
Blakemore Freeman Fellowships Awarded Spring 2010

CHINESE

Chan, Andrew Wenyewow – *Chinese: ICLP-Taiwan*

B.A. 2008: English & Chinese, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A. 2010: Cinema Studies, New York University

As a Helena Rubinstein Fellow in the Museum of Modern Art's Department of Film, Andrew assisted on a major retrospective of the 30's Shanghai actress Zhou Xuan. He is currently an editorial intern and contributor to *Film Comment*, the magazine of the Film Society of Lincoln Center and is pursuing a career in film journalism and programming. Andrew is planning a book on the New Taiwanese Cinema of the 1980s and '90s, focusing on the work of Hou Hsiao-hsien, Edward Yang and Tsai Ming-liang. He was an alternate for a 2008 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship.

Chang, Ronald – *Chinese: ICLP-Taiwan*

B.A. 2007: Chinese Studies, B.S. 2007: Business Administration, University of California at Berkeley

C.P.A. & Associate Analyst, Ernst & Young, LLP

Ron is a staff auditor with Ernst & Young in San Francisco and has worked in public accounting since graduating in 2007. He has previously studied at the ICLP in Taiwan and while at Berkeley served as a Program Coordinator for OASES, a nonprofit in Oakland's Chinatown that provides tutoring, mentoring, ESL, computer and leadership development programs. Ron would like to take the CICPA exam (Chinese CPA equivalent), practice public accounting in China and contribute to strengthening Chinese corporate governance and capital markets.

Jackson, James – *Chinese: IUP-Beijing*

B.A. 2007: Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin

J.D. Candidate 2011: Law, Harvard Law School

As an undergraduate, James studied two years in China at Beijing Foreign Studies University and Peking University. Prior to entering Harvard Law School, he worked as a senior project assistant for the Beijing office of the Vinson & Elkin law firm, and is currently co-chair of the 2010 Harvard Asia Business Conference. He assisted public interest attorney Zhang Jingjing in founding the NGO China Climate Cooperative and will be interning at Simpson Thacher's New York and China law offices during summer 2010. James plans on a career as a corporate transactional lawyer.

LaDue, Christopher – *IUP-Beijing*

B.A. 1997: East Asian Studies, Columbia University

China Country Director, The Mountain Institute

Christopher has been with The Mountain Institute for over 10 years, and is currently country director in charge of overall program management and coordination with the USAID, Chinese government agencies and numerous donor and partner organizations. As a director of the

Institute's Peak Enterprise Program in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, he helped provide access to capital, training and technical assistance to support the development of local enterprises that combine economic development with cultural and environmental conservation. Prior to moving to China in 2000, he worked in the banking industry in New York with J.P. Morgan and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Margitan, Steven – *Chinese: IUP-Beijing*

B.S. 2009: Economics; B.A. 2009: International Studies, University of Washington
M.Phil. Candidate 2010: Development Studies, University of Cambridge

Steven was studying Mandarin at Sichuan University in China when the 7.9 magnitude earthquake on May 12, 2008 devastated the province, leaving him and his host family to sleep in a public park with other local residents. As co-founder of the non-profit organization *China Earthquake Aid* he received the 2008 Shigemura Award for his earthquake relief efforts. Steven is a marathon runner and a rower on the 2009 Clare College novice boat at Cambridge. In addition to Mandarin, he speaks both Spanish and Italian. Following his year of language study in China, he hopes to pursue a Ph.D. at Harvard's Kennedy School and a career with the U.S. Department of State.

Rabkin, April - *Chinese: IUP-Beijing*

B.A. 2004: East Asian Studies, Yale College
Free-lance journalist

April's career in journalism began during a high school year abroad in Beijing, when she wrote a biweekly column for her hometown section of the *Los Angeles Times*. After graduating from Yale, she worked for small town newspapers in Connecticut and *Mother Jones* in San Francisco prior to moving back to China in 2007. She is the recipient of a 2009 Middlebury Environmental Journalism Fellowship and has written for numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Slate*, *Foreign Policy*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Wall Street Journal Asia*, and *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

JAPANESE - YOKOHAMA

Compton, Eno – *Japanese: IUC-Yokohama*

B.A. 2004: Chinese, M.A. 2006: Chinese Classical Literature, University of Colorado at Boulder
Ph.D. Candidate 2012: Classical Japanese Literature, Princeton University

Eno has extensive training in modern and Classical Chinese, having studied at Middlebury Chinese Language School, the IUP at Tsinghua University in Beijing and the Princeton in Beijing programs. On his way to China in summer 2004, he stopped to visit a friend in Kyoto and decided to tackle Japanese as well. He is interested in the transformation of the themes of medieval Chinese poetry as they were translated and reinterpreted in Heian Japan, and how the current readings of the *Kokinwakashu* and *The Tale of Genji* might be revised through examining the relationship of their puns with medieval Chinese.

Martin, Deirdre – Japanese: IUC-Yokohama

B.A. 2008: International Studies, University of South Carolina

M.A. Candidate 2010: International Studies, Jackson School, University of Washington

Born at a U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Deirdre spent her first four years in Japan, and has been interested in Japan and Japanese language since childhood. Deirdre has seven years of college level study of Japanese, including one year at Nanzan University in Nagoya. At South Carolina she was a McNair Scholar, a four-year academic merit-based award covering full tuition, fees, room and board. Deirdre interned on the campaign of Democratic Party of Japan Representative Takashi Shinohara during the historic Japanese 2009 election through a Jackson School Tamaki Internship Grant from the University of Washington, and is the recipient of a 2009 FLAS Fellowship from the UW East Asia Center. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Political Science focusing on comparative politics.

Reed, Sydney – Japanese: IUC-Yokohama

B.A. 2007: Economics, Princeton University

Associate Manager, Strategic Planning & New Business Development

Wyeth Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Shanghai

Sydney began Japanese at Yujin Gakuen Elementary School, the U.S.'s first Japanese language immersion school and finished 4th year Japanese as a freshman at Princeton. She then began to tackle Chinese. Graduating from Princeton with a degree in Economics and a certificate in East Asian Studies, she wrote her senior thesis on *Japan's International Trade: The Rise of Offshoring and an Analysis of Multinational Activity in China*. After graduation, she went to China on a Princeton in Asia Fellowship, and is now involved with strategic planning and new business development in Wyeth Pharmaceutical's Shanghai office. She is interested in improving regional cooperation between the Japanese and Chinese healthcare industries.

Young, William Evan – Japanese: IUC-Yokohama

B.A. 2005: Asian Studies, St. Olaf College

Ph.D. Candidate 2013: East Asian Studies, Princeton University

Evan's interest in Japan grew out of his fascination with its scientific and technological prowess in robotics and cutting edge electronics, but it wasn't until college that he was able to realize his dream of learning Japanese. He was awarded a 2003 Japan Student Services Organization scholarship to spend a year in Japan at Nagoya University, where he began to explore the different perspectives of East Asian history. During his senior year at St. Olaf he began studying Chinese, and during 2005-2007 attended Cornell's Chinese FALCON program and the IUP at Tsinghua University in Beijing. His Ph.D. dissertation will examine a patient-centered history of medicine in Tokugawa Japan.

OTHER LANGUAGES

Hauk, Nora – Korean: TBD

B.A. 2004: Theatre Arts, Kalamazoo College

Ph.D. Candidate 2013: Anthropology, University of Michigan

Nora was a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellow in Korea, first teaching at a rural high school in Andong and then at Deokwon Girl's High School in Seoul while studying at Yonsei University. As an undergraduate, she spent 7 months in Thailand at the International Sustainable Development Studies Institute in Chiang Mai. She is interested in the Korean evangelical Christian movement, and her dissertation will incorporate research on short-term Korean mission trips to Thailand, the Philippines and rural South Korea.

Johnson, Jordan – Thai: Payap University

B.A. 2002: English, Kalamazoo College

M.T.S. 2005: Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School

Ph.D. Candidate 2013: Religious Studies, Arizona State University

Jordan spent six-month in a study abroad program at Chiang Mai University as an undergraduate at Kalamazoo College. After graduation, he spent a year in China teaching English at a private school in Hunan prior to studying Buddhism and religious ethics at Harvard Divinity School under a Herbert Lee Stetson Fellowship. Jordan then received a Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship from Harvard for a year-long project in Northern Thailand, which examined contemporary Thai social activism. His dissertation will continue that research with a wider ethnographic study of the Thai “socially engaged Buddhism” movement.

Schuler, Paul – Vietnamese: Vietnamese Language Studies Saigon

B.A. 2005: Journalism & Government, University of Maryland at College Park

M.P.I.A. 2008: Pacific International Affairs, University of California at San Diego

Ph.D. Candidate 2014: Political Science, University of California at San Diego

Paul began his study of Vietnamese during several years he spent in Vietnam, first as a golf instructor at a private club outside of Hanoi and then as a subeditor for *Vietnam News*. He has been a technical advisor for a project administered by the International Finance Corporation and the Asia Foundation examining the provincial business environment in Cambodia. At UC-San Diego Paul has been working with Professor Edmund Malesky analyzing candidate-level data from the Vietnamese Assembly elections and query sessions. His own research will examine the political development of the Vietnamese Communist Party as its ideology and involvement in society have evolved over time.

Blakemore Refresher Grant Awarded March 2010

Bogel, Cynthea - *Japanese: IUC-Yokohama*

Ph.D. 1995: Art History, Harvard University

Associate Professor, School of Art, University of Washington

Professor Bogel is a faculty member in the Japan Studies Program at the University of Washington Jackson School, and a professor in the Division of Art History at the UW School of Art, where she specializes in Japanese art and architectural history, and East Asian Buddhist visual culture. Author of numerous books, museum catalogues and articles, her latest publication is the monograph *With a Single Glance: Buddhist Icon and Early Mikkyo Vision*, recipient of subvention awards from the Getty Foundation and the Metropolitan Center for the Study of Far Eastern Art. She has received a 2010 National Endowment for the Arts Research Fellowship to support her next book on the history of Japanese woodblock prints.

2010 Alternates for Blakemore Freeman Fellowships

Govella, Kristi - *Alternate for Japanese*

B.A. 2005: Political Science; B.A. 2005: Japanese, University of Washington

M.A. 2007: Political Science, University of California at Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate 2012: Political Science, University of California at Berkeley

Kristi's dissertation research will examine the dynamics of environmental partnerships and cross-national coalitions being developed by both government and private industry as Japan reconstructs a new regional and international role. She was an assistant language teacher for the JET Programme in Niigata, Japan and has interned at the U.S. Department of State Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs. Kristi is currently the East Asia Project Director at Berkeley's APEC Study Center.

Troyer, Mariko - *Alternate for Japanese*

B.A. 2006: History & Japanese, University of Rochester

M.A.I.S. Candidate 2010: Japanese Studies, University of Washington

As an undergraduate, Mariko studied at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan under a Japanese Student Services Organization scholarship. Her current research focus is on the relationship between Japan and South Korea in the post World War II era and the potential for a Japan-South Korea Free Trade Agreement, which she plans to examine in more detail in her doctoral dissertation. Prior to entering graduate school, she worked as an intern for the Committee of 100 in New York.

Declined Blakemore Freeman Grants

Chu, Nellie – *Chinese: IUP-Beijing*

B.A. 2002 German, B.A. 2002: International Relations, University of California at Davis
Ph.D. Candidate 2013: Anthropology, University of California at Santa Cruz

Nellie is researching the participants in the “fast fashion” culture in Guangzhou, which supplies inexpensive copies of high-end fashion to international clothing chains such as Zara and H&M. Her dissertation will examine the lives of garment designers, brokers, buyers, manufacturers and garment workers, including members of the Chinese rural migrants who live and work in Guangzhou’s factories. As an undergraduate, she assisted UC-Davis Professor Li Zhang in finalizing her book, *Strangers in the City: Reconfigurations of Space, Power and Social Networks within China’s Population*, for publication. Nellie is the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant for graduate course study (2007-2009), a NSF supplementary grant (2008) and a UC Pacific Rim mini-grant (2009) for research. Nellie plans on an academic career.

Pareles, Michael - *Chinese: IUP-Beijing*

B.A. 2007: History, University of Chicago
Research Associate, United Food & Commercial Workers International Union

After graduating from the University of Chicago, Michael received a Fulbright Research Scholarship for a year at Central University of Nationalities Law School in Beijing, where he combined his studies with coaching the *Air Kazak* Ultimate Frisbee Team that won the 2008 All-China Frisbee Championship title. Michael has studied Mandarin at Beijing University, National Taiwan Normal University, Columbia University in Beijing and the Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Program at CET Harbin. He has interned for China Labor Watch in New York, and is currently a research associate for the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union in Washington, D.C. Michael plans to pursue a law degree, and work in China as a labor advocate or liaison from a Western labor union.

Sullivan, Brenton – *Amdo Tibetan: Qinghai Nationalities University, Xining, China*

B.A. 2003: Political Science and Spanish, University of Notre Dame
M.A. 2007: East Asian Studies, University of Kansas
Ph.D. Candidate 2012: Religious Studies, University of Virginia

After graduating from Notre Dame, Brenton studied Mandarin in the CET-Beijing and IUP-Tsinghua programs followed by a year in the Dept. of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Peking University. Trips to Tibet, Sichuan and Qinghai sparked an interest in the border regions between central Tibet and China, and led to his master’s thesis on the Venerable Fazun, an early 20th century Han Chinese monk who taught Tibetan Buddhism. His dissertation will focus on an institutional history of the Gonlung Monastery in Amdo, situated in an important cultural crossroad of Chinese, Tibetan and Mongolian cultures.