

Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies

Suffolk University, Boston

Annual Report for 2016-2017 Academic Year

Ronald Suleski, PhD, Director

Overview

Suffolk University enjoyed a period of stability and purposeful activity during the past 2016-2017 academic year. In August 2016 our Provost Dr. Marisa Kelly was appointed as Acting President. Vice-President Dr. Sebastian Royo, who has been very supportive of international programs, was appointed Acting Provost. The new Chairman of the Board of Trustees Robert C. Lamb, Jr. has made new appointments to the Board. With our new leadership in place at the highest level, the sense of conflict-free operations has been commented on by both faculty and staff.

Some positive numbers greeted us. The Fall Semester 2016 began with a larger than expected class of 1,261 first-year students in the entering class from 34 different states and 56 countries. More than 80 percent were provided University housing. They were joined by more than 300 transfer students and nearly 800 graduate and professional students. A number of new classrooms and office spaces had been prepared by our facilities staff to take advantage of

space available in the 73 Tremont and the Sawyer buildings. All of us were bouyed by these positive numbers.

The Rosenberg Institue continued to be active and visible both on the Suffolk campus and within the New England Asian Studies community. Besides insuring that a steady stream of quality educational programs about Asia were arranged by the RI, we looked for ways to partner with relevant non-profit and community groups to jointly offer programs to our students and to the general public. We reached out to community partners more widely than before. In addition, we worked to expand the financial help extended to students involved with Asian Studies. This aspect of our activities has likewise increased. The RI has become a well-respected member of the international community in New England. We are regularly called upon by Asia-related community groups in the area to help by sending out notices of their activities.

The Rosenberg Institute was involved in programming covering a wider area of Asia than ever before. Activities in this Report illustrate topics in reference to Nepal, the South Pacific, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam and India, as well as the nations of East Asia.

The current report on the Rosenberg Institute's 2016-2017 academic year once again follows a chronological presentation of Institute activities and involvements, divided by the major semesters of the academic year. Some of our announcements have been eliminated as have many posters in an effort to shorten the length of this Report. In order to give a full and comprehensive view of the activities of the Rosenberg Institute throughout the year, this Report lists events that were partially funded or co-sponsored by the Institute,

which are clearly marked, as well as events endorsed by the Institute but without formal co-sponsorship or funding.

Activities Rosenberg Institute 2016-2017

Summer Sessions (June-August 2016)

12 July 2016. Assisted Tufts Medical Center located in downtown Boston near Chinatown in **recruiting a Chinese speaking bi-lingual social worker.**

23 July 2016. Helped draw an audience to the program **Study of Indus civilization: Let us Explore India's Cultural History, presented by the non-profit India Discovery Center.** Seven experts spoke about India's geography and people, art and culture, language and literature, philosophy and religion, science and technology, economy and politics.

25 July 2016. At the request of **TECO (Taiwan Educational and Cultural Office of Boston), we helped them to hire a staff member** by advertising the position to our email lists, resulting in several replies from suitable candidates.

5 August 2016. **Suffolk hosted a large group of Fulbright scholars from abroad** who were about to report to their new US schools for a year of study. The students were at the MA and PhD level, and came from all parts of the world. Suffolk's role was to give them an orientation to American classroom expectations and atmosphere. This Gateway program was organized by Sebastian Royo who supervises our Center for Learning and Academic Success (CLAS) programs, and by Rachael Cobb, Chair of the Government Department. Dr. Suleski participated. In the photo below, you see Dr. Suleski with one of the small break-out groups. Reading left to right: Shannon from Ireland is going to MIT; Urban from Slovenia is going to Columbia; Weiya from China is going to Berkeley.



2 August 2016. In August 2016 once again **Tufts Medical Center in Chinatown** asked the Rosenberg Institute to help recruit a staff member. In this case they were seeking a bilingual financial counselor to assist Chinese speaking patients with their health insurance questions and needs

12 August 2016. Nearby **Simmons College**, which has an active Chinese language program, asked the Rosenberg Institute to help them recruit a Mandarin Language teacher for the Fall 2016 semester.

15 August 2016. Suffolk received a group of students from the Vietaid program in nearby Dorchester. These were **Vietnamese-American middle school students who hope to see a college education in their future**. They were chaperoned by the director of that program, **Mr. Thanh Nguyen**. **Professor Micky Lee** and **Suffolk honors student Sarah Trinh** talked with the kids. **Dr. Suleski** gave a welcome on behalf of the Rosenberg Institute.

July-August 2016. During the Summer Session Suffolk hosted two groups of international students from Asia. We had a class of students from **Kasetsart University, in Bangkok, Thailand.** **Carrie Oliva** from our English Language Services shepherded this group. One of the first observations they made was that American university students do not need to wear a uniform to school, unlike the students in Thailand where a white shirt and dark blue skirt or trousers is required. A second group was from the **Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication (BigC)** in China. Carrie once again pulled together her team of instructors and staff for this group, which also had a special tour of Suffolk's New England School of Art and Design (NESAD) given by **Professor Karen Clarke.** They made a lively video of their Boston adventure. A photo of the BigC group is below, taken with their chaperone and teachers just after being awarded their Certificates of Completion for the summer program.



Fall Semester (September-December) 2016

6 September 2016. We reported on our colleague **Professor Micky Lee who was in Hong Kong during the summer session.** She was a visiting scholar at the School of Journalism and Communication of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where she taught a class on media and gender. She then traveled to Japan to attend the International Communication Association in Fukuoka, Japan, where the **poster she had submitted won the Top Poster Award of the Feminist Scholarship Division!** Micky is Associate Professor in Suffolk's Department of Communication and Journalism, and was appointed as the new Director of our Asian Studies Program.

8 September 2016. The **Suffolk Vietnamese Student Association** got busy into the new semester with meetings to recruit new members and to serve Vietnamese food. They then got involved with tutoring younger students from the Vietnamese-American community in Dorchester. The organization in that community is **Viet-Aid**, whose director had spoken at Suffolk. **Suffolk students were recruited to help with the Dorchester community of Vietnamese-Americans.**

19 September 2016. We reported on our colleague **Dr. Da Zheng**, past director of our Asian Studies Committee. He presented a paper titled "Shih-I Hsiung on the Air: A Chinese at the BBC during WWII" at the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas conference in Vancouver in July. Hsiung was a Chinese playwright in England in 1941 when he was invited by the BBC to write newsletters and broadcast news commentaries for the audiences in Hong Kong, China, and Southeast Asian countries. **Professor Zheng's book-length on the life and literary output of Hsiung is nearing completion and will appear from Fordham University Press.**

20 September 2016. We used our email lists to recruit volunteers and paid professionals to assist the Asian population in nearby Quincy. The non-profit there is the **Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI).** They offer many services to the new immigrants and to the ageing Asian population. Their services include assistance with health information, education, legal advice, bridging cultures.

24 September 2016. Two films of interest to the local Asian community. The films were dramatic and informative, free and open to the public, and they showed how the diaspora of Chinese has impacted and been impacted by the history of the United States. In this case **the Rosenberg Institute joined with the National Park Service, the Chinese Historical Society of New England, the Boston Asian American Film Festival, MA State Asian American Commission, and Quincy Asian Resources.** Film One: **14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez** told the stories of three American families who challenged the status quo by advocating for citizen rights of children born in the United States.. Film Two: **Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese.** The film tells the story of the early Chinese immigrants to the Mississippi Delta during the 19th century; then it explores how the community steadily grew in the early part of the 20th century, as Chinese families across the Delta opened grocery stores that served both the black and white populations.

26 September 2016. Suffolk University was once again host to many student leaders from Taiwan who are attending schools in New England. The meeting was organized by the Taiwan diplomatic office in Boston, Taipei Educational and Cultural Office (TECO) which invited 42 presidents and vice presidents from 22 Taiwanese Student Associations in the New England region for a conference at Suffolk University. A photo of the group is below. Suffolk is pleased was pleased to welcome all of the student leaders.



(Front row, left to right) Ta-Sheng Kuan, Director, TECO-Boston; ; Cynthia Huang, Director of Education Division, TECO-Boston; Scott Lai, Director General, TECO-Boston; Peter Shih, Director of Economic Division, TECO-Boston; Hung-Wei Ou, Director of Culture Center, TECO-Boston.

13 October 2016. Suffolk Professor **Weiqi Zhang from the Government Department** spoke about his recent trip to North Korea. He visited the capital Pyongyang, Kaesong, Nampo, Myohyangsan, and a model farm in the rural area. He says, “I was treated very nicely by the local people and saw things that I haven’t seen in the media. I spent most of my time talking to my tour guides and was surprised by how open they were in our conversation.” We had a large turnout at his talk, comprised of students and faculty from Suffolk and other universities.

6 October 2016. The Rosenberg Institute invited **Dr. James Chin, Director of the Asia Institute at the University of Tasmania, Australia**, to give two lectures at Suffolk in October. **Lecture Number One: Hybrid Regimes: the Case of Malaysia and Singapore.** Dr. Chin explained Hybrid regimes that have open elections, in a country run by a strong-man ruler. **Lecture Number Two: ASEAN, China and the US: Conflict in the South China Sea.** The South China Sea is currently of great concern for the US State Department and the Department of Defense. Both talks were Free and open to the Public.

ASEAN, China, and the US: Conflict in the South China Sea



Dr. James Chin, Director of the Asia Institute at the University of Tasmania, an expert on Southeast Asia, will talk about international politics in the conflict in the South China Sea.

Oct 6, 2016. 10:50 am – 12:05 pm

Sargent Hall (120 Tremont St.), Room 265

The meeting is Free and Open to the public.

Sponsored by the Rosenberg⁹ Institute for East Asian Studies, and the Government Department, Suffolk

12 October 2016. The Rosenberg Institute was contacted by the **Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Civil Rights Forum** to help publicize an important community forum. Recently (fall 2016) on the streets of New York City an editor at The New York Times was yelled-at by a lady on the street and told to “Go back to China!” This was said to a person who was born and raised in the United States. The Times had a follow-up story where many other Asian-Americans responded with similar experiences. Respect for civil rights and protection of human dignity remains an issue in our society.

September 2016 Chinese Premier Li Keqiang 李克强 visited the United States. While in New York City he was hosted at an evening banquet put on by the **National Committee on US-China Relations. Our colleague Weiqi Zhang from the Government Department was invited to the banquet,** so I asked him for some impressions. Weiqi said, “Of course I’ve seen Prime Minister Li on TV many times. He always was serious and was reading an official statement. But at the gathering I saw him laughing and joking with many of the people he was meeting. Also, during the talk he gave, he did not read from a script or from prepared remarks, but instead spoke very knowledgeably about China’s economic development and problems it faces. He also quoted a lot of statistics from memory. That was impressive.”

5 October 2017 Our friends at the **Asian American Commission** and the **Lowell Community Health Center** held a workshop on Saturday (5 October 2016) about **Asian Traditional Medicine.** This program was particularly directed at the Asian communities from Southeast Asia, since Lowell has many people from Cambodia and Thailand. The program was **Free and open to the Public, with a lunch provided.**

18 October 2016 China Town Hall. In the autumn of 2016 the topic was **United States-China Relations** at the annual **China Town Hall** meeting. Speaking to us live at Suffolk was **Professor Steven Goldstein**, an Associate at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard. Speaking to us via live webcast was **Henry Kissinger**, former Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. The meeting was organized by the **National Committee on US-China Relations** in New York

City. The **Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk** teamed-up with **WorldBoston** to put on the Suffolk University portion.

China Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections

Tuesday October 18 @ 6:15 pm – 8:30 pm

Suffolk University Sargent Hall Room 495 (120 Tremont St, Boston). Free and Open to the Public. Refreshments Served.



Featuring:

Steven M. Goldstein

Associate, Fairbank Center, Harvard

with a national webcast featuring:

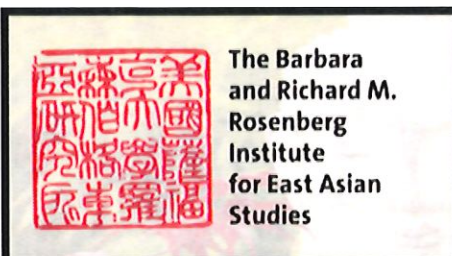
Henry Kissinger

Former Secretary of State and National Security Advisor

China's rapid development and Sino-American relations have a direct impact on the lives of just about everyone in the United States. China Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections, is a national day of programming designed to provide Americans across the United States and beyond the opportunity to discuss issues in the relationship with leading experts.

Join WorldBoston and the Rosenberg Institute for this year's event, sponsored nationally by the National Committee for U.S.-China Relations. In addition to a program led by a local expert, the event will feature a nationwide broadcast address from former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Sponsored by WorldBoston and the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University:



October 2016 Suffolk University invited Professor **Wang Xianrong** to give a talk titled **Ecological Strategy for Resilient Cities of China to Tackle Climate Change--A Case Study of Shanghai, China**. Dr. Wang, from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at prestigious Fudan University in Shanghai, told us the latest thinking in how to build resilient cities. There is now interest worldwide in defining strategies to deal with the challenges of climate change. Shanghai in China is among the cities that has incorporated ecological issues into its planning for the future of the city. Based on Shanghai's experiences, the talk outlined ecological strategies for creating resilient cities. The talk was in October 2016. It was co-sponsored by Suffolk University Sawyer Business School, SBS Faculty Research Seminar, with help from the Faculty Life and Development Committee of the Suffolk Business School.

26 October 2016 The Chinese-language **Sing Tao Daily News (星島日報)**, American edition, ran a story about the China Town Hall event held at Suffolk (and reported above). The article and photos were provided by Editor David Li, a Suffolk University graduate.



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(左起) 高德斯坦教授、薛龍教授對大家參與「眾議中國」表示歡迎。



一位學生在基辛格博士談話之後提問。李強 攝

本報記者李強波士頓報導：位於波士頓市中心的薩福克（Suffolk）大學日前參與了美中關係全國委員會（National Committee of US-China Relations）主辦的第十屆「眾議中國」（China Town Hall）論壇。作為全美 80 多個分會場之一，薩福克大學的 40 多位師生通過網路直播聽取了前國務卿基辛格博士對中美關係的談話。

正式成立於 1966 年，美中關係全國委員會過去 50 年來為推動中美的發展做出傑出的貢獻。自成立之初，這個非盈利教育機構的目標就是促進美中兩國民眾的彼此理解。創始人們相信，引導美國人在對華政策上展開公開討論、推廣立場更中立均衡的公共教育有助於明確美國的外交利益，強化美國的外交政策。

薩福克大學分會場由該校羅森伯格東亞研究所主任薛龍（Ronald Suleski）教授主持，特邀嘉賓是哈佛大學費正清中國研究中心的高德斯坦（Steven Goldstein）教授。高德斯坦教授在基辛格博士發表談話前簡短地回顧了 1971 年以來中美關係的巨大變化，他指出基辛格博士當年的破冰之旅意義重大。而他本人曾經參與了著名的乒乓外交，隨同美國乒乓球隊從日本到中國訪問。他對記者表示，尼克松總統實踐了中美關係之破冰，但最終實現中美建交歸功於卡特總統的政治勇氣。

今年是美中關係全國委員會成立 50 周年，「眾議中國」是一個一年一度的公共對話節目，邀請中美關係的頂尖專家出席節目並回答觀眾問題，旨在給予美國民眾參與討論中美關係的機會。基辛格博士在美國外交政策中發揮了舉足輕重的作用，時至今日仍在為此出謀劃策。在對談中，擔任主持的美中關係全國委員會主席奧林斯（Stephen A. Orlins）將他稱為「現代美中關係之父」。

基辛格在談話中指出，對於當時的中美雙方而言，締結關係都是現實所趨，國際形勢促成了中美關係的破冰，而在長達 20 年的意識形態對立之後，基辛格和尼克松都意識到了放下對立、找尋共識和諒解的重要性。而 1971 年的美國乒乓球隊訪華及 1972 年 4 月的中國乒乓球隊訪美事件，不僅是標誌著中美外交正常化開端的「乒乓外交」，更是兩國開始試圖建立人民與人民之間的聯繫的象徵。

「我們從中美關係中學到的最重要一課是：中國和美國有截然不同的歷史和文化，對於我們來說，中國是與我們有本質差異的敵人這種想法根深蒂固，所以中美雙方的民眾都需要增進對彼此的了解，而中美雙方的政治領導人也應該了解彼此的思維方式。尼克松在中美關係開端做出的最大的貢獻在於，當他第一次與中國領導人會面時，他沒有談差異，而是在談我們的目標，以期找到對方目標的共同點，並達成和解。我認為這是至關重要的，」基辛格博士說。

美國總統大選日在即，下一任總統的外交主張和對華政策自然地成為對談關注的焦點。共和黨總統候選人特朗普關於外交政策的一些偏激言論引起了媒體與公眾的廣泛討論。在回答提問環節中，不少網友希望基辛格博士就特朗普的外交主張發表觀點，他委婉地回答道「我不認為這是一位總統應該發表的言論。」

19 October 2017 The Rosenberg Institute extended Greetings and Good Wishes to the members of Suffolk's Indian community on the celebration of **Diwali, the Festival of Light**. This holiday rejoices in the triumph of good over evil. Diwali was celebrated at Suffolk with a gathering of faculty and students, staff, and friends. Everyone enjoyed making the *Rangoli*, and ended the evening event with a fine meal of Indian food.

Happy Diwali!

October 2017 We assisted our Community Outreach Partner WorldBoston in **recruiting a key manager** for their operations in Boston.

10 November 2016 **In or Out? Deportation and Impact on Families.** This was the topic, especially from the perspective of Asian families, at the 3rd Annual Harry H. Dow Lecture on Immigration Law. Proceeds were used to support the Harry Dow Memorial Scholarship that commemorates the first Chinese-American to graduate from Suffolk Law School (1929). The discussion was by three specialists and a Suffolk University student, the panel focusing on recent deportation policies and the effects they have had on immigrant families. A reception followed. The gala was sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and the Immigration Law Association. It was co-sponsored by the Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund, the Suffolk Office of Advancement, the Transnational Law Review, the Latin American Law Students Association, and the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies.

**3rd Annual Harry H. Dow Lecture
Series on Immigration Law:
In or Out? Deportation and
Impact on Families**

Thursday, November 10, 2016
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Sargent Hall Function Room



Co-Sponsored by: Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund • Moahley Archive & Institute • Office of Advancement •
Office of Diversity Services • Latin American Law Students Association • Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies •
Transnational Law Review • Women of Color Law Student Association

17 November 2016 Our partners WorldBoston organized a talk on the topic: **Nuclear North: The Future of the Korean Peninsula.** **Dr. Weiqi Zhang, who had spoken earlier in the semester to Suffolk students and faculty,** gave his unique perspectives on North Korea based on his visit there a few months ago, including showing some of the hundreds of photos he took. His talk was followed by **Dr. Sung-Yoon Lee from the Fletcher School at Tufts University,** an expert witness often invited by the US Congress. **The program was Held at the Suffolk University Law School (120 Tremont Street, Boston).**

3 December 2016 The **Boston Japan Film Festival** of **Four short films** from and about Japan was held in December 2016. The four short films were followed by the exciting new film about the tensions caused by charges of rape by the American military in Okinawa (film titled **Cocktail Party**), all in one afternoon! The afternoon featured two of the involved filmmakers present (**Kathryn Tolbert and Reggie Life**) participating in a Q&A. **All of this followed by a Light Reception.** The Festival was Free and Open to the Public, and Sponsored by MIT Japan, MIT Center for International Studies, New York Japan Cinefest, The Japanese Resource Exchange.

6 December 2016 In early December 2016 the Rosenberg Institute joined some of our other international-minded organizations at Suffolk to help to sponsor **A Look at Cambodian Culture**. Guest speakers were **Hong L. Net, Lynn City Councilor-At-Large; Heather Frias & Liz Keating, a Lecturer in Accounting at BU, who operates the Cambridge Cambodia School Project**. Government Professor **Dr. Roberto Dominguez** was there, Dr. Suleski acted as moderator. The event was sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement at Suffolk and by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies.



**SUFFOLK
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Tuesday, 12/06/16

3:00-4:30PM

**Dean Nancy Stoll Room
Sawyer Building rm404**

A Look at Cambodian Culture

Guest Speakers

Hong Net

Lynn City Councilor At-Large
Cambodian-American Citizen

Heather Frias & Eiz

The Cambridge Cambodia School Project
Moderator:

Dr. Ronald Suleski

Professor and Director Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies Associate in Regional Studies, Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Harvard University

Hong L. Net

Lynn City Councilor At-Large

**The Cambridge Cambodia
School Project**



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**THE ROSENBERG INSTITUTE
FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES AT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY**

美國蘇福克大學東亞研究中心

8 December 2016 We had a special event for all of Suffolk when we invited **Peter Dutton**, Director of the China Maritime Studies Institute at the US Naval College to speak to us about **China's Blue-Water Navy. This is a crucial topic that keeps re-surfacing these days in our newspapers and in talks at Suffolk. We had a large and appreciative audience for his talk.**

China's Blue-Water Navy



China has been expanding its military naval capacity in recent years. The goal is to project Chinese military strength away from its shores and into the Pacific Ocean. Most recently, plans call for the Chinese Navy to add more submarines and aircraft carriers to its fleets.

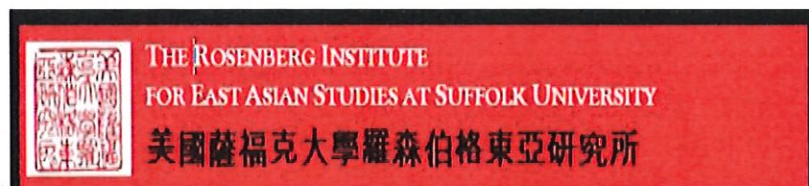
Peter Dutton, Director of China Maritime Studies Institution at the U.S. Naval College will tell us the story.

December 8, 2016. 10:50 am – 12:00 pm

**Poetry Center, Suffolk University Library
73 Tremont Street, Boston, MA**

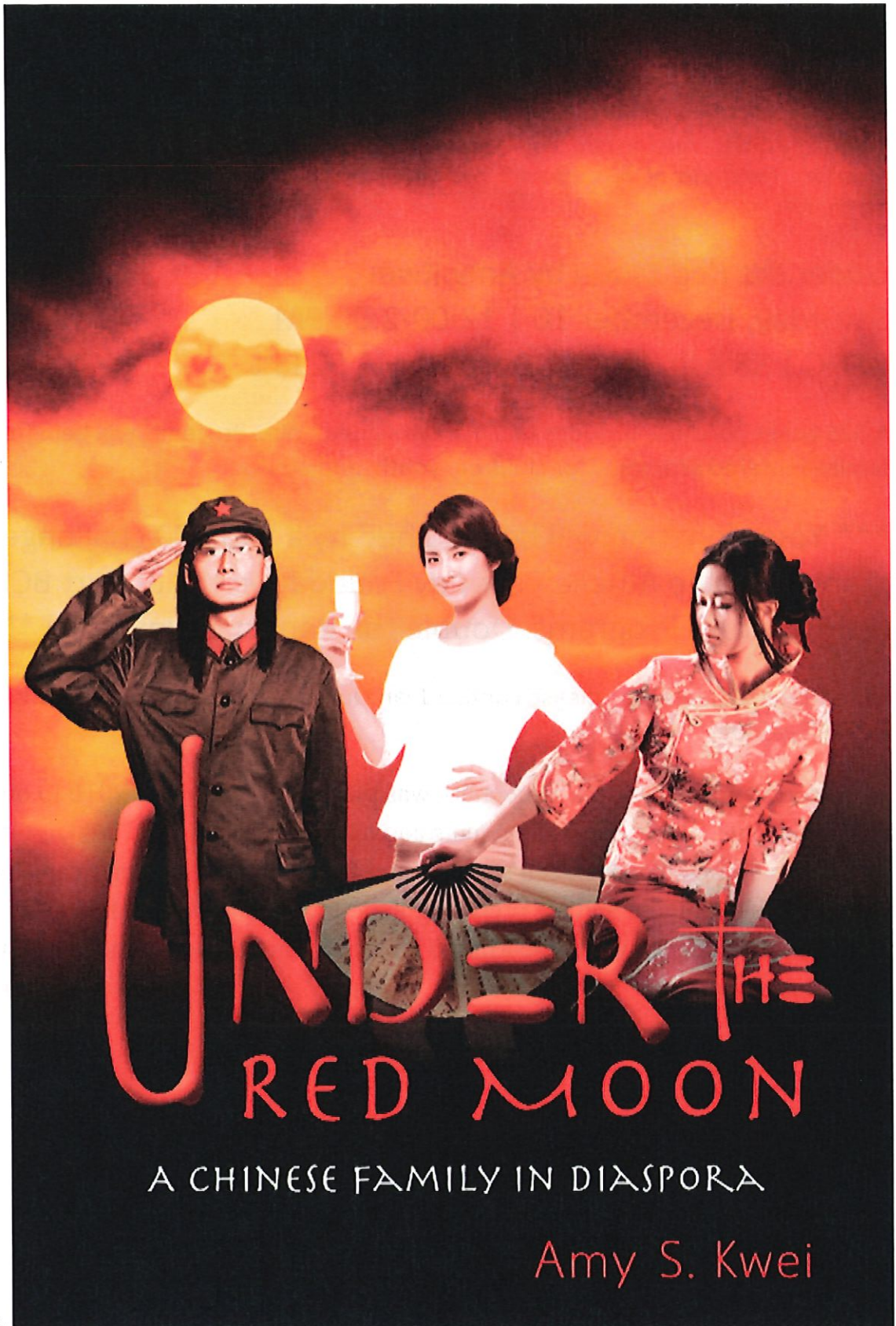
The meeting is Free and Open to the public.

Sponsored by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Suffolk University.



9 December 2016 Angel Island was an immigration center in San Francisco Bay from 1910 to 1940. Many immigrants from Asia were delivered there, where they were detained and interrogated before being allowed to enter the US. It is now preserved as a symbol of immigrant history. We all enjoyed a special program where **Professor Monica Pelayo** from UMASS-Boston, and **Susan Chinsen**, from the Chinese Historical Society of New England, talked about public history and public memory. How should historians interpret the past for audiences who only know about Ellis Island on the East Coast of the US? **Preserving Immigrant Detention: Angel Island as a Case Study was held 9 December 2016, 6:00pm to 8:30pm, The Old North Church, 193 Salem Street, Boston.** The meeting was Free and open to the Public, and Sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of New England.

10 December 2016 Under the Red Moon was a talk about her new book by author Amy Kwei. Her book tells of life in China, the China of the Korean War and the Great Leap Forward under the Communists. Then the chaotic Cultural Revolution breaks out in 1966. It was held at the At the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 38 Ash Street, Boston, MA 02111. A ticket cost \$25 per person and included a lunch and a signed copy of the book. Proceeds helped the youth Programs of BCNC, which is a Community Outreach Partner with the Rosenberg Institute.



Moon.

Three sisters of the Huang clan disperse during World War II. Golden Ball attends Syracuse University in New York, Silver Bell attends a nearby American high school and Coral Bell, the youngest, remains in Shanghai along with her mother, a concubine. Set in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and New York, the novel takes readers on a journey from the Nanking Massacre and Korean War to the Great Leap Forward, British colonial rule in Hong Kong and immigration to America. The stories of the sisters are interwoven and culminate during the Cultural Revolution.

Under the Red Moon by Amy Kwei

Saturday, December 10 | 12:00-2:00 PM

BCNC | 38 Ash Street | Boston, MA 02111

A \$25 ticket purchase includes lunch and a signed book. Proceeds will benefit BCNC's family-centered programs for children, youth, and adults.

*** Your donation will be matched by a \$40,000 challenge grant from the Amelia Peabody Foundation to support BCNC Quincy Youth Programs. Double the impact of your gift! ***

For additional questions, please contact Jean Quintal at jean.quintal@bcnc.net or 617-635-2540

14 December 2016 Suffolk University was pleased in December 2016 to once again welcome a delegation of students and teachers from **Brookline High School**. The delegation included sixteen students and four faculty. The American students were studying Chinese and are preparing to go to Xi'an to stay with host families. The Chinese students were preparing to take their new friends home to Xi'an for the spring semester. **This is the CHEX program run by BHS in coordination with the GaoXin (高新) High School in Xi'an.**

Winter Intersession (January 2017)

January 2017 During the **Winter Intersession Suffolk Students Traveled to Cambodia and India**. Students signed up in the Fall 2016 semester for the course

Conflict and Development in Asia (GOVT 386) as a pre-requisite for joining in the overseas travel. Two Suffolk professors joined to guide the groups and lead discussions. The two faculty traveling with the group were **Professor Roberto Dominguez** (Government) and **Professor Sukanya Ray** (Psychology). The program was sponsored by the **Center for Community Engagement, the Department of Government, and the Rosenberg Institute.**

Life Lessons Learned through Service Experiences in Cambodia and India

Reported March 2, 2017



A contemplative moment in Cambodia



Students went to India to serve and came back with great memories and a passion for helping others. Suffolk students traveled to India and Cambodia over winter break to help build homes and experience unfamiliar cultures—and they came home feeling like family. Mixing cement, laying bricks, and nailing down a bamboo floor have a way of bringing people together, according to Paul Mucci, Jr., who visited Cambodia in January through Suffolk’s [alternative winter break](#) service learning program.



“We all worked together, ate together, and had fun together,” said Mucci, Class of 2017, a government major and U.S Army veteran. “It was like we were all part of one big family. I had the time of my life.” **Cultural experience.** Mucci and other students learned about India and Cambodia through the Conflict and Development in Asia course taught this past fall by Government Professor Roberto Dominguez. They studied the history, politics, and economics of each country and then brought these lessons home by engaging in service while living among Cambodian and Indian people. “We went to learn, to help two families build homes, and to experience another culture,” said Gabrielle Elderd, the student leader on the trip to India. **Selfless values.** “It was an experience that reminded our students about the value of giving and caring for others,” said Dominguez, who accompanied the group visiting Cambodia. Elderd said that the most rewarding part of the journey was laboring as a collective to help others improve their lives.



“We worked hard, got dirty, saw the Taj Mahal, made new friends, and fell in love with a beautiful and intelligent country,” said Elderd, Class of 2017, a finance and marketing major, who said she is inspired to continue service—in India or elsewhere. **Personal and professional growth.** Psychology Professor Sukanya Ray, the faculty leader on the trip to India, said: “I feel strongly that this exposure and community engagement experience will provide our students with great memories and contribute towards their personal and professional growth,” said Mucci agreed that alternative winter break was a life changing experience. “The people were very welcoming, and the students were very giving,” he said. “As students, we wanted to learn about a new culture and be part of something bigger than us. Having the opportunity to help and connect with people across the globe while sharing one common goal was just incredible.” Suffolk’s [Center for Community Engagement](#) has organized annual alternative winter breaks since 2007. Previous service-learning experiences have brought students to El Salvador and Vietnam. The trips to Cambodia and India were made possible through Suffolk’s partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the support of the [Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies](#). The goal is for students to interact with people and engage in helping local communities to build houses or other construction projects.

Spring 2017 Semester (January-May 2017)

21 January 2017 The **India Discovery Center** presented “**Study of the Vedic Period**” on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Road in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Several members of the Rosenberg Institute on-line family attended. **INDIA DISCOVERY CENTER SPONSORED “STUDY OF THE VEDIC PERIOD” SEMINAR ON JANUARY 21.** The India Discovery Center (IDC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in December 2014, is an effort to explore India’s cultural history in order to produce an informed understanding of Indian heritage to the world-wide public and particularly to the youth in the new world. In a series of seminars, the volunteer researchers at the Center are producing a comprehensive presentation of various periods of history. The presentations were divided into six tracks: **(i) Geography and People, (ii) Art and Culture, (iii) Language and Literature, (iv) Philosophy and Religion, (v) Science and Technology, and (vi) Economy and Politics.** The latest seminar focused on the Vedas, which form the foundation of Indian culture. Indian languages, the belief systems, the customs and the social etiquette formed through the Vedas. Yet the literature has not been analyzed sufficiently to explore the Vedic society, the rituals, the Vedic cosmology and the science of retention of the Vedic poetry. IDC’s volunteer researchers led the seminar, as follows: • **Mr. Prem Nagar** began the discussion by analyzing the Vedic literature as to its contents and the authors. He got to the metrical analysis and the principles of the composition. • **Mr. Vrittamani Ramapriya** followed the philosophical revelations in the Vedas and explored the established ritualistic procedures. The deities and the speculations on the astronomical connections to life were examined. • **Ms. Paromita De** talked about the society and its sophistication. She covered with dress, ornaments, housing, rituals and the social celebrations. • **Dr. Bijoy Misra** explored the Vedic sciences and the technological knowhow of the Vedic people. The fundamental measurement of space and time, development of mathematics and geometry, and experiment on herbal medicine are the contributions of the Vedic heritage. • **Mr. Raghavendra Sarangpurkar**

presented the economic and political layout of the Vedic society. The family, the village, the king and the division of labor will be explored. We learned about trade, industry and monetary systems. • **Ms. Reshma Ghanekar** presented the geographic extent of the habitation. Besides the lectures, there were Vedic recitations by the local Sanskrit scholars and a Zoroastrian Gatha recitation by a Parsi scholar. There was also a special release of a Vedic composition set to music by local artists.

28-29 January 2017. The Rosenberg Institute was instrumental in helping to publicize the Association for **Asian Studies Regional New England Conference** held in 18 January 2016. The organizers of the conference repeatedly thanked Dr. Suleski and the Rosenberg Institute for helping to make it a successful meeting because of the wide network of Asia scholars linked by our email lists. Suffolk University faculty and students were well represented at the conference. The panel **Keep and Spread: Asian Cultural Heritage in Foreign Environments**, was organized by **Weiqi Zhang** (Government). Panelists were **Ronald Suleski** (History), **Da Zheng** (English), and **Montgomery Link** (Philosophy). A second panel **The Rise of the Asian Century: From Macro Level to Nano Level**, was organized by **Micky Lee** (Communication and Journalism). Panelists were **Jonathan Haughton** (Economics), **Sukanya Ray** (Psychology), and **Weiqi Zhang** (Government). Suffolk Lecturers present were **Beth Bennett** and **Brian Kiniry**. The Suffolk undergraduate students who attended the conference were **Yixuan Cui**, **Zareen Khan**, **Neil Sunil**, and **Sarah Trinh**. Our Suffolk-organized panels were well-attended and lively.

30 January 2017 Free screening of the film **Chinese Couplets 對聯**. An epic tale spanning four generations of tenacious women, by journalist and filmmaker **Felicia Lowe**. Couplets are matching poems that Chinese people paste on their gates at New Year, or hang in the wedding hall to celebrate a marriage. **Film Screening: Monday 30 January 2017, from 1:45 to 2:55pm, in the Poetry Center (Second Floor of the Sawyer Library) at Suffolk University 73 Tremont Street, Boston. Q&A With the Director Felicia Lowe: Wednesday 1 February 2017, from 1:45 to 2:55pm, in Room 414, the 4th floor of the 20 Somerset Street Building (on the Suffolk campus), Boston. Free and Open to the Public.** Sponsored by: **Asian Studies Program, Department of Communication and Journalism,**

**Department of History, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Rosenberg
Institute for East Asian Studies.**

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Chinese Couplet

A film by Felicia Lowe



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On and on, traveling on and
Far from you to live up
—Nineteen Old Po

"An epic tale spanning four generations of tenacious women, **Chinese Couplets** is journalist filmmaker Felicia Lowe's most probing, soulful, and accomplished documentary..."

Professor John Kuo Wei Tsh
Founding director, A/P/A Institute, New York University
Co-founder, Museum of Chinese in America, New York

Film Screening | Q&A with the director

30th January, 2017 (Mon)
1:45 - 2:55 p.m.

Poetry Center, 2nd floor of Sawyer Library,
Building: Stahl Center (73 Tremont St)
(entrance on Beacon Street)

1st February (Wed)
1:45 - 2:55 p.m.

Room 414, 4th floor
Building: 20 Somerset Street

Free and Open to the Public

A story about the film and the showing from the *Suffolk Journal* appeared, titled *Navigating Exclusion*, by Felicity Otterbein, February 10, 2017.

8 February 2017 The Chinese Historical Society of New England was seeking a summer intern. This was a paid internship funded by the national Park Service. Rosenberg Institute sent out full particulars.

14 February 2017 Two summer institutes were on offer, for which the Rosenberg Institute helped to inform potential candidates.

Islam in Asia: Traditions and Transformations
Infusing Chinese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum Both of these were held at the East-West Center, Honolulu, HI.

Islam in Asia: Traditions and Transformations

Dates: June 12- July 7, 2017

Location: East-West Center, Honolulu, HI

Co-Directors: Nelly van Doorn-Harder and Peter Hershock

Participants received a stipend of \$3300 to help defray costs for travel, housing, meals and incidentals. Lodging was available at the East-West Center guesthouse, Lincoln Hall.

Infusing Chinese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum

Dates: July 31 - August 11, 2017

Location: East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Director: Peter Hershock

This multidisciplinary, two-week faculty development program offered undergraduate educators opportunities to interact with leading Asian studies experts in an intensive program of lectures, discussions, film screenings, and cultural events.

23 February 2016 Our student groups at Suffolk re-organized for the spring semester. The Asian American Association, Korean Students Association, and the Vietnamese Club have been going strong. The **Japan Student Association** invited all to an evening of fun and friendship and Free Japanese Food. Thursday 23

February 2017 in the Somerset Café. Dr. Suleski is a Faculty Advisor to all of these groups.

17-18 March 2017 The Chinese historical Society of New England brought us some theater. The theme was **Facing Exclusion**, to have us recall how Chinese people were barred from entering or living in the United States because of the Chinese Exclusion Act signed in 1882. **Harry H. Dow** graduated from Suffolk University in 1926. He wrote a short farce about how US immigration officials treated Chinese people, **A Day in the Chinese Division**. **Christina R. Chan** read from her one-woman play **Unbinding Our Lives**.

27 February 2017 The Rosenberg Institute was contacted by the **Fulbright Program** asking us to invite qualified academic candidates to consider applying for a Fulbright award. This is a government program with generous conditions, but also the stipulation that you must be a US Citizen to apply. This category of awards is aimed at qualified academics.

13 March 2017 Our friends at UMass Boston presented a lecture on a critical topic, **Population Aging and Policy Development in China**. The speaker was **Dr. Du Peng, Director of the Institute of Gerontology at Renmin University in Beijing**. All developed societies face this problem in our contemporary world. China's one-child policy, originally designed to inhibit the expansion of China's population, has helped contribute to the looming crisis situation of not enough workers to support retired elderly workers. The sponsors of this talk were the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, the Dean's Office, and the Confucius Institute, all at UMass Boston.

1 March 2017 We have an organization on the Suffolk campus that will help **students find internships in Asia. AIESEC is a student-run, non-profit organization that gives students the ability to explore new countries and cultures by sending you abroad to volunteer, intern at a well-established company, or intern at a start-up**. They are recognized as a club on campus, so we have information sessions every Tuesday in Somerset 216. If you are unable to attend these information sessions, please fill out this questionnaire so that we can set up a meeting to tell you more about our organization: bit.ly/2goabroad

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3 March 2017 Our Friends at the **Japan Society of Boston** were looking for interns. In particular, they had openings for the summer session. The Rosenberg Institute helped them to recruit candidates for these positions.

9 March 2016 Our Suffolk **Vietnamese Student Association** had activities on a both a local and a national level. Dr. Suleski is faculty advisor to this student group.

Suffolk VSA Presents: Coming Xuân 2017

March 9th 2017

7 pm -10 pm

Modern Theatre,

525 Washington St, Boston, MA 02111



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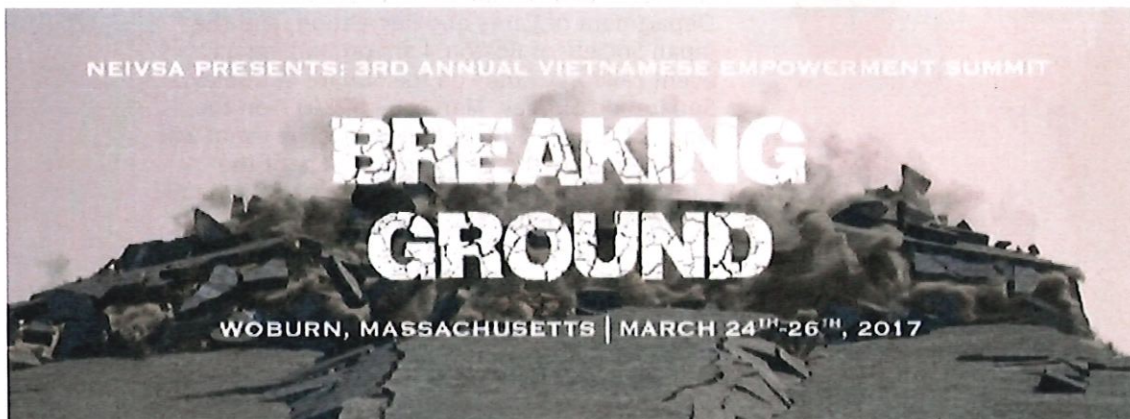
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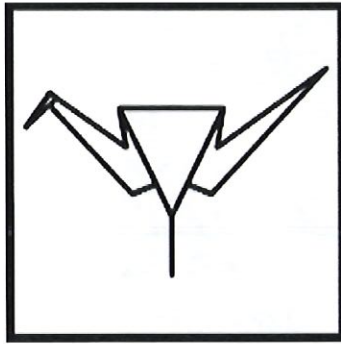


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12 March 2017. A commemorative event was the **Sixth Anniversary of the Great Northeast Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that struck Japan on March 11th, 2011.**



Cranes on the Square @ Copley Square

**Sunday, March
12th, 2017 from
11:30am to 4:30pm
on the Plaza of
Copley Square in
Boston**



My name is Timothy Nagaoka, and I teach Japanese in the Boston Public Schools. With the support of the Japanese Consulate in Boston, the Fish Family Foundation, Boston's Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Japan Society of Boston, I am organizing an event called, "Cranes on the Square @ Copley Square" on Sunday, March 12th, 2017 on the Plaza of Copley Square in Boston. The event will commemorate the Sixth Anniversary of the Great Northeast Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that struck Japan on March 11th, 2011.



Come to fold paper cranes

"Cranes on the Square" will take place on the Plaza of Copley Square in Boston. The event is open to the public, and it is free to participate. The event is centered around an interactive display where passersby will participate in making paper cranes, which they will then add to the display. Cork Styrofoam panels will be placed on the plaza, and as the participants fold the paper cranes they will use skewers to stick the paper cranes onto the panels. As more people participate, the panels will fill with paper cranes. Students studying Japanese and Japanese volunteers will set up tables around the display to teach people how to make the paper cranes.

Or, come to teach others how to fold paper cranes



The goal of the event is to get the public involved in an activity that brings awareness to the tragedy that occurred in Japan four years ago and to remind them of the survivors who continue to rebuild from the wreckage. As one who lived through the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995, I know how devastating a major disaster can be, and how easily the rest of the world moves on while the survivors are left to rebuild. The event will remind people of the disaster and the survivors who continue to rebuild in the Northeast region of Japan.

**Please take a moment to remember
the tragedy, and fold a paper crane**

19 March 2017 Three films about Asia were shown at the Belmont (Massachusetts) World Film Festival. Films about the Pacific Islands, Japan, Nepal. Belmont World Film's programs. These were the New England premieres of three films about Asia during the 16th Annual International Film Series that ran March 19-May 15 at the Studio Cinema in Belmont:

- TANNA, one of this year's Oscar nominees about the people of Yakel in the Republic of Vanuatu in the **South Pacific**
- FUKUSHIMA MON AMOUR, about a German woman and an elderly Japanese geisha who bond in the Fukushima region of **Japan**
- WHITE SUN, about a **Nepalese** partisan who returns to his village to bury his father after the country's civil war

Belmont World Film's 16th Annual International Film Series presents the New England premieres of three Asian films
March 19-May 15

Studio Cinema, 376 Trapelo Road, Belmont
www.belmontworldfilm.org | 617-484-3980



Sunday, March 19, 7:30 PM

TANNA

Directed by Martin Butler & Bentley Dean

Australia, Vanuatu | 2016 | 100 min. |
Nauvhal with English subtitles |
Massachusetts premiere

Preceded by an optional dinner at the theater at 6:00 PM catered by [Cooking Culture/Trillfoods](#) featuring the cuisine of the Vanuatu Islands (click [here](#) to see the complete menu). Dinner tickets are \$29 (movie ticket sold separately) and must be purchased by March 12, no exceptions.



Monday, March 27, 7:30 PM

FUKUSHIMA MON AMOUR

Directed by Doris Dörrie

Germany | 108 min. | English, German &
Japanese with English subtitles | New
England premiere

A young German woman and an elderly Japanese geisha form an unlikely bond in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake in the Fukushima region of Japan. Director

Doris Dörrie (CHERRY BLOSSOMS, HOW TO COOK YOUR LIFE) returns to form with this black and white homage. Winner of the Panorama Award at the Berlin Film Festival. **Speaker:** Ryo Morimoto, a Harvard post-doc who spent a year doing field work in Minami-sōma, Fukushima, the area featured in the film.

Tickets: <https://www.ticketor.com/belmontworldfilm/event/fukushima-mon-amour-39613?referrer=UMB>



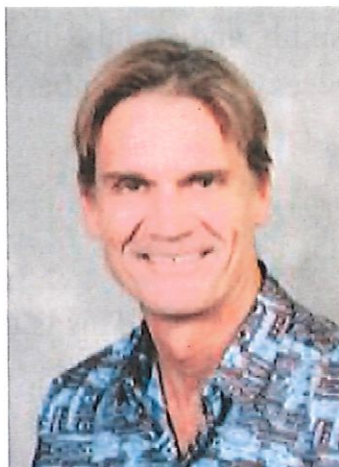
Monday, May 8, 7:30 PM
WHITE SUN

Directed by Deepak Rauniyar
Nepal, USA, Qatar, Netherlands | 2016 |
89 min. | Nepali with English subtitles |
New England premiere

When his father dies, an anti-regime partisan must travel to his remote mountain village after nearly a decade away and face his brother, who was on the

opposing side during the Nepalese civil war. The brothers cannot put aside political feelings while carrying their father's body down the steep mountain path to the river for cremation. With no men strong enough to carry the body and under pressure from the village elders, the partisan must seek help from outside the village to obey the rigid caste and discriminatory gender traditions he fought to eliminate during the war.

16-17 March 2017 Our partners at **Middlesex Community College in Lowell** had a great **Workshop on Southeast Asia.**



KEYNOTE
PETER HERSHOCK
*Climate and Compassion:
 Buddhism & Ethical Concern for
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SE Asia Workshop

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH 6-7:30PM

Reception at 6pm & Keynote at 6:30pm
 MCC Cowan Center Lower Cafe, 33 Kearney Sq., Lowell

FRIDAY MARCH 17TH 9AM-5PM

MCC Federal Bld. Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Sq., Lowell

- **Trude Jacobsen, Northern Illinois University**
 9-10:30 SE Asia: History in Action
 10:45-12 Engendering SE Asia
- **Peter Hershock, East-West Center**
 1-2:45 Buddhism in SE Asia:
 Transmissions & Transformations
- **Paul Lavy, University of Hawai'i, Manoa**
 3-5 The Art of Khmer Civilization in the
 Crucible of SE Asia

SATURDAY MARCH 18TH 9AM-5PM

Morning Lower Cafe; Afternoon Assembly Room

- **Paul Lavy, University of Hawai'i, Manoa**
 9:30-12 Art of Cambodia: Continuity &
 Change through Crisis & Renewal
- **Teri Yamada, California State University, Long Beach**
 1-3:30 Teaching SE Asia through Literature
- **Panel Discussion**
 3:45-5 SE Asia in the Undergrad Curriculum

21 March 2017 Our colleagues at Simmons College in Boston were seeking a **Teacher of Mandarin Chinese**. The Rosenberg Institute consulted with Simmons about the position, then sent an announcement which resulted in new applicants for the job.

22 March 2017 Our friends at BU held a conference titled **Regionalism and Global Politics in Southeast Asia**. Among the speakers were specialists who have spoken at Suffolk, including William Grimes, Joseph Fewsmith, and Grant Rhode. These three scholars have spoken at Suffolk under the auspices of the Rosenberg Institute in the past.

31 March 2017 **Cambodia's Cultural Heritage in a Modern World**. This is the theme of a Fulbright-Hays Conference open to you in Lowell at the end of this week. The keynote address will be titled **The Mekong River System and its Impact on Cambodia**.

Fulbright-Hays Conference

KEYNOTE LEONARD ANDAYA **The Mekong River System and Its Impact on Cambodia** Professor of History University of Hawai'i **Cambodia's Cultural Heritage in a Modern World** **FRIDAY**
MARCH 31st 5-7PM Reception & Photo Show at UnchARTed Gallery Visions of Cambodia to Benefit Cambodian Living Arts 103

Market St., Lowell RSVP: goo.gl/GXVKI4 **SATURDAY APRIL**
1st 9AM-4PM Keynote ~Presentations~Community Connections
MCC Federal Building Assembly Room 50 Kearney Sq., Lowell,
MA

29 March 2017 Our colleagues at the **US Naval War College** announced a conference in May on the topic **China's Gray Zone Maritime Operations**. There is a lot of naval action involving China's Coast Guard and patrol ships that are very military, but are not armed to destroy other craft. They operate in the Gray Zone of operations, particularly where we see conflicting claims to land features, such as in the Yellow Sea and the South China Sea. *The conference was 2 and 3 May 2017 at the Naval War College in Newport.*

4 April 2017 Dr. Suleski's recently article titled "**Manchukuo and Beyond: The Life and Times of Zhang Mengshi**," *International Journal of Asian Studies*, 14. 1. (2017), pp77-97 was reported. Zhang Mengshi (張夢實 1922-2014) was born into a life of wealth and privilege. His father Zhang Jinghui (張景惠) was first a top commander under the Chinese warlord Zhang Zuolin (張作霖) and then became Prime Minister (from 1935 to 1945) in the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo (滿洲國). But all that changed in 1945 when the invading Russians arrested the top Chinese and Japanese officials of Manchukuo, including Mengshi and his father, and sent them off to Siberia. This autobiography was published in Chinese by Mengshi's sons shortly after he died in 2014. My article introduces the highpoints of the book, the fascinating account of an eye-witness to many critical events in modern Chinese history. A number of people on the RI email lists requested a pdf of the article.

13 April 2017 The **Suffolk University Japanese Student Association** decided that we should all learn about the **traditional Japanese tea ceremony**! In order to do that, they invited a master of the tea ceremony and arranged some times when we are able to register and participate in the ritual. 日本の茶道 どうぞ
Please join the Tea Ceremony. Dr. Suleski is a faculty advisor to this student club.

19 April 2017 On Sunday 30 April, Boston will once again hold its **Japan Festival Boston** celebration. More than 30,000 people are expected to enjoy Japanese activity booths, food and entertainment at Boston Common - a city-wide celebration of all things Japan. Our colleagues at the **Japan Society Boston** were there. People from the **Japan Consul-General's Office** were there. Students from the **Suffolk Japan Students Association** once again operated a booth of typical Japanese games, with prizes, for young children.

1 May 2017 The Rosenberg Institute assisted Brill Publishers to recruit new staff. We are fortunate to have in Boston an editorial office of the well-known international publisher Brill. The publisher is based in Holland and was established in 1683. **Brill's Boston operation was looking to hire an Assistant Editor for their Asian Studies and Linguistics titles.**

2 May 2017 The Taiwan diplomatic office in Boston announced **fellowships for scholars who would like to conduct research in Taiwan.** They offer generous terms and are happy to welcome international scholars to work with the many resources and scholarly institutions in Taiwan. In addition to one round-trip airline ticket between the Taiwan Fellowship recipient's country of residence and Taiwan (with a maximum subsidy for each area), he/she will also be awarded a monthly stipend during the research period in Taiwan.

3 May 2017 The **Suffolk University Vietnamese Student Association** put out a retrospective look at their activities for the 2016-2017 academic year. Enjoy the photos and let's all celebrate with them. They have been a very active student club.

Let us walk through the journey one more time! See what happened in Fall of 2016 and Spring 2017: reflect upon the experiences you had, and friends you made.

Pho Night



VSA X NEIVSA Masquerade Ball





Coming Xuân 2017

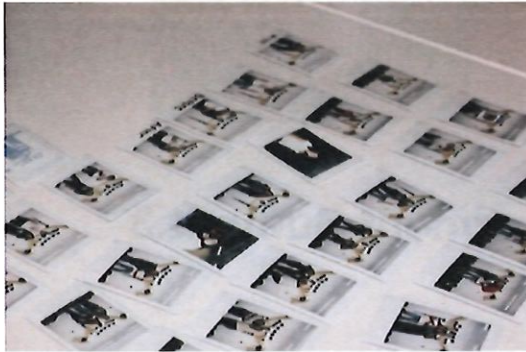




Vietnamese Empowerment Summit 3



Karaoke Night



Cảm ơn



This year has been full of memories and we thank you all for being part of the journey.

Năm này không phải là dễ dàng, nhưng mà chúng tôi đã vượt qua tại vì chúng tôi là

một gia đình.

See you all after the summer in Fall 2017!



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4 May 2017 A photo was sent out of one of Dr. Suleski's classes. The class of **History 251, Modern East Asia** gathered for an informal, spur-of-the-moment photo. The sense of comradery among the students and the positive learning atmosphere in this class can be seen from the photo.



5 May 2017 **The new Pao Arts Center had a Grand Opening** on Saturday 6 May. This is a creative and community-building initiative of the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College. It is a welcome addition both to the Chinatown community and to all of us in Boston as well. The Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center is a Community Outreach Partner with the Rosenberg Institute.



Join us for the Grand Opening of the BCNC
Pao Arts Center

 **pao arts center**
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Grand Opening | Saturday, May 6, 2017 | 12 - 7 pm

Pao Arts Center | 99 Albany Street | Boston, MA

12:00 pm - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. In partnership with Bunker Hill Community College, BCNC is proud to open the Pao Arts Center to be Chinatown's first community-based arts center and Boston's newly dedicated Asian American and Asian immigrant cultural space.



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Visitors to the Rosenberg Institute 2016-2017

Tao Jiye 陶季邑. Dr. Tao is a professor at Jinan University 暨南大學 in Guangzhou, China, and a specialist in contemporary international relations of China. The purpose of his visit to Dr. Suleski was to conduct an interview for a short article he plans to write. This will introduce the scholarship of Dr. Suleski

and will be published in the Journal of Wuhan University of Science and Technology in 2017. August 2016.

Jon Mills. Jon worked at the Asia Center at Harvard for many years and organized a number of their international conferences. We met to talk about the situation of Chinese students coming to the United States to study. The trend seems to be that younger students, junior high and high school aged students, are being sent to the States by their parents. August 2016

Jason Chou. Jason has worked with many non-profits in the Boston-Quincy area Asian communities. He outlined the characteristics of these groups, and how they compete with one another for corporate and government grants. Jason's analysis seemed accurate, and he talked about the Community Outreach Partners that the Rosenberg Institute has with some of the Boston Chinatown organizations. September 2016

James Chin. Dr. Chin is Director of the Asia Institute at the University of Tasmania, Australia. He was on campus to deliver two lectures about Southeast Asia. He did so, with good participation from the audiences, composed of Suffolk students, faculty, as well as graduate students and faculty from other Boston-area universities. October 2016

Wing Thye Woo 胡永泰. Dr. Woo is a visiting scholar at the Ash Institute at the Kennedy School at Harvard. He was on campus to attend one of the lectures by Dr. China (above). He is a professor at the University of California at Davis, where he teaches international economics. October 2016

Delegation of Service-Learning Programs in China for Suffolk Students. We were visited by a delegation composed of faculty from Tsinghua University (清華大學) in Peking, and the Tseng Hin Pei Charity Fund(曾憲備慈善基金) Ltd of Hong Kong. Together they operate summer programs in which our Suffolk students might enroll. Members of the delegation were: **Prof. Han Jingyang 韓景陽**, Vice Chair, Tsinghua University Council; Chairman, Tsinghua University Educational Poverty Alleviation Association; **Prof. Qu Fuping 瞿福平**, Vice Chair, Trade Union of Tsinghua University; **Mr. Felix Tseng 曾慶輝**, Director,

Tseng Hin Pei Charity Fund Ltd. and also Supervisor, EPAO Hong Kong Liaison Office; **Ms Selena Young 曾楊淑貞**, Director, Tseng Hin Pei Charity Fund Ltd; **Mr. James Wu 胡耀邦**, Manager, Tseng Hin Pei Charity Fund Ltd. We discussed creating a formal agreement between Suffolk and this program. October 2016\

Hong L. Net. Mr. Net is a Councilor-At-Large for the City of Lynn, MA. He suffered under the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia as a child, but escaped to Thailand when twelve years old, then to Massachusetts at age fifteen. He is involved in non-profit work, helping Cambodian refugees settle in New England, and also helping aid projects located in Cambodia. Suffolk hopes to involve our students in similar community-building projects. December 2016

Heather Faris. Ms. Faris is involved in the Cambridge Cambodia School Project. This non-profit has raised funds and gathered donations for a school in Cambodia that teaches computer skills and English to junior high students. These skills will be critical to help the poor rural students get useful and well-paying jobs in the future. We discussed the Suffolk students to be sent to Cambodia in the January 2017 Intersession. December 2016

Peter Dutton. Professor Dutton, JD, spent many years as a Naval officer in the Judge Advocate's office. Since retiring from the military he has been teaching at the Naval War College. He is currently Director of the China Maritime Studies Institute at the College. He also has appeared before many Congressional committees to offer expert opinion. He was on campus to give two talks about the South China Sea issues and China's Blue-Water Navy. December 2016

William Morse. The grandfather of Bill Morse, William Leete, went to China as a Christian missionary and lived there from 1913 to 1952. Morse is restoring and reprinting many of the photographs taken by his grandfather. In cooperation with the Rosenberg Institute we undertook the William Leete Legacy Project to compile and organize information on Leete's life. January 2017

Roger Liu 劉奇峯. Professor Liu was a reporter for the Chinese language World Journal (世界日報) in Boston. He is currently teaching international politics at Jindal Global University in India. Suffolk has a partner school agreement with Jindal and has sent students there. He visited Suffolk to talk about our partnership

agreement and how we can encourage our students to study abroad at his university.
February 2017

Projects Assisted by the Rosenberg Institute in 2016-2017 Academic Year

Database of Asian Women Political Professionals. This project was organized by the American Political Science Association. It was brought to Suffolk by Dean Maria Toyoda, who assigned it to Professor Micky Lee. Honors student Sarah Trinh was selected to carry out the project, which involved creating a web page and compiling information on professional women in Asia. November 2016 to May 2017.

January Intersession Suffolk Students Travel to Cambodia and India.

Organized by the Center for community Outreach and the International Relations Program of the Suffolk Government Department, supervised by Professor Robert Dominguez and Sukanya Ray. Partial grant to lower travel costs for participating students.

Rosenberg Institute Scholarships for Travel and Study in Asia. Suffolk students going to Asia for Study Abroad with a partner school in Asia or a recognized program received a small scholarship. The scholarships were awarded by the Office of Study Abroad, and distributed by the Suffolk Office of Student Financial Affairs. The funds were used to lower the cost to students of participating in the program. In the 16-17 academic year Scholarships were awarded to 12 students.

Community Outreach Partners

CHSNE Chinese Historical Society of New England. A non-profit that is one of the more active and visible organizations of Boston's Chinatown.

BCNC Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. A non-profit with many programs for a children, school students, seniors and recent immigrants.

Primary Source A non-profit that promotes the teaching of Asia in K-12 education in New England. It works with many local school boards and secondary school teachers.

WorldBoston A non-profit member of the World Affairs Council. Their programs are open to the public; some are funded by the US State Department Visitor's Bureau.