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This has been an eventful year at CAPI, with the Centre hosting or co-hosting a number of events on and off campus, and increasing the size of our Internship Programme from seven to ten participants. The Centre has also seen a number of short-term changes this year, with our Secretary Stella Chan being injured in an accident in December 2005, and Project Officer Heidi Tyedmers away on maternity leave. Stella’s absence was made easier for us to bear when Jittiya Dearden occupied the Secretary’s chair. Assistant Director Helen Landzowne took overall responsibility of the Internship Programme, which is usually managed by Heidi, aided first by Tara Nargang, and then, following Stella’s return, by Jittiya. Managing without Stella and Heidi has made us all the more aware of their value to the Centre; we are glad to have Stella back, and look forward to Heidi’s return in September.

The Centre’s five-year review took place in October. The External Review Committee, comprising Drs. Timothy Cheek (Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia), Elizabeth Grove-White (Executive Director of Co-operative Education, University of Victoria) and James Tiessen (DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University), was on campus for two days, and interviewed CAPI chairs, staff and associates, as well as others with connections to the Centre. We were delighted at their positive assessment of the Centre, and are bearing their recommendations in mind as we plan our activities. Their comments on the Centre focused on four main areas:

- Recruitment and retention of exemplary faculty: the Committee was impressed by the contributions made to the Centre and the University by the two new CAPI chairs, Andrew Harding (Southeast Asian Law Chair) and Guoguang Wu (China Chair) in their first year at the Centre and the University; and the continued outstanding work of Japan Chair Joseph Kess. Among our tasks for the coming year will be recruiting a Japan chair to join CAPI after Dr. Kess’ retirement; while we all recognize that Joe Kess is irreplaceable, we will do our best to continue the record of outstanding hirings noted by the Committee.

- Enhancement of international activities: we were pleased to note a number of the people interviewed by the Committee drew attention to what they viewed as an “infusion effect” and “interdisciplinary synergies” between CAPI and other scholars on campus. We intend to continue working with faculty members across disciplines, increasing (if opportunities permit) our collaborative enterprises with the science departments and professional schools as well as the faculties of Law, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences.

- Research leadership: we were gratified to note the appreciation of those whom we have been able to assist, through association with the Centre, release time, and infrastructure and administrative support, in mounting larger research projects than might have been possible had the faculty members been working alone. We hope to continue working with these and other faculty members as current projects continue and new projects are developed.

- Community engagement: We continue to regard it as an important part of CAPI’s mandate to involve the community – by which we mean the faculty, students, and staff of the University, and the larger community of those interested in the Asia-Pacific Region – in activities which generally take place on the campus of the University. They include the recent Graduate Student Forum, at which graduate students from a wide range of disciplines reported on their research.

CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award

Dr. Yuen-Fong Woon ~ Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

This award is made in recognition of exemplary service in fostering knowledge of, and expertise with, the Asia-Pacific region, including teaching, research, scholarship, collaborative programs, international education, student support and service to the University community.

Student Research Fellowship

Yuji Matson ~ MA student, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies


Student Language Fellowship

Chandler Vandergrift ~ Department of Pacific & Asian Studies

To study Thai language at the Advance Alliance Academy Thai Language Center in Bangkok, Thailand.

Student Essay Prize

Jun Tian, Department of Linguistics ~ The ba Construction in Mandarin Chinese: A Syntactic-semantic Analysis

Student Essay Prize Honourable Mention:

Laura Hawkes, Department of Linguistics ~ Where Are U?: The Disappearance of Prevocalic /u/ Following Denticles in Standard Mandarin and Rongcheng Dialect

Jennifer Preston, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies ~ "Anatta" A Conceptual Tool for Understanding Nibbana

CAPI Awards and fellowships

Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship

Montra Tayakepisuth ~ MBA student in the Faculty of Business

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D (UVic 1993), one of Thailand’s most respected public figures and UVic’s Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand.

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Performing Language: International Conference on Drama and Theatre in Second Language Education

February 3-5, 2006

CAPI hosted and sponsored an international conference on the role of theatre in second language education on February 3-5, 2006. This conference, entitled, Performing Language: International Conference on Theatre and Drama in Second Language Education, was one of the pioneering endeavors exploring the power of drama and theatre in second language education. We brought together more than 50 scholars and practitioners from Canada, the U.S., Japan, and Israel, who share a keen interest in the role of drama and theatre in second language education. The conference presented Oriza Hirata, world-renowned Japanese playwright and advocate of drama education, one keynote speaker as well as a workshop leader. This conference was so successful that we received requests for a sequel to be organized in the near future.

Zhao Ziyang and China’s Democratic Future Symposium

June 1, 2006

On June 1st, 2006 CAPI hosted a one-day symposium to honour Zhao Ziyang, Premier of China from 1980 to 1987 and the Communist Party General Secretary from 1987 to 1989. Zhao Ziyang, who died January 2005 after 15 years of living under house arrest, is remembered as a spiritual leader of China’s forces within and outside the Communist Party supporting radical reforms of the existing Chinese political system, and was a symbolic figure refusing the military crackdown in Tiananmen over protesters. The one-day symposium sought to examine Zhao Ziyang’s legacy, and whether his reformist policies are having any lasting effect in China today or perhaps in the future.

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CAPI’s website contains up-to-date information on all of our work including: Events, Opportunities, People at CAPI, Programs and Publications.

CAPI’s Distribution List

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Among the recommendations of the Review Committee were that we should make every effort to integrate our activities with those of other research centres and teaching units on campus, and increase our network of connections and collaborations with research centres elsewhere. Members of the Centre have taken these recommendations to heart, and in the first half of the year, we have worked closely with colleagues at the Pacific rim and across Canada and the world.

The last few months of the year have included the following events:

- In March, we hosted a public lecture by Joseph Kess, “Canada and Pacific Asia: New Partnerships,” which was part of the Canadian Government’s International Partnership Program. The lecture, which was held in Victoria, BC, attracted around 150 people and was well-received by the audience.

- In April, we hosted a workshop on “Asia-Pacific Security Issues,” which brought together experts from across the region to discuss current issues and challenges. The workshop was well-attended and resulted in a number of new collaborations and partnerships.

- In May, we hosted a series of public lectures on “The Future of the Asia-Pacific,” which featured speakers from across the region and attracted a diverse audience.

- In June, we hosted a public lecture by Oriz Hirota, a renowned Japanese playwright and advocate of drama education, which was well-received by the audience.

- In July, we hosted a workshop on “Asia-Pacific Business,” which brought together experts from across the region to discuss current issues and challenges. The workshop was well-attended and resulted in a number of new collaborations and partnerships.

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The Centre’s primary mandate is to conduct and facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a regional research facility to the University and to the larger community.

More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfill six functions:

• To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary programs in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus;
• To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among interested persons at the University, and to organize and publicize visits by specialists and other visitors with Asia-Pacific expertise;
• To promote publication and public information activities appropriate to the University;
• To organize and conduct short- and medium-term teaching, training and research projects;
• To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests; and
• To serve as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community.

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CAPI Student Events

CAPI Student Coordinator:
Chandler Vandergrift,
Pacific & Asian Studies

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 ~ CAPI Graduate Symposium on the Asia-Pacific

Every two years, CAPI hosts the CAPI Graduate Symposium on the Asia-Pacific to enable graduate students from across campus to present their research on Asia-Pacific focused work. This year’s event was organized by the CAPI Student Coordinator, Chandler Vandergrift and was a full evening of presentations and discussion at the Graduate Centre. Contributors to the Symposium included:

Yuji Matson, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ An Exploration into the Work of Abe Kobo and Teshigahara Hōsōri
Ping Guo, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ Anti-Confucian Themes in the Language Reform of China and Japan
Kefen Zhou, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ The Contemporary Chinese Male Intellectuals’ Struggle and Suffering in Zheng Xiubo’s Work
Jun Tian, Dept. of Linguistics ~ The Syntactic Analysis of the RA Construction in Mandarin Chinese
Xianghua Wu, Dept. of Linguistics ~ Perception of Mandarin Tones by Speakers of Tone and Non-tone Languages
Qian Wang, Dept. of Linguistics ~ An Instrumental Study of Mandarin Rhythm: A Comparison of Mandarin, EFL, English and English Production
Dwayne Cover, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ Outside the Classroom: A Holistic Approach to English Language Acquisition in Japan
Gigi Lee, Dept. of Pacific & Asian Studies ~ Family Value of Single Daughters in Contemporary Urban China: An Exploratory Study
Machiko Oya, Dept. of History in Art ~ Artworks by Yoko Takashima
Arbinder (Angie) Mallhi, Dept. of History in Art ~ The Illusion of Secularism: Mani Ratnarm’s Bombay and the Consolidation of Hindu Hegemony
Chris Maclure, Dept. of History in Art ~ Propaganda Project #1: Posters: A Case Study, Fuzhan City, PRC

CAPI Sponsored Events

2005 Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE) Conference

August 19-21, 2005

CAPI hosted and sponsored the 2005 Annual Conference, Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE) here at the University of Victoria on Aug. 19-22, 2005. The Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education, or CAJLE, is the only national organization which is dedicated to the promotion of Japanese language education in Canada, and as such, is the most important forum for advancing the cause of the study of the Japanese language in Canada. This conference thus served as the touchstone for not only celebrating the growth of Japanese language study in Canada, but also for the discussion of pedagogical and policy issues and why Japanese matters very much as an object of academic study. We have brought together more than 100 Japanese and Canadian scholars and practitioners who specialize in the teaching of Japanese language and culture. The participants were actively engaged in exchange of opinions and experiences as well as building networks among the colleagues in the field of Japanese language education.

International Opportunities Fair

November 24, 2005

CAPI sponsored and participated in the International Education Week at UVic drawing in many interested visitors from on- and off-campus. There were also other organizations hosting exhibits such as the Pacific and Asian Studies Students Society, the UVic Co-op, UVic Career Services, UVic’s International Exchange and Student Services, Simon Fraser University Internationals. Presentations were given by a number of participants including CAPI.
People at CAPI

Director and Staff:

Richard King ~ Director
Helen Lansdowne ~ Assistant Director
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Officer (on leave)
Tara Nargang ~ Program Officer
Jittiya Dearden ~ Program Officer
Stella Chan ~ Secretary

Chairs and Program Professors:

Andrew Harding ~ Faculty of Law and CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations
Joseph Kess ~ Department of Linguistics and CAPI Chair in Japan and Asia-Pacific Relations
Guoguang Wu ~ Departments of Political Science and History, and CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

CAPI’s Executive Committee advises on policy directions and contributes to achieving the goals and objectives of the Centre.

Executive Committee:

Richard King (Chair) ~ CAPI
Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs
Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography
Chris Garrett ~ Physics and Astronomy
Radhika Desai ~ Political Science
Andrew Harding ~ CAPI Legal Chair in Asia-Pacific Relations
Peter Keller ~ Dean of Social Sciences
Martin Taylor (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President Research
Jeremy Webber ~ Faculty of Law

CAPI On-Campus Activities

Lectures and Brown Bag Seminar

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005
Peter Leyland, School of Law, Governance and International Relations, London Metropolitan University, and
Andrew Harding, CAPI Law Chair and Faculty of Law, University of Victoria
Title: Watchdog, Grievance Chains, and Thailand’s Public Law Reforms

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005
Joseph F. Kess, CAPI Japan Chair and Dept. of Linguistics, University of Victoria
Title: Food Fight! Change, Choice and Challenge in Japan’s Culinary Culture

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005
Guo Guoting, Chinese Lawyer
Title: Chinese Advancements in Human Rights and the Role of Law: The Assessment of a Senior Chinese Lawyer

Monday, Nov. 7, 2005
Chantal Meagher, Counsellor (Political), Canadian Embassy, Beijing, PRC
Title: Engaging with China on Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005
Beng-Lan Goh, Dept. of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria
Title: Of Malay-Muslim Spirits, Ethno-cultural Politics, and Malaysian Capitalist Modernity

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006
Ken MacKay, CAPI Associate and Director, International Development, LGE Limited, Sydney, BC.
Title: Community Conservation for Endangered Marine Turtles Lessons from Vanuatu

Friday, Feb. 17, 2006
Robby Tulus, CAPI and BCIC Associate
Title: Post-Tsunami and Post MOU in Asia: Rebuilding Economic Democracy and Peace through Co-operatives

Thursday, Mar. 2, 2006 – Special Panel Presentation
Zoë Bake-Patterson, CAPI Intern, Cook Islands
Katie Bisaro, CAPI Intern, Bangkok, Thailand
Larry van der Est, CAPI Intern, Bangkok, Thailand
Title: Human Rights in Internship Context

Friday, Mar. 10, 2006
Sung-Jae Kim, Dept. of Marine Environmental Engineering, Gyeongsang National University, Korea
Title: Marine Environmental Degradation in the Southern Coastal Area of the Korean Peninsula

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2006
Tsukasa Hirota, First Secretary and Chief of the Political Section, Embassy of Japan in Canada
Title: East Asian Dynamism: The Role of Japan

Visitors

Apr. 26, 2006 ~ Debra P. Steger, founder Director of the EDGE Network
May 15, 2006 ~ Delegation from Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency
CAPI Associates are attached to CAPI through projects and through their involvement in the activities of the Centre. They are drawn from the campus and the community. 

**Associates:**

Ercel Baker  
James Boutilier  
Christine Bradley  
Connie Carter  
Xiaobei Chen  
Timothy Craig  
Philip Dearden  
Derek Ellis  
Nicholas Etheridge  
Randall Garrison  
Geoff Hainsworth  
Ralph Huenermann  
David Lai  
Isabel Lloyd  
Gordon Longmuir  
Lu Ding  
Kenneth T. MacKay  
Peter Maidstone  
Ted L. McDorman  
Chris Morgan  
Catherine Morris  
Linda Pennells  
Randall Sach  
Anne Park Shannon  
David Strong  
Tad Suzuki  
Chris Tollefson  
Robby Tulus  
Stephanie Tyler  
Art Wright  
Francis Yee

CAPI External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre, provide feedback on our work and help us to extend our network.

**External Advisors:**

Do Duc Dinh  
Jingjai Hanchanlash  
Timothy Lindsey  
Lawrence Liu  
Kimitada Mwasa  
Manafumi Nakahigashi  
Murray Smith  
Yuen Pau Woo  
Shoichi Yokoyama

Laura McLennan — Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Laura McLennan of Vancouver, British Columbia, has a Bachelor of Arts, First Nations Studies, from the University of British Columbia. In late August, Laura will also be joining the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum Asia) for a six month placement. She will be based in Bangkok, Thailand working as Forum Asia’s Indigenous Rights Program Officer. As the Indigenous Rights Program Officer for Forum Asia, Laura will be involved in regional program development focusing on the rights of Indigenous Peoples including indigenous rights program development, producing advocacy and policy papers in the Anti-Discrimination, Minorities and Vulnerable Groups Programme, assisting Forum Asia staff in organizing advocacy campaigns and strengthening solidarity networks, and liaising and networking with relevant UN human rights treaty bodies such as the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

**Jeannie Patterson — Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development**

Jeannie Patterson from Toronto, Ontario, has a BA in Comparative Religion and a Bachelor of Law, both from Dalhousie University. Most recently Jeannie participated in an International Human Rights Law exchange in Sweden. Jeannie will be working for eight months (July 2006 to February 2007) as the Women Human Rights Officer with the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Launched in 1988, the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) has been at the forefront in the effort to strategically mobilise legal and democratic processes for the empowerment of women in the Asia-Pacific. APWLD works with a range of state and non-state actors, as well as regional and international bodies, in a highly diverse, complex and multi-cultural context. As the Women Human Rights Officer, Jeannie will conduct legal social research, assist in policy analysis and advocacy, and will support the ongoing work of the Secretariat to address the issues facing poor and marginalized women. Jeannie will work closely with the manager of the Violence Against Women and Women’s Human Rights Programs and will be responsible for conducting independent research and policy analysis.

**Angus Wong — Helen Reef Resource Management Program**

Angus Wong has a BA in Economics from McGill University and most recently, a Masters of Planning from Dalhousie. Although from the west coast, Angus has been living in Nova Scotia for the past several years. Angus will be joining the Helen Reef Resource Management Program (HRRMP) in Palau and working as the Income Generation Sustainable Development Specialist. HRRMP’s aim is to manage sustainable marine resources that assist in species recovery, to protect local ecosystems and biodiversity and to improve the local community’s livelihood through small-scale economic development and the sustainable use of marine resources. As the Income Generation – Sustainable Development Specialist, Angus will identify, evaluate and plan for income generating and sustainable financing activities that will integrate the effective management of marine resources for the long-term benefit of the local community. Angus will conduct research, feasibility studies, and business plans and work with local community to innovate and implement small scale economic development.

Quotes from interns 2005-06:

“I would say my own experiences has exceeded my expectations – Maire [Placement Supervisor] has been nothing but encouraging and engaging to work for/with... Working on a sub-committee of the Cook Islands National AIDS Committee, I was responsible for the entire World AIDS Day media campaign for the Cook Islands. These projects took me well beyond my usual media/communications work. I was able to coordinate and execute and entire media campaign – with great success, based on coverage – for a national event.”

~ Zoë Bake-Patterson

“I have applied for a multitude of jobs in the last few weeks. I would not have felt qualified for these positions before, but my experience at CSP has increased my confidence in my abilities to handle an international position and expanded my skills… I also believe I have gotten a glimpse into the field with the connections I have made… This position united all of my experience and applied it to the conservation field, which my degree relates to. I am pleased to say that I cannot imagine a better position that I could have had.”

~ Carla Taylor

Laura McLennan  
Angus Wong  
Jeannie Patterson  
Ercel Baker  
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Geoff Hainsworth  
Ralph Huenermann  
David Lai  
Isabel Lloyd  
Gordon Longmuir  
Lu Ding  
Kenneth T. MacKay  
Peter Maidstone  
Ted L. McDorman  
Chris Morgan  
Catherine Morris  
Linda Pennells  
Randall Sach  
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Douglas Millar Johnston, LLM, MCL, JS, the founding Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations at CAPI from 1987-1995, succumbed to recurring prostate cancer on Saturday, May 6th, just having celebrated his 75th birthday.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, he emigrated to Canada in 1955, after graduating from St. Andrews University. Earning post-graduate degrees from McGill and Yale Universities, he went on to teach at the New School for Social Research in New York City, the University of Western Ontario, Louisiana State University, the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, the National University of Singapore, and UVic. In retirement he held the title of Emeritus Professor at UVic Law School.

Demonstrating a passion for writing, he wrote over 30 books and 90 articles in the theory and history of international law, law of the sea, marine and environmental policy studies, comparative law, modern Chinese studies and public policy issues. He died, pen in hand, completing the finishing touches on a comprehensive history of international law.

It was CAPI that attracted Professor Johnston to move from Dalhousie in Halifax to Victoria. CAPI, newly created by the University, looking for direction and emphasising interdisciplinary work promised and delivered an opportunity for Professor Johnston to revisit and reinvigorate the Asia aspects of his career.

His knowledge and insights in Asian history (particularly that of China), modern Asian politics, Asian legal systems, and Southeast Asian ocean law and policy brought to CAPI a broad-ranging Asianist. Professor Johnston created an intellectual vigour for CAPI important in firmly establishing the Centre (and the then new idea of campus centres and institutions) at UVic.

Professor Johnston also brought to CAPI its first major externally-funded project the Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management (SEAPOL). While started in Dalhousie in the early 1980s, SEAPOL was refounded by the International Development and Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) as a CAPI project in 1987 and continued as CIDA-CAPI project (through UBC) in 1991. SEAPOL was centred in Bangkok but was a regional project holding workshops and other activities throughout Southeast Asia. Amongst other things, the SEAPOL project created the professional literature that now exists on ocean law and policy matters in Southeast Asia, influenced countless academics and government officials, and played a significant role in modernizing the ocean laws and policies of the States in Southeast Asia.

Together with Gerry Ferguson of the Law School, Professor Johnston conceived and edited Asia-Pacific Legal Development (UBC, 1998), a collection of essays encompassing a large number of legal perspectives and subject matters. In the Introduction, Professor Johnston wrote that one of the challenges of his CAPI Legal Chair was “Asianizing” the Law Faculty. The book, which involved ten members of the Law School, is a testament to the success of that endeavour.

Bill Neilson, UVic Dean of Law from 1985 to 1990 and CAPI Director from 1992 and a longtime friend, described Johnston as a wonderful scholar and a hugely engaging teacher who inspired a number of graduates who are now themselves prominent in the field of international law.

Noting that Johnston’s first job in Canada upon arriving from Scotland in 1955 was as an executive trainee at Eaton’s, Neilson said the world of ideas owes a debt to Johnston’s subsequent lack of interest in retail. “Thank God he didn’t end up staying at Eaton’s,” said Neilson. “I’m sure he was always far more interested in ideas than sales figures.”

Loss of a Colleague and Friend

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Florine Lawrence

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Kerin Mackenzie – Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Kerin Mackenzie of Victoria, British Columbia, has completed a BA in Anthropology from the University of Victoria and a Masters of Science in Ethnobotany from the University of Kent. Kerin will be joining the Conservation Society of Pohnpei for eight months as their Environmental Program Officer – Forestry. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) is internationally recognized for its work in protecting Pohnpei’s forest and marine resources through the promotion of community-based management, coastal development and effective government policy. Working closely with key partners in the region, such as The Nature Conservancy, the mission of CSP is “to protect and preserve the natural heritage of Pohnpei State by promoting community-based management and compatible economic development”.

As the Program Officer – Forestry, Kerin will be primarily responsible for compiling a report and making recommendations on the protection of local biodiversity, particularly as it relates to the sustainable management of forest resources. Kerin will also be responsible for engaging with local communities and for education and awareness activities.

Martin Laycock – Micronesia Conservation Trust

Martin Laycock of Prospect Bay, Nova Scotia, is a graduate of Dalhousie International Development Studies from Dalhousie University and recently completed his Master of Arts in Development Studies at Dalhousie’s Mary’s University. As part of his studies, Martin completed a three month stay in Kenya. Martin is going to work for six months in Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) as their Environmental Program Management Officer. He will be based in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Established in 2002, MCT supports biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development initiatives for the people of Micronesia by providing long-term funding and programming support. As the region’s only conservation trust fund, MCT works with local resource owners, traditional leaders, and local governments to develop and fund projects that focus on improving management skills and addressing key threats to the highest priority ecological sites. MCT was established by a consortium of regional environmental groups in order to support innovative, local-level conservation efforts. As the Environmental Project Management Officer, Martin will be involved in evaluating new projects, monitoring ongoing projects and directly working with communities to provide technical training and support. Martin will work directly with communities throughout Micronesia and will be responsible for ongoing projects and training initiatives.

Julie Ham – Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Julie Ham of Toronto, Ontario, is a graduate of the University of Toronto having earned a Master of Social Work in the area of Diversity and Social Justice. Julie will be joining Forum Asia in Bangkok, Thailand where she will be working as their Women’s Rights Program Officer. Forum Asia, established in 1991, is the leading regional organization supporting collaboration among human rights organizations in Asia, and the promotion of human rights and democracy in the region. Collaboration between members of Forum Asia is based on the understanding that human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interdependent. They include not only civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights but also the rights of peoples to pursue freely their economic, social and cultural development. As the Women’s Rights Program Officer, Julie will be working with Forum Asia’s Women’s Rights and Gender Issues Program, which focuses on violence against women and women in armed conflict, women human rights defenders, gender and poverty, a nd gender mainstreaming.

Florine Lawrence of Vancouver, British Columbia, completed her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Victoria. Florine is going to work for eight months as an Environment Education Resource Analyst with the Ministry of Education and Training-Vienn (MOET VN) and the World University Service of Canada’s Unitera Program. Florine will be based in Hanoi and Thai Vien, in Southern Vietnam. Florine will join MOET’s implementation team, responsible for Primary Education for Disabled Children (PEDC), a large, long-term project. It focuses on strengthening parent associations to support community schools, including direct support to minority communities and with a particular focus on girls. Florine will work with PEDC staff to research existing supports and barriers to education, conduct needs assessment, and will document and analyze this information. Florine and PEDC staff will work with communities and officials to set priorities, using this information and will participate in making recommendations. All of these activities will contribute to the development of Vietnam’s strategy to address children’s rights to education.

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An important initiative of the Japan Program this year is our collaborating with the China Institute at the University of Alberta to organize a major international conference on Japan/China relations for the first time in March of 2007, namely, March 2 and 3. Together with Gunguang Wu, our Chair in China and Asia Pacific Relations, and Wenran Jiang, the Director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta, we are inviting a dozen outstanding scholars to a joint international symposium on Japan-China relations. Our plan is to invite prominent Chinese, Japanese, and North American scholars to comment on the immediate past history, current state, and future directions, in the evolving relationship between these two great powers. We are also inviting their comments on how that relationship affects Canada and its international role on the world stage, as well as its impact on domestic affairs such as defence and security, economic placement, and trade policy in general. The conference itself would be a two-day event and would be held on the UVic campus on Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, as we will need to access the largest room on the campus, since we expect a large attendance for a public event of this importance.

As it is now, the conference will be a joint venture between the Asia Pacific Institute and University of Victoria, with the University of Victoria being the organizing body. We are expecting approximately 250 people to attend the conference, which will be held in the UVic campus. We are also inviting an expert in Sino-Japanese relations, Dr. Donnelly is scheduled to give the opening address on Friday night by reviewing 1500 years of Sino-Japanese diplomatic history. The conference ends with a final session which will focus on the future of these two great powers, while Dr. Donnelly is scheduled to give the opening address on Friday night by reviewing 1500 years of Sino-Japanese diplomatic history.

For our Japanese scholars, we have confirmation from Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, the Former Japanese Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, as well as from Dr. Akiko Fukushima, a human security expert who is also the Director of Policy Studies and Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Research Advancement in Tokyo, and from Dr. Heita Kawakatsu, Research Professor of Comparative Economic History at the International Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto and Executive Vice President of NIRA. Dr. Wenran Jiang, Director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta, is currently negotiating with several prominent scholars from China, and we look forward to having Ambassador Wu Jianmin, President of China Foreign Affairs University, Dr. Zhang Rongzhuan, Director of the Nanhai University Center for American Studies, and Jin Nie of the Japan Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. We also have had positive indication from the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo informing us with the news that the current Canadian ambassador to Japan, Joseph Caron, will attend and actively participate in the conference by giving the banquet address on the final evening of the conference.

Returning to the Japan Program, one of the other highlights of this last year has been my appointment as Premier Gordon Campbell’s office to serve on the Japan Market Advisory Group for the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia. A little more on the academic side of things, I also organized and chaired a panel on Change and Challenge in Japan’s Food Culture at the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia. A little more on the academic side of things, I also organized and chaired a panel on Change and Challenge in Japan’s Food Culture at the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia. A little more on the academic side of things, I also organized and chaired a panel on Change and Challenge in Japan’s Food Culture at the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia.

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Chantal Beaubien ~ Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights

Chantal Beaubien of Montreal, Quebec is a graduate of the University of Victoria, Law Faculty with a B.C.L. and an LL.B in both Common and Civil Law. Chantal is going to work for 8 months from late July 2006 until late February 2007 with the Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (CAJCDO), in Phnom Penh, Cambodia as the Children’s Rights Officer. LICADHO is a non-governmental, non-profit and non-political human rights organization established in July 1981. With a central office and 12 provincial offices, LICADHO aims to promote human rights and the rule of law. To this position, Chantal brings not only her vast academic qualifications, but also volunteer experience in the area of advocacy, particularly focusing on human rights issues. She speaks fluent French, which will be extremely useful in Phnom Penh and she has had past experience helping to coordinate human rights workshops and assisting with media relations.

Pia Angela Bustos ~ Legal and Human Rights Task Force of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation

Pia Bustos of Richmond, British Columbia is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a BA in English, a minor in Commerce, and an LL.B in Law. Pia is going to work for 8 months with the Legal and Human Rights Task Force of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF) based in Suva, Fiji from July 2006 to February 2007. The Legal and Human Rights Task Force of PIAF is based in Suva, Fiji and PIAF’s Secretariat is in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. PIAF is the first regional, non-governmental organization focusing solely on HIV/AIDS in the Pacific region. It aims to improve the quality of life for the Pacific Islanders living with AIDS through research, community based and policy advocacy as well as public awareness campaigns and activities. As the Legal and Human Rights Researcher, Pia will play a leadership role in legal literacy and rights based training of people living with HIV/AIDS, and will coordinate the use of limited human rights and health resources on the complex legal and human rights issues associated with HIV/AIDS, specifically targeting policy makers and legislators in the region.

Yi Ching Chua ~ Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation

Yi Ching Chua of St. Catharines, Ontario, is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario having earned a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree the year. Yi Ching is going to work for 8 months from July 2006 to February 2007 with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF) in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, as their Health Promotion Researcher.
Over the past year, CAPI Director Emeritus Bill Neilson and Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne continued CAPI’s involvement with the Vietnamese Legal Reform Assistance Project, now in its penultimate year of operation in partnership with the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam. Professor Emeritus Neilson serves as the Team Leader of the Comparative Law and Civil Judgment Enforcement Components and in that capacity directed a major program on legislative codification processes involving experts from Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Canada and China and a separate program on judgment executors’ training methodologies. Ms Lansdowne contributed to LERAP report writing for CIDA and took principal responsibility for the reception of visiting Vietnamese lawyers who audited selected courses in the Law School and prepared comparative law research papers under the supervision of Professors Neilson and Jeremy Webber. In November, Neilson was awarded the Medal of Merit by the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam in recognition of his services to the justice system since 1992.

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A lantern Lecture on ‘Heritage Buildings of SE Asia’ in March 2006. In May 2006 I did an extensive briefing on SE Asia for the EU in Brussels. In May-June 2006 I visited three universities in China, delivered talks and discussed co-operation programs. These visits have led inter alia to plans to mount a Chinese law and language program in Xiamen/ Hangzhou for UVic students of various disciplines. In June I traveled with Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne to Pullman Washington where we made a presentation to the Executive Board of the Association of Asian Studies Pacific Coast Chapter to have CAPI host the 2008 ASPAC Conference. We are happy to report that CAPI has been awarded this project. Travel is also planned for my research leave period (July-December 2006) to Singapore, Malaysia, China and Thailand.

During the summer of last year Yuko Igarashi and I gave presentations on A Nat’l-dry Economy: Thriving after Japan and Food Fight!: Change and Challenge in Japan’s Culinary Culture AND Thirsting after Japan and Food Fight!: Change and Challenge in Japan’s Culinary Culture at the Graduate School of International Cultural Language Policies: Origins, Attitudes, and Future Predictions at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Pp. 33-57.

Refereed Articles


In respect to grants and funding support, I managed to land a University of Victoria Faculty Research Grant both last spring and this spring for my own research to continue the examination of contemporary Japanese use of the katakana syllabary in the Japanese media. At the same time, I managed to find funding support from both the Asia-Pacific Foundation and Maritime Forces Pacific to realize our Japan China relations conference next March. As of this writing, I also have grant proposals in with both the Security and Defence Forum of the Department of National Defence under its program for Special Projects Funding and the International Security Research and Outreach Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs. And the Japan Foundation kindly covered my travel expenses to attend the annual meetings of the Japan Studies Association of Canada in Edmonton last fall.

Over the year I gave a few invited conference presentations, including January talks on Wundt, Bloomfield, and Chomsky. Metaphor and metaphysics in the history of psycholinguistics at the 21st Century Center of Excellence (COE) Program, at Tohoku University in Sendai, and The Net Results of Canadian Language Policies: Origins, Attitudes, and Future Predictions at the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies of the same university. Before that, in the fall, Yuko Igarashi and I gave presentations on A Nat’l-dry Economy: Thriving after Japan and Food Fight!: Change and Challenge in Japan’s Culinary Culture, at the Japan Studies Association of Canada meetings in Edmonton. Those same meetings were the venue for a final report at the JSAC business meeting on CAPI’s much-praised JSME Anniversary Year 2004 Conference that we had held the preceding year in Victoria, as well as a official book launch of our two-volume epic Why Japan Matters.

During the summer of last year Yuko Igarashi and I gave a paper entitled An Essential Words Difficult for Learners of Japanese? The Investigation of its Reasons from the Linguistic Perspective, for the Conference of Canadian Association of Japanese Language Educators, held here in the campus in August. The following month of September we served up a three-course offering consisting of Food, Drink, and a Hornily under the rubric of Food Fight!: Change and Challenge in Japan’s Culinary Culture; AND Thriving after Japan: A Nat’l-dry Economy for the CAPI Brown Bag Series. And we have just received word that our paper on Creating Transliteration Rules from Katakana Loanwords to English Originals has been accepted by the highly selective International Conference on Japanese Language Education to be held at Columbia University in New York City in August of this year.

On the University of Victoria campus itself, I continue on as a member of the Shastri Committee and also served at the internal reviewer for a University-wide review of the Centre for the Study of Religion in Society in December of last year. The normal requirements of committee work both in the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and my home department of Linguistics continue to see my presence for this last year of activity on the UVic campus.

Papers and publications by the Japan Program Chair for the last year include the following:

Book Chapters


This year CAPI received financial support from the following organizations:

Foreign Affairs Canada
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Vancouver, and
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
China Program
Wu Guoguang, Department of Political Science and History, CAPI China Chair
The China Program organized a conference in June on ‘Zhao Ziyang and China’s Democratic Future’, to which nine leading scholars from North America and Asia presented their papers with the topics ranging from the former Chinese leader's contribution to grassroots liberal movements to the Chinese bureaucracy. The conference was held in September 2006, and a conference jointly organized with the CAPI Japan program on Sino-Japanese relations is on the agenda for March 2007.

The volume manuscript based on the 2004 conference papers concerning China’s diplomatic relations under the editorship of CAPI China Chair Guoguang Wu and CAPI Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne, was finalized in early 2006. The China Program Chair’s visit to Hong Kong in April also widened the network of future funding for potential projects in the future.

In the academic year the Chair also traveled to Cambridge, the UK, Edmonton, Whistler, Sydney, Australia and New York City for conference participation, and delivered five papers on those occasions and to the BC China Scholar Symposium held at Simon Fraser University in March.

The major publications of the China Chair in the reported period included one refereed journal article and two books: one is a single-authored volume in English that came out after delays through a Singaporian publisher, and another a single-authored volume in English that came out after delays through a Singaporian publisher.

Besides teaching responsibilities including classes in both departments of Political Science and History, supervision of senior thesis, participation of thesis defense, providing of recommendation letters to students advising, composition of degree examination reading lists, etc., the Chair also kept himself busy in services to academic communities, primarily through memberships in journal editorial boards and reviewing of peers’ manuscripts. He continuously sits on the editorial board of four international journals, including East Asia: An International Quarterly (based in Singapore and edited by two leading scholars in the Chinese field, Dr. Wang Gungwu and Dr. Zheng Yongnian), Chinese Journal of Modern Studies (Princeton, USA), while being invited to join the editorial board of a newly initiated, Sydney, Australia-based electronic journal on Chinese affairs, The Truth. In the year he reviewed articles for various journals including China Perspectives (twice), China: An International Journal, East Asia: An International Quarterly, and Journal of International Integration and Migration, and a book manuscript for the Cambridge University Press.

On the domestic front, the service included besides those rendered to departments and faculties, the majority of the CAPI Spring Incentive Grant to sponsored a group of students, including four graduate students and four undergraduate students, a tour of China’s major sites, including Beijing, Shanghai, and Wuhan.

On 1 July 2006 I celebrated two years at U Vic/CAPl. The following report covers activity between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006.

1. Law, Governance and Constitutional Reform in Thailand – This major research programme has moved forward considerably over the last year. Plans for the KPI Congress VIII, to be co-hosted with CAPI in Bangkok 3-5 November 2006 are now complete. A meeting with Dr Jingjai of KPI in Victoria in June 2006 finalised the program. This conference will be attended by around 600-700 people, will be opened by the Crown Prince of Thailand, and will include keynote address by former Canadian Foreign Minister Dr Lloyd Axworthy and former Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai. It will be covered extensively in the media and will involve papers by four UVic faculty, including CAPl’s Dr Wu Guoguang and myself. Several articles and conference papers have been published or delivered, or are in press, including papers at the University of Malaya in July 2005; at the University of the Philippines in August 2005; Harvard Law School in October 2005; at the Barnes seminar at the University of Carolina in February 2006; at the University of Washington in March 2006; at SOAS, London, in April 2006; at the East China University of Politics and Law in May 2006; at ASPAC, Washington State University in June 2006; and at Xiamen University in June 2006. An article on the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand was published in mid-2005 in the Journal of Comparative Law, on whose editorial board I was invited to sit as an Asian law expert. A book chapter is also in press with Routledge Carvon in a book on Asian law and development post-1997 (‘Two Case Studies in the Politics of Law and Development’ (Malaysia/Thailand)). Work is continuing on the Constitutional Court of Thailand.

2. Access to Environmental Justice: a Comparative Survey – This book, edited by myself, is now in press with Martinus Nijhoff. It includes coverage of eight Asia-Pacific states/regions (Malaysia, Thailand, m yself Sharom of Malaya and Indonesia), the Malaysia chapter is written by myself. Editing and updating work was completed in January 2006.

3. Constitutional Landmarks in Malaysia – This volume of 20 chapters is designed to mark 50 years of Malaysia’s independence Constitution. Eminent contributors have been signed up and the book will be published by the Malayan Law Journal in Kuala Lumpur to coincide with the ‘Merdeka’ 50th anniversary celebrations on 31 August 2007. The book is to be edited by myself with Professor HP Lee of Monash University and will include historical photographs and biographies of prominent figures. Research for our own contribution to this book, relating to the ‘Rakazak amendments’ and the New Economic Policy of 1970-1990 is now under way.

4. Hart Series Constitutional Systems of the World – In January 2006 Hart Publishing of Oxford issued to me and Professor Peter Leyland of London Metropolitan University a contract to edit a new series of books with the above title. Since then we have signed up noted authors to cover many countries, including the focus on specific Pacific Island states, but also covering such Pacific states but also covering such states as Canada, South Africa, Brazil and the USA.

5. Constitutional Courts: JCL special issue – In May 2006 the Faculty of Law awarded my project on constitutional courts the Fraser Milner Casgrain Summer Fellowship, under which I was able to undertake extensive research under my supervision in May and June 2006, completing constitutional courts, which work will lead to a special issue of the Journal of Comparative Law, edited by myself and Professor Leyland, to be published in early 2008, and which will include essays on the following Asia-Pacific states: S Korea, Indonesia, and Taiwan; and an essay on Thailand and a theoretical essay written by the editors.