**ASIAN STUDIES OUTREACH PROGRAM**
The State-Wide Program for Asian Studies in Vermont Schools

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Welcome from Bill Williams
Director of the Asian Studies Outreach Program

Beginning July 1, 2011, Bill Williams became the new Director for the Asian Studies Outreach Program (ASOP). Bill has been an educator in Vermont since 1970. He began working with ASOP in the mid 1980's when it was known as the China Project. He was the first program director for the Institute on China and Its Cultures from 1994 - 2000. Bill also initiated the Institute on Thailand and Its Cultures in 2001 and directed the program for three years.

Bill joined ASOP full time in 1999 as Coordinator of Field Services. He worked closely with Vermont schools in many areas but in particular with the placement of visiting scholars from China, Japan and Thailand in schools throughout Vermont.

Bill is looking forward to the challenge of being the Director of ASOP. With the study of Asia so important in today's world, ASOP will focus its resources to assist Vermont schools in learning about Asia and incorporating Asia into the curriculum. ASOP is a service to Vermont schools. Tell us how we can help.

Frequently Asked Questions
Curriculum and In-Service Program

How does the curriculum and in-service program operate? Read our FAQs to find out how easy it would be to incorporate Asian Studies into your classroom’s curriculum.

1) How does your In-Service program work?

The Asian Studies Outreach Program is interested in assisting anyone interested in help with their Asian Studies teaching. We do this by offering a series of workshops, conferences, and presentations.

2) What if I have an idea for teaching but none of your specific presentations fit the bill?

Great question! We are prepared to work on any request made. We have many resources to draw on and any new idea is more than welcomed. If you can think of a topic that would make your teaching better just let us know.

3) Is there a cost for these workshops and presentations?

If the presentation involves some consumable materials we might ask you to cover the cost of those materials. If we have them, however, we won't charge anything. Our mission is to support you and your work and this in one way we do this.

4) How can I request a workshop?

That's very simple. Just call the ASOP office at 656-7985 or send an email to Gerry Gatz, Curriculum Coordinator, at ggatz@uvm.edu.

The State-Wide Program for Asian Studies in Schools

The State-wide program for Asian Studies in schools was initiated by the Asian Studies Outreach Program (ASOP) of the University of Vermont and is funded by the Freeman Foundation. The statewide initiative promotes teaching and learning about Asia in Vermont schools at levels K-12.

ASOP cooperates with schools, supervisory unions, and the State Department of Education to implement the State-wide program. All activities are designed in conformity with Vermont’s Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities.

To learn more about how your school can incorporate Asian Studies into your school’s curriculum, please contact our office.

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### In-Service Program for Vermont Educators

The in-service program includes workshops and curriculum consultations and is designed for educators grades K-12. It provides a broad overview of the history of Asian countries, including an examination of political, economic, social and cultural characteristics. ASOP staff conducts instruction and often we utilize the skills and talents of our Asian Visiting Scholars from China, Thailand and sometimes Japan. These people are educators in their own right and are anxious to share their cultures with Vermont schools.

### 2011-2012 Workshop Listings

Throughout the year, ASOP offers 5-6 workshops in schools and community centers across Vermont. The workshops highlight historical, cultural, geographical and religious elements in China, Japan and Thailand. Over the past several years quite a few presentations have been developed in addition to those described in this brochure. The workshops can be geared for both educators and students, and have been presented in classrooms and after-school situations as well.

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<td>This workshop explores the ancient tradition of Japanese fish printing. The ASOP library now also hosts a Gyotaku Kit for teachers to borrow.</td>
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<td><strong>Thai Puppetry: An Ancient Art</strong></td>
<td>Explore the art and history behind puppets in Thai culture. These workshops can include both rod and shadow puppet making and the history of the art form.</td>
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<td><strong>Dragon Puppet Building</strong></td>
<td>Learn about the dragon’s symbolism in Asian cultures and then create your own 40 foot dragon puppet in a weeklong workshop with the whole school.</td>
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<td><strong>Wai Kru Workshop</strong></td>
<td>Personal responsibility and honoring those in your life who are your teachers is an important aspect in Thai culture. Learn about this event and make your own “paan wai kru”.</td>
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<td><strong>Ukiyo-e Workshop</strong></td>
<td>This workshop explores the art of Japanese woodblock design. Students can study themes in Japanese Ukiyo-e before creating their own.</td>
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<td><strong>Japanese Book Binding Workshop</strong></td>
<td>In this workshop students practice the ancient art of book binding, using traditional rice paper and techniques.</td>
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The Asian Studies Outreach Program has an extensive collection of books, videos, and cultural artifacts that can be loaned out for free to Vermont educators, including libraries and community centers. The library is open daily, but due to the multiple responsibilities of our office, it is necessary from time to time to be closed during our regular hours of operation. Please always call the office prior to stopping by to set up an appointment or to reserve specific items.

**Video & DVD Library Collection**

The Asian Studies Outreach Program has an extensive collection of DVDS and videos, including but not limited to:

**Films about China**
- Families in China
- Big Bird in China
- Mao’s Last Dancer
- Chinese Brush Painting
- The Art of Chinese Dance

**Films about Japan**
- Families in Japan
- Big Bird in Japan
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

**Films about Thailand**
- Families in Thailand
- The Legend of Suriyothai
- Classical Dance of Thailand

Visit our webpage, [www.uvm.edu/~outreach](http://www.uvm.edu/~outreach), for a complete list of our books and videos collection.

**Cultural Kits**

ASOP has created over a dozen cultural kits for teachers to borrow when they teach about Asia. The kits contain dozens of artifacts, including maps, books, and samples of folk art, which can be integrated into a lesson plan. The list of kits include the following:

**China Kits**
- China K-8
- China 9-12
- Ancient China
- Chinese Minorities
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Chinese Shadow Puppets
- Chinese Ribbon Dance
- Chinese New Year’s Celebration
- Chinese Knotting
- Chinese Paper Cutting

**Japan Kits**
- Japan K-8 Kit
- Japan 9-12 Kit
- Japanese Games and Celebrations
- Japan Daily Life
- Japan Kamishibai Kit
- Japanese Tea Ceremony
- Gyotaku Japanese Fish Printing
- Desai “Day in the Life” Photos

**Thai Kits**
- Thai K-8 Kit
- Thai 9-12 Kit
- Arts of Thailand Kit
- Asian Shadow Puppets Kit
THE STATE-WIDE PROGRAM FOR ASIAN STUDIES IN SCHOOLS
2012 Program Application
UVM Asian Studies Outreach Program
Application Deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2011
Please return the application to: Asian Studies Outreach Program, UVM, Mann Hall Room 201, 208 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405

I confirm that I am applying for the following ASOP program:
Teachers Program
1) The Institute on Thailand and its Cultures:
Dates: June 21 2012-July 12 2012

Have you participated in an ASOP Overseas Program Before:

Yes ❑ No ❑

If you answered yes, please indicate which program(s) including the year:

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I. Applicant’s Data (Please print or type)

| Full Name: | Male ❑ | Female ❑ | Date of Birth: / / (month/day/year) |
| Social Security Number: - | Country of Citizenship: | Passport Number: |
| Permanent Address: Street | Town | State | Zip |
| Mailing Address: Street /P.O. Box (if different from above) | Town | State | Zip |
| Home Phone: | Fax: |
| School Name: |
| School Address: Street | Town | State | Zip |
| School phone: | Fax: |
| E-mail: |
| Occupation:
Teacher ❑ Guidance Counselor ❑ Principal ❑ Superintendent ❑ Other (Specify): |
| * For teachers Grade level: Subject Area: |

II. Objectives: Please describe why you want to participate in the State-wide Program for Asian Studies in Schools.
III. **Action Plan for Follow-up Activities:** How do you plan to promote the study of Asia after your participation in the Program? Please consider activities such as instruction, curriculum design, publicity for the program, and community outreach activities. Be as specific as possible and use additional paper if necessary.

**Approval from the Principal**

I hereby approve ________________________'s application for the State-wide Program for Asian Studies in Schools.

Name: ________________________________
______________________________
Print 

Signature 

Date: ________________________________

**Note:** Selection of participants for these programs will be based on the following criteria:
1) Applicant's plans and objectives for the work to be conducted after the program.
2) Possibility of teaming up with other teachers from the applicant’s school district to promote Asian Studies.
3) Geographical distribution of all applicants in the State of Vermont.
4) Participants that have already participated in ASOP programs may apply, but we seek participants that have not participated in one of our overseas programs.
Resources for Educators
Touring Art and Cultural Artifacts

Touring Art Exhibits
Three touring art exhibitions are available for Vermont schools.

Chinese Children’s Art
This exhibition has 45 pieces of painting and calligraphy created by Chinese children.

Dancing Dragon
Two, forty foot long dragon puppets are available to any teacher or school in Vermont interested in this beautiful tradition. Celebrate any occasion at your school, any time of year with these puppets. It takes six people to easily maneuver each of these beautiful puppets, the result being an elaborate and breathtaking addition to any celebration.

Jenny Peck’s Photographs
This exhibition includes 24 enlarged photos taken by Jenny Peck, a Vermont art teacher, when she visited China and Japan.

Thai Children’s Art
The exhibition has 40 pieces of artwork created by children in Thailand.

Visit the ASOP Library
Contact Information
The Asian Studies Outreach Program is located on Trinity Campus, at the University of Vermont. We are not always at the office, so please call ahead to schedule your visit.

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Are you on Facebook? The Asian Studies Outreach Program has a page on Facebook. Like our page to find out about events and see pictures from current and past programs.
Like ASOP on Facebook by contacting JDrouin@uvm.edu for the link to the page!

Read the Visiting Scholar Blog
Each year, ASOP hosts Visiting Scholars in Vermont. Read the blog to find out more about their experiences, reflections, and what it means to host a Visiting Scholar at your school.
Read the blog at:
http://visiting-scholars-vermont.blogspot.com/

Follow us on Twitter
Keep up to date with the latest news, movies and books from China, Japan, and Thailand, as well as notices of Asian cultural events happening in Vermont.
Follow ASOP on twitter at:
http://twitter.com/#!/asianstudiesvt or read our live feed on our homepage with the best of Twitter according to AsianStudiesVT
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The Visiting Scholars Program

To assist Vermont schools in teaching about Asia, ASOP directly invites Visiting Scholars from China, Thailand, Japan and South Korea for periods of five to ten months. The Visiting Scholars are hosted by Vermont schools and while there, share various aspects of their culture with Vermont students.

Receiving host schools are responsible for assigning mentors, identifying host families, and making arrangements for the Visiting Scholar to share their expertise at the school. This is a wonderful experience for the whole community.

Reflections of a Visiting Scholar Alumni

In 2010, Mali Treephet, a teacher at Assumption Samutprakarn School in Thailand, was invited to spend a year in Burlington, Vermont, as a Visiting Scholar. Along with keeping a blog, Life In Vermont 2010-2011, at the end of her time in Vermont Mali composed an open letter. Excerpts of the letter are provided below:

“About teaching experience, I not only had many chances to teach American people about Thailand and Thai culture at John J Flynn Elementary Schools and C.P. Smith Elementary School but I also learned about their country, diverse cultures, school system and classroom management from them. Both teachers and students were excited to learn about Thailand and to take part in Thai cultural activities.”

“I also learned that the word friend is meaningful when some American students hugged me and said that I was not their teacher but their best friend. It sounded great to me. It does not mean that they do not respect me but they love me.”

To read the full letter, visit our webpage

Read Mali’s blog: http://lifeinvermont2010-2011.blogspot.com/

Vermont Teacher Exchange

Dona and Dean Meltzer reflect on their year in Lijiang, China, as part of the School-to-School Exchange Program

This long-standing teacher exchange program enables Vermont teachers to work in China or Thailand for at least two months. The Meltzers, pictured above, spent 2009-2010 in the town of Lijiang, China.

In 2009, Dean and Dona Meltzer, two teachers from Braintree, Vermont, decided to take on a challenge of global proportion: to spend one year teaching in Lijiang, China, as part of the ASOP Teacher Exchange program.

“We wanted to see more of the world and saw an opportunity to share our culture and skill as teachers.” Explained the Meltzers when asked what made them consider spending a year abroad. “We hoped to learn about the people and culture of China.”

Unlike other teacher exchange programs, which generally place teachers in large urban centers, the Meltzers stayed in the ancient town of Lijiang, home to the ethnic minority people, the Naxi. “Although we knew that China had many ethnic minorities, living in a minority area brought us many interesting cultural experiences. We were surprised to be included in so many wonderful family and community celebrations and activities.”

In Lijiang, Dean taught at the Gucheng District Vocational School where he planned and taught 12 classes per week in a block schedule while Dona planned and taught 12 classes per week, six classes of 3rd grade students, attended special activities run by her school and joined field trips. One of the highlights for the Meltzers was teaching English language/best teaching practices to all the middle level teachers in the Gucheng District.

“Our goal was to make professional and personal growth and to extend a connection with China. We hoped to have made a positive difference for ourselves, our community and our country.”

-Dean and Dona Meltzer

Contact the ASOP office for more information about the Teacher Exchange Program.
Overseas Program
For Educators

The Institute in Thailand

This institute enables participating teachers to study the history, religions and culture of Thailand. During the past five years, more than 100 teachers have participated in this program.

- **Credits:** 3
- **Dates:** Sunday, June 21 to Sunday, July 12, 2012
- **Locations:** Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Ubon Ratchathani in Thailand
- **Enrollment limit:** 10, all required to take this program as graduate course of three credits at UVM
- **Cost:** $1,700 plus UVM tuition
- **Application Deadline:** December 1, 2011
- **Application to the ASOP office ONLY**

Selection process will be completed by mid-December, 2011. Notification of acceptance will be sent out at the end of December 2011. Planning sessions will be held on Saturdays, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2012. A reunion conference will be held in the Fall of 2012.

All participants are required to attend all the planning sessions, follow-up sessions and two after school regional curriculum planning sessions. Travel dates are subject to change by 1-2 days to allow for flexibility on prices. Participants must have a passport valid through 2012 in order to apply.

Notes for the Overseas Program:

a) The overseas program is open to Vermont teachers and school administrators only.
b) Each participant must receive his or her supervisor’s approval to apply for and participate in the program.
c) Teachers in the overseas program are expected to participate in the workshops sponsored by ASOP in Year 2012-2013. They are also expected to teach about Thailand in their schools when they return from abroad.
d) Those who have visited Asia through an ASOP sponsored program must teach about the country for at least two years in order to qualify for participation in another overseas program. This insures a broad base of participation by Vermont teachers.
e) The cost indicated for the program covers international transportation, domestic transportation, instructional fees in Asia, field trips, housing, and three meals a day.
f) Participants who withdraw from the course after the first spring planning session date (April 7) will be billed for the full amount of cost which includes UVM course tuition and all program fees.

Study Abroad for High School Students

The Governor’s Institute on Asian Cultures in Vermont and China

The Governor's Institute on Asian Cultures is co-sponsored by the Asian Studies Outreach Program at the University of Vermont (ASOP) and the Vermont Governor's Institute (GIV). The institute provides a unique opportunity for Vermont teenagers to learn about Asia and to travel in China over a two-year cycle.

In the first year of their involvement, selected Vermont high school students spend one week on the University of Vermont campus to learn about many aspects of Asian culture, including history, art, politics and more. The 2011 summer program included:

- Lectures from UVM professors
- Daily Tai Chi Lessons
- Japanese Pop! Music Lesson
- Chinese language lessons

At the end of the week, students present their individual study plans for the year in preparation for their trip to China the following summer.

Over the next year, students work on their individual study plans with help from program teachers. In the spring, planning meetings are held to prepare students for travel in China. Information about locations, what to expect abroad, and even how to bargain in Chinese is provided. In their second summer, the Vermont teens and group leaders travel to China to directly experience the subjects of their previous learning.

Students must complete the summer program at UVM to be considered for the overseas program in China.

Do you know a 9th or 10th grader who has an interest in learning more about Asia? Visit our website, www.uvm.edu/~outreach or the Governor’s Institute in Vermont, www.giv.org, in March 2012 for information or call 656-7985
Contact the **Asian Studies Outreach Program** for more information on study abroad opportunities for educators and students, teacher exchange programs, or in-state resources and events to help teach and learn about Asia.

Gerry Gatz, ASOP Curriculum Coordinator, visiting a rice field in Thailand with host school at the 2008 Institute in Thailand