A new undergraduate program in Asian Languages and Cultures is under development. The plan includes multiple options, such as East Asian studies, South Asian studies, and Southeast Asian studies, as well as a non-region-specific “Trans-Asian” option. These new programs will commence in fall 2019. Students interested in learning more about the program requirements can meet with the undergraduate advisor. Contact Rachel Weiss, rweiss@wisc.edu, for more information.

PEOPLE

FACULTY

Asian Languages and Cultures is home to nearly twenty faculty whose research and teaching specialities range from medical humanities in India, the Hinduist roots of yoga, or inflecting contemporary mindfulness practice with insights from Tibetan Buddhism, to human rights in Thailand - from Chinese ghost stories, traditional Sinology, and mathematically inflected Chinese philology, to sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, and pragmatics in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Indonesian - and from critical reading of late-Heian tale fiction, early modern Japanese comedic narratives, and haiku, to manga, anime, and Japanese counterculture.

EAST ASIA

Charo D’Etcheverry (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/charo-detcheverry) (Associate Professor). Area: Classical Japanese Literature

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Rania Huntington (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/rania-huntington) (Professor). Area: Ming and Qing Narrative and Drama, Chinese Literature of the weird and supernatural


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William Nienhauser (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/william-nienhauser) (Professor). Area: Early Traditional Chinese Fiction and History; early poetry (Du Fu and Tao Qian)

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SOUTH ASIA

Gudrun Bühnemann (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/gudrun-b%btc3%bcchnemann) (Professor). Area: Sanskrit Language and Literature; Buddhism in India and Nepal; Hinduisms; Tantrism; Yoga Studies

Anthony Cerulli (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/anthony-cerulli) (Associate Professor). Area: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion in South Asia; History of Medicine in India; Sanskrit Language and Literature; Kerala History and Culture; Malayalam Language.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Tyrell Haberkorn (Associate Professor) Area: Violence, Human Rights, Sovereignty, Arbitrary Detention, Land Rights, Agrarian Struggle, Historiographies of Repression, Gender Studies, Socialism, Dissident Literature, Southeast Asia (Thailand).

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

Language instructors (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/language-instructors) are an integral part of our department, teaching more than 14 languages during the academic year from East (Chinese, Japanese, Korean), South (Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Urdu), Southeast (Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese) Asian Languages.

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