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NEW TEACHER

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Courses taught

Fall 2015

ANTH 1770 Understanding Archaeology
ANTH 2760 China's Cultural Heritage

Spring 2015

ANTH 2760 China's Cultural Heritage
HIST 4140A History of Material Culture in Ancient China

Introduction

Prof. Lam is an assistant professor of anthropological archaeology doing research in mainland China. His research currently focuses on the economic system and social development during the Bronze Age and Han Empire. His research incorporates interests in various archaeological techniques including metallurgy, zooarchaeology and GIS (Geographic Information System) to study the craft production and exchange network during one of the most critical periods in Chinese history. He has conducted archaeological research in Shaanxi to investigate the ancient iron economy in the Han capital area since 2011. His new research is focused on the Han exchange network in provincial centers and imperial expansion of the Han dynasty. His research and writing projects focus on the social development in Early China include the change of craft production system and iron technology, the anthropology of commodities, interregional interaction, cultural transmission, and the market system of food.



Undergraduate Activities

ACADEMIC COUNSELING SESSION

14 August 2015

The Academic Counseling Session for new anthropology students was held on 14 August 2015.

This year, we have 28 students joining the department. A big welcome to all of them! We wish them a fruitful university life and an inspiring intellectual journey at the department!



New Anthropology students attending the academic counseling session

ORIENTATION CAMP

19–22 August 2015

Every summer, the undergraduate student society of the department will organize an orientation camp for new anthropology students to help them understand more about their study, the department and the university. Thanks to the effort of Wildman, the undergraduate student society, the orientation camp was successfully held on 19–22 August 2015. In the camp, students had to complete different tasks and take up various challenges. They also went to a fieldtrip in Jordan to learn more about Nepalese culture in Hong Kong. [More photos...](#)



Group photo taken at the orientation camp



DINNER CELEBRATING THE START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

10 September 2015

The student society had organized a dinner in Tai Wai to celebrate the start of a new academic year. Alumni and students of different years joined the dinner and enjoyed the hot pot meal together. The student society also prepared a red packet with coins inside for each student, wishing them a good GPA in the coming semester. The dinner was full of laughter and happiness.



Group photo taken at the dinner

Postgraduate Activities

WELCOMING PARTY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

11 September 2015

The Postgraduate Student Society organized a welcoming party for new MA, MPhil and PhD students of our department. The party provided our new postgraduate students a chance to know each other. We hope our new postgraduate students will enjoy their study at the department and have a rewarding learning experience!



THE 8TH POSTGRADUATE STUDENT FORUM

“Transforming Asian Anthropology: Dialogues and Imaginations”

**22–23 January, 2016
The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Every year since 2009, the Department of Anthropology has invited postgraduate students from all over the world to present their research at the Postgraduate Student Forum. The Forum aims at showcasing the best of postgraduate students' contemporary research.

The Forum seeks to encourage communication among young anthropologists and other social scientists who study Asia, to help improve their research, and to promote the excellent research being conducted internationally. This year's theme is "Transforming Asian Anthropology: Dialogues and Imaginations". The Forum will be held on 22-23 January 2016 (Friday and Saturday) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Website

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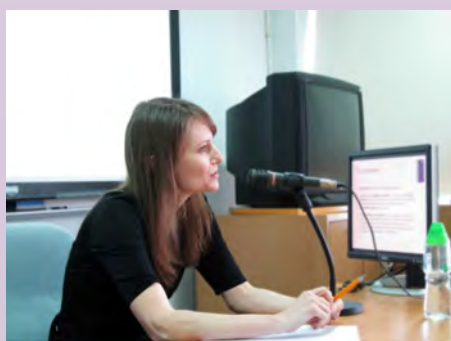
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Activities

FRIDAY SEMINARS (FALL 2015)

- 18 Sep. **BOOK LAUNCH**, *Love's Uncertainty: The Politics and Ethics of Child Rearing in Contemporary China* by **Teresa KUAN**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. (Time: 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Venue: G24, Fung King Hey Building, CUHK).
- 25 Sep. **Julie HAM**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong, "*Risks, Resources and Allies: Sex Workers' Strategies for Working with Other*
- 9 Oct. **Murat ES**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management, Chinese University of Hong Kong, "*Fluid Fields, Elusive Subjects, Exposed Ethnographers: Changing Spatialities of Engaged Scholarship in Transnational Migration.*"
- 20 Oct. (Tue) **Brian MOERAN**, Visiting Professor, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Hong Kong; Professor, Department of Intercultural Communication and Management, Copenhagen Business School, "*Fashion and Magical Capitalism.*" (Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Venue: LT9 Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK).
- 30 Oct. **Jean BERLIE**, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Greater China Studies, Hong Kong Institute of Education, "*Hui and Yughurs: A Short Comparative Study.*"
- 6 Nov. **Ju-chen CHEN**, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, "*Sunday Catwalks: Aspirations of Migrant Domestic Workers in Hong Kong.*"
- 13 Nov. **Samson WONG**, PhD Candidate, Department of Visual Studies, Lingnan University, "*The Role and Works of Community Artists in Hong Kong: A Global Perspective.*"
- 27 Nov. **Ken Chih-Yan SUN**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Baptist University, "*Aging across Borders: How Older Taiwanese Immigrants and Returnees Manage Care In Daily Lives.*"



Alumni Updates

Chen Juan, Florence

MA in Anthropology, graduated in 2012

"I pursued MA in Anthropology in 2012. I was first driven by anthropology because of a book of professor Gordon Mathews, *What Makes Life Worth Living*. That stimulated me to read more books on Anthropology and get diverse perspectives. I like learning about people and cultures and have a better understanding of the world. My research passion began to be established while I was a postgraduate student at Anthropology department and later through research work on short-term projects for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. I have used ethnographic approaches to research various projects. I am now pursuing Ph.D. in Education in the University of Cambridge. It is my dream that I will help make the world a better place as a result of my studies and my work."



Lui Oi-lam

BA in Anthropology, graduated in 2012

Assistant Manager (Music), Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Cultural Services Branch

"The belief in cultural relativism and pursuit of integrity affected me much during my three years of anthropology study at CUHK. The importance of these two attitude echoes even more after I have joined the workforce. Coordinating with people from different cultural backgrounds is common in one's work. Applying cultural relativism and upholding the idea of mutual respect, thinking and understanding more about the thoughts and concerns of your counterpart will help to speed up the progress of work by minimizing misunderstanding. Spending time on clarification is luxurious, especially when your partner lives in another time zone.

Studying anthropology does not only enrich my knowledge, but also equips me with a more sophisticated personality and attitude. Working is unlike studying—no one is responsible for proof-reading your work and correcting your mistakes except yourself. Integrity and seriousness are the keys to success."

Contact Us

Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions, comments or news to share with our subscribers. The next issue will be published in January 2016. Please send us news and updates for including in the next issue by 31 December.

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