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Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies

Suffolk University, Boston

Annual Report for FY23 (FA2022-SP2023 Academic Year)

Ronald Suleski, PhD, Director



Overview

On 3 March 2023 our benefactor Richard M. Rosenberg passed away. He was 92 years old. This was a great loss of course for his wife whose name is on our official designation, the Barbara and Richard M. Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies. Dick Rosenberg continued to be interested in the activities of the Rosenberg Institute up to the time of his death; he was an observant supporter and an encouraging mentor to all of us involved with the Rosenberg Institute.

In FY23 the number of grant requests from Suffolk faculty increased, which greatly pleased us. It was a reflection of the numerous research and academic projects that our faculty are involved in, and also an indication of the greater awareness among faculty of the work of the Rosenberg Institute as we emerged from the previous Covid restrictions.

We continued to operate within the Provost's Office which helps us to give equal opportunities to all of Suffolk's three schools: the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), the Sawyer Business School (SBS), and the Suffolk Law

School (LAW). We continued to carry out scholarly and academic activities focused on Asia, broadly defined to cover South Asia, Southeast Asia, as well as the countries of East and Northeast Asia.

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Reporting Structure of the Rosenberg Institute

The reporting structure for FY23 is basically similar to FY24 (in place as this report is being compiled in August 23). The current reporting structure now in place is as follows:

Provost's Office, Gary Fireman, Associate Provost for Assessment and Chief Data Officer

Director, Ronald Suleski, Department of History, Language & Global Culture

Advisory Council of the Rosenberg Institute

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Marjorie Salvodon, Designee of Dean Edie Sparks, CAS

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Amy Z. Zeng, Dean of SBS

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Suffolk Law School

Sara Dillon, Designee of Dean Andrew Perlman, SLS

Rosa Kim, Professor, Legal Practice Skills, SLS

Major Grants Made During FY23

In rough chronological order

Assistance with Conference Registration. Topics about big data and China. For example, topics include resource misallocations in capital and the labor market in China leading to inefficiencies such as policy distortions like tax credit or subsidies. Another topic is energy efficiency in the Chinese industry sector, and the need for new investment embedded with energy-efficient technology. Grants were requested to cover registration and fees for conferences attended between January to July 2022, but were applied for in the FY23 fiscal year. The conferences were: AEA/ASSA Annual Conference Poster Session (January 2022); Western Economics Association International Virtual International Conference (June 2022); The Chinese Economists Society 2022 Annual Conference (June 2022). Some resulting papers from earlier conferences attended were published, others have been accepted but not yet published. The grant was made to **Professor Sarah Le Tang**, Department of Economics, CAS.

Book Completion Project. The edited book titled *Strategies of Survival: North Korean Foreign Policy under Kim Jong-un*. The book was accepted by Lexington Books, an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield Publishing. The editor Professor Weiqi Zhang requested funds to help prepare an index for the book. The book appeared in print in May 2023. Professor Zhang noted the Rosenberg sponsorship and expressed his appreciation in the acknowledgment of the book. Professor Roberto Dominguez contributed a chapter. The grant was made to **Professor Weiqi Zhang**, Department of Political Science and Legal Studies.

Visiting delegation of five Korean scholars who were all specialists on China. The meeting was held on 28 October 2022. Delegates were part of the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, with local hosts being WorldBoston. Title of the delegation was Promoting Greater Understanding of U.S. Strategy for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and U.S. Policy Toward China. The meeting was held at Suffolk's Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence (CTSE). The full morning meeting involved a lively discussion of the entire range of issues from China's Belt-and-Road Initiative (BRI); international students in China, to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) American missiles in Korea, to the immediate prospects for Taiwan. In Boston the delegation visited Harvard and Boston University, in addition to Suffolk. **The Rosenberg Institute organized the Suffolk faculty at the meeting and provided refreshments and a light snack for the morning meeting.**

The Harry Dow Lecture Series held its 9th Annual Harry H. Dow Scholarship Presentation and Lecture Series on Immigration on 9 November 2022. The Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University Boston co-sponsored the event, organized by the Law School student organization APALSA (Asian Pacific American Law Students Association), chaired by Erin Chow. Another organizing participant was the ILA (Immigration Law Association). A panel discussion of local community organizers discussing the importance of the Work and Family Mobility Act. **Grant was made to Erin Chow of APALSA, with the support of Justina Chu, former Law School Budget Director.**

Funds requested to host a meal with attending Suffolk faculty and students following a lecture by Professor Chi-Keung Chan, Associate Professor of Philosophy at National Taiwan University and a visiting scholar at the Harvard Yenching Institute. He has published many journal articles on Neo-Confucian Philosophy. His talk was titled, “Zhuangzi and the Philosophy of Disability.” The talk and meal were held on 31 March 2023; the talk in 73 Tremont and the lunch at the nearby Carrie Nation restaurant. The talk was very well-attended with standing room only, and the lunch included both undergraduate and graduate students and faculty. The grant was made to **Professor Guy Schuh**, Department of Philosophy, CAS.

Two projects were awarded to CIESA (the Center for International Education and Study Away) at Suffolk. A plan for a travel-study tour led by an SBS faculty member to Taiwan in SP23 was planned and approved, but cancelled because of late planning. A second program to decrease study-abroad costs for Suffolk students planning to study in Japan or Korea during the FA23 semester was approved. University regulations concerning how student costs for these programs can be reduced caused uncertainty about applying the funds for this program, which were approved. The funds were approved for **Dr. Amy Ewan**, Director of the Center for International Education and Study Away.

Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) 17th Annual Congress. Held 29 June to 1 July 2023 at the Institute of Peace and Democracy and Warmadewa University in Bali. In conjunction with the World International Studies Committee (WISC). Professor Roberto Dominguez chaired two panels: ASEAN Varieties of Liberalism and Democracy, and International Studies in Asia. Other co-sponsoring institutions included: Center of ASEAN Community Studies (CACS) in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Naresuan University, the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy’s (OSIPP) "Peace and Human Security in Asia: Toward a Meaningful Japan-Korea Partnership", and the Institute for International and Area Studies, Ewha Woman’s University, Seoul, Korea. Two Rosenberg Institute Awards were given to two students selected by the Congress officers. Grant made to **Professor Roberto Dominguez**, Department of Political Science and Legal Studies, CAS.

Research Travel to deepen contacts and on-going projects on the theme Climate Change and the Energy Transition in Central Asia. A 30-day trip to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic, anchored on two institutions: the Tashkent Institute of Finance in Uzbekistan, and the American University of Central Asia in the Kyrgyz Republic during June-August 2023. Goals of the research travel were: To conduct interviews with government officials and policymakers, local academic and non-academic experts, and other stakeholders identified with hosts as relevant to the research project; to work with hosts on data collection and initial development of one or more articles; to also engage in conversations with hosts and the leaders of their respective institutions concerning the development of institutional collaboration with Suffolk University and the Sawyer Business School. Grant was made to **Professor Carlos Rufin**, Professor of Public Service and International Business, SBS.

Funds to help in the completion of Publishing a Book were approved. The book was “Seventy-Two Ways of Saving Lives: Folk Remedies in Old China,” to be published by the Chinese University Press in Hong Kong. The funds were approved for Professor Ronald Suleski. Since Dr. Suleski is Director of the Rosenberg Institute, the discussion of his request by the

Advisory Council took place without his participation in May-June 2023 while he was traveling in Asia. The procedure was overseen by Dr. Gary Fireman, Associate Provost. The funds were for the Chinese University Press. Approved for **Professor Ronald Suleski**, Department of History, Language & Global Culture, CAS.

Urban Ecological Security and Sustainability (UESS) workshop held from 16 through 18 August 2023 in Sargent Hall at Suffolk University Boston. Organized at Suffolk by the Program for Environmental Science and Studies, and also by Fudan University in Shanghai, China., where Professor Xiangrong Wang is currently the director and professor of the Centre for Urban Eco-Planning & Design, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering of Fudan University in Shanghai, China. Scholars and students from other universities in the United States and China were also in attendance. Grant to **Professor Hayley Schiebel**, Program for Environmental Science and Studies (PrESS).

Funds to attend a Classical Chinese Summer Course at Ca' Foscari, University of Venice. The course, offered in partnership with Princeton University, was one of the few summer courses that focused entirely on Classical Chinese and Pre-Modern Chinese texts, was taught in English, and did not require an extensive background in Mandarin. The course was taught by Martin Kern, a leading scholar in East Asian Studies from Princeton University. The summer course took place from 3-28 July 2023 and offered a full semester's worth of credit (60+ instructional hours). The grant for tuition was made to **Professor Guy Schuh**, Department of Philosophy, CAS.

Funding to travel to Kona, Hawaii for two purposes. The first was to meet and discuss future research sites with current Chinese collaborators at the Ocean University of China, in Shandong Province. Based on a three-year grant wrapping up and planning to write another proposal for extended research together. The second goal of this trip was to attend and present at the 22nd Annual International Conference on Education (ICE). Dates for the travel planned for 26 December 2023 through 6 January 2024. Grant was awarded to **Professor Hayley Schiebel**, Program for Environmental Science and Studies (PrESS).

Activities of the Rosenberg Institute in FY23

2 September 2022

Dear Colleagues,

My good friend from Jinan, China, has been at Harvard since the early spring. The new semester will be starting in China, so he's now trying to get home.

Unfortunately, recently a lot of flights between China and the US have been cancelled. This is a dispute between the US and China over anti-virus controls, after Beijing suspended flights by American carriers. So, the US cancelled most September flights of Chinese airlines from the US to China.

My friend has been hoping to get any flight out of the US to Asia, where he can then find a way to get back home. The other day he had a telephone call with his little daughter who is waiting for him back in Jinan. He posted about their conversation:

The Ship of Fate 命运之舟

Tiaotiao: "Dad, I sleep with your pillow every day. I miss you so much! Come back soon!"

Dad: "My dear girl, Dad misses you very much too. I hope this flight won't be cancelled again."

Tiaotiao: "Can't you keep it from being cancelled?"

Dad: "We can't decide this, we can only pray that it won't be cancelled."

Jump: "I guess in the face of fate, people have no power?"

Dad: (Dad reacted with a look of surprise that his seven-year-old daughter had the concept of fate. He was speechless.) "...."

Tiaotiao: "Dad! You can row yourself back home, just like Robinson Crusoe." (Dad was so relieved that his favorite seven-year-old was showing up again.)

Dad: "But Dad can't build a boat."

Tiaotiao: "I'll send you a copy of *Robinson Crusoe*, which explains how to make a boat."

Dad: "Okay. Let's see if my ship gets built first or if the flight I need is allowed to take off first."

Brief Background to the US flight cancellations:

US halts almost 30 flights to China over COVID-19 dispute

Associated Press BEIJING — The U.S. government is suspending 26 flights by Chinese airlines from the United States to China in a dispute over anti-virus controls after Beijing suspended flights by American carriers.

The Department of Transportation on Thursday complained Beijing violated an air travel agreement and treated airlines unfairly under a system that requires them to suspend flights if passengers test positive for COVID-19.

U.S. regulators suspended seven flights by Air China Ltd. from New York City and a total of 19 flights from Los Angeles by Air China, China Eastern Airlines Ltd., China Southern Airlines Ltd. and Xiamen Airlines Ltd., according to the Department of Transportation. Associated Press, 26 August 2022.

12 September 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Our friends at **WorldBoston**, a World Affairs Council and a partner with the Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk for many programs, will be presenting an important talk about current US foreign policy in Asia. It is **The Quad Alliance** (US, Australia, Japan, India) a mutual security pact designed to face the growing influence of the PRC on its Asian neighbors. Its official title is the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD).

The speaker will be **Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia, and currently President and CEO of the Asia Society**. He is a person who has been involved in Diplomacy in the Asia region for most of his career.

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. This strengthening of ties, known as the Quad alliance, comes at a time when the relationship between the U.S. and China is becoming increasingly more fraught, particularly in light of recent events, such as joint naval exercises in the South Pacific by Quad countries,

and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent trip to Taiwan. Given these complex factors, how effective will the actions of the Quad alliance be in countering China?

Good news: **The Talk is Free**. It will be **Virtual via Zoom**. **Thursday 29 September 2022 at 5:00pm to 6:00pm ET**. You can register for the event at: [calendar link](#).

This is part of the **Great Decisions 2022** series, organized by WorldBoston, the GBH Forum Network, the Boston Public Library, and the Lowell Institute. We at the Rosenberg Institute urge you to attend.

GREATDECISIONS 2022

Thursday, September 29th

5:00-6:00 PM ET

The Quad Alliance

VIRTUAL EVENT WITH

Kevin Rudd

President and CEO of Asia Society and
Former Prime Minister of Australia



Kevin Rudd became President and CEO of Asia Society in January 2021 and has been president of the Asia Society Policy Institute since January 2015. He served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister from 2007 to 2010, then as Foreign Minister from 2010 to 2012, before returning as Prime Minister in 2013. He is also a leading international authority on China. He began his career as a China scholar, serving as an Australian diplomat in Beijing before entering Australian politics. Mr. Rudd is a regular contributor to global media on international relations, climate change and China. He has been featured in the *Financial Times*, *The New York Times* and *Le Monde*, and regularly appears on the BBC, CNN, CNBC, Fox and Bloomberg.

WorldBoston presents the eight-part *Great Decisions* series annually to encourage discussion about world affairs. We are grateful to our program funder, The Lowell Institute of Boston, production partner, GBH Forum Network, and community partner, the Boston Public Library.



21 September 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Our friends at the Peabody Essex Museum have put up an important and interesting exhibition of old photographs about China. I often tell my students that once we begin to talk about the late 19th century and beyond, we must include photographs in our study and understanding of history. It gives us a reality previously only captured in paintings.

Power and Perspective: Early Photography in China will be on view at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA from September 24, 2022 through April 2, 2023. Below is a great introduction to the exhibition.

Ron

New Exhibition Explores How the Camera Transformed 19th-Century China

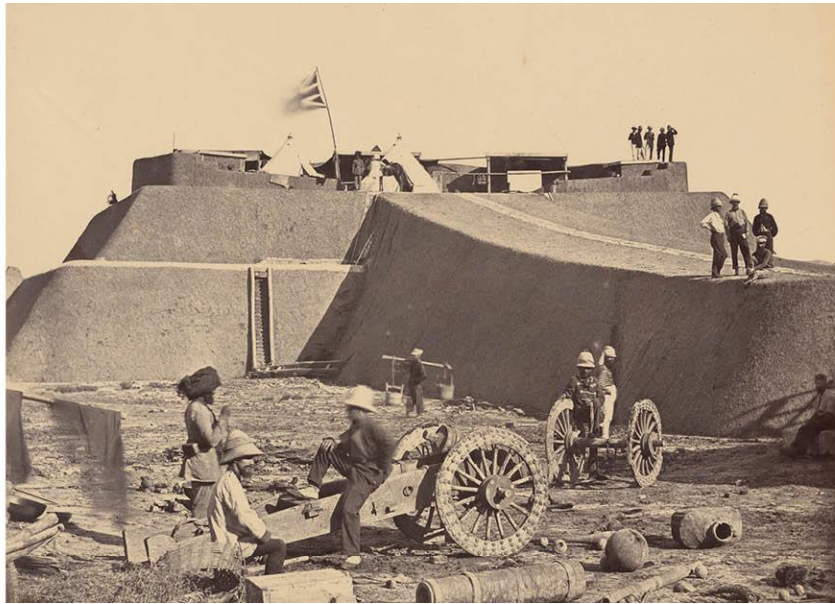


Power and Perspective: Early Photography in China On view September 24, 2022 through April 2, 2023

SALEM, MA – The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) presents *Power and Perspective: Early Photography in China*, a new exhibition that explores how the camera transformed perceptions of 19th-century China. Photography's development as a new art form and technology in the 19th century coincided with profound changes in the way China engaged with the world. Through a rich account of exchanges between photographers, artists, patrons and sitters in Chinese treaty ports, *Power and Perspective* provides a vital and timely reassessment of photography's colonial legacy through more than 130 extraordinarily rare photographs accompanied by paintings, decorative arts, and prints. The exhibition, on view at PEM from September 24, 2022 through April 2, 2023, concludes with work from a collaboration with emerging photographers in China, who interrogated the historic photographs in the exhibition and responded with works that offer their personal insights into China today.

"The premise of *Power and Perspective* is that making a photograph is a social process. A photograph demands the engagement of many people—some willing, some less so—whose presence always rests outside the frame, and yet they make the event of photography possible," said Stephanie Hueon Tung, PEM's Byrne Family Curator of Photography and exhibition co-curator. "Photography has never been a neutral

technology of documentation; who and what gets captured and the stories that these photographs tell is a function of power.”



While the legacies of photography and imperialism are without a doubt intertwined, this exhibition asks us to consider the relationship between images and power in order to understand how photographs have shaped our view of the past. No sooner had Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre published the details of his 1839 invention than photographers set out to capture the far reaches of the colonial empire. Following in the wake of war and colonial expansion, the first photographers in China created extraordinary images that often reinforced Western interests and claims of authority. Chinese artists and patrons also adopted the medium, expanding the practice of photography to serve their own creative purposes.



Artistic Exchange

In November 1844, the Cantonese oil painter known to foreigners as Lamqua, visited the foreign settlement in Guangzhou expressly to see a new wonder: the daguerreotype camera brought to China by French customs official Jules Itier. Lamqua requested a demonstration and Itier obliged, making a daguerreotype portrait of the painter and sharing it with him. One week later, Lamqua returned with a gift for Itier: a miniature self-portrait on ivory, which Lamqua had carefully painted after his photographic likeness. “Lamqua and Itier’s moment of artistic exchange marks the introduction of photography in China and demonstrates how Chinese artists adopted and adapted this new form of art and technology into a vibrant existing practice,” said Karina H. Corrigan, exhibition co-curator and PEM’s Associate Director – Collections, The H. A. Crosby Forbes Curator of Asian Export Art.



Photography and the Treaty Ports

Following the Opium Wars, foreigners were granted unprecedented rights to live and trade in designated treaty ports like Shanghai and Guangzhou. These cities, which were under Chinese control but administered by foreign-led municipal councils, were shaped architecturally, culturally, and socially by the arrival of foreigners. These regions became economic hubs and fertile ground for new ideas and technologies, including the establishment of China's first photography studios.



Photographs taken in these complex contact zones often reflect a layered, hybrid culture. In John Thomson's *Curio Shop*, a shopkeeper holds a Chinese fan toward the camera that is inscribed with a 16th-century poem, *Longtan Night Sitting* by Wang

Yangming, that evokes a landscape far from the bustling streets of the city. Prominently placed in Thomson's photograph, this historic poem about trying to find solace in the midst of political conflict, would have been easily recognizable to literate Chinese viewers but enigmatic to foreign viewers.



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Chinese sitters harnessed photography as a new medium for self-fashioning. Photography was incorporated into elite social gatherings, rituals, diplomacy, and painting practices. Chinese photographers and sitters created new possibilities for presenting themselves as they wished to be seen by blending traditional modes of representation with the immediacy and reproducibility of photography.

Chinese photographers also captured the thriving commerce along the waterfront in Shanghai in works like this 13-plate panorama produced by Kung Tai studio. Creating photographic panoramas was a complex process involving multiple images taken from a high vantage point. After each shot, the photographer carefully adjusted the camera, later combining the individual prints. The collector of this image added annotations about recent changes to the waterfront, reflecting his intimate knowledge of the rapidly evolving architectural and commercial landscape.



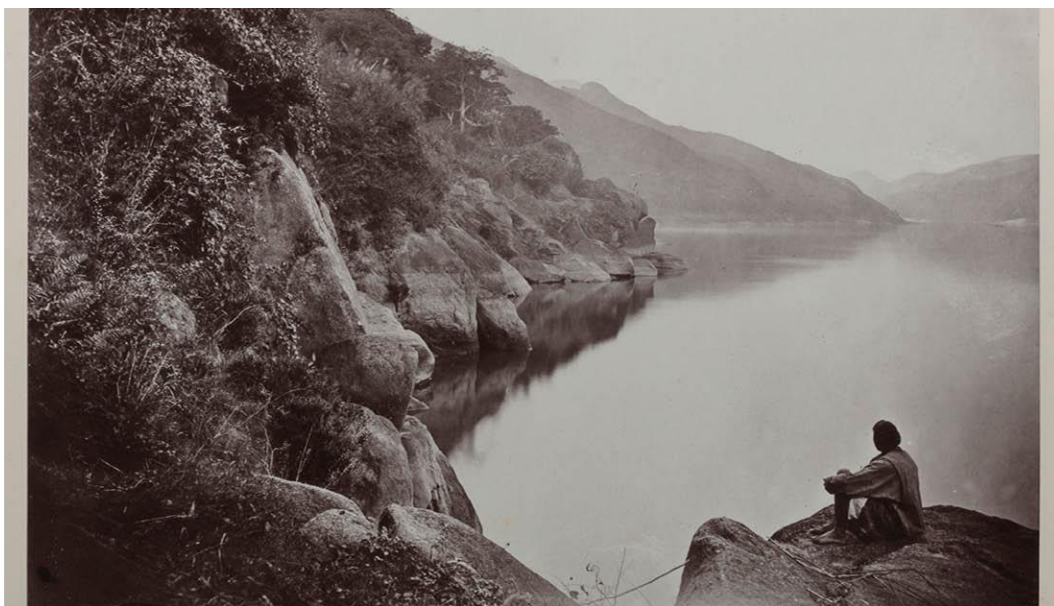
Camera as Narrator

Most of the works in this exhibition were originally part of albums, which offered viewers an intimate encounter with faraway places and people. Tourists often collected and arranged photographs into their own personal travelogs. Professional photography studios also compiled albums, selecting and sequencing images to sell specific narratives. The narratives of China and its people presented in many of these albums are highly subjective and were driven by market appeal.

Lai Afong was a pioneering photographer who operated one of the longest-running studios in China. He was the first to compile an album dedicated to Fuzhou, a treaty port renowned for its natural beauty. Lai's album portrays a meandering, picturesque excursion from the foreign settlements on the coast to the mountainous inland source of the tea trade.



Inspired by Lai's landscapes, Scottish-born photographer John Thomson ventured from his Hong Kong studio to photograph Fuzhou. Thomson marketed *Foochow and the River Min* as a luxury souvenir album to Fuzhou's foreign residents. Of the original 46 copies of the album, only 10 survive, 2 of which are in PEM's collection.



Stories told through PEM's Collection

The works in *Power and Perspective* are drawn primarily from PEM's rare and singular holdings of photography, Chinese art, and Asian export art, and are supplemented by select loans from public and private collections in the United States and Europe. Approximately half the photographs included in the exhibition and accompanying catalogue have never before been published or

displayed. PEM's roots date to the 1799 founding of the East India Marine Society, an organization of captains and supercargoes who had sailed beyond either the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn and were charged with bringing back a "cabinet of natural and artificial curiosities" for the educational benefit of their peers in Salem, Massachusetts.



The rich, interconnected collections and archives at PEM provide a unique resource for the study of early photography in China. Many merchants returned to Massachusetts from China bringing photographs of their colonial encounters as well as tea, porcelain, ivory, and silks. The exchange and movement of these objects around the world connected societies and helped create a complex global economy that continues to shape our experience today.

5 October 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Our colleagues in the History Department at the University of Connecticut will be having a guest speaker, and they are inviting you to join them.

The story is about the treasures held by the Forbidden City in Peking on the eve of the Japanese invasion of 1937. How to save the precious items from getting into the hands of the Japanese invaders? How to get them out of Peking? How to hide them and where to hide them?

The speaker will be **Adam Brookes**, an author and former foreign correspondent. His new book is **Fragile Cargo; The World War II Race to Save the Treasures of China's Forbidden City**. The talk will be on **Friday 7 October 2022 at 3:00pm**. It is free and open to the public. You can join by using the QR code in the poster.

This notice is being sent by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University Boston at the request of the University of Connecticut History Department.



AAASI/History at UConn presents:

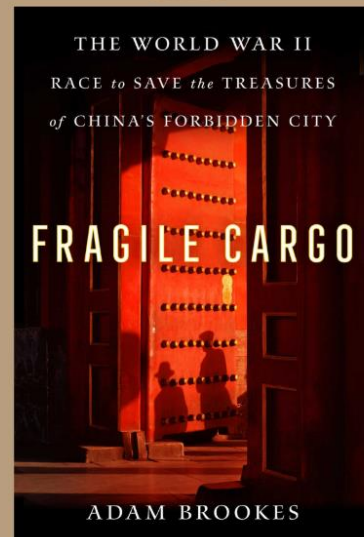
Fragile Cargo:

The World War II Race to Save the Treasures of China's Forbidden City

with **Adam Brookes**, author and former foreign correspondent

Use the QR code & register to attend on

October 7th @ 3:00 PM



24 October 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us over zoom for this talk. It will be held on **Thursday 27 October at 2:00pm-3:00pm**. Here is the zoom link: <https://suffolk.zoom.us/j/96667711824>

This is free and open to all. It is sponsored by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies and the History Department at Suffolk University. If you would like to join us in person, the event will be held at Suffolk in the Samia Academic Center 20 Somerset St, Boston, MA 02108 in room 316.

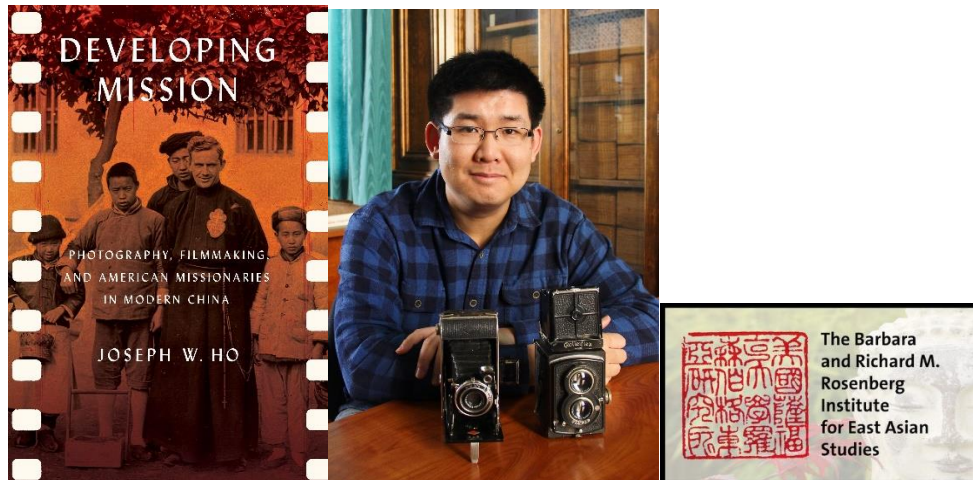
Mediated Visions: Modern China Through Missionary Lenses

Prof. Joseph W. Ho, Albion College

Visual technologies accompanied American Protestant and Catholic missionaries in China as they undertook cultural, political, and religious projects over the first half of the twentieth century. These evolving visual practices and products ultimately escaped missionary molds and entered global imaginations, coloring Chinese engagements with the world alongside American views of modern China. In this talk, Dr. Ho explores intersections between modern image-making, contested identities, and transnational ways of seeing – many of which transformed 20th century Sino-US encounters on both sides of the lens.

Dr. Ho's new book is *Developing Mission: Photography, Filmmaking, and America's Missionaries in Modern China* (Cornell University Press, 2021). More information on the book may be found here: bit.ly/DevelopingMission

Welcome! This talk is sponsored by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies and the History Department at Suffolk University Boston.



Ron

9 November 2022

Dear Colleagues,

The Harry Dow Lecture Series is holding its 9th Annual Harry H. Dow Scholarship Presentation and Lecture Series on Immigration Law this evening, Wednesday 9 November 2022. The Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University Boston is a co-sponsor for this event.

Full information is below, including a link to allow you to attend virtually. If you are on campus, there is a reception following the program.

Full details below:

Dear Harry Dow Legacy Friends & Supporters:

I wish to thank you for your past and continuing support for the Harry Dow Legacy Programs at Suffolk University. You had helped our program grow and flourish in the last 9 years. We are most grateful to report to you that attendance for our annual lecture series events kept increasing by the year and that our scholarship award is now \$5000!

The Harry Dow Committee chaired by Erin Chow at APALSA (Asian Pacific American Law Students Association) have worked incredibly hard for this event. I hope earlier invitations distributed by the students in several different ways have reached you. If anyone is missed out, please accept my apologies. Please also send me your email address

and I will get it into the students' invitation list so you will be contacted next year, our 10th Anniversary celebration.

Please see details for the Harry Dow Lecture and Scholarship Presentation below. Really look forward to seeing you there.

With sincere gratitude,
Justina Chu

Today is the **9th Annual Harry H. Dow Scholarship Presentation and Lecture Series on Immigration Law**. Please join APALSA and ILA (Immigration Law Association), co-sponsored by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University for the event from 5:30pm-8pm on the 5th Floor. This year, we will hear from community organizers about the importance of the Work and Family Mobility Act. This act was passed this past summer, but is on the MA state ballot today to be confirmed or struck down. We are still waiting to hear the fate of the bill as ballots are still being counted

For those of you who are planning to attend this event **in person**, this event will be held at Suffolk University Law School. The address for the school is **120 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02108**. Please use this [link to RSVP](#) to attend this event in-person. When you enter the school, there will be a security checkpoint. Both campus police as well as some APALSA students will be at the entrance to allow you into the school based on your RSVP. Once you pass security, continue into the main lobby towards the elevators. Take the elevators up to the 5th floor and head to the registration table.

For those of you joining us over **Zoom**, here is the link: <https://suffolk.zoom.us/j/99490401873>. There will be a Q&A session towards the end of the event. Please pose any questions you may have into the chat.

Please see programs details attached below.

If you wish to donate at any time, please give online at law.suffolk.edu/giving and choose if you wish to donate to the Harry Dow Scholarship Fund OR the Harry Dow Lecture Series. You may also send a check to the Office of Advancement at 73 Tremont Street, 13th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 and designate your gift to the Harry Dow Scholarship or Lecture Series.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Reception

Opening Remarks

Erin Chow and Ana Clavijo
APALSA Dow Chair and ILA Event Chair

Welcome Remarks

Frederick Hom Dow
Trustee of Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund

Scholarship Presentation

Patrick Shin
Vice Dean of Suffolk University Law School
Erin Chow
Scholarship Recipient

Speaker Presentation

Ragini Shah
Professor of Suffolk University Law School

Keynote Speakers

Erika Arevalo, Marina Maldonado, and Edina Perlera
COSECHA Community Organizers

Closing Remarks

Andrew Perlman
Dean of Suffolk University Law School

Reception

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Harry Dow Lecture Series on Immigration.

We look forward to spending time with you all!

9th Annual Harry H. Dow Lecture Series on Immigration Law

Join us on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 5:30 PM- 8 PM for our annual Harry H. Dow Lecture Series. The event will be held at Suffolk University Law School (in person) in the Mills Family Lounge on the 5th floor. We will also be live streaming the event. If you wish to attend virtually, please indicate so on the form. Please use this form to RSVP, provide your full name, and related position. If you have any questions, please email gdh20@suffolk.edu. Thank you!

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IMMIGRATION LAW ASSOCIATION PRESENT

**9TH ANNUAL
HARRY H. DOW
LECTURE SERIES ON
IMMIGRATION LAW**

*A discussion with community organizers
on the Work and Family Mobility Act.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022
5:30 PM - 8 PM
MILLS FAMILY LOUNGE, 5TH FLOOR
SUFFOLK LAW UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
120 TREMONT ST, BOSTON, MA 02108

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CLE Credit Event

13 November 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Once again this year the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University Boston will sponsor the annual meeting of the China Town Hall.

This program is organized by the National Committee on US-China Relations, established in New York City in 1966.

The speaker will be Jon Huntsman, Jr., former ambassador to China, as well as to Russia and Singapore. He knows Asia well, just as he knows Russia. He is an open and perceptive person.

His talk will be via a **live webcast to take place on Wednesday evening 16 November 2022 at 7:00pm.**

You can join the talk here: <https://www.ncuscr.org/content/livestream>



Former Ambassador to China, Russia, and Singapore **Jon M. Huntsman Jr.** will be the featured speaker for **CHINA Town Hall** 2022, a national conversation on how the U.S.-China relationship affects our communities. From supply chains to national security, new technologies to climate change, the future of both countries will be determined by their relations with one another and the global community.

Join the National Committee on **Wednesday, November 16** at **7:00 p.m. EST** for a nationwide

virtual conversation, including Q&A, with a leading authority on foreign policy. As one of few Americans to personally know Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin, Ambassador Huntsman will discuss the ways America can cooperate and compete with China, as both countries confront the most critical issues of the 21st century.

You can join the talk here: <https://www.ncuscr.org/content/livestream>

Bio Info on Jon Huntsman



Jon M. Huntsman Jr.

Jon Huntsman, Jr. began his career in public service as a staff assistant to President Ronald Reagan, and served each of the five presidents since then in critical roles around the world, including as deputy assistant secretary of commerce for Asia, U.S. trade ambassador, and ambassador to Singapore, China, and most recently, Russia. Twice elected governor of Utah, Governor Huntsman brought about strong economic and tax reforms, tripled the state's rainy-day fund, and helped bring unemployment rates to historic lows. During his tenure, Utah was named the best-managed state in America and ranked number one in the nation in job growth.

Ambassador Huntsman was a candidate for president in 2012. Previously he chaired or served on the boards of several major companies, educational institutions, and non-profits. He has been a visiting fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, and a distinguished lecturer at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. Huntsman is a seventh generation Utahn and has been married for 36 years to Mary Kaye Huntsman. They are the parents of seven children, including two adopted daughters from China and India. Huntsman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has ten honorary doctoral degrees.

Ron

28 November 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Suffolk University was host to a delegation of five Korean scholars who are all China specialists. They visited us on Friday 28 October 2022, sent to us by the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and through the courtesy of WorldBoston.

The official title of their program is Promoting Greater Understanding of U.S. Strategy for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and U.S. Policy Toward China. In sum, they wanted to discuss with Suffolk faculty our views on outstanding issues involving the Republic of Korea as both Korea and the U.S. construct a new policy toward the People's Republic of China.

The visit is sponsored by the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk and we were hosted for the meeting at Suffolk's Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence.

A photo of participants in the dialogue is below.



Kneeling in the front row: Prof. Friedrich Löhr, Pol Sci, Suffolk CAS; Prof. I Kim Wang, Director, Global Business Program, Suffolk SBS; Prof. Jonghyun Lee,

School of Social Work, Bridgewater State University. Standing in the second row, left to right: Prof. Zhen Jane Zhu, Director of International Engagement, Suffolk SBS; Dr. Donggyu Lee, Research Fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Korea; Dr. Jeong Ho Choi, Policy Advisor (Civilian), Republic of Korea Marine Corps; Prof. Seokjin Kim, Information Systems and Operations Management, Suffolk SBS; Prof. Jinhee Lim, Research Professor, Eurasia Institute, Hanshin University, Korea; Prof. Jooyoung Chung, Research Fellow, The Academy of Chinese Studies, Incheon National University, Korea; Prof. Ronald Suleski, Director, Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Suffolk; Prof. Dongchan Kim, Associate Research Fellow, Yonsei Institute for Sinology, Korea; Aeneas Reid, undergraduate student, President of the Model United Nations Club, Suffolk; Prof. Miguel Rodrigues, Pol Sci, Suffolk CAS.

Participants at the meeting who are not in the photo included: Dr. Gary Fireman, Associate Provost, Suffolk; Prof. Jonathan Haughton, Chair of Economics Department, Suffolk CAS; Ben Mojica, Associate Director, CTSE, Suffolk; Tricia Asantewaa Kumi, undergraduate student, President of the International Relations Club, Suffolk. Accompanying the delegation from the U.S. Department of State were: Hee Seok Chae, Seminar Interpreter; Jacki Noh, Seminar Interpreter; Donna Kovacheva, Liaison.

The full morning meeting involved a lively discussion of the entire range of issues from China's Belt-and-Road Initiative (BRI); international students in China, to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) American missiles in Korea, to the immediate prospects for Taiwan. The photo session was followed by informal talks by all those present. In Boston the delegation visited Harvard and Boston University, in addition to Suffolk.

Ron



5 December 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Recently in November 2022 a small ceremony was held here at the Sawyer Library at Suffolk University Boston. The library accepted a collection twenty-four volumes of Korean language books that had been translated into English. Many of these are novels recently published in South Korea.

The photo below shows (left) Dr. Gregory Heald, Director of the Library, along with yours truly (right) Prof. Ronald Suleski, Director of the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk, who arranged for this gift donation. The books were translated and sent by the Literature Translation Institute of Korea (LTI Korea). The institute was established in 2001 and it has translated all categories of materials, it has awarded grants, held contests, and sent personnel abroad to cultural organizations to promote an awareness of modern Korean literature.



In the photo we each hold a donated novel. In recent decades cultural creations from Korea have resonated with individuals throughout the world, including movies, music, TV drama, anime, and also literature. Increasingly, Korean writers are reflecting the deep emotions and hopes of all mankind.

The backstory to the photo is interesting, because Suffolk received this donation during the Covid lockdown, when we suddenly all switched to on-line teaching. It has taken us a while to make the formal presentation and the donated titles will soon be in the Sawyer library catalogue.

The Rosenberg Institute, the Sawyer Library, and Suffolk University thank the Literature Translation Institute of Korea for this much appreciated gift.



Ron

9 December 2022

Dear Colleagues,

One of the premier activities of the **Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk is to co-sponsor of the annual Urban Ecological Security and Sustainability (UESS) workshops** organized between Suffolk University Boston and Fudan University in **Shanghai**. Below is a summary of the UESS22 Workshop held in early December.

We are pleased to see the international aspect of these events and the eagerness of both organizing schools to continue this important series of meetings.

The fourth annual workshop for Urban Ecological Security and Sustainability (UESS) was held virtually on December 3 and 4, 2022. The host institution was Fudan University with sponsorship from the Center for Urban Ecology and Sustainability (CUES) at Suffolk University and the Rosenberg Institute for East

Asian Studies. Approximately 25-40 people participated at any time throughout the two-day event.

The theme of the workshop was Urban Ecological Security and Resilience with 5 sessions. After opening remarks from Dr. Xiangrong Wang (Fudan), Vice President Renhe Zhang (Fudan), and Dr. Hayley Schiebel (CUES), the first of these sessions commenced. Four of the five sessions were research talks and the fifth session was a summary of the workshop and steps moving forward. The four research session topics were: (1) Urban Eco-Security and Green Development: Technology and Methodology, (2) Urban Eco-Planning, Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality, (3) Climate Change and Resilient Cities, and (4) Eco-Restoration and Eco-Engineering. There was a host of speakers from academic, government, architecture, and policy along with several graduate student speakers. Three speakers from Suffolk University presented among the Chinese speakers including Scott Lussier, Carlos Rufin, and Sandro Carella.

The final session was a presentation for outstanding student presentations and a discussion of a proposed initiative called GUESSA. The Global Urban Security and Sustainability Alliance was proposed to bring in other institutions around the globe to focus efforts on sustainability through research programs, faculty exchanges, talent trainings, and e-learning. This was discussed as an idea and will be a topic of a working group at UESS 2023. UESS 2023 is planned for August 16-18, 2023 and will be hosted by CUES in Boston, Massachusetts.

Summary prepared by Dr. Hayley N. Schiebel, Director of the Center for Urban Ecology and Sustainability (CUES) at Suffolk.

Ron



15 December 2022

Dear Colleagues,

In October the **Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk University** Boston was once again pleased to host a meeting of **Taiwanese Student Leaders from the New England area.**

The meeting was organized by the **Taipei Educational and Cultural Office (TECO), the diplomatic office in Boston.** We were able to provide the Stoll Room in our Sawyer Building on campus for the meeting which took place all day on Saturday 29 October. As usual, the energetic student leaders from many campuses in this part of the country were able to network, plan events for the spring semester, and to discuss some of the issues they face as international students.

They tell their own story, with a nice photo of the group, in the announcement pasted in below.

It's been a long time. The annual meeting of the presidents of Taiwanese Student Associations in New England was happily resumed.

內容摘要：

2022 新英格蘭地區臺灣同學會會長聯席會議中邀請 3 講員與學生分享留學資源、健康、職涯、社團及法律詐騙等議題。

日期：111 年 11 月 3 日

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發稿人：Jessica Wung

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Taiwanese students from 14 New England schools and the Federation of Taiwanese Students Association in New England (FTSANE). First row (from the left 2-3): Director Cynthia Huang of the Education Division and Director General Jonathan Sun of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston (TECO-Boston).

The annual meeting of the presidents of Taiwanese Student Associations in New England, which had been suspended for two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was resumed on October 29, 2022 at Suffolk University through the efforts of the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston (TECO-Boston), with a total of 44 presidents and officers from 14 Taiwanese Student Associations.

The meeting started with the introduction of the presidents and officers of each school by Ms. Pei-Yu Liao, President of the FTSANE and a speech of encouragement to the Taiwanese students by the Director General Sun of the TECO-Boston. Then a briefing on the business of the TECO-Boston, a discussion session on leadership and a presentation by a lawyer on the legal issues.

Director Cynthia Huang introduced the services of the Education Division and the Ministry of Education's Yushan Scholars and Young Scholars Program, the Ministry of Education's Overseas Talent Sharing and International Linkage Program (Taiwan GPS), and the Contact Taiwan website, encouraging students to return to Taiwan after their studies and contribute their knowledge. She also emphasized the Ministry of Education's special fraud prevention briefing to

educate students on how to respond calmly and effectively to avoid financial or personal losses when encountering fraud.

Attorney Huntern Shu explained the three common problems encountered by international students in the U.S., such as housing, transportation and criminal disputes. He suggested to calmly reduce the tension in the case of a dispute, and make full use of the fact that English is not a native language to de-escalate the situation when being questioned by the police, and not to be aggressive to avoid unnecessary arguments.

At the end of the meeting, Director Huang appealed to the students to spread the message that she welcomes more Taiwanese Student Associations or individual students to reconnect with the Education Division.

Ron



19 December 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Recently we were contacted by our colleague **Gail Wang**. She is a Trustee at the Forbes House Museum in Milton and also is on the Boston Dragon Boat Committee. She comes from a distinguished family in China. Her grandfather was a well-known poet in the 1920s, Wang Jingzhi 汪静之 (1902-1996) . He wrote in a style close to spoken speech and was much admired by young people.

His daughter Yidian 伊甸 (meaning from the garden of Eden), was a girl of ten in 1937 when Japanese troops invaded Shanghai to expand their occupation of China.

Jingzhi, his daughter Yidian and the rest of his family, fled inland, heading westward toward the cities not yet held by the Japanese. On her father's advice, young Yidian kept a daily diary from 1937 to 1946, just after the war with Japan ended.

Yidian, who is Gail's aunt, is now an elderly woman in her 90s, but through all these years she has kept her old diary pages which often contained sketches of the things she witnessed. The family worked together to edit and publish this material. It was published in the book *Yidian de taonanji* 伊甸的逃難記 The Record of Eden's Escape (Nanchang: Baihuazhou wenyi chubanshe 百花洲文藝出版社, 2021), pp272. Interspersed with the printed excerpts are photos of the original dairy pages and drawings.

Gail was invited to visit Suffolk in November, where Dr. Gregory Heald, head of the Sawyer Library, accepted a copy of the Chinese language book for the library collection. The gift was arranged by yours truly Ronald Suleski, director of the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies at Suffolk.

The photo below shows both Ron and Gregory accepting the book from Gail. You can view the cataloged record here: <https://library.law.suffolk.edu/record=b9537120~S6>.

Ron



Ron



16 January 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The Rosenberg Institute happily welcomes our new Rosenberg Institute Scholar, **Professor Nhu Truong from Denison University**. She will be our Scholar for the current Spring 2023 semester.

Her photo and a description of her research project follows. If you have an interest in this topic or would like to invite her to give a guest lecture, please contact her directly.

Welcome Nhu!



Nhu Truong

**Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Public Affairs, Denison
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Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia

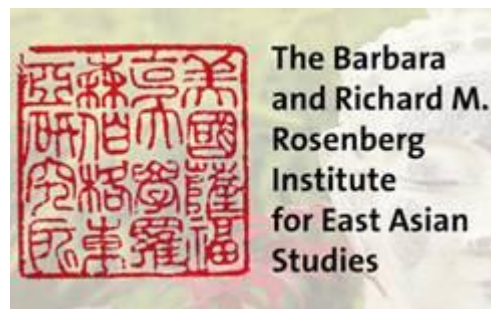
My research examines variations in how authoritarian regimes manage societal unrest and why some are more repressive than responsive. It advances an analytical framework that discloses sharpened differentiation between the reactive and institutionalized manner in which authoritarian regimes address societal demands, rather than solely suppressing them. In so doing, my research explicates repressive and responsive elements of authoritarianism that require a contextual understanding of their institutional histories and dynamics.

Using a comparative historical analysis, extensive interviews, and archival research, I demonstrate how and why China, Vietnam, and Cambodia diverge in their ways of managing societal demands for protections against arbitrary land

expropriation, and why they differ in their ways of suppressing civil and political rights. Of the three countries, Vietnam has institutionalized responsiveness to societal calls for strengthened programmatic mechanisms against arbitrary land seizures, while it has reactively repressed calls for freedom of association. In contrast, by adopting ad-hoc reforms, China has opted for a reactive and volatile response to societal discontent heightened by pervasive land expropriation, while it has institutionalized stringent repression of freedom of association. Despite Cambodia's claim to having a multi-party electoral system, Cambodia has been far less responsive than China and Vietnam in reacting unpredictably to social demands against land seizures, while it has intensified its suppression of civil rights. Grounded in the histories of communist and post-communist reforms in each of these countries, my research dissects these repressive-responsive parameters of authoritarianism in Asia today. It calls into question dichotomies between democracy and authoritarianism, with important implications for the meaning of democracy and the recalcitrance of authoritarianism.

Active Semester Spring 2023

Ron



23 January 2023

Dear Colleagues,

One way to celebrate the **Chinese Lunar New Year** is to join our friends at the **Pao Arts Center in Boston's Chinatown** on **Sunday 29 January 2023 from 11am to 3pm**. This activity is endorsed by the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) that has been a community partner of the Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk.

Read all their news below.

Ron

[Pao Arts Center 5th Anniversary](#) | [Addressing Problem Gambling](#)



**Boston Chinatown
Neighborhood Center**

波士頓華埠社區中心

News

January 2023

Lunar New Year Celebration

Sunday, January 29 | 11 am - 3 pm

Pao Arts Center, 99 Albany Street, Boston

Free | Suggested Donation \$10

Join us for interactive cultural activities for all ages include Chinese red envelope folding, Korean calligraphy, Korean dasik cookie stamping on clay, and rabbit-related crafts.



[Register Here](#)



**Feature on
BCNC's work on**



Celebrating Five Years of Pao Arts Center

Since [Pao Arts Center](#) emerged from the visionary program collaboration between BCNC and Bunker Hill Community College in 2017, the center has hosted over 500 events, engaged over 300 artists, and welcomed over 23,000 visitors. Read more about events, favorite memories, and share your stories.

Addressing Problem Gambling

Yoyo Yau, Chief Program Officer, sat with Sampan to discuss problem gambling in the Asian community and prevention programs and intervention services to address problem gambling, such as the [Asian CARES Research Project](#), AAPI Empowerment Project, and Project RISE.

[Read More](#)

Received Grant from Tufts University for Youth

[BCNC Youth Center](#) is honored to receive a grant from the Tufts University Entrepreneurship Center / Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Impact class to support 25 Asian youth with college and post-secondary readiness mentorship, and college tours and workshops.

[Read More](#)



Thank You for Giving to BCNC Families

We would like to thank our generous donors who made donations to support families to move [Beyond Surviving to Thriving](#) and purchased items from our holiday wish lists for children and youth!



Asian Immigrant Parents Journey Together

[BCNC Family Services](#) led Asian immigrant parents through 10 weeks of Parenting Journey workshops at BCNC Quincy where they connected with each other, reflected on their own childhood and parenting, and learned about self-care. This evidence-based program increases parents' knowledge on child development and

improves mental health and parent-child relationships.



Save the Date for the 2023 Lantern Festival Gala

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Join us for this in-person fundraiser at several locations in Chinatown, to raise critical funds to move our Asian and new immigrant families beyond surviving to thriving. [Read more on how to become a sponsor.](#)

Join the BCNC Team

Interested in serving the Asian and new immigrant community? Check out our current openings for Donor Engagement Manager, Childcare Teachers, and After School Group Leaders.

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6 February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Our colleague Cynthia Huang at the **Taipei Educational and Cultural Office in Boston has announced two scholarship programs for students who would like to spend time studying in Taiwan.** These scholarships are offered by the Ministry of Education there, so you will be well-treated. The programs are run according to the high world-class quality of education in Taiwan. The application forms are available on the website: <https://depart.moe.edu.tw/BOS/> (webpage route: English > Studying in Taiwan > TSP/HES).

The announcement is below. For more information you can go to their site, or you can contact the Director of the Education Division of TECO Boston, Cynthia Huang, at [<cynthia@mail.moe.gov.tw>](mailto:cynthia@mail.moe.gov.tw)

Our office, the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston represents the Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan) in the New England region. We are pleased to have the opportunity to collaborate with you to foster international educational exchange between universities in Taiwan and in New England.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has established two scholarship programs: (1) **Taiwan Scholarship Program (TSP)** and (2) **Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)**.

The TSP provides those who seek bachelor, master, and doctoral degree programs in Taiwan with grants that include tuition, fees, and a monthly stipend.

The HES program is designed for students to learn the Mandarin language in Taiwan. The award period may be 3, 6, 9, or 12 months from September 2023 to August 2024. The scholarship provides a monthly stipend of NT \$25,000, which equals US \$810 approximately.

The application deadline for both programs is **March 31, 2023**. . The application forms are available on our website: <https://depart.moe.edu.tw/BOS/> (webpage route: English > Studying in Taiwan > TSP/HES). It would be highly appreciated if you could assist in making the scholarship information available and encourage the many outstanding students from your university who may be interested to apply.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Huang
Director
Education Division, TECO-Boston

A Note from Ron on Graduate Level Scholarships Offered by National Chengchi University in Taiwan.

The Office of International Cooperation at National Chengchi University, is one of Suffolk partner universities (college level: Law school).

They will be hosting an online **Info Session Saturday 11 February 2023** for American college students who might be interested in studying in Taiwan for a postgraduate degree.

Anyone who is interested could sign up by scanning the QR Code included in the poster or by using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Xu6iXqg24goXPWVQ7>

You can also contact: Lexie C.L. Yap <lexie@g.nccu.edu.tw>

Info Session

National Chengchi University
February 11 2023

#Study_in_Taiwan
#Scholarships
#English-taught_programs

Sat. Feb 11

2pm (Pacific)

3pm (Mountain)

4pm (Central)

5pm (Eastern)

6am Sunday Feb 12 Taipei time



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**September Entry 2023
ADMISSIONS**

**Open: Feb 16 (Thu)
Close: March 22 (Wed)**



National Chengchi University
國立政治大學



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IMPIS (International Master's Program in
International Studies)



IMICS (International Master's Program in
International Communication Studies)



IMBA (International Master of Business
Administration Program)



GCIT (Master's Program in Global Communication
and Innovation Technology)



Ron



17 February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Suffolk University and the Rosenberg Institute are proud to announce the next **International Workshop on Urban Ecological Security and Sustainability, the UESS23** conference! This continues the series of international workshops convened between Suffolk University in Boston and Fudan University in Shanghai.

The recent UESS22 was held virtually and was organized by Fudan University. UESS23 will be held live and is being organized by Suffolk University. **16 to 18 August 2023 are the dates.**

Below is a call for papers and for registration. Details are available from Dr. Hayley Schiebel hschiebel@suffolk.edu . Please follow this link for full information: <https://sites.suffolk.edu/uessinternationalworkshop/>

Again this year the **Rosenberg Institute at Suffolk is pleased to be among the sponsors of this path-breaking workshop.**



 International Workshop on
Urban Ecological Security
and **Sustainability**

Boston, Massachusetts (USA)
August 16 - 18, 2023

Abstract submission/workshop registration required **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2023:**
<https://sites.suffolk.edu/uessinternationalworkshop/>

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Contact Hayley Schiebel (hschiebel@suffolk.edu) for details/questions



14 March 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Our colleagues at Wellesley College will be hosting the 2023 New England Association for Asian Studies Conference. It will be held on Saturday 14 October 2023 on the Wellesley campus.

The organizers are now accepting proposals for papers or panels to present at the Conference. The annual New England meetings of the AAS are among the best attended and are always fun. Each year they are held at a different New England campus. Both younger scholars as well as more senior specialists are welcome to apply.

The message they have sent to me is below, with the links where you can contact them.

Wellesley College is pleased to host the 2023 New England Association for Asian Studies Conference on October 14.

The NEAAS Program Committee welcomes proposals for panels, roundtables, or individual presentations that address the history, societies, political and economic systems, languages, and literary/visual cultures of Asia.

We are accepting applications now.

<https://sites.google.com/wellesley.edu/neaas2023>

Deadline: April 17, 2023

Registration will open in May 2023.

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Association for Asian Studies

ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2023

**SAT, OCT 14
WELLESLEY COLLEGE**

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CULTURES OF ASIA.



**APPLICATION DUE:
APRIL 17, 2023**

APPLICATION LINK:
QR CODE



Ron

20 March 2023

Dear Colleagues,

A Japanese award-winning film from 2022 will be shown in our area by the Belmont World Film Festival. This will be the East Coast premiere of the movie.

The film is **A Man** (*Aru Otoko ある男*), a drama about the nature of identity as others define us. This will be shown by the community organizers in Belmont and is offered at a reasonable cost (\$12), so we encourage you to give yourself a treat that evening by attending the showing. The film is in Japanese with English subtitles.

The Rosenberg Institute is pleased to be a co-sponsor of this event.

**Belmont World Film presents the East Coast premiere of
A MAN (ARU OTOKO ある男)
Monday, March 27, 7:30 PM
Apple Cinemas, 168 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge**



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A MAN (ARU OTOKO)
Monday, March 27, 7:30 PM
Apple Cinemas, 168 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge

After divorcing, Rie has found happiness with her second husband Daisuke and formed a new family. But when Daisuke dies in a tragic accident, she discovers her new husband was not the man she thought he was. Rie calls on an attorney to help her find the truth about the

identity of the man she loved. A quest that will open larger questions about the nature of identity itself, and what makes a person real at all. Adapted from a novel by Japanese writer Keiichiro Hirano, the film competed for the Horizon Award at the Venice Film Festival in 2022.

Tickets: \$12. Available at <https://bit.ly/3FnyPd6>.

For group rates please contact:

Ellen Gitelman
Executive Director
Belmont World Film
www.belmontworldfilm.org
617-484-3980



26 March 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Did Chinese philosophers ever talk about disabilities? It turns out they did! Our Department of Philosophy at Suffolk has invited the Chinese scholar **Chi-Keung Chan** to give us a talk on that very subject: **Zhuangzi and the Philosophy of Disability.**

Dr. Chan is a professor of philosophy at National Taiwan University, a visiting fellow at Harvard at present. Professor Guy Schuh of our philosophy department has arranged this talk.

The Rosenberg Institute is pleased to be a co-host of the lecture. It will be in-person on our Boston campus, and we invite you to attend. **Friday 31 March 2023, 12noon to 1pm , 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Room 5055. Light snacks will be served at the talk.**

A poster is below.

Ron

Suffolk University Department of Philosophy 2023 Colloquium Series



Chi-Keung Chan
National Taiwan University

"Zhuangzi and the Philosophy of Disability"

**March 31, Friday at 12-1pm
73 Tremont, room 5055**



March 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Richard M. Rosenberg, who was the benefactor of the Rosenberg Institute of East Asian Studies at Suffolk University Boston, passed away in early March. He would have turned 93 this month. We send our condolences to his wife Barbara, his sons and grandchildren.

Dick and I were in fairly regular contact during most of the years since I joined Suffolk in 2009. He paid attention to the programs we were carrying out, he gave me advice and suggestions on many aspects of what we were doing. He read these email messages I've been sending out. Of course I'll never forget how he repeatedly sent me complimentary messages supporting my work with the Institute. He was an inspiring leader for us.

I have attached here the obituary that appeared in *The New York Times* on 15 March 2023. If you'd like an overview of his involvement with Suffolk along with some nice photos, I recommend you look at <https://www.suffolk.edu/news-features/suffolk-university-magazine-fall-2021/call-it-a-call-to-action>.

Ron

10 April 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to share with you a brief note about a research topic of mine.

In 1945 Kubota Isamu 久保田諫 was a 15 year old Japanese boy living in Northeast China. People from his village in Japan had come to this part of China because it was occupied by Imperial Japan. The Chinese farmers who had lived there for generations were pushed off their land and the Japanese authorities turned

the fields over to the newly arrived Japanese to farm. They called the occupied territories Manchukuo.

Suddenly in August 1945 when Imperial Japan surrendered, the small village where Kubota was living had about 73 women and children. The men had been called up to try to stop the invading Russian forces coming across the border in the north. The women knew the Chinese in the area were likely to attack the Japanese community, to take the food and supplies they had stored and probably to brutalize and rape the remaining women. The only answer seemed to be to commit mass suicide, an action that had been ingrained in their thinking by the Japanese military.

Young Kubota and another boy who was deaf were the only “adult” males left in the village. Hiding in a grassy field outside of the village that evening, it was decided that the adult women would first strangle their young children by taking a rope or belt and twisting it tightly across the child’s neck. Then the women would strangle each other with some women to be strangled by Kubota and the other boy. Kubota was also to kick the fallen children in the stomach to make sure they were dead. They did this and then Kubota and the other boy tried to commit suicide by hitting each other in the forehead with a large rock. The boys beat each other into senselessness, but they survived.

Around 2008 Kubota, then in his 80s and having lived his life back home in Japan, began to speak out publicly about what had taken place on that hot August night in 1945. He wanted people to know of the suffering they had endured because of Japanese militarism during the war years. He has since become an outspoken critic of the brutality of war.

In 2021, now entering his 90s, Kubota has said he goes to look at the memorial cenotaph in his village to read again the names of the women and children who died that night. And then he looks at his hands, and he has said, “With these hands I brought death to twenty-seven or twenty-eight people by strangling them.” It seems the trauma of that night only becomes heavier on his soul as the years have gone by. Kubota’s story and comments were most recently published in Japan in August 2021, then were reprinted in February 2023, which is when by chance I came across his latest recollections.

My research about Kubota and the mass suicide was published as “Salvaging Memories: Former Japanese Colonists in Manchuria and the The Shimoina 下伊那

郡 Project, 2001-2012” that appeared in *Empire and Environment in the Making of Manchuria*, edited by Norman Smith, (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2017), pp197-220. Kubota and I communicated during my research in 2012 and I am saddened to see the burden he continues to carry. I think there is nothing I can say to him to console him and there is no way I can lighten the pain he feels. That moment in history still lives vividly within him.

Ron



Kubota Age 15 in 1945



「この手で」 "With these hands"



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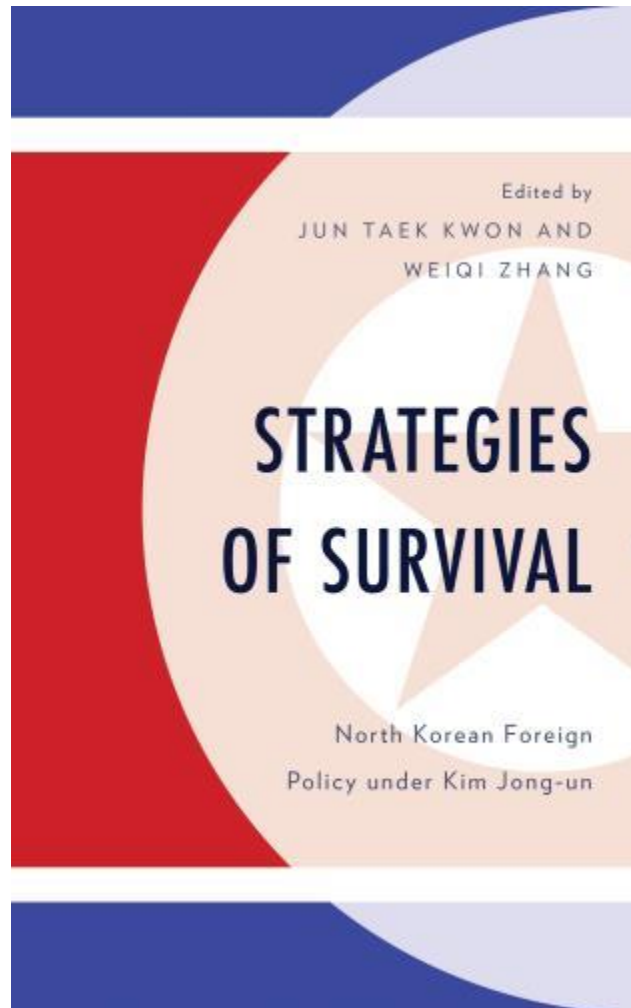
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