

• Event Archives 2004

- January: Asia Center supports travel of four UK School of Music faculty members to China where they perform a concert as conductor and soloists with the Tianjin Symphony Orchestra.
- January 8-11: Asia Center supports travel of Dr. Cecilia Wang, UK School of Music, to the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities in Honolulu.
- January: Dr. Shantha Hennayake arrives at UK to become an Asia Center Visiting Fellow in the Department of Geography. He teaches "South Asian Geography" and "Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World."
- January 9-12: Asia Center provides a Chinese "cultural ambassador" from among UK's international student body to speak to elementary students at Glendover Global Studies School in Lexington as part of that school's International Classroom program.
- January 24: "Chinese New Year Celebration with Hong Shao and Peng Zeng." The Asia Center supports this Lexington Children's Museum's Chinese New Year celebration by co-funding the fabrication of traditional Chinese costumes.
- January 26: Asia Center Colloquium Series: J. T. Ice, UK graduate student, discusses "The Horse Industry in China."
- January 31: Professor Li Zeng of the University of Louisville speaks about the classic Chinese novel *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* as part of the UKON gaming weekend.
- February 16: Asia Center hosts a reception at the Gaines Center for a distinguished delegation from Tianjin Foreign Studies Institute. The Institute is establishing a cooperative relationship with Lexington Community College.
- February 16, 17, 19: Asia Center Film Series: three films from Asian countries (China, Korea and India) are shown on the UK campus in conjunction with certain courses and UK's Cultural Diversity Festival.
- February 19: Asia Center hosts a delegation of professors from Lishui Teacher's College, Lishui, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China.
- February 23: Asia Center Colloquium Series: Asia Center Visiting Fellow Shantha Hennayake and Dr. Nalani Hennayake discuss "Myths and Realities of Ethno-nationalist Crisis in Sri Lanka."
- February: Shengqing Wu is hired to be visiting professor of Chinese Language, Literature and Culture in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, UK. Her three year appointment is funded by the Asia Center.
- March: Akutagawa-prize-winning author Yoko Tawada is writer in residence at UK for one month. She visits Japanese and German literature classes and on March 13 attends a symposium on her writing. Her visit is co-sponsored by the Asia Center.
- March 8: Recent UK Ph.D. recipient Scott Droege of the University of Mississippi at Meridian, discusses research he has conducted in China in a talk titled "Institutional Change in China."

- March 29: Asia Center Colloquium Series: Dr. Ihsan Bagby, UK professor of Islamic Studies, discusses "Islam and Southeast Asia."
- April 17: Asia Center participates in the Georgetown International Kite and Culture Festival in Georgetown, Kentucky, by offering an Asian game and culture table.
- April 23: Asia Center steering committee member David Wachtel attends the annual meeting of the Asian Studies Development Program, making a presentation on LCC's connections with China.
- April 26: Asia Center Colloquium Series: Dr. Julian Shew, conductor of the UK Symphony Orchestra, discusses the influence of western music in China.
- May 10-27: Asia Center director Kristin Stapleton joins a National Consortium for Teaching About Asia study tour to the Republic of Korea and Vietnam.
- May 12-25: The Asia Center's China Study Tour 2004 sends fourteen UK professors and administrators to China where they visit universities and cultural sites. The group met monthly in the year leading up to the trip to discuss topics relating both to their own disciplines and to China.
- June 12: Asia Center director Kristin Stapleton and the staff of the Kentucky History Museum conduct a workshop on "Kentucky-Asian Connections" for seventeen Kentucky teachers. Guest speakers include Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky Center for Population Studies.
- August: Dr. Kuo-Huang Han begins his three-year residency at UK as a visiting professor in the UK School of Music and Asia Center Visiting Fellow. Dr. Shengqing Wu takes up a position as visiting assistant professor of Chinese language, literature, and culture.
- August 16: The Asia Center applies for an NEA grant to support an Asian Music Program in Kentucky public schools.
- August 23: Faculty who participated in the Asia Center China Study Tour gather to discuss plans to incorporate their experiences in their teaching and research.
- September 2: The Asia Center participates in a planning session on International Education sponsored by the Bluegrass International Program.
- September 9: First meeting of a 10-week seminar on Asia for middle and high school teachers offered by the Asia Center as a partner site in the National Consortium on Teaching about Asia. Fifteen Central Kentucky teachers participate.
- September 16: Asia Center and the UK College of Design co-sponsor a roundtable on current architectural practice in East Asia, with representatives from regional and national architecture firms.
- September 16-18: The Asia Center director and development officer participate in the Third Annual Asia in the Curriculum Symposium in Indianapolis.
- September 20: Monthly Asia Center colloquium on "China Then and Now." Participants in three UK study tours of China (one in 1984 and two in 2004) discuss their experiences in and impressions of China.

- September 25-26: Asia Center and UK College of Design co-sponsor the symposium "East Asia: Experiments in Architecture and Urbanism." The symposium constitutes the Asia Center's Annual Symposium for 2004. The keynote address by Dr. Ackbar Abbas of Hong Kong University, is included as an event in ideaFestival 2004, Lexington, Kentucky.
- September 27: Asia Center co-sponsors the performance of a master sitarist.
- October: Sixteen undergraduate students are chosen to participate in a special Asia Center seminar on China during the spring semester. The Asia Center will send them on a three-week study trip to China after the semester is over in May.
- October 6: Asia Center faculty make presentations at the state Social Studies convention.
- October 11: Asia Center co-sponsors a talk by Dr. Frederick Starr, Rector of the University of Central Asia, on "Xinjiang: China's Muslim Borderland."
- October 18: Monthly Asia Center colloquium on "Education and Society in Contemporary Central America." Speakers are five scholars from Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan visiting UK as part of formal faculty exchange programs.
- November 4: Asia Center co-sponsors a talk by Mr. R.C. Wu, the director general of the Taipei economic and cultural office in Atlanta.
- November 11: George Wilson, Asia Center fellow, presents a seminar on Meiji Japan to the cast and crew of the UK Opera production of Madama Butterfly.
- November 15: Kuo-Huang Han, Asia Center fellow, presents a workshop on Asian music for area high school students as part of International Education Day at UK.
- November 18: Asia Center sponsors four Lexington-area school visits by Chinese children's author Ji-li Jiang.