

Weekly Highlights

- Asia@Noon This FRIDAY:** Daniel Majchrowicz, (Northwestern University): The Case of the Vanishing Maharaja: Urdu Travel Literature and Princely Politics in South Asia
- Asia@Noon MONDAY 3/13:** Jonathan Goldstein (University of West Georgia): Singapore's Baghdadi Community from 1795 to 2017: Setting a Standard for Jewish Identity in East and Southeast Asia.
- New SPOTLIGHT Profile on Research:** [Christopher Hollister Library Liaison](#)
- DEADLINE FRIDAY:** Asian Studies Study Abroad Scholarship—see below for details.

Events

Asia@Noon

Undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and people from the Buffalo community are invited and encouraged to attend our Asia@Noon talks. If you are a scholar of Asia-related research, we invite you to contact us about speaking at Asia@Noon.

- 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.**
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- 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.**
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- 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**
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- April 7**
Noon
280 Park
- Myo Thant, Buffalo, NY.**
- TBA**

REPORTING 'FROM BURMA TO BUFFALO' & THE FUTURE OF REFUGEES IN THE TRUMP ERA

- April 12**
3:30-5:30p
- Come and listen to the panel of speakers about their experience of reporting a remarkable series on the lives of refugees from Burma. The speakers will also share their thoughts on how the Trump administration's stance on refugees will affect both resettled refugees and refugee resettlement program. 403 Hayes Hall, South Campus
- Light refreshments will be served, please RSVP to attend: [here](#).
- Questions?: Please email Wooksoo Kim (wkim5@buffalo.edu)

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: 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 an abstract 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](#).

Students: Third Annual UB Undergraduate English Conference

Abstracts due March 28. The UB Undergraduate English Club is hosting the Third Annual Undergraduate English Conference and is now seeking undergraduate submissions for presentation. The theme for the conference is "Mythologies and the Modern World"; we are specifically looking for papers that examine how mythology has shaped the past, how it continues to evolve and shape the present, and how mythologies may be constructed in the future. The conference will be held on Friday, April 21 from 12pm to 9pm in Capen 320. Dinner will be served, as well as light refreshments throughout the day. For more information about submitting abstracts, please email UBEnglishconf@gmail.com.

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 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.

U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO) Summer Studies Program

Deadline March 31. The United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) is the premier non-governmental organization exclusively supporting United States-Indonesia relations and mutual understanding. During the Summer Studies Program, students take classes in reading, writing, and speaking for 20 hours every week. In addition to the language course, the program will include short volunteer work opportunities with local organizations in Yogyakarta, cultural events, guest lectures, and field trips to give students the chance to further engage in Indonesian culture and increase their knowledge of Indonesia. [Learn more](#).