

Annual Report: York Centre for Asian Research - April, 2004

General

In its second year, YCAR has been able to take on a number of significant initiatives. Our overall objectives include institutionalization of Asian research and studies at York University, exploring ways of supporting graduate student research, strengthening our ties with other research-oriented units at York, reaching out to Asian community organizations around Toronto, and enhancing our profile as a centre for excellence in Asian studies in Canada and around the world. Most of our initiatives are in the early stages, but we expect that over the next year we will start to see some results.

We have acted on the interest expressed at our Annual General Meeting last year in a graduate diploma in Asian studies at York University. In the past year we formed a diploma committee, and our research officer, Máire O'Brien, has worked with the committee and director to produce a proposal that is currently being circulated at York University. Our hope is that a diploma program will help us attract more graduate students with an interest in Asian Studies to York University, bring more students to YCAR, and find ways of supporting graduate research in Asia. A copy of the current draft of the diploma program proposal is attached.

In a related initiative, we have worked over the past year with several other research centres at York to develop a set of priorities around funding for graduate student research and language training. We are currently discussing these priorities with the York Foundation and with other units on campus concerned with finding support for language training. We see this kind of funding as a necessary feature of a diploma program that includes a language requirement, and indeed to a university that values graduate students as a vital participant in its research activities. Training in Asian languages for research purposes can be difficult to find in the Toronto area, so that a language requirement needs to be supported by opportunities to obtain language training in places where it offered.

We have continued a variety of collaborative relationships with other research centres and community groups. For example, YCAR invited members of community groups to participate in events including workshops on immigration and transnationalism; a mini-conference co-sponsored with the Centres for Feminist Research and CERLAC on the making of marginality in relation to immigration; on the elections in Taiwan; and the screening of several films. These sorts of events also helped to solidify our new identity as a research centre in which the definition of Asian is not contained by geographical boundaries but extends to include Asian diaspora and transmigrants.

The centre made an initial move into work on Asian environments and sustainable development through a series of five events on Asian environments. In the fall we invited several high profile speakers to do colloquiums and meet with faculty and

students, while in the Winter semester we organized three panel discussions. These discussions included participation by an NGO, and faculty from nearby universities.

In an initiative launched near the end of the year, YCAR participated in efforts to create a new collaborative group tentatively called the University Consortium on the Global South. Participants in this group currently include CERLAC, African Studies, the International Development Studies, Business and Society, and other university institutions; it is intended to overcome area-based divisions and bring together faculty, students, and community groups with a common interest in north-south social justice themes. Next year we hope to consolidate events like the YCAR Asian Environments series into one seminar series run through this consortium, which will take place on a weekly basis. The consortium may also be the basis for collaborative research projects and perhaps graduate programs in development studies.

A report on our current projects is given below. In addition to funded projects, we also actively pursued a number of new projects. We are currently optimistic that a project with the Institute for Political Science in Vietnam will soon be funded. YCAR participated in a joint MCRI application on agrarian transitions in Southeast Asia, with the University of Montreal and University of British Columbia as the other key institutions. Although the application was not funded, we came very close and are resubmitting this year. Finally, we worked on a CIDA Tier II application to work in Bangladesh, but decided that we should wait on submitting the letter of intent until next year.

Committees

The YCAR Constitution specifies that the executive committee should be made up of the Director, Associate Director, four other faculty members, a fifth member who may be any person in or outside of York who makes a useful contribution to the Centre, and a representative elected by the graduate associates. The committee should meet regularly to make all major decisions affecting the center. In the first year, however, YCAR's executive committee was larger than that specified by the constitution in order to include all interested faculty. In 2003-04 the committee contracted as faculty went on sabbatical and some members withdrew due to other commitments. Judith Nagata stayed on as associate for director for the second year of her term. The executive committee membership included:

Peter Vandergeest, Director YCAR/Dept. of Sociology
Judith Nagata, Associate Director YCAR/ Dept. of Anthropology
Bernard Luk (on leave FY2003-04), Dept. of History
Lorna Wright, Schulich School of Business
Penny Van Esterik, Dept. of Anthropology
Sailaja Krishnamurti (FY 2003-04), Ph.D. Candidate, Social and Political Thought
Shirley Lee, Ctr. Coordinator (non-voting)

Philip Kelly, Dept. of Geography
Renita Wong, School of Social Work, Atkinson

Susan Henders, Dept. of Political Science
Vijay Agnew, Div. Of Social Science
Maire O'Brien, Research Officer (non-voting)
Brad Fidler (FY 2003-04), Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science
Pablo Bose (FY2003-04), Ph.D. Candidate
Keith Barney (FY2003-04), Ph.D. Candidate, Geography

The committee met October 21, 2003 and again November 28, 2003 by request of Stan Shapson, Vice President, Research & Innovations.

The other active committee this past year was the diploma committee, charged with advising the director and research officer with respect to the creation of a diploma program. The committee consisted of:

Keith Barney, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of Geography
Susan Henders, Dept. of Political Science
Philip Kelly, Dept. of Geography
Sailaja Krishnamurti, Ph.D. Candidate, Social and Political
Thought
Judith Nagata, Dept. of Anthropology/Assoc. Dir. YCAR
Maire O'Brien, Research Officer, YCAR
Peter Vandergeest, , Dept. of Sociology / Dir. YCAR
Renita Wong, School of Social Work, Atkinson



The diploma committee met 4 times.

Membership

Broad-based membership from a diversity of disciplines, ranging from business to film to the social sciences, is a key to achieving many of YCAR's goals. The centre aims to support internationalization at York University by pulling together and profiling information on York faculty and students working on Asia, finding ways of supporting their work, facilitating linkages among members of the York community, and promoting collaborative activities.

Current members are listed in our website. As of the end of April, our membership was as follows:

Faculty Associates: 17
Senior Associates: 2
Graduate Associates: 13
Research Associates: 16
General Member: 1

Although our membership has been growing, and there is widespread participation in YCAR, there are still many in York community active in Asian research and involved with YCAR who have not become formal members. Increasing our membership remains a priority. Our efforts have been facilitated by a web-based application that should make it easy for applicants to submit the necessary information. We also expect that an active diploma program will help bring in new members.

An important element to expanding our membership discussed at the Annual General Meeting is to use both the website and more hardcopy packages to profile our membership and what they are doing. This will be a priority in the next year.

Centre Activities [consult *Appendix I* for full listing]

Speakers, panel discussions, and workshops are crucial to creating a high profile for both YCAR and for Asian Research at York. They provide opportunities for working with other research centres and programs related to areas of interest to YCAR. Our priority was to put together events that signaled new directions for Asian research on campus. The three main types of centre activities were speakers, panel discussions, and a major workshop on transnationalism. With the participation of the speakers committee and other YCAR members, we were able to put together a very active series of events. Highlights included

Transnational Religious Identities Conference

This conference which was held on October 23-24, 2003 was convened by Associate Director YCAR, Judith Nagata and organized by Centre Coordinator, Shirley Lee. A core theme of the conference was to address new ways of conceptualizing the intersection between religion, secular politics, citizenships, nationalism and the nation-state, with particular emphasis on sub-state connections. The focus was on transnational communities and networks based on scholarly/educational, charitable, trade and cultural exchange, and the impact of ideas transmitted through these channels. Also explored were the processes of ethno-religious diasporas and resettlement in countries like Canada, and their policy implications.

Symposium: The Making of Marginality in Canada: Migration and Rights

With the *Centre for Feminist Research*. Participants in this symposium included a panel on trafficking and immigration policy with Noulmook (U of T), Kamala Kempadoo (York), Cynthia Wright (York), and Patricia Diaz (York) and a panel on family and social citizenship with Janet Mosher (York) and Geraldine Sadoway (Parkdale Community Legal Services).

Asian Environment Series: This is a new series offered by the Centre, organized by Shubhra Gururani, Peter Vandergeest, and Khairul Chowdury. The purpose of this series was to address timely issues on environmental change in Asia while engaging the broader research community at York in an on-going discussion on each featured topic. Keynote speakers were asked to submit working papers to YCAR for distribution to participants prior to each panel discussion. The Asian Environment

Series was well received and allowed for dialogue and future cooperation between YCAR and the Faculty of Environmental Studies; the Centre for Refugee Studies, the Ethics of Development-Induced Displacement Project (EDID); the International Secretariat for Human Development and Democratic Governance, Rural and Community Development Group (RCDG); International Development Studies; the Graduate Program in Anthropology.

In addition to the (5) *Asian Environment Series*, YCAR sponsored or co-sponsored 21 other activities as listed in Appendix 1. Most were very well attended, and drew audiences from diverse disciplines on campus as well as from Asian and immigrant groups off campus.

By Type: (3) Film presentations/festival; (3) workshops; (9) lectures/seminar; (2) conferences; (1) roundtable; (3) symposiums

Geographical Areas (some talks covered more than one):

East Asia (8)

Diaspora (2)

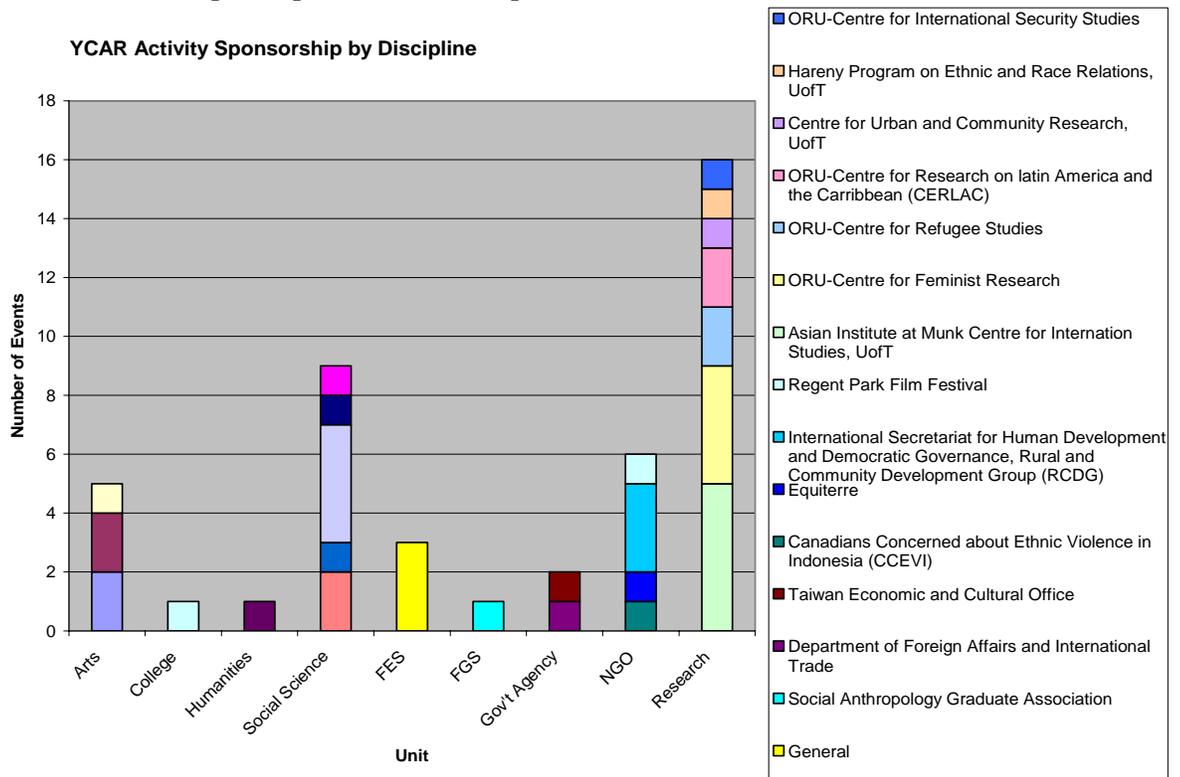
Southeast Asia (6)

South Asia (9)

General (4)

External Visitors: 17; **York Faculty or graduate students:** 28

(does not include participants in workshop or conferences)



Projects and Programs

Current YCAR projects vary greatly in scope and budget, but all contribute to the general activity at YCAR. Current projects include:

Lao Resource Tenure in Community-Based Natural Resource Management: Building Research Capacity. The second phase of the NUOL/IDRC project for capacity building on CBNRM began in May 2003, with Peter Vandergeest as Project Co-director, and Penny Van Esterik (Anthropology, York University) as a member of the external team of resource persons. The project has created a network of external resource persons including university faculty located in Australia, Hawaii, and Thailand, to conduct a training program around doing research on community-based natural resource management in the National University of Laos (NUOL).

The project solicited applications from NUOL faculty to participate in a three year program which will guide them through a full research cycle. Over twenty faculty applied, received training in proposal writing, and wrote research proposals during May to December, 2003.

The project also aims to enhance the capacity of the NUOL to administer research. The project thus worked with the Graduate and Research Office (GRO) and the Research Coordination Committee (RCC) to discuss ways to promote university-based research and how to screen research proposals. Both GRO and RCC agreed with the selection process proposed by the project which involves members from NUOL, the project, as well as external agencies. Following the review of research proposals by the examiners, GRO and RCC selected seven proposals which will receive funding, training, mentorship, and other support through the next two years.

Finally, networking, documentation and information dissemination are becoming an important part of the project as they have been developing linkages with agencies and institutions both inside Laos and in mainland Southeast Asia. The project has been working with NUOL staff to establish links with other institutions in Laos and in Thailand, China, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

Asian Business and Management Programme, (formerly known as the Asian Business Studies Programme). Principal Investigator: Bernie Frolic (Political Science, Arts), with Donald Rickerd serving as Associate Director at the University of Toronto. This is an endowment account. Based on the Endowed Pool interest amount, the annual operating budget was \$46,367 of which \$25,000 was contributed to YCAR's operating budget.

Asia Pacific Database Project.

Principal Investigator: Bernie M. Frolic (Political Science, Arts). Funding for this project was received from the Asia Pacific Foundation on March 9, 1987. The balance remaining is \$7,231.

China Training Program.

Principal Investigator: Bernie Frolic (Political Science, Arts). This program

develops and coordinates professional and managerial courses for participants from China. The Program received \$825,840 in funding; of this, YCAR received \$25,000 in overhead. These programs utilize the resources and services available at York University and contribute to the operations of the Schulich School of Business, York University English Language Institute, graduate students at York, community and NGO groups. In addition, these programs provide networking and research bases in China for faculty and students.

Bernie Frolic directs the China Training Programme. David Barrows (Schulich School of Business) coordinates the management training component. Maggie Zeng is the Programmes Coordinator at York.

Hanoi Book and Visiting Scholar Project.

Principal Investigator: David Wurfel (YCAR Research Associate and Lisa Drummond (Division of Social Science, Arts). This project was inherited from JCAPS. The original funding for this project came from a Canada Fund Grant given to JCAPS from the Canadian Embassy in Vietnam in Hanoi during the FY1996-97. The principal investigator is David Wurfel, now an YCAR research associate and Professor Emeritus of the University of Windsor. The grant was given to JCAPS to administer and was to secure book purchases and donations to the Hanoi University. The reporting period on this grant has already passed. Of the original grant of \$12,691, there remains \$2,651.



Democracy, Globalization, and Identity Conflicts in Asia.

Principal Investigators: Bernie M. Frolic (Political Science, Arts) and Susan Henders (Political Science, Arts). This project was inherited from JCAPS. The grantor is the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation and the award was in support of the conference, Democracy, Globalization and Identity Conflicts in Asia, held by JCAPS during the FY2001-02 and for a follow-up publication. In 2003-2004, the project completed the publication, a major edited volume generated by the project. Titled Democratization and Identity: Regimes and Ethnicity in East and South-East Asia, and edited by Susan Henders, the volume was published by Lexington Books in 1994. In 2004-2005, the project will use its remaining funds to hold a workshop, lecture, or speaker series on a related theme to formally launch the book and a follow-up project. The balance remaining is \$2,462 and is earmarked for publication and publication follow-up events.

George Leslie MacKay Book Project.

Principal Investigator: Michael Stainton (YCAR Research Associate). This fund derives in part from the 1997 JCAPS Mackay Symposium, but mainly from a \$5000 gift from Dr. John Ross Mackay in support of a book project. This book, edited by Michael Stainton and Alwyn Austin, has now been submitted to M.E. Sharpe for consideration in its Taiwan in the Modern World Series. Despite long delays in the production of this book the Mackay family and Canadian Mackay Committee continue

to be supportive of the book project. Dr. Geoff Johnston, church historian and former principal of the Presbyterian college at McGill, is reviewing the manuscripts. Because of the time passed since some of the chapters were written, and the continuing development of studies on Mackay in Taiwan and North America, the project has asked some of the writers to revisit their manuscripts. There is as of yet no modern English language study of Mackay, so the book will be a first, despite the delays in its production. The manuscript had been submitted to M.E. Sharpe for publication but is still awaiting a response from their editor as of April 2004. The balance remaining is \$3,805 of which is earmarked for honoraria to writers on confirmation of publication, and office expenses.

Missions & Empires (Alvyn Austin and Jamie Scott)– Completed.

Program Development

YCAR members have written proposals and are actively exploring a number of new projects in all four geographical areas covered by the YCAR mandate. As described above, the China Training Program expects to expand its scope during 2004-05. New projects for which proposals have been completed include:

1. *Transnational Religious Identities and Politics (TRIPs)*. Completed. Workshop on “Transnational Religious Identities and Politics. This workshop was designed to explore the growing transnational arena of religious communities and identity politics beyond the more familiar ones based on ethnic, national and territorial ties. Judith Nagata, the convener and principle investigator was funded by DFAIT, the Centre for Feminist Research and YCAR.
2. *Vietnam IPS/YCAR project*. In January 2003, YCAR invited Dr. Ngo Huy Duc, a representative of the Institute of Political Science (IPS) at the The Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy (HCMNPA) in Hanoi, Vietnam, to visit York University for a 4-week period. The objective of the Dr. Duc’s visit was to collect information and teaching materials on political science at York University as well as to exchange views on research interests. Dr. Duc took this opportunity to explore the potential for further collaboration between IPS and York University on enhancing the Institute’s knowledge, curricula, and research in comparative and applied political research. Dr. Duc’s visit and ideas for further collaborative work generated considerable interest at York University. YCAR and IPS drafted a proposal to explore the possibilities for long-term cooperation between the two institutions and funding sources have been explored over the last several months. A proposal is currently being considered by possible funders.
3. *Major Collaborative Research Initiative. (MCRI)* Peter Vandergeest and Philip Kelly represented YCAR in the development of an MCRI research proposal led by the University of Montreal. The MCRI is a five year grant that would create a network of over 20 scholars from Canada, the U.K.,



Australia, and Southeast Asia to study Agrarian transitions in Southeast Asia. In 2003-4 the Letter of Intent was approved, but the final proposal just missed out on being funded. The grant would bring significant funding for faculty and graduate student to do research in Southeast Asia, and could bring Southeast Asian graduate students and scholars to York University. We are re-applying for this year's round.

4. *Type 2 Graduate Diploma in Asian Research.* Our goals in mounting the *proposed Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies* include (1) to work toward greater institutionalization of Asian studies at York, (2) to strengthen the community of Asian scholars at York, and (3) create a program around which we can solicit sustainable funding in support of our graduate students and YCAR. Graduate Programme directors and faculty in a range of disciplines and departments have been approached for feedback, comments, and suggestions on the proposal. We are nearing the stage where submission of the proposal can be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The graduate diploma is also a means by which we can strengthen the academic side of our research centre, and involve scholars of Asia/Asians who are not normally active in research centres because they do not apply for large research grants.
5. *Core Course Proposal.* As of the end of April, we were still gathering input on the course framing and content. The overall focus, however, will be on the multiple constructions of Asia and Asians, as a region, as a set of identities, and as multiple sites in tranlocal networks. We are working to involve a wide range of graduate programs in this course, including Geography, Humanities, Anthropology, Political Science, and History. The reason that we have decided to include this course in our diploma program is relative to other universities, our faculty has few opportunities to teach in Asian studies. This is despite the fact that York University is among the top universities in Canada with respect to faculty strength in Asian Studies. Our weakness in organized teaching of Asian studies is especially apparent at the graduate level where there is currently only four graduate seminars with focused Asian studies content being offered at York on a regular or occasional basis.
6. We spend some time during the past year developing a capacity and human resources development project between the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) and the *Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC)*. The impact would be an increased capacity of BPATC to provide internationally competitive levels of training excellence in areas like changing dynamics of the global political economy, redefining the role of government in sustainable human development, and poverty reduction. Related to BPATC's increased capacity will be an increased ability of public sector organizations to negotiate more effectively with development partners. This project is currently still being developed, with the proposal in preliminary stages, but we hope that we will be able to pursue this in 2004-5.

Website

A website is considered central to YCAR's service role for the Asian studies community at York, and to enhancing the profile of Asian Research and other activities in Canada and abroad. Responsibility for design and update was taken on by Shirley Lee, Centre Coordinator. The website has become a central focus of the research centre and is an important means of communication and providing information on YCAR activities such as conferences, workshops, speakers, and visiting scholars. As well, the YCAR Website provides information on Asian studies, such as funding and research opportunities as received from other teaching and research units at York, institutions from abroad, student and community groups. We are particularly interested in listing projects, sources of funding especially for graduate students, and links to Asia-related organizations. There is also a place where faculty can submit commentaries on current events, or where we can link to the editorial pages of Asian newspapers.

At the AGM, members indicated that they thought the website could be enhanced in a number of ways, especially the way we profile our membership.

YCAR Membership Database

This database is now two years old and was designed by Shirley Lee, Centre Coordinator in consultation with Donna Smith, (Executive Officer - Research Centres & Institutes) this database currently resides on the ORU shared drive. It allows for the tracking of YCAR memberships as they are approved by the Executive Committee. The database is designed with searchable features based on membership categories, research areas and disciplines and allows YCAR to publish select membership data online on the YCAR website.

YCAR "Donor" Database

This database was designed by Shirley Lee, Centre Coordinator in consultation with Maire O'Brien, Research Officer and with input from Marion York, York Foundation. This database is in its inception stage. Its need has arisen from a recognition of the dynamic network of scholars, community groups, government officials, and so on that are a critical aspect of YCAR's supporters. Current information is being gathered on this network so that along with our electronic information we will have a mailing list to distribute our print resources and encourage increased support of the Centre's activities.

YCAR Listserv (YCAR-L)

The listserv is managed by Shirley Lee, Centre Coordinator. Similar in scope and purpose to the website, the YCAR listserv has become an important communication tool. To date listserv membership numbers 273 subscribers. We encourage members and non-members to visit the website and subscribe to the YCAR listserv, by providing information which will help us enhance the profile of YCAR and Asian studies at York University.

Space and Equipment

Over the past year the centre space was reconfigured as the large room formerly occupied by the Hong Kong library became available. This has now been turned into a multipurpose room, with an area devoted to contemporary reading materials, and facilities for small meeting and seminars. The *Multipurpose Room* is located in room 270B/D York Lanes. The room was staffed by two graduate assistants, Nellie Chang (Political Science) and Paramita Nath (Interdisciplinary Studies) whose primary responsibility was to organize the space into a reading room for the centre.

Most offices are currently outfitted with computers. With the exception of the Director and administrative offices, the remaining computer workstations are shared by at least two projects/users. The Centre received two additional PC workstations from the A.VP Research. These workstations were cascades from the Stacie computer labs. All existing YCAR workstations are kept updated and operational although upgrades and new equipment is dependent on research funding.

Finances (see *Appendix II*)

YCAR ended the year with a carry forward amount. These funds have been earmarked for a part time project development officer and graduate assistantships to help the centre develop its fundraising activities in the coming year.

Planning and Priorities for 2004-05

Centre administration and staffing: We will continue to employ a full time administrator and part time research officer. In addition, we will be taking on two GA's during the academic year 2004-5.

Program/Project Development: We will continue to work on getting a diploma program in place. Our expectation is that the proposal will be finalized by September, and that the program's relationship with other graduate programs will have been clarified. The next steps will be to obtain required approvals, and to work on funding. Other initiatives as described above involve our work the University Consortium on the Global South, and various projects including those with the Institute for Political Science in Vietnam; the MCRI on agrarian transitions in Southeast Asia; and the training program in Bangladesh. Existing programs in China and Laos will continue.

Events: The events committee will be reconstituted, and it will focus on social events and outreach as well as colloquium. We will continue to maintain an active speaker series with representation from across the campus. Events that can be linked into the Consortium on the Global South will as much as possible be channeled through their seminar series.

Outreach: We will continue to seek community participation in our events, and make contact with community groups who may have an interest in our work. The symposium on the Taiwanese elections will be followed up by similar events on Taiwan; we may also organize similar events related to other Asian countries, for

example, Hong Kong.

Conference/Workshop Planning: Two possible workshops or conferences were discussed during the AGM, and committees were created to explore both of them. The first involves organizing a conference on socially and environmentally responsible trade and investment in conjunction with the Canada-ASEAN summit to be held in Toronto sometime during the spring of 2005. The second is a workshop on teaching and research on the multiple constructions of Asia, with the possible publication of a resource book that could be used for graduate teaching. The latter would be organized in conjunction with the launch of our diploma program. In addition, YCAR will start to work with staff at the Canadian Asian Studies Association to plan the next conference of the Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies, to be held in October 2005, hosted by YCAR.

Communications. At the AGM members indicated that they thought the development of a folder highlighting different elements of our centre (member's research, teaching, projects and so on) would be very useful as a communication tool. We will also improve our website and explore our use of electronic communications, that is, our listserv.

Multipurpose room: we will continue to work on the reading room, prioritizing alternatives news about Asia/Asians; and making this room suitable for meetings and small seminars.

Visiting Scholars: We continue to welcome applications from scholars to spend time at YCAR and offer basic facilities, including a desk and computer access, subject as always to availability.

Graduate Students

We continue to seek the active participation of graduate student in YCAR. In addition to several GA positions, some of our project also employ students as research assistants. We offer desk space and computer access to a limited number of graduate students, and graduate students are active in all our committees. Next year, finally, we will start to offer the Albert Chan fellowship, which will provide a modest amount of support for graduate student research in Asia.

APPENDIX I: Calendar of Events, FY2003-04

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Participant</i>	<i>Co-Sponsor (in addition to YCAR)</i>
12 May 2003	FILM: Words on Water Director: Sanjay Kak	International Development Studies (Div. of Social Science); South Asian Studies Programme (Div. of Social Science); Ethics of Development-Induced Displacement Project (Centre for Refugee Studies); Department of Anthropology (Arts)
9 Jun 2003	DISCUSSION: The Chinese-Indonesian Experience: Local and Transnational Perspectives Guest speaker: Dr. Frans Tshai	Canadians Concerned about Ethnic Violence in Indonesia (CCEVI)
11 Sep 2003	LECTURE: The Dynamics of Self-employment and Ethnic Business amongst Taiwanese in Australia Speaker: Lan-hung Nora Chiang , National Taiwan University	Asian Institute at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto
12 & 13 Sep 2003	CONFERENCE: Sub-ethnicity in the Chinese Diaspora	Asian Institute, Dr. David Chu Distinguished Leaders Program, Centre for Urban and Community Research, Department of Sociology, Harney Program on Ethnic and Race Relations (all University of Toronto)
17 Sep 2003	RECEPTION: Welcome to YCAR	
29 Sep 2003	ASIAN ENVIRONMENTS SERIES: "Environmentalism: Technologies of Government and the Making of Subjects" Presenter: Arun Agrawal, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Moderators: Shubhra Gururani, Dept. of Anthropology, York University Peter Vandergeest, Dept. of Sociology, York University Respondents: Ercument Gungdogu, Dept. of Sociology, York University Keith Barney, Dept. of Geography, York University Conveners: Shubhra Gururani, Dept. of Anthropology, York University Peter Vandergeest, York Centre for Asian Research, York University Khairul Chowdhury, Dept. of Anthropology, York University	
30 Sep 2003	LECTURE: Plateaus of Memories: Females and Wars in Rural Vietnam Speaker: Helle Rydstrom, Center for East and Southeast Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden	Department of Anthropology Division of Social Science



6 Oct 2003	<p>WORKSHOP: Globalization, Regional Geography and Asian Studies in the Curriculum</p> <p>*This workshop is open to invitees only. Convened by Prof. Philip Kelly, Dept. of Geography (Arts)</p>	Department of Geography Division of Social Science
7 Oct 2003	<p>LECTURE: Forced Migration and Environmental Refugees in the Philippines</p> <p>Speaker: Doracie Zoleta-Nantes, Department of Geography, University of Philippines at Diliman</p>	Department of Geography
16 Oct 2003	<p>ASIAN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SEMINAR: "The Korean Peninsula: Financial and Political Issues, 1997 – 2003</p> <p>Speaker: Consul General Ha Tae Yun, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Toronto</p>	Asian Institute at the University of Toronto
23 & 24 Oct 2003	<p>WORKSHOP: Transnational Religious Identities and Politics</p>	Centre for Feminist Research Asia Pacific Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade (DFAIT)
7 Nov 2003	<p>SYMPOSIUM: the Making of Marginality in Canada: Migration and Rights</p> <p>Panel 1: Trafficking and immigration policy Noulmook Sutdhibhasilp, Kamala Kempadoo, Cynthia Wright Patricia Diaz.</p> <p>Panel 2: Family and social citizenship Janet Mosher Geraldine Sadoway</p>	Centre for Feminist Research
11 Nov 2003 CANCELLED	<p>SYMPOSIUM: Gendered Urban Spaces</p> <p>Panelists: Lisa Drummond, Division of Social Science, York University Shubhra Gururani, Department of Anthropology, York University</p>	Centre for Feminist Research
19 Nov 2003	<p>ASIAN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SEMINAR: One Country Two Systems in Hong Kong: the First Six Years</p> <p>Speaker: The Hon. Elsie Leung, Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</p>	Asian Institute at the University of Toronto

20-22 Nov 2003	Regent Park Film Festival: Celebrating the diversity of Regent Park through films	YCAR is pleased to be a co-sponsor of this film festival which will focus on South Asia. The festival will showcase a selection of films from the traveling South Asian documentary film festival Himal. In particular, are films from Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Australia, Canada and the United States. The film festival explores such themes as: Youth in Regent Park and South Asia; Diaspora and Identity; Sexuality; Race and Class in Canada; The War Within; and O Canada (multicultural adventures in Canada.) All films are in English, or are subtitled in English. Filmmakers may be present at some screenings.
24 Nov 2003	<p>ASIAN ENVIRONMENTS SERIES: "Environmental Identities: the Politics of Nature and Place in India."</p> <p>Speaker: Amita Baviskar, University of California at Berkeley</p> <p>Discussants: Roger Keil, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University Pablo Bose, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University</p>	Faculty of Environmental Studies; Centre for Refugee Studies, the Ethics of Development-Induced Displacement Project (EDID)
20 Jan 2004	<p>ASIAN ENVIRONMENTS SERIES: New Regulatory Networks: Certification and Privatization</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Vandergeest, York University</p> <p>Panelists: Derek Hall, Trent University David Wurfel, York Centre for Asian Research Keith Barney, Dept. of Geography, York University Grainne Ryder, Probe International</p>	
5 Feb 2004	WORKSHOP: Fair Trade: Economic Justice, Environmental Sustainability and Cultural Identity in the New Millennium	African Studies, Business & Society Program (BUSO), Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), Equiterre, Founders College, International Development Studies Program (IDS), International Secretariat for Human Development and Democratic Governance, Rural and Community Development Group (RCDG)
9 Feb 2004	<p>ASIAN ENVIRONMENTS SERIES: Governmentality and Governance Revisited</p> <p>Panelists: Peter Vandergeest, York Centre for Asian Research Fahim Quadir, International Development Studies, York University</p>	Faculty of Environmental Studies; International Secretariat for Human Development and Democratic Governance, Rural and Community Development Group (RCDG)

Pablo Bose, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University
Radhika Johari, Dept. of Anthropology, York University
Rene Veron, University of Guelph

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| 3 Mar 2004 | ROUNDTABLE: Taiwan's Transnational Presidential Election
台灣的跨國總統選舉

Presenters:
Robert Chen (陳文隆) Taiwanese Canadian Association,
Taiwanese Professors and Professional Association in Canada
Choh Kwong-huen (左光煇) former member of the Taiwanese
legislature | Taiwan Economic & Cultural Office (TECO) |
| 4 Mar 2004 | Susan Henders, Dept. of Political Science, York University
LECTURE: Point of Decision: Indonesia in 2004
Speaker: Randolph Mank, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia | York Centre for International and Security Studies |
| 8 Mar 2004 | ASIAN ENVIRONMENTS SERIES: Environmental Identities,
Violence and Displacement
Panelists:
Peter Penz, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University
Pablo Idahose, Div. of Social Sciences, York University
Craig Johnson, Dept. of Political Science, University of Guelph
Khairul Chowdhury, Dept. of Anthropology, York University | Faculty of Environmental Studies; International
Development Studies |
| 9 Mar 2004 | FILM: Bombies: A Film on the Secret War in Laos | The Social Anthropology Graduate Association |
| 15 Mar 2004 | ASIAN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SEMINAR: The
Japanese Economy: A Return to Confidence?
Speaker: Laurence Blandford, First Secretary, Finance and
Economy, at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo | Asian Institute, University of Toronto |
| 18 Mar 2004 | SYMPOSIUM: More than Comfort Women: the 'Body-Offering'
Volunteer Corps and Labor Mobilization in Wartime Korea, 1937-
45*

Speaker: Janice Kim, Department of History, York University | Centre for Feminist Research |
| 19 Mar 2004 | Global Area Studies in Japan with reference to Southeast Asian
Studies
Speaker:
Narifumi Tachimoto, Department of International Relations,
Faculty of International Relations, Chubu University, Japan | |
| 2 Apr 2004 | CONFERENCE: Social Movements & Globalization: Resistance
or Engagement | The Business and Society Program; the African
Studies Program; International Secretariat for
Human Development and Democratic
Governance; the Center for Research on Latin
American and the Caribbean / LAC; the
International Development Program. |

APPENDIX II: Statement of Operations, FY2003-04

Source/Purpose	Budget	Actual
	Fiscal Year	Year-to-Date
	2003/04	(Act+Enc)
Funds available:		
Total funds available	\$ 116,300.00	\$ 123,350.61
Expenditures:		
Administration	\$ 66,616	\$ 61,474.34
General Office	\$ 19,012	\$ 20,050.37
Program Development	\$ 42,309	\$ 37,711.61
Outreach	\$ 7,150	\$ 127.98
Conference/Workshop Planning	\$ 4,846	\$ 3,548.04
Visiting Speakers	\$ 9,200	\$ 5,919.83
Graduate Student	\$ 11,229	\$ 10,845.79
Other	\$ -	\$ 18,420.23
Total expenditures	\$ 160,363	\$ 158,098.19
Underspent/(Overspent)	(44,063)	(34,747.58)
Carryforward from Previous Year		79,164.00
Funds Available		\$ 44,416.42

NB. *General Office*. At the close of the fiscal year, there remained an outstanding encumbrance of \$26.16 which will be cleared and adjusted in the next fiscal year.

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