Asia (Indonesia, China, and Japan) now and again for vacation.

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Dave was awarded a second FLAS fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, which he says is great because it means he’s not supposed to do any work other than his studies. He is also TA-ing second-year Chinese and is Assistant Editor of *Chinese Literature: Essays, Articles, and Reviews* (CLEAR).

Yunhui gave birth to their first child, Louise Mao Singer, on October 3, 2000. She was 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 20.5 inches at birth.

### CLASS OF 1992

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Amy and Sean just bought their first house and will be filling it with a new baby very soon. Sean finished up his MBA last spring and is currently working for a technology company in Seattle that focuses on managing digital content (primarily music) on the Internet.

### CLASS OF 1993

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Andrew and Kathy are expecting the arrival of their second child in mid-April. Their 2 1/2-year-old son, Luke, loves trains, trolleys, and buses and they are raising him bi-lingually. Kathy received her Master’s in Applied Communications from Temple University in December 2000; Andrew continues to recruit pharmaceutical and higher education executives for Heidrick & Struggles.

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After six years of full-time work experience in the communications field as a journalist, editor, and writer, Tracy is making a career change. She has been accepted to Brandeis University’s Heller Graduate School for public policy.
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William left Bear Stearns and moved to California where he is Vice President of Equity Research for Banc of America (Montgomery). He is getting married to Lisa Lee in June 2001.

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Nate is working as a landscape architect and urban designer in Seattle, pursuing a park project in the Georgetown neighborhood.

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Stephen just completed a Master of Science in Foreign Service at Georgetown University where he concentrated in International Commerce and Finance. He pursued his Asian Studies interests through courses at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, and gave his oral comprehensive briefing on nuclear proliferation in South Asia. He also passed his foreign language exam in Hindi/Urdu.

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Cali helped open the office of MyFamily.com in California, and they now have two offices and a little over 75 heads. He also is a volunteer high school/college counselor.

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Andrew will be interning this summer in Cambodia for a non-governmental organization called Legal Aid of Cambodia that has offices all over the country dedicated to addressing human rights issues. He’s excited about returning to the region and having the chance to gain field experience in international law.

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Megan is a full-time student studying Chinese at BeiShiDa and teaching English in her spare time.

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Dan is continuing his joint JD/MA in East Asian Studies at Washington University and reports that his classes are outstanding – Chinese Law, Japanese Law, Transnational Litigation, and Comparative Law. He’ll be spending this summer as a summer associate in both the New York and Beijing offices of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison.

CLASS OF 1999

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Josh is a foreign editor in Beijing, finishing up the second half of a year contract with The China Daily.
Doug met a local Chinese university student, Wong Lai Shan, while studying in Hong Kong. They have been together the last four years and are getting married, more than likely within the next year. Doug is presently working in San Francisco as an investment banker for J.P. Morgan.

Val is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bangladesh teaching primary school teachers how to teach English. She reports the work is challenging, yet fun – the country also challenging to live in, not as fun – but a very interesting and educating experience.

Announcements about Current Majors

Jonathan Pitoniak received high honors for his project entitled *War is Hell: Military Conflict During China’s Spring and Autumn Period*. The project is an analysis of war during the Spring and Autumn period and its effects on China’s transition to the Warring States period. Using the historical narratives in the *Tso Chuan*, Jon examined how war in the Spring and Autumn involved aspects of all of Chinese society through divination, ritual, and battle equipment. War was a defining activity of China’s nobility during this time, with aristocrats personally fighting in battles to solidify their social status. Military conflict was the driving force behind much of the political and social change that occurred as China moved into the Warring States period. Jon retranslated certain key passages of the *Tso Chuan* to use in his final paper, as well as to improve his Chinese language skills.
Contemporary Chinese Society Class

Through a grant from the Freeman Foundation, Professor Nancy Riley has been able to teach a course on Contemporary Chinese Society this spring to ten students. At the end of the semester, they will head to China and Vietnam for five weeks for the second stage of this two-credit course sequence. They will be visiting Dalian, Beijing, Shanghai, Kunming, Hanoi, and Ho Chi Minh City. While in Asia, they will be continuing some of the formal course aspects, but much of the course will be “on the streets” in China. As we write this, they have their passports, visas, and tickets, and are just now getting their final preparations underway. It promises to be a great adventure; there is nothing quite like learning about China at the ground level!

Special Thanks

Professor Richard B. Lyman, Jr. ’57, founding Director of the East Asian Studies Program at Simmons College and currently teaching part-time at Brandeis University, presented a generous gift to East Asian Studies at Bowdoin.

Mark Tannenbaum ’88 made a generous gift to the Asian Studies Program this past year. Mark currently is a reporter for Bloomberg News in New York City.

An anonymous donor has provided significant funds for an endowed professorship in Asian Studies. This endowment supports the position held by Lance Guo in modern Chinese politics.
Job Announcement

LINGNAN FOUNDATION

The Lingnan Foundation is seeking a Program Officer. The Foundation is a private foundation that supports higher education in South China, principally in Guangzhou and Hong Kong. The Foundation’s offices are on the Yale University campus in New Haven. For more information, please refer to the Foundation’s website at www.lingnanfoundation.org.

With supervision from the Executive Director, the P.O. provides the following program services:
- Assists with planning and implementing the grants program;
- Reviews reports and proposals from grantee institutions and advises on the appropriateness of request;
- Assures the timely payment of grants.

The P.O. also provides program support by:
- Serving as a principal liaison with Foundation grantees in the U.S.;
- Monitoring the development of higher education in China and Hong Kong.

In addition, the P.O. has several specific administrative responsibilities.

Candidate should hold a Bachelors Degree or higher, and have at least two years of related job experience. Practical experience working in or with Chinese institutions, moderate fluency in standard Chinese, and newspaper-reading ability are highly desirable.

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