

Weekly Highlights

Asia@Noon This FRIDAY: Jang Wook Huh (UB English): Friendship in the Barracks: Black and Korean Soldiers in U.S. Army Bases. All welcome! See below for details.

Asia Day is coming soon! Please plan to join us for music, games, and snacks in the Student Union Lobby on March 2, from 11a-2pm. See more information below.

Events

Asia@Noon

Undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and people from the Buffalo community are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your lunch and we'll provide refreshments! If you are a scholar of Asia-related research, we invite you to contact us about speaking at Asia@Noon.

THIS FRIDAY February 24 Noon 280 Park **Jang Wook Huh, UB Department of English**
Title: Friendship in the Barracks: Black and Korean Soldiers in U.S. Army Bases

Abstract: This talk examines the interactions between Black and Korean soldiers in the 1940s that critiqued the imperialistic presence of the U.S. army in Korea.

Bio: Jang Wook Huh teaches in the department of English at the University at Buffalo. He is working on a book that traces a literary history of political and cultural connections between African Americans and Koreans from the late nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries.

March 3 12:30* 509 O'Brian
Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin School of Law
Title: "Corruption and Forensic Experts in British India"

Bio: Mitra Sharafi is a legal historian of South Asia. She holds law degrees from Cambridge and Oxford and a doctorate in history from Princeton. Sharafi's book, Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia: Parsi Legal Culture, 1772-1947 (Cambridge University Press, 2014) won the Law and Society Association's J. Willard Hurst Prize for socio-legal history in 2015. Her research interests include South Asian legal history; the history of the legal profession; the history of colonialism; the history of contract law; law and society; law and religion; law and minorities; legal consciousness; legal pluralism; and the history of science and medicine. In collaboration with the [Baldy Center](#). *Talk held in 509 O'Brian Hall

March 10 Noon 280 Park
Daniel Majchrowicz, Northwestern University

Title: The Case of the Vanishing Maharaja: Urdu Travel Literature and Princely Politics in South Asia"

Abstract: In 1851, the young Tukoji Holkar, Maharaja of Indore, went missing under suspicious circumstances. He'd skipped town to make a clandestine tour of North India. After his return, Holkar did something that was doubly unprecedented for a Persian-speaking court of his time: he wrote a travelogue, and he wrote it in Urdu. By the end of the 19th century, writing about travel have become a well established expression of princely praxis, reflecting Holkar's and the princely states' desire to use travel literature to stabilize their legitimacy at a time when colonial predations had rendered it increasingly precarious.

Bio: Daniel Majchrowicz is an Assistant Professor of South Asian Literature and Culture at Northwestern University. He received his PhD from Harvard University in 2015. He is currently working on two manuscripts. The first is a study of Urdu travel writing from 1830-1950, tentatively titled "Travel and the Means to Victory: Travel and Travel Writing in Modern South Asia." The second is a collaborative project aimed at producing a scholarly anthology of Muslim women's travel writing from across the world, entitled "Veiled Voyagers."

Supported by the UB Honors College and Asian Studies Program.

March 13 MONDAY Noon 280 Park
Jonathan Goldstein, University of West Georgia, Emeritus

Title: Singapore's Baghdadi Community from 1795 to 2017: Setting a Standard for Jewish Identity in East and Southeast Asia.

Bio: Jonathan Goldstein has been a Professor of East Asian History at the University of West Georgia since 1981. His Ph.D. in Chinese history is from the University of Pennsylvania. His fields of research include the Jewish communities of China, the Holocaust and its impact on East Asia, and Sino-Israeli relations. *Talk on MONDAY.

March 31 12:30* 509 O'Brian
Margaret Boittin, Osgood Hall Law School

Dr. Boittin's research lies at the intersection of criminal law, local government law, international and comparative law, and Chinese law, with a focus on the regulation of prostitution, human trafficking, law enforcement and civil servants. In collaboration with the [Baldy Center](#). *Talk held in 509 O'Brian Hall

April 7 Noon 280 Park
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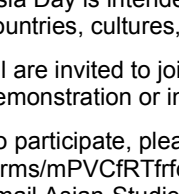
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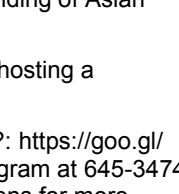
The Case of the Vanishing Maharaja: Urdu Travel Literature and Princely Politics in South Asia

DANIEL MAJCHROWICZ
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
Northwestern University

Focusing on two narratives in Urdu from 1851, this talk argues that the decision to write a travel account in Urdu reflected the primary states' desire to use travel literature to stabilize their legitimacy at a time when colonial predations had rendered it increasingly precarious.

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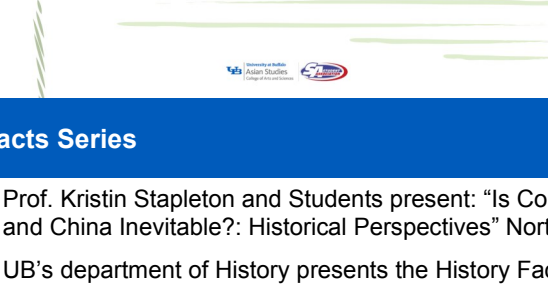
Asia Day is March 2!

March 2 Please join the Asian Studies Program and the Student Association for Asia Day on March 2, 2017 from 11am-2pm in the SU Lobby!

Asia Day is intended to broaden UB students' understanding of Asian countries, cultures, and traditions.

All are invited to join us. All are invited to participate by hosting a demonstration or information table!

To participate, please click the link and take the survey?: <https://goo.gl/forms/mPVCfRTfrfo516Gs1>. Call the Asian Studies Program at 645-3474, email Asian-Studies@buffalo.edu, or stop by 412 Clemens for more information.



UB's History Facts Series

April 12 5-6:30p Prof. Kristin Stapleton and Students present: "Is Conflict between the US and China Inevitable?: Historical Perspectives" Norton 17 North Campus. UB's department of History presents the History Facts series, a semester long set of presentations focusing on historical perspectives on current debates. [Learn more.](#)

Conferences

Students: 2017 TOMODACHI Daiwa House Student Leadership Conference

Application Deadline: February 20. The 2017 TOMODACHI Daiwa House Student Leadership Conference IV will be held in Boston, MA. April 7th-9th. The theme of the conference is "Navigating the Past, Charting the Future: Innovation and Engagement in U.S.-Japan Relations".

For undergraduate/graduate American and Japanese students who have interests in U.S.-Japan relations, Japanese or American culture, and/or want to meet peers with similar interests. There is no cost to students to participate! Transportation to and from the conference, as well as food and accommodations will be provided to all students free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

Students: Fifth Annual Pittsburgh Asia Consortium Undergraduate Research Conference

Abstracts due March 1. The Fifth Annual Pittsburgh Asia Consortium Undergraduate Research Conference will be held April 8, 2017 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Last year, three UB students presented at this conference. [Learn more.](#)

Students: UB Celebration of Academic Excellence

Abstracts due March 17. The 2017 Celebration of Academic Excellence will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Center for the Arts. This event provides an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their research and creative activities. While a poster is the conventional way for students to present their work, the event can accommodate other forms of expression such as readings, films, videos or other media, dance performances, models, structures, etc.

Undergraduates who wish to participate must fill out the Project Submission Form at the online portal and submit a question along with all other requested information by Friday, March 17 at 11:59 p.m. Questions on the application should be directed to Tim Tryjankowski at tat@buffalo.edu. [Learn more.](#)

Researchers: New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) 2017 Call for Papers

Theme: Consuming Asia | September 23-24, 2017 | Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Scholars in New York, neighboring states, Canada, and elsewhere are cordially invited submit proposals for individual papers, panels, and roundtables. Panels, papers, and roundtables may focus on the conference theme "Consuming Asia" or other aspects of East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, or Asian American Studies. Submissions within the conference theme might focus on how "Asia" is both the object of consumption and the consumer. **Paper and panel proposals may be submitted between January 15, 2017 and May 1, 2017.** Graduate student participation is especially encouraged and welcomed. [Learn more.](#)

Researchers: 46th Annual Conference on South Asia

Applications due March 1 and April 1. Registration and submissions open this week for the 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, to be held October 26-29 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. The Conference Chair invites you to participate in this year's open-topic conference - there is no theme. [Learn more.](#)

Funding

Student Funding

Deadline: March 10
The 2016-2017 Asian Studies Study Abroad Scholarship Spring Competition: The Spring Award period supports study abroad for Summer 2017 and Fall 2017. The application period opens February 1 with a deadline of March 10, 2017. [Learn more.](#)

Opens April 3
The Asian Studies Program is supporting student participation in the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2017 Annual Conference in Toronto (March 16-19)! We can reimburse up to 10 student registrations for the 2017 AAS conference. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: March 15
Do you have an internship, research opportunity, or special project that you would like to participate in this summer, but need additional funds to make it happen? Thanks to a generous donor, three awards of up to \$3,000 will be given to students pursuing a major in the College of Arts and Sciences with plans to participate in a summer opportunity in the United States. Have questions? Contact the College of Arts and Sciences Experiential Learning Center via email at cas-explearning@buffalo.edu. [Learn more.](#)

New App
CURCA Research and Scholarship App: An Online Resource for Research and Scholarships
This is a new offering through UB that will give you instant access to thousands of research and experiential projects, internships, conferences and scholarships. You can customize your sign-up profile to only receive updates on topics and majors that are of specific interest to you! This App was purchased and sponsored by CURCA – UB's Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities, and The Academies. [Learn more](#) in the Student Opportunity Center.

Scholar Funding

Deadline July 1
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION
The American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) invites applications from scholars from all disciplines who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships are given to doctoral candidates at universities in the U.S. to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to eleven months. Senior long-term (six to nine months) and short-term (four months or less) fellowships are available for scholars who hold the Ph.D. degree. Scholarly/Professional development fellowships are available to scholars and professionals who have not previously worked in India. Creative and Performing Arts fellowships are available to practitioners of the arts and of India. Eligible applicants include 1) U.S. citizens; and 2) citizens of other countries who are students or faculty members at U.S. colleges and universities (this rule does not apply to U.S. citizens). [Learn more.](#)

Summer Language Programs

SASLI Summer 2017

Deadlines variable. The South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) based at the University of Wisconsin – Madison is offering intensive summer courses in the following South Asian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Pashto, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan and Urdu. Applications for Summer 2017 are now being accepted. The summer 2017 program will run from June 19 - August 11. Apply: <http://sasli.wisc.edu/apply.html>.

There are three funding options available to students: 1) \$1000 Fee Remissions, indicate interest when submitting the SASLI online application. 2) SASLI Half and Full Fee Remission, deadline *March 12, 2017*. 3) FLAS Fellowships, deadline *February 13, 2017*. Apply for funding: <http://sasli.wisc.edu/funding.html>. Questions?: email sasli@southasia.wisc.edu.