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# **Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies**

**Suffolk University, Boston**

## **Annual Report for 2015-2016 Academic Year**

**Ronald Suleski, PhD, Director**

### **Overview**

**The past academic year brought a lot of changes to Suffolk.** In July 2015 we welcomed our new President Margaret McKenna, who previously served as president of Lesley College for twenty years, and also our new CAS Dean, Dr. Maria Toyoda. Dean Toyoda came to us from Villanova University. She is a specialist on modern Japanese political systems and has been active with the Association for Asian Studies, one of the oldest and most prestigious associations of Asian Studies specialists in the United States. The Director of the Rosenberg Institute reports to Dean Toyoda.

**Along with the new fiscal year in July 2015 came the major relocation of all University offices on campus,** a result of Suffolk having sold three major academic buildings and opened the new Somerset Building. The Rosenberg Institute was able to move quickly in August 2015 into the 73 Tremont Street building into an adequate office as part of the History Department just before the semester began, while other University units followed their scheduled moves which continue.

In addition to the physical moves, various changes to administrative procedures, most of them improvements over previous requirements, were rolled out in the course of the academic year. **In spite of the numerous changes within Suffolk University, the Rosenberg Institute continued its full schedule of programs aimed at enriching the academic experiences of the students and faculty at Suffolk, and to members of the public in Boston and surrounding areas.**

The current report on the Rosenberg Institute's 2015-2016 academic year follows a chronological presentation of Institute activities and involvements. This gives a sense of how we try to pace our programs to fit within the semester framework. All of our programs received helpful support from our faculty and had large audiences.

## **September 2015**

**19 September 2015. New England Taiwanese Student Associations Presidents Conference.** Once again we worked with our colleagues at the Taipei Educational and Cultural Office (TECO), a diplomatic office in Boston, as they brought forty Taiwanese student club presidents from all over New England to Suffolk for a full-day conference that featured speakers and Taiwanese food. This represents one of our programs where the Institute welcomes members from the wider Boston community onto the Suffolk campus. Some of our Suffolk international students from Taiwan were also at the meeting.





(Front row, left to right) Yuling Hung, Secretary, TECO-Boston; Wan-Chin Chou, Chairman, New England Association of Chinese Professionals; Scott Lai, Director-General, TECO-Boston; Cynthia Huang, Director of Education Division, TECO-Boston; Dr. Chorng-Hwa Chang, Professor, Tufts University; and Dr. Shih-Hui Wang, President, New England Association of Chinese Professionals.

**22 September 2015.** The **Asia-related student clubs at Suffolk** were active in recruiting new members. Six clubs specifically related to Asia continued with new student board members. The Director of the Rosenberg Institute was asked to act as Faculty Advisor to the Chinese Student Association, Japan Student Association, Korean Culture Club, and a proposed South Asian Student Association.

**Asian American Association.** First meeting Tuesday 29 September 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Sawyer 427. Contact: [aaasuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:aaasuffolk@gmail.com).

**Chinese Student Association.** (representing a number of undergraduate and graduate Chinese clubs at Suffolk). First meeting Thursday 24 September 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Donahue Café. Contact: [suffolkcssaundergraduate@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkcssaundergraduate@gmail.com).

**Japanese Student Association.** First General Meeting Thursday 24 September 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Sawyer 1138. Contact: Nakajima Tsuyoshi <[thnakajima42@gmail.com](mailto:thnakajima42@gmail.com)>.

**Korean Cultural Club.** First General Meeting Thursday 24 September 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Somerset 219. Contact: [Suffolk.kcc@gmail.com](mailto:Suffolk.kcc@gmail.com).



**Taiwanese Student Club.** First meeting Tuesday 28 September, 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Sawyer 808.

**Vietnamese Student Association.** First meeting Thursday 1 October, 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Sawyer 134.

**25 September 2015.** The on-going refugee crisis in Europe has brought into focus the topic of immigrants, so we organized a program on **Korean Immigrants and Mental Health** by **Dr. Jonghyun Lee**, who teaches social work policy and practice at Bridgewater State University. The program was requested by a faculty member in our Psychology Department.

## **October 2015**

**5 October 2016.** **China Today: Its Economy and Foreign Investments** was the theme of our **China Town Hall** program this year. We were joined at Suffolk by **Erin Ennis**, Senior Vice-President of the US-China Business Council in New York City. After some remarks about these issues to set the stage, we opened a live webcast featuring **Robert Rubin**, former Secretary of the Treasury; **Sheldon Day**, Mayor of Thomasville, Alabama, where some Chinese factories are located; **Daniel Rosen**, Founding Partner of Rhodium Group that advises US companies on dealing with China. **Steve Orlins**, President of the National Committee on US-China Relations, moderated the discussion.

As in past years, the program was organized by the National Committee on US-China Relations in New York, and our local co-sponsor was WorldBoston, a non-profit founded in 1949. Suffolk University provided the venue and IT assistance. We had an informed and active audience of about sixty persons.

**6 October 2015.** The **Suffolk Japan Student Association** put together a party about the art of paper-folding (*origami* おりがみ). They welcomed many Suffolk students to their meeting, and sent us a nice photo of the gathering. Below is the great photo they sent of the gathering folding paper cranes.



**16 October 2015.** We reported on **Suffolk faculty member Christian Chelariu** from the Sawyer Business School who spent time at **Hunan University in Changsha**. He presented papers at a conference and faculty seminars, and taught a mini-course on Marketing Channels. At the bottom is a photo of Chris at Mao Zedong's home village. Professor Chelariu had consulted with the Institute before his trip, and promised us a report upon his return to campus.



**20 October 2015.** **Japan Today and Tomorrow**, a talk by the **Consul-General of Japan in Boston, Tsutomu (Tom) Himeno**. Every year we have a number of Suffolk students who go to Japan for study abroad, and we also have Japanese



students who come here, so interest about Japan is high among our students. Our Japan Student Association is among the most active in campus. The JSA participated in advertising the event on campus, and the History Department was a joint sponsor.

In the fall 2015 semester, we invited the three consuls-general in Boston from East Asia (Taiwan, Japan, Korea) to each speak on campus. We maintain good relations with each of these offices and, in a diplomatic sense, the invitations showed equal courtesy with no favoritism.

**22-25 October 2015.** We advertised the **Boston Asian American Film Festival** that not only showed the films by Asian directors, but brought many filmmakers to speak with audience members. **Suffolk's Modern Theater** was the venue for showing one of the films, by director Kenneth Eng about his father's life of escaping from China, then years later returning to re-visit his hometown. Suffolk faculty and students received free admission to the showing that took place on 21 November, see the report below.

**29 October 2015.** **Introduction to Islam** was a talk given by **Suffolk University Chaplain and Director of our Interfaith Center, the Reverend Amy Fisher.** Islam is found in Asian populations. Some figures indicate that Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim country, but Malaysia is also predominantly Muslim, and Islamic mosques are frequently encountered in China. The Suffolk Interfaith Center was a co-sponsor of the program.

## **November 2015**

**3 November 2015.** **The Grandmaster** (一代宗師) by the well-known **Hong Kong director Wong Kar-wai**, was introduced and scenes shown by **Professor Micky Lee**, a specialist on Hong Kong cinema in the Communication and Journalism Department. The film won twelve Hong Kong film awards. The Department of Communication and Journalism was a co-sponsor of the event.



**6 November 2015. Annual Banquet of the Chinese Historical Society of New England** (CHSNE). This is one of the more active civic organizations in Boston Chinatown and is a Community Outreach Partner for the Rosenberg Institute. The Institute purchased one table for the ten-course Chinese meal, and invited Suffolk faculty and spouses to attend. Many leaders in the Chinatown community of Boston were present.

**9 November 2015. Korea-US Relationship** a talk by **Ambassador Ohm Song-jun**, Consul-General of Korea in Boston. His personal interest is in the long-standing friendship between the United States and Korea and the talk he gave was based partly on his own research. The History Department was a co-sponsor.

**13 November 2015.** Suffolk University was proud to help present the **Diwali Festival of Light from India**. A favorite of this gathering every year is making a *rangoli* design, along with the Indian food served as part of the celebration. Held **Friday 13 November 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Sawyer Lounge**. The event was sponsored by the International Student Association and International Programs and Services.

**17 November 2015. Taiwan Today, Looking Toward Tomorrow** a talk by **Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Scott Lai 賴銘琪**. The talk was indeed relevant, because the previous week Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou 馬英九 had a private meeting with China's ruler Xi Jinping 習近平. They met in Singapore and the topic was Taiwan today, looking toward tomorrow. The talk at Suffolk was an introduction to Taiwan, US-Taiwan relations and Cross-Strait relations.

**19 November 2015.** We welcomed two scholars from China who were making a short visit of a few months at Suffolk to collect materials for their research. **Zhang Chunli 張春麗** is an Associate Professor at the China Youth University of Political Studies (*Zhongguo qingnian zhengzhi xueyuan* 中國青年政治學院) in Beijing where she has been teaching since 2006. She has published three books dealing with Chinese political thinking in the modern era. At Suffolk she was



investigating the American Middle Class, to find out exactly what it is these days. **Huang Dadi** 黃大地 has retired after a long career as a professional librarian at Peking Normal University (*Beijing shifan daxue* 北京師範大學). His father was the progressive political thinker and poet Huang Yaomian 黃藥眠. They were hosted by the Sawyer School of Business at Suffolk and also visited the Rosenberg Institute.



Zhang Chunli and Huang Dadi in Beijing.

**21 November 2015.** We arranged for **Suffolk's Modern Theater** to be the venue for a second showing of the film titled **My Life in China** by director **Kenneth Eng** about his father's life of escaping from China, then years later returning to re-visit his hometown. We had a full house that evening, with the director present for a Q&A with the audience. Suffolk faculty and students received free admission to the showing. The Chinese Historical Society of New England was the co-sponsor. We also received coverage in the Singtao Newspaper 青島日報, a Hong Kong-based publication and our story was put in the local

Boston edition.



Followed by Q&A with  
**Director**  
**Kenneth Eng**

**Saturday, 11/21, 7:30PM**

**Modern Theatre, 525 Washington St., Boston, MA**

**\$7.50 IN ADVANCE / \$10 AT THE DOOR / FREE WITH SUFFOLK ID**

"My Life in China" is a personal film that takes viewers on a journey to rural China where an emotional revelation takes place. Every family has a special story. In America, everyone has a family story of immigration. Everyone, at some point, has had somebody in their family leave their native country behind to search for a better life.

For TICKETS and more info visit **BAAFF.ORG**, additional questions contact Suffolk University Prof. Micky Lee, [mlee@suffolk.edu](mailto:mlee@suffolk.edu), 617-994-6453.

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**Chinese Historical Society**  
of New England

Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Asian Studies Program, Department of Communication & Journalism—all of Suffolk University.  
BAAFF is a production of Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW).

## December 2015

**1 December 2015. Journey with the Giant** was a film by **Director and Producer Jim Gabbe**. The film is about the on-going rapid development of China's economy. The screening was held at Suffolk's Modern Theater, and Dr. Suleski was asked to moderate the Q&A session that followed the showing. The film was part of the Suffolk Cinema Series, with co-operation from the Theater Department, the Communication and Journalism Department (CJN) and the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences.



## January 2016

**29 January 2016.** The Rosenberg Institute invited noted filmmaker **Reggie Life** to visit to talk about his films. Reggie has produced many documentaries about what happens to people when they cross cultural boundaries, for example Americans who move to Asia to live and work. Sometimes it is because of personal involvements, like marriage to an Asian, and sometimes it is for professional reasons. Reggie, who teaches at Emerson College in Boston, had just completed a feature film, a new *genre* for him, about tensions between the people of Okinawa and the American military because of sexual involvements, a topic often in the news in Japan. The film is titled **Cocktail Party**, and he showed us excerpts from the film. This was filmed in Okinawa and also here in Boston.

**4 February 2016.** Our **Vietnamese Student Association** at Suffolk held a gathering to celebrate the **Vietnamese New Year Tet** holiday. Their activities included games of chance and fun and more. Here is how they worded their invitation: To celebrate the Vietnamese New Year we are gonna be having a mini Tet fair this Thursday 2/4/16 at 1 PM in Somerset 315! There will be a small gambling session with Big 2 and the "Dice Game". Come on down for a chance to win some really cool gift cards!! Bring your friends!!

**5 February 2016.** This year the Suffolk **Asian American Association** teamed up with the **Korean Culture Club** to present the **Annual Showcase**. It was a talent show featuring various interest groups among our Asian students, such as step and interpretive dance, singing, and skits prepared by the club members. Their poster is below.





Suffolk University  
Asian American Association

# Annual Showcase

In Collaboration with Korean Culture Club

**Special Guest**



**Joseph Vincent**

February 5, 2016  
C. Walsh Theater

55 Temple St  
Doors Open at  
6PM, Show Starts @ 7PM

Free Event. Amazing Acts  
Awesome Prizes  
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Featuring:

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Rangila Rhythms, Juli's Jukebox Orchestra



**9 February 2016.** Students at the Suffolk Law School, the **Asian Pacific American Law Students Association** (APALSA) held their **Lunar New Year Celebration** on campus. They assemble crowd of Law School students to celebrate the Year of the Monkey.



**10 February 2016.** Our **Suffolk Chinese Student clubs** held their Lunar New Year Celebration beginning at 6:30 at the C. Walsh Theater. Their original announcement is pasted in below.



**Chinese Lunar New Year Wednesday 10  
February 2016  
Walsh Theater 6:30pm**

正值新春佳节，师徒重聚之日，  
大师兄却迟迟没有回来！  
说好的一个筋斗云十万八千里，  
怎么还不出现？  
难道大师兄在盘丝洞流连忘返？  
师徒三人只得在水帘洞苦苦等待  
干等多无聊！我们来点节目热闹起来呗！  
来了您就知道这一趟没有白浪费您的时间，  
因为我们今年春晚的奖品福利实在是猴赛雷！  
有魔音耳机，HBD 潮牌衣服，魔音音箱，加湿器，和 Ipad Pro...

**Suffolk 猴年春晚《迟到的大师兄》等你来一探究竟！**  
**二月十号晚上 6:30 在 C. Walsh Theater 我们不见不散！**

We will be holding Suffolk Chinese New Year Festival on Feb. 10th at C. Walsh Theater during 6:30 P.M.. Please coming and join us for the fun night. The awards of this year are definitely incredible, which we will be giving out Beats headphones, Beats speaker, HBD Fashion T-Shirts, humidifier, and Ipad Pro!  
Remember to show up **on Feb. 10th at C. Walsh Theater at 6:30 P.M.!**

**特别鸣谢**  
**赞助商和兄弟社团的大力支持！**

Fashion T-Shirts, humidifier, and Ipad Pro!  
Remember to show up **on Feb. 10th at C. Walsh Theater at 6:30 P.M.!**

**特别鸣谢**  
**赞助商和兄弟社团的大力支持！**

**11 February 2016.** The visit to **China, Vietnam and Cambodia** is a project the Director of the Rosenberg Institute has been working on for the past several years. The goal is to have faculty members at Suffolk's New England School of Art and Design (NESAD) become actively involved with Asia, with a view to having Suffolk students travel to Asia for study abroad in the fields of art, drawing, graphic design, and also to have schools in Asia increase the number of their students sent to Suffolk. Our colleague **Karen Clarke** recently visited Asia. While there she stopped at one of our partner schools, the **Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication (BigC)** where she met with students and school officials, gave some lectures, and Karen and husband Bruce were well-treated. They then went on to visit Polus International College in Chengdu. The visit did not involve Rosenberg Institute funds.

## Interior Architecture Professor Brings Lessons on Environmentally Responsible Design to Students in China



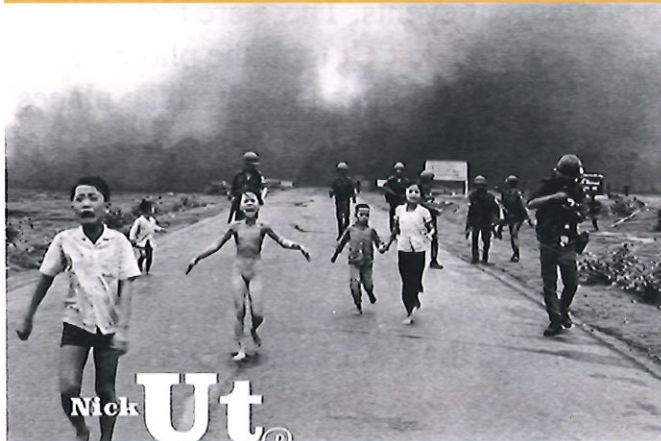


Karen Clarke and members of the Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication faculty

**23 February 2016.** We had two visitors on campus whose professional work has changed the way the American public views current events. These are two accomplished photographers whose work is superb. **Nick Ut** took the photo of Vietnamese children suffering from napalm dropped on them by American planes in Vietnam during America's military involvement there in the 1960s and 1970s. It had a great impact on the American people about the conflict in Vietnam. His photo is in the poster below. **Mark Harris** has traveled widely in Asia, including photographing in North Korea as few other Westerners have done. One of his recent photos is also on the poster below. The Rosenberg Institute joined with the Department of Communication and Journalism and the CAS Dean's Office to present an **Open Conversation with Nick Ut and Mark Harris.**



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## **March 2016**

**1 March 2016.** The Rosenberg Institute arranged for a visit by a delegation of fourteen students and two faculty from **Brookline High School**. They were all involved in the exchange program with the **Gaoxin High School** in Xian, China. In this program the Chinese students have home stays with the American students. By March 2016 they were all in China at home stays with the Chinese parents. The Americans were all studying Chinese, and the program has been running for a number of years now.

**1 March 2016.** A new faculty member at Suffolk had invited his PhD advisor to speak at Suffolk, and we arranged a number of talks. Unfortunately, unexpected health issues arose and we were forced to cancel these events, which we hope to offer at a later time. The Rosenberg Institute had agreed to cover some of the costs, with co-sponsors picking up the remaining costs.

The canceled events were:

**Wednesday, March 2, 11:00am-11:50am**

**North Korea and Its Foreign Policy**

**Dr. Han S. Park, University of Georgia**

Sponsored by Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, and Government Department, Suffolk University.

**Thursday, March 3, 10:00am-11:15am**

**North Korea Today**

**Dr. Han S. Park, University of Georgia**

Sponsored by Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, and Government Department, Suffolk University.

**Thursday, March 3, 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**The Koreas: Is Unification Achievable?**

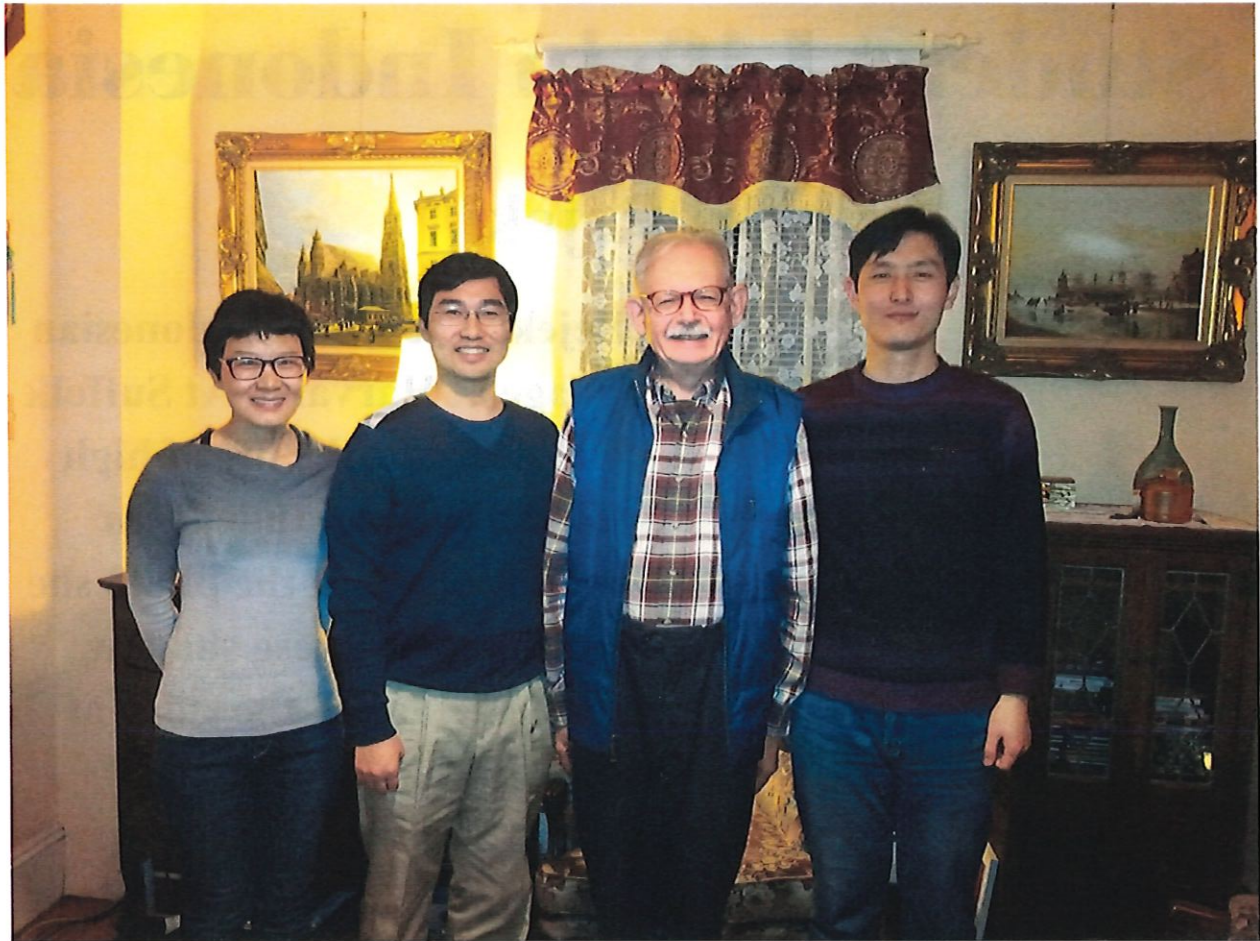
**Dr. Han S. Park, University of Georgia**

Sponsored by WorldBoston and the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Suffolk University.



**4 March 2016. The Chinese New Year Banquet sponsored by the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)** 波士頓華埠社區中心 was held at the Hei La Moon Restaurant 喜喜 臨門大酒樓, 88 Beach Street, Boston Chinatown. They are a community outreach partner of the Rosenberg Institute so a table of guests representing Suffolk was present to meet the officers of BCNC and community leaders in Chinatown. They provide internships for our students and also supply students to Suffolk.

**28 March 2016.** In cooperation with the History Department and the CAS Dean's office, we arranged to have a visiting scholar from China on campus. **Dr. Zhisong Li (李志松)**. Dr. Li is a specialist in the modern history of Northwest China. He teaches at Northwest University in the city of Xian, the famous city to the west of Beijing that was once called Chang'an (長安) and was the capital of the Tang Dynasty (618-907). The photo below shows a recent social gathering we had with some of our China experts at Dr. Suleski's home. On the left-hand side is Zuiwei Zhu who is a Visiting Scholar in the Philosophy Department; next to her is Weiqi Zhang, our new professor in the Government Department; I'm next in line; and on the far right is Zhisong.



**April 2016**

**5 April 2016.** The Rosenberg Institute invited a guest to tell us about **Student Life in Indonesia**. She was **Sri Rejeki**, teaching Indonesia language at Harvard. Her comments on the life of typical students in Indonesia were welcomed by our Suffolk students, who raised many questions.



# Student Life in Indonesia

## Sri Rejeki



Sri Rejeki is teaching Indonesian Language at Harvard. At Suffolk she will describe the life of high school and college students in Indonesia today. In the photo she is explaining Javanese shadow puppets used to tell the story of King Rahwana (King of the Alengka Kingdom who is eager to marry Shinta) and a Mountain Figure which represents a palace.

**Tuesday 5 April 2016**

**10:00am to 11:15am**

**At The Poetry Center (second floor of the Sawyer Library at 73 Tremont Street, Boston.)**

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美國薩福克大學羅森伯格東亞研究所

**5 April 2016. What is it like to work, study, and live in Hong Kong? 如何在香港讀書及工?** In this interesting program, **Chak Fu Lam** in Management and Entrepreneurship and **Micky Lee** in Communication and Journalism organized a session in cooperation with Suffolk's Career Development Center, and co-sponsored by Study Abroad and the Rosenberg Institute. **In the future many of the best jobs will be in Asia, and recruiting for those jobs has already started.**

**14 April 2016.** The **Asia Pacific American Law Student Association** (APALSA) sponsored an event called **Agent Orange**. The event had two knowledgeable speakers who deal with this issue: **Paul Epstein** and **Archer Battista**. The program was co-sponsored by the law firm of Nutter McLennan and Fish, which specializes in environmental and chemical-related issues; Suffolk Veterans Association; Suffolk Disability Law Advocates; and the President's Diversity Initiative. Rosenberg Institute helped to publicize the event.

**21 April 2016.** The Rosenberg Institute arranged a talk for our students and faculty from our recent visitors to **Cambodia and Vietnam**, **Professor Karen Clarke** and her husband Bruce (involved in venture capital), to speak about their experiences and to show slides of their visit. It was a colorful and very informative presentation, and the speakers responded to many questions raised by the students.



# Visiting Cambodia and Vietnam

## Karen and Bruce Clarke



Suffolk Professor Karen Clarke and her husband Bruce visited Asia in Fall 2015 stopping in China, Cambodia and Vietnam. We've invited them to show us their slides and tell us about their adventures and observations while abroad.

**Thursday 21 April 2016 10:00am to 11:15am**

**In Room 217 Somerset Building (20 Somerset Street  
on the Suffolk Campus next to the JF McCormick  
State Office Building)**

**Free and Open to the Public**



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**24 April 2016.** Boston celebrated the **MATSURI まつり祭り The Japan Festival Boston!** The **Suffolk University Japan Student Association サフオーク大学日本人学生会** had many of their members at the booth they organized, to welcome children to play games enjoyed by toddlers in Japan, and to talk about Suffolk. Rosenberg Institute helped to publicize the event, which drew overwhelming crowds to the Boston Common.

**27 April 2016.** The Rosenberg Institute cooperated with the Department of Economics to present the talk **China: Banking, Debt and Growth** by **Jeffrey R. Williams**. He has lived and worked in Asia for many years, speaks Mandarin well, and has been the president of American and Chinese banks in Asia. We had a large audience for the event, including students from our graduate programs and from the Sawyer Business School, and some alum attended as well.

## **May 2016**

**16 May 2016. Suffolk will be sending students to Cambodia and India** for a service learning experience. This will be during the **winter inter-session in January 2017**. Students first take a course in the Government Department in the fall 2016 semester, GVT387 Conflict and Development in Asia, then will join a group to either Cambodia or India to join a project co-sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Students receive credit toward graduation both from the course and from the international study experience. The Rosenberg Institute Director has been encouraging this program, as a follow-up to the successful Vietnam experience in January 2016.



# ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK

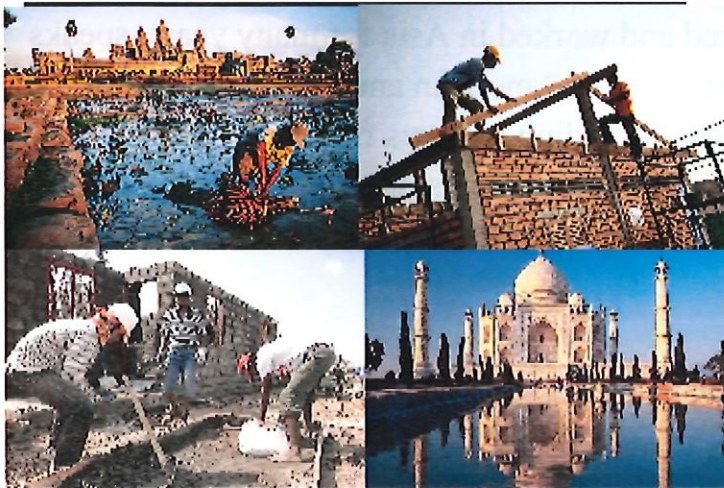
SERVICE LEARNING TRIP, JANUARY 2ND -15TH 2017

## to India or Cambodia

Includes GVT 386- Conflict & Development in Asia for Fall 2016, and a 1 credit travel course for Spring 2017



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## June 2016

**9 June 2016.** Our Chinatown community in Boston celebrated the launch of a new **Chinatown Atlas**. This website was compiled under the direction of **MIT Emeritus Professor Tunney Lee** and a crew of capable experts. The Chinese Historical Society of New England (CHSNE) has participated in the process of developing the website. CHSNE has supplied materials, photos, and served as a resource. The private invitation-only launch was held in late May at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, and the public launch was held on 9 June. Very enthusiastic audiences showed that Boston's Chinatown community

remains strong and engaged. The Rosenberg Institute has designated CHSNE as one of our Community Outreach Sponsors.

The following Thank You was received from the Chinese Historical society and it lists the name of the Rosenberg Institute.

Thank you for attending the Chinatown Atlas Launch reception last night. Your presence helped make it a memorable celebration for both the Chinatown Atlas Team and CHSNE. At your leisure you may now visit [ChinatownAtlas.org](http://ChinatownAtlas.org)!

Please join and invite others to attend the public presentation on Thursday, June 9th @6:30pm. Reserve your free tickets here: <http://chinatownatlaslaunch.eventbrite.com/>

Also, if you did not get a chance to return a donation/pledge card you can still support CHSNE and become a member or make a donation here:

<https://squareup.com/store/chsne>

Thanks to JP Fuji Group and Chicken and Rice Guys for the wonderful food, and to the Host Circle and Organizational Sponsors who helped make these launch events possible.

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## **Rosenberg Asian Studies Scholarships**

In the fall of 2015 we re-launched the **Rosenberg Asian Studies Scholarship** program. All students who are accepted into a Suffolk-approved program of study in Asia are eligible to receive this award. This Scholarship is listed on the Study Abroad website. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above to be considered. The award will be made by the Director of the International Students Office (Study Abroad) and the Director of the Rosenberg Institute. The funds will be processed by the Student Aid Financial Office at Suffolk. A typical award will be for \$2,500 and students can receive only one award in a given academic year. After returning to campus following study abroad, the students will be expected to make public reports about their experience and consult with other students planning to go abroad.

Under this re-launched program, awards were made in late fall 2015 for the Spring 2016 semester, then in early 2017 for the Summer 2016 and Academic Year 2016-2017. **The list of these most recent awards follows:**

Amalia Munoz Rubino, Beijing Normal University, Spring 2016

Yennhi N Tran, Hoa sen University, Spring 2016

Lok Yin Fung, Nanyang Technological University, Spring 2018

Marc Najjar, Sophia University, Spring 2016

Valtenia Charmaine Amsler, Nanyang Technological University, Summer 2016

Emma D Tarquinio, Sophia University, Summer 2016

Jiancheng Zhu, Sophia University, Summer 2016

Yihhong Zhou, Sophia University, Summer 2016

Kseniya Arturivna Synkevych, Yonsei University, Academic Year 2016-2017

## Summer Study in Seoul

Our student Kseniya Sankevich arrived in Seoul, Korea in June 2016 to begin summer study at Yonsei University. She will also have an internship at Seoul Broadcasting System (SBS) in a program arranged by KCC Corporation. In the photo Sang-hyun Lee, President of KCC, is next to Kseniya, and with Hyun-Mo Ahn, reporter from SBS who will assist Kseniya with the internship. For the summer study, Kseniya received a scholarship of three million Korean won from KCC's President Lee. She plans to remain in Korea for a year abroad program at Yonsei, a Suffolk partner school. During that time she will be recipient of a Rosenberg Asian Studies Scholarship. We have been running the summer program for the past five years with KCC, and are grateful to KCC for their generosity.





## Visitors to the Rosenberg Institute 2015-2016

Visitors come to the Institute throughout the year to ask about our programs or to discuss matters relating to Asia in their fields. It is always a pleasure to welcome these guests. Among the many visitors are the following distinguished individuals. In the past academic year, the following specialists visited the Institute.

**Mazda Mousavi.** Dr. Mousavi is trained in geology and earth sciences. He worked together with Dr. Suleski in Tokyo. He continues teaching in the Houston area and was visiting Boston. He was born in Iran, educated in India, taught in Japan and now in the United States. July 2015.

**Cynthia Huang 黃蘊玉.** She is Director of the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston. We met to discuss the Asian Studies programs at several Boston-area universities. September 2015.

**Zhang Chunli 張春麗.** Professor Zhang teaches at the China Youth University of Political Studies (*Zhongguo qingnian zhengzhi xue yuan* 中國青年政治學院). She spent six months at Suffolk to investigate aspects of American society, how religion and politics interface, as mentioned above in this Report. Dr. Suleski met her in Beijing prior to her visit to Suffolk. October 2015.

**Huang Dadi 黃大地.** Mr. Huang has retired after thirty years working in the library of Peking Normal University (*Beijing shifan daxue* 北京師範大學). He has edited a collection of his father's poetry and written about his life as a prominent scholar. His father's name was Huang Yaomian 黃藥眠, as mentioned above in this Report. November 2015.

**Bradley A. Feuling.** Mr. Feuling is the Chairman of The Asia Institute, based in Shanghai. This organization arranges study abroad programs for American students and can also help to recruit Chinese students for American colleges. We also met with Dr. Kathy Sparaco, Director of Suffolk's Study Abroad programs. November 2015.

**Janet Scott.** Dr. Scott taught at Hong Kong Baptist University for many years, and after retiring was an adjunct professor at Suffolk for several years. Her course on Chinese Society was well-received by our students. We hope she will be able to offer the course again in the future. April 2016.

**Jeffrey R Williams.** Mr. Williams spoke to Suffolk students and faculty in the spring 2016 semester. He has spent many years living and working in Taiwan and

China in the fields of banking and finance, as mentioned above in this Report. He wanted to see the new RI office in the 73 Tremont Building. April 2016.

**Karen Clarke.** Dr. Clarke visited China, Cambodia and Vietnam on behalf of Suffolk, as noted above in this report. Her efforts did much to strengthen ties between Suffolk and the schools in Asia where she visited, as mentioned above in this Report. May 2016.

**Hu Wanli 胡 萬利.** Dr. Hu is Director of the China Program Center and Special Assistant to the Provost for China Initiatives at the University of Massachusetts Boston. He leads groups of American Fulbright students to China every year and has been involved with training programs for Massachusetts teachers about China. We talked about programs at various Boston area schools, including Harvard. June 2016.

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