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YCAR News | Caballero is 2010 winner of David Wurfel Award

Ferdinand Dionisio Caballero, an MA Candidate in Social Anthropology, is the 2010 recipient of the David Wurfel Award.

The David Wurfel Award provides financial support to an honours undergraduate or masters graduate student who intends to conduct thesis research on the topic of Filipino history, culture or society.

Ferdinand is interested in issues that involve human rights, migration, identity-construction, politics, religion, social justice and postcolonial cultures. For his Master's research, he is studying contemporary migration as a social ritual amongst Southeast Asian immigrants in Canada. The fieldwork component of his thesis will deal with Filipino immigrants in different urban settings such as GTA, Metro Vancouver, and Winnipeg. He is also interested in the anthropology of religion with emphasis on ethnologies involving Islam, Christianity, and the politics of conversion as a result of colonial occupations.

He holds a B.A. in Anthropology with a specialization in ethnographic studies from Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton, Alberta.



YCAR News | YCAR Graduate Assistants for 2009.2010

YCAR is very pleased to have support from four graduate assistants in this school year.



Marianne Lau is a first year master's student in Political Science. Her main area of study is international relations and Chinese foreign policy. In particular, she is interested in China and emerging world order.

Ferdinand D. Caballero is a Master's Candidate in Social Anthropology at York. His research interests include human rights, migration, identity-construction, politics, religion, social justice and postcolonial cultures. Caballero holds a B.A. in Anthropology with a specialization in ethnographic studies from Grant MacEwan University in

Edmonton, Alberta.

Mary Choy is a first year Master's student in the Department of Sociology. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph and University of Ghana in Sociology and Politics. Choy will be organizing the BrownBag research seminar series, among other duties at YCAR this year.

Cesar Polvorosa Jr. is a writer, strategic planner, economic geographer, instructor and business plan consultant. He was AVP of Corplan/head of research of a Philippine bank. His published works span economics, business and creative writing fields. His essays, short stories or poems had been published in Philippine national magazines, an anthology and a Japanese newspaper. He was a Writing Fellow at the University of the Philippines (U.P.) Creative Writers' Workshop.



In Toronto, Polvorosa was chosen as a 2008 Emerging Writer of Diaspora Dialogues and is a Board Director of Story Telling Toronto, is the Treasurer of Connecting Filipino Families, Inc., works on consultancy projects and teaches Economics at Seneca College. He earned his BA (cum laude) from U.P. His Masters of Policy Science degree is from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan.

He is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Geography where he focuses on ethnic entrepreneurship. YCAR wishes to thank Polvorosa for this assistance in the fall term and wishes him the best in his studies.

YCAR News | Political Change in China proceedings online

The proceedings from the March 2009 'Political Change in China' conference organized by Bernie Frolic is available at: www.yorku.ca/ycar/Publications/Political_Change_in_China.pdf.

Our Researchers | News and Awards

Shobna Nijhawan, Faculty Associate | Professor Nijhawan is the editor of a new publication recently released on *Nationalism in the Vernacular: Hindi, Urdu, and the Literature of Indian Freedom* (Permanent Black, 2009).

This anthology comprises a selection of formative literary writings in Hindi and Urdu from the second half of the nineteenth century, leading up to Indian Independence and the creation of Pakistan. The texts here are mostly hitherto unpublished translations into English.

The anthology provides a picture of how nationalism—as a cultural ideology and political movement—was formed in literature. Unlike other anthologies, this one focuses on writings in two North Indian vernaculars with a contested relationship: Hindi and Urdu. The combination is deliberate: the relationship of Hindi and Urdu was being consolidated and sealed even as these texts were being written.

There are two separate Introductions to this anthology. Each grounds, respectively, the peculiar paths taken by Hindi and Urdu proponents and practitioners. The anthology emphasizes the shared ground of Hindi and Urdu. The Hindi and Urdu texts are arranged into eight thematic clusters, each represented by a nationalist mode of reasoning. Autobiographical writings in Hindi, prison poetry in Urdu, and social reform writings around gender, caste, class, and Dalits are also included in this fascinating collection.

For more information, visit: <http://permanent-black.blogspot.com/2009/10/shobna-nijhawan-editor-nationalism-in.html>.

Russ Patrick Alcedo, Faculty Associate | Professor Alcedo was recently featured in York's *Yfile* on 8 January 2010. He was interviewed about his role in local Ati-atihan celebrations, a long-standing annual tradition in the city of Kalibo, the capital of Aklan province in the Philippines that is also celebrated annual in several cities across North America. The festival is also one of his research interests. In the local celebrations, Professor Alcedo will bring his ethnographical expertise as cultural advisor and chair of the board of judges. The article is available at: www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=13986.

In November 2009, a multimedia project he co-produced on socio-economic conditions of aspiring boxes in the central Philippines was featured in the *New York Times*. Professor Alcedo also conducted the field research and interviews for the project. The video is available at: <http://video.nytimes.com/video/2009/11/12/sports/1247465653943/boxing-in-the-shadow-of-pacquiao.html>.

Keith Barney, Graduate Associate | Barney was invited to present his research on "The Global Economic Crisis and Agrarian Asia: Resource Investment, Forest-Land Reforms, and Volatile Trajectories" to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Public Safety Canada, and Export Development Canada (EDC) under the Global Futures Forum. The conference, held in Ottawa in November 2009, was titled "Prosperity and Security: The Challenges of Uncertain Economic Times."

Gregory Chin, Faculty Associate | Professor Chin's chapter on "WTO Reform: China, the Doha Round and Beyond" was recently published in *Leadership and Change in the Multilateral Trading System*, edited by Amrita Narlikar and Brendan Vickers. The book also features a chapter on India and the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as innovative analysis on South-South blocs/coalitions. For more information, visit www.amazon.com/Leadership-Change-Multilateral-Trading-System/dp/9089790209/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8.

Naoko Ikeda, Graduate Associate | Ikeda (Dcotoral Candidate, Women's Studies) was featured in an article publish by *Onna no Shinbun* (Newspaper of Women), the official publication of the Japan Women's Congress in Tokyo. Her interview was published as part of their feature issue on various women active in politics [mainly city mayors, environmental justice advocates, and female parliamentary members]. Ikeda was noted for her active participation in peace building and women's rights advocacy through academic and research work [with Dr. Cynthia Cockburn].

Ikeda's research is a study of gendered processes of militarization and women's non-governmental contributions to local and international peace negotiations in Okinawa, Japan. *Onna no Shinbun* covers the issues mainly concerning women's human rights, gender equity in politics, environmental justice, and various issues related to women's rights.

Thomas R. Klassen, Faculty Associate | "South Korea: Ageing Tiger" is Professor Klassen's latest article, published in *Global Brief* (web exclusive) on 12 January. It can be accessed at: globalbrief.ca/blog/2010/01/12/south-korea-ageing-tiger/.

Jessica Tsui Yan Li, Research Associate | Professor Li's recent research was published in *Neohelicon* in November 2009. The article, "Self-translation/rewriting: the female body in Eileen Chang's 'Jinsuo ji', the Rouge of the North, Yuannü and 'the Golden Cangue'", can be access at: <http://www.springerlink.com/openurl.asp?genre=article&id=doi:10.1007/s11059-009-0028-y>. She also has a chapter in Kwok-kan Tam and Terry Siu Han Yip's *Gender Discourse and the Self in Literature: Issues in*

Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong (Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press, 2010). The chapter is titled "Food, Body and Female Subjectivity: Reading between Western and Chinese Perspectives."

Hironori Onuki, Graduate Associate | Onuki's research was published in a November 2009 issue of *New Political Economy*. "Care, Social (Re)production and Global Labour Migration: Japan's 'Special Gift' toward 'Innately Gifted' Filipino Workers" focuses on contradictions and tensions generated by the 'deployments of Filipino care workers in Japan through the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA). Onuki is a Doctoral Candidate in the Political Science programme. The article is available at: http://pdfserve.informaworld.com/285668_731200430_916764363.pdf.

Peter Vandergeest, Faculty Associate | Professor Vandergeest was part of a panel on East Asian development organized for the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival, in partnership with the Asia Pacific Foundation. "East Asian Development: Destiny, Politics and Economic Unbalances" was held on 10 November 2010. Peter was joined by cinematographer Lixin Fan (*Up the Yangtze*), Thai director Uruphong Raksasad (*Agrarian Utopia*) and University of Toronto academics Bart Testa and Jennifer Hsu. Panelists discussed emerging social and culture changes, and in particular looked at how film plays a role in understanding these changes.

CMT/ABMP News | CMT to host four Chinese training groups in Winter term

The China Management Training Programme of the Asian Business and Management Programme based at YCAR, is providing training for four separate groups from China during the Winter term.

One group of 24 people is comprised of middle and senior planners from the Urban-Rural Development Commission of Chongqing, China. The group received two weeks of classroom education and site visits focusing on the costs and benefits of technologies, materials, and rating systems for environmental high-performance new construction, and renovation of existing individual buildings, integrated facilities and projects, and residential and commercial/industrial neighbourhoods.

A second group of 24 people from the State Tobacco Monopoly Authority will receive one week's training on capital markets; technological and policy modernization for planning investments of capital; financial reporting and controls; principles of risk management; and marketing in a rapidly changing business environment.

The third delegation from China's Ministry of Supervision, responsible for the enforcement of laws and policies for ethics and honesty in China's public service, will have discussions with several groups during their nine-day trip, including: Ontario's and Toronto's Ombudsman offices, Toronto's and Ontario's Integrity Commissioners, Canada's Federal Integrity Commissioner, the Federal Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Federal Procurement Ombudsman, Federal Auditor General, Director of Fraud Investigations of the Public Service of Canada, and the Canadian School for Public Service.

Public officials from Shanghai Municipality will be in Toronto this term to complete a six-month research and training programme. The group is composed of a director of regional and urban planning and land administration; a director of design and research in business; the vice president of a college interested in life-long education and community education; a director of social programs for senior citizens; a director of information systems for innovation in government (e-government); and a director of public service

operations for the standing committee of a Shanghai district legislative body. Each individual was assisted in the creation of a programme of study tailor-made to her/his interests.

Participants did English language training in Shanghai and additional language education in Toronto, attended York classes as observers, plus site visits to government organizations and private companies, as well as volunteer work for social service NGOs, and attending local and regional cultural activities.

YCAR Events | The incalculable importance of “Mrs. M” in raising the status of women in Taiwan

On 6 November 2009, a small but engaged group heard Dr. Jane Lee (Aletheia University, Tamsui, Taiwan) give a lively presentation for YCAR on Minnie Mackay (Tiu~ chhang-mia, 1860-1925) on “Native Bible Womanhood and Women’s Rights in Late 19th Century Taiwan: Minnie Mackay’s Story.”



The event was organized by Michael Stainton, YCAR Research Associate and a founding member of the Canadian Mackay Committee.

As everyone in the room spoke Mandarin, Dr. Lee made her presentation in that language, which made it much more interesting, with many questions from the audience during the talk. Dr. Lee's main message was the incalculable importance of “Mrs. M” and other native Taiwanese women evangelists in the success of Rev. George Leslie Mackay’s mission between 1872 and 1901, and in raising the status of women in Taiwan.

A familiar methodological issue to all researchers in women’s history was a problem in Lee’s researching of Minnie Mackay – there is almost no documentary material from her own hand, and so everything must be teased out of her husband’s and other accounts. But it is clear that Mackay himself credited his wife with much of his success.

Minnie could not be described as a “feminist” but in her time and her own person she did much to raise the status of women in Taiwan. She was the first Taiwanese woman to travel overseas and become fluent in English, as well as written Romanized Taiwanese (researchers have one letter she wrote). Her experience of travel in Asia, Europe and North America informed much of her teaching in the Women’s College in Tamsui (founded in 1884, the first school for women in Taiwan). Her status as “Mrs. M” and the respect she gained as a speaker was an important inspiration to other women. It is ironic that on the death of Mackay in 1901, she and her three children were moved out of their home because it belonged to the Canadian mission and she had no status as a missionary.



Thank you to Michael Stainton for this story. Photographs: Dr Jane Lee during her talk; Michael Stainton shares his passion for his Mackay research.

YCAR Events | Life-writing to tell Hong Kong's past

Can life-writing make visible histories that would otherwise be unknown, unwritten?

The Biography and the History of Hong Kong seminar, held on 26 November 2009, explored the contributions and limitations of various modes of life-writing—biography, autobiography, oral history, and memoir—for examining Hong Kong’s past. The panel featured Professor Bernard Luk (York University), editor of the series Hong Kong Life Stories and historian of early modern China and Hong Kong; Senator Vivienne Poy, historian and author of three books that explore Hong Kong’s history through her family’s story, including *Profit, Victory, and Sharpness: The Lees of Hong Kong* (2006); and Professor Yuk-Lin Renita Wong, co-investigator in and contributor to the life-writing project published as *Thousands of Needles and Threads: The Oral History of Hong Kong Garment Workers* (2008).

The panelists discussed the impact of multiple and shifting hierarchies of power on history and life-writing about the territory, from the British to the contemporary period; oral history as a means of making visible histories that would otherwise be unknown; and the influence of the researcher’s own life story on the subjects chosen for investigation, methods of analysis, and access to research data.

As moderator Susan Henders (YCAR Director) noted, quoting C. Wright Mills, “No social study that does not come back to the problems of biography, of history and of their intersections within a society has completed its intellectual journey.”

Opportunity | Three awards for language and fieldwork available to graduate students

The York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) is accepting applications for three awards offered in the winter 2010 term – the Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award, the YCAR Language Award and the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship. The application deadline for all three awards is Monday, **15 February 2010**.

There is one Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award available worth CAD 1,500. It will be given to a graduate student who is enrolled at York and is a graduate associate of YCAR. Priority will be given to students who apply to do research in fulfillment of the fieldwork requirement of the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS). The award is open to local and international students who have a grade point average of at least B+ and can demonstrate how fieldwork in Asia will contribute to the completion of their programme and to an understanding of Asia. Financial need will also be considered.

The criteria for selection will include the importance of fieldwork for the graduate student's programme, the academic merit of the research proposal, the fit with YCAR's research mandate and active participation in YCAR, including enrolment in the GDAS. Academic merit will include the clarity of the proposal, the potential contribution of proposed research to Asian studies and to Asian communities, and the feasibility of the research.

There are up to two YCAR Language Awards available to local and international graduate students enrolled at York and registered for the GDAS with a grade point average of at least B+. Each award will provide up to CAD 1,500 to reimburse costs directly related to language study. Receipts will be required before related language training expenses are reimbursed. The awards are open to students with demonstrated need to learn a specific Asian language to appreciate and better understand the context and perspectives relating to their area of research study.

One Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship worth CAD 1,000 is available. Established by the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation, the fellowship encourages and assists graduate students to carry out field research in East and/or Southeast Asia. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario residents and demonstrate financial need.

For more information, to obtain the application forms and for details on what to include in the application, visit www.yorku.ca/ycar or email ycar@yorku.ca.

Opportunity | YCAR Graduate Student BrownBag Research Seminars

YCAR will be organizing a BrownBag Presentation Series for the Winter 2010 semester for YCAR Graduate Associates or York University students whose research focus is on Asia and/or the Asian Diaspora.

The BrownBag Series is an opportunity for students to present their research to colleagues and a York faculty member to receive feedback critical to the development of their research. It is open to Master's and Doctoral students with the intention to assist students who may be at any stage in the development of their Graduate level thesis work (major research paper, dissertation or thesis).

All students are invited to participate in the series.

Students who will present their research include: Keith Barney on Agri-Business Investment and Spectacles of Purification along the Ho Chi Minh Trail Zone of Southern Laos and Yikun Zhao on urban Chinese consumers' changing perception of Western brands.

Please include a brief description of your research, preferences for the day of the week to present and suggestions for a faculty discussant (this could also be a senior PhD student). Anyone interested in participating or who has questions should send them asap to Alicia at ycar@yorku.ca.

Please pass this along to anyone you know who might be interested and/or benefit from the opportunity.

Opportunity | South Asia Summer Language Institute

The South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), based at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, is offering intensive summer courses in the following South Asian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Pashto, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan and Urdu. Graduate students are eligible for FLAS funding through SASLI.

Undergraduate and graduate students are also eligible for fee remissions (partial or full.) The application deadline for both forms of funding is **5 February 2010**.

Applications and instructions can be found on the SASLI web site. For questions about SASLI, the application process, or FLAS and Fee Remissions, please review the FAQ pages on the web site at <http://sasli.wisc.edu/faq/index.html>. Any additional questions can be addressed to Ean Barnard, by phone at (608) 261-1194 or sasli@southasia.wisc.edu.

Opportunity | Asia Pacific Leadership Program for 2010-2011

The East-West Center is pleased to announce new fellowships for the Asia Pacific Leadership Program for 2010-11. Entering its tenth year, the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific region and a signature program of the East-West Center. The APLP is a graduate certificate programme combining the development of regional expertise with the enhancement of individual leadership capacity. Based at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, the programme has created a network of dynamic leaders in 48 countries who are helping to build a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific community. All participants receive a fee-waiver valued at approximately USD 15,000.

The Asia Pacific Leadership Program seeks outstanding individuals with proven leadership experience or high leadership potential from across the Asia Pacific region, North America and beyond. All participants have at least a Bachelors degree with the majority having graduate degrees as well. At least 20 countries are represented in each cohort. APLP Fellows come together from all walks of life, including areas as diverse as government, business, NGOs, health sciences, media, monastic orders, and education. APLP participants will gain broad regional perspectives, become knowledgeable about the critical challenges facing the Asia Pacific region, and be trained to exercise leadership and promote cooperation. The APLP empowers leaders with the knowledge, skills, experiences, and supportive community needed to successfully navigate personal and regional change in the 21st century.

For more information about the Asia Pacific Leadership Program, as well as application forms and fellowship opportunities, please visit our website at: www.eastwestcenter.org/aplp or email: aplp@eastwestcenter.org.

Opportunity | York-Massey Fellowship

The Office of Research Services (ORS) wishes to announce a fellowship open to full-time faculty planning to go on sabbatical during 2010-2011. The York-Massey Fellowship will provide one faculty member with an office for the academic year at Massey College, as well as dining and collegial rights. Massey College is an independent college situated in the University of Toronto campus, almost directly opposite to the Robarts Library.

The Fellowship consists of a junior fellowship, made up of graduate students, and a senior fellowship, consisting primarily of faculty, of whom an increasing number come from York University.

There are no application forms, but we would ask interested individuals to submit a letter outlining sabbatical plans with their curriculum vitae to this office by **26 February 2010** to: Mala Thakoor, Office of Research Services, Fifth Floor, York Research Tower, (mthakoor@yorku.ca). Results will be announced in March 2010.

Opportunity | Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Post-Graduate Research Fellowships

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is committed to fostering the next generation of Asia Pacific researchers and analysts. To this end, it will offer up to three Post-Graduate Research Fellowships valued at \$35,000 for Masters graduates and at \$38,000 for PhD graduates for a one-year non-renewable term.

In their time at the Foundation, Post-Graduate Research Fellows undertake a guided research project, with a view to producing a policy paper of 5,000-8,000 words on a mutually-agreed upon topic related to Asia, including policy implications for Canada, or Canada-Asia relations. Papers produced by Post-Graduate

Research Fellows are modeled after and considered for publication as a Canada-Asia Commentary.

Post-Graduate Research Fellows balance their time between their guided research project and broader Foundation activities. They are encouraged to maximize their time at the Foundation and are given the space to explore new and innovative ways to advance the Foundation's on-going mission.

Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and to be eligible must apply within 18 months of graduating from a Masters or Doctoral programme.

The application deadline is Monday, **15 February 2010**. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 15 March 2010.

Upcoming Event | Women's microfinance in Afghanistan

Wednesday, 20 January 2010 | 11:30am to 1pm | N109 Schulich School of Business | York University

An interactive discussion and presentation on women's microfinance in Afghanistan will be held on 20 January from 11:30am to 1pm in N109 at the Schulich School of Business. Guest speakers Ruth Dueck Mbeba and Marilyn Friedmann will speak about the work of MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) and the challenges and opportunities they face working with 14,000 women to provide loans and help them build small businesses in Afghanistan. For more information about MEDA's work in microfinance at www.medatrust.ca/. A five minute video on their work is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFgOPFW1RWM.

Upcoming Event | Producing Scientific Forestry through Political Violence: Jungle-based Insurgencies and Counter-insurgencies in Southeast Asia

Tuesday, 26 January 2010 | 12:30 to 2pm | 203A Bethune College | York University

York geography Professor Peter Vandergeest will look at forestry and political violence in the jungles of Southeast Asia next week as part of the 2009-2010 Research Seminar Series presented by York's Science & Technology Studies (STS) Program.

Vandergeest will present "Producing Scientific Forestry Through Political Violence: Jungle-based Insurgencies and Counter-insurgencies in Southeast Asia" Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 12:30 to 2pm in Norman's, 203A Bethune College, Keele campus.

He teaches and writes in the areas of political ecology, agro-food studies and the cultural politics of environment and development. Current and recent research encompasses agrarian studies and the history of scientific forestry in Southeast Asia, privatizing environmental regulation in industrial aquaculture and democratization in natural resource management.

In addition, Vandergeest is co-editor of the forthcoming book *The Politics of Decentralization: Natural Resource Management in Asia* (Mekong Press, 2010) and *Development's Displacements: Ecologies, Economies, and Cultures at Risk* (University of British Columbia Press, 2006).

The STS Programme is co-housed in the Faculty of Science & Engineering and the Faculty of Liberal Arts &

Professional Studies. Financial support for this series has been provided by the Division of Natural Science, the Office of the Vice-President Academic & Provost and the York University Bookstore.

For more information, visit the [Science & Technology Studies](#) Web site or contact the Division of Natural Science at natsci@yorku.ca or ext. 55021. This series is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Event | Mental Health according to Tibetan Medicine

Tuesday, 26 January 2010 | 7 to 9pm | 100A - 170 St. George St. | Toronto | NW corner of St. George and Bloor

Dr. Pema Dorjee will present an overall view of depression and anxiety from the traditional Tibetan medical science in a most comprehensive and holistic approach both in theory and practice. His presentation will be enriched by his personal and practical experience of dealing with numerous patients both in the East and the West. He will explain the predispositions, causes and symptoms of depression and anxiety and correlate their development based on factors of nutrition, activity, environment and psychology, and how these are related to our stress driven life-styles and habits.

Dr. Pema Dorjee is renowned and one of the most highly regarded physicians practicing Tibetan medicine today. Dr. Dorjee is currently Chief Advisor to the Tibetan Medical & Astrology Institute. Dr. Dorjee's four past visits to Emory University and the symposia he held with Emory medical scientists paved the way for the well-known lojong-based compassion meditation research now taking place at Emory.

Dr. Pema Dorjee has been awarded various honors throughout his career, including the Gold Medal and the Gem of Alternative Medicine from the Indian Board of Alternative Medicine in recognition of his dedicated service to Tibetan medicine. Dr. Dorjee has written several books and numerous articles on Tibetan medicine and has translated textbooks from other medical systems into Tibetan.

For more information or to RSVP: <http://webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/EventDetails.aspx?eventid=8620>.

Upcoming Event | Research Matters – Research on China

Wednesday, 27 January 2010 | 10am to Noon | 280N York Lanes | York University

The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies will present a panel on various topics related to China research as a part of the Associate Dean of Research's speaker series.

Panels include: **Joshua Fogel** (Canada Research Chair in Modern Chinese History, History) who will speak on "The Afterlife of a Material Object: The Mysterious Gold Seal of 57 C.E."; **Lee Li** (Administrative Studies) on "Chinese Firms' Competitive Advantage in the World Market"; **David Lumsden** (Chair and Undergraduate Programme Director, Anthropology) on "Researching in a Chinese Municipality: Chongqing"; and **Bernie Frolic** (Political Science and Director, Asian Business & Management Programme, Political Science) on political reform in China. The schedule and further information is available at: www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/research_on_china.pdf.

York News | President Emeritus H. Ian Macdonald visits China

In December, President Emeritus H. Ian Macdonald spent a busy week in China where he gave three guest lectures in three different cities, on the subject: Public Administration in China and Canada - What's the Difference? The lectures were delivered to: Beijing University of Chemical Technology. Qingdao Technological University and Hunan University.

During his visit to Hunan University, an institution that is more than 1,000 years old, Macdonald was awarded the title of Honorary Professor of Hunan University for his contributions to the theory and practice of public administration.

Macdonald was also the keynote speaker at the International Academic Symposium on City Development. He was invited to deliver the address at the invitation of the governor of Hunan Province.

Now back in Canada, Macdonald will be examining the requests for teaching and research collaboration in the field of public administration, which he received during his visits to the three Chinese universities.

An economist and academic who held senior posts in the Ontario government, Macdonald was York University's third president and vice-chancellor, serving from 1974 to 1984. Currently, he is the graduate programme director of the Public Administration Programme at York's Schulich School of Business.

This article was published in the 18 December 2009 issue of *Yfile* (www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/ViewIssue.asp?IssueDate=12/18/2009).

York News | Don't squander opportunities in India, says Embleton

Education plays a central role in the growth and development of both Canada and India, so there was much to talk about, wrote Sheila Embleton, professor in York's Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and president of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Executive Council, in a story written for *University Affairs'* 11 January 2010 issue about a round-table discussion chaired by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in November.

Significant investments by the University of Alberta in "collaboratories" with Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, and arrangements that the Schulich School of Business at York University has with the S. P. Jain Institute of Management & Research stand out. This modest result is despite the huge goodwill repeatedly expressed towards Canada, and the statements by many that Canada would be their partner of choice.

But in many cases we simply are not competing financially and the best graduate students and researchers increasingly have many attractive options, both in terms of salary and other conditions that better enable their research, wrote Embleton. We need to capitalize on the momentum of these visits – not just Prime Minister Harper's November visit, but also Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's December visit and Quebec Premier Jean Charest's upcoming visit in February – to get some real focus and significant competitive investment.

This article was published in the 15 January issue of *Yfile* (www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=14041).

Call for Papers | Journal of Asia Pacific Studies, March 2010

The Journal of Asia Pacific Studies is calling for paper for the March 2010 issue. Qualitative and critical papers will be prioritized. Both full research papers and opinion papers are welcomed. JAPS is published in both print and electronic versions. The best papers will be invited for publication in an edited volume for global distribution by JAPSS Press. For more information: editor@journal.vpweb.com or www.japss.org.

Call for Papers | Beyond Law

The Graduate Law Students' Association (GLSA) of Osgoode Hall Law School is pleased to invite graduate students and junior faculty to submit abstracts to its annual academic conference. This year's conference is structured around the theme "Beyond Law" and will feature a keynote lecture by Professor Francisco Valdes from the University of Miami School of Law. The conference will be held in downtown Toronto on 21-22 May 2010.

'Beyond Law' aims to consider law from multiple viewpoints, foregrounding the importance of legal pluralism as well as interdisciplinary work. We invite scholars to move beyond the courtroom, the legislature and the law office to discuss the relevance of law in society. Intersections such as law and geography; law and literature; law and philosophy; law and religion; and law and history are now familiar means of bringing legal theory into discussion with other fields. Yet the division between such disciplinary boundaries is porous, and rigid categorizations of knowledge depend on borders that will not hold. 'Beyond Law' asks us to conceptualize these intersectional fields as critical junctures between diverging and converging planes of inquiry, discipline and scholarship. We encourage scholars to engage with law as a reflective and contextual domain, and to think about how law is affected, effected and molded by external factors including sexuality, gender, race, health, economics and poverty.

We do not, however, wish to lose sight of how formal legal scholarship is itself grappling with issues of boundary, regulation and limit. Papers that sharpen the social relevance of critical theorizing from within the legal academy are strongly invited, with suggested topics to include: alternative dispute resolution, transnational law, criminal law, corporate law, environmental law, constitutional law, work law, Aboriginal law, immigration & refugee law, family law, tax law and intellectual & cultural property. Scholars are invited to think about questions such as, Does the limit of formal law affect how we think, research and write as legal scholars? What do lawyers, trained in the formal law, bring to inquiries outside the state's halls? What, if anything, can lawyers gain from adopting an interdisciplinary strategy? Finally, we may wish to look 'Beyond Law' at the future of legal theory. How is law racing to catch up with evolving technologies, frameworks and realities? What continues to operate beyond the law and what is being brought into law's ambit? Where will law take us within the local, national and transnational? And where do we want it to?

The deadline for abstract proposals is Monday, 15 February 2010. However, early expressions of interest are encouraged. Subsidies for travel expenses may be awarded as funding permits. Please see www.osgoode.yorku.ca/glsa/2010conference/index.html for more information. All inquiries should be addressed to GLSA@osgoode.yorku.ca.

Call for Submissions | 2009-2010 YCISS Working Paper Series

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