

Wittenberg University EAS Newsletter

November 2019

EAS Tea Hour

On Friday October 18th, East Asian studies faculty and students, along with students interested in learning about the department, gathered for a tea hour to meet our professors and hear a bit about the courses. After students and faculty alike



snacked on numerous treats from China, Japan, and Korea, professors talked a little bit about themselves and what courses they will offer next semester. The tea hour had a friendly atmosphere with professors Yu Bin and Shih-Ming Li Chang talking about how important food is to them. Dr. Yu makes a divine dumpling and Dr. Chan is one of the best cooks around! Meanwhile Dr. Oldstone-Moore

claims that her specialty lies more in eating than cooking (although I have eaten some of her food as well and I think she can join the ranks of our cooks). Next semester Dr. Ye and Wang will offer language and literature courses in Chinese and Dr. Imai will continue teaching Japanese language courses. Shih-Ming will teach dance, Dr. Crane will teach a cross-cultural psychology course, Dr. Sunny Jeong will teach in International Business, Dr. Oldstone-Moore will teach religion courses with an East Asian focus, and Dr. Yu will offer upper level political science courses (POLI355 East Asian Foreign Relations).



Dr. Huffman- Down and out in Meiji Japan: Lessons from the Urban Slums

On October 22nd, Dr. Huffman, a retired professor from Wittenberg University and a highly recognized scholar who has nine books published, took the time to share some of his knowledge and research with our community. He talked about the history of the poor people in the Meiji era of Japan, including their struggles and their ties with reformations, education, and newspapers. Dr. Huffman emphasized the importance of studying an inclusive history, meaning we cannot leave out

the experience of minorities, or one any one group of people. If we do, we will have an incomplete view of our past, our world, and ourselves. We must approach history with a holistic view. Dr. Huffman's lecture was very insightful, and we are glad he could come join us!



Language Discontinuance Forum

On the 29th of October, The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) held an open forum to hear from faculty and students regarding the proposed discontinuance of several language courses; all instruction in Japanese, French and Russian were considered for discontinuance, while there were also proposals to eliminate the Spanish and German major entirely. There was an overwhelming turnout of students and faculty members in support of the continued offering of these languages and their majors. Everyone who spoke did so passionately, expressing the role these languages have played in shaping their values and their understanding of the world. Many highlighted the mission and reputation of Wittenberg University as being a world-renowned liberal arts school with many far-reaching global connections. It would be a shame and a great loss to the Wittenberg community to see these invaluable language courses discontinued.

Ghost Story Telling

On the night of November 1st, we held our annual Asian Ghost Story Telling night sponsored by the Languages Department and the East Asian Studies Program. Students in Chinese and Japanese language courses came together to celebrate this long-running tradition, telling tales of terror from East Asia. We had an assortment of delicious Asian snacks for all to enjoy during the plays. There were 8 short performances throughout the night, each rewritten from Chinese and Japanese tales by the students themselves with the guidance of East Asian language professors. We had some wonderful skits with many hilarious moments. At the dawn of the final performance, the lights were dimmed to darkness before freshmen Japanese language students Jordan Wilson and Logan Hagerty appeared out of nowhere with terrifying masks for one last scare to signal the conclusion of the night!



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EAS Course Listings Spring 2020

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| MWF | 10.30 | | CHIN 112 | Qing Ye | Beginning Chinese |
| MWF | 11.45 | | CHIN 130 CHIN 212 | Qing Ye Qian Wang | Chi Topics: History in Fiction Intermediate Chinese II |
| MWF | 1.00 | | CHIN 312 | Qian Wang | Directed Readings/Chi Lit |
| MWF | 2.15 | | CHIN 100 | Qian Ye | Intro to Chinese Culture |
| TR | 9.45 | | BUSI 250 | Sunny Jeong | International Business |
| TR | 1.00 | cap 15 | POLI 335W BUSI 250 RELI 213R/C | Yu Bin Sunny Jeong J. Oldstone-Moore | East Asian Foreign Relations International Business Religion and Medicine |
| TR | 2.45 | cap 35 | RELI 134R/C | J. Oldstone-Moore | Chinese and Japanese Religion |
| TR | 1.00 | | PSYC 271C | Lauren Crane | Psychology and Culture |
| MWF | 10.30/11.45 | | SOCI 245 | Nona Moskowitz | Gender and Society |