

Teaching Asia Through Art, Action, and Activism in Society

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Zhiyuan Cong's "The Circles", 40 x 44 in., 1986.

Teaching Asia Conference

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Program

8:30-9:00 Registration, Coffee/Tea, Poster Session

9:00-9:15 Welcome: Dean Isabel Tirado
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, WPU

9:15-10:30 Keynote Address:
“Imagining Asia Now: The Challenge of Time and Space”

Robyn Hunt (Professor of Acting) and Steven Pearson (Head of MFA Acting Program), Dept. of Theatre and Dance, University of South Carolina, drawing on their many years of experience in Japanese theatre and actor training methods, will encourage us to summon our creative powers to engage today's world.

10:45-12:00 Hands-On Workshops
(Please indicate your choice on the registration form)

Workshop 1: Why Learning About Asia Can Make You a Better Teacher

Learn how to incorporate class exercises and hands-on activities into teaching curricula in literature, social studies, the arts, and other related fields; demonstrate the benefits of integrating Asia in broadening students' understanding of society.

Profs. Katherine Chen (Sociology), Kathleen Korgen (Sociology), Benjamin Vilhauer (Philosophy), WPU

Workshop 2: Discovering Asia using Web Technologies

Learn creative strategies to integrate Asia into the K12 curriculum; access educational materials and online resources using Web 2.0 technologies; showcases teacher candidates' projects based on their exploration of and rediscovery of Asia, its culture and people.

Prof. Melda Yildiz (Secondary and Middle School Education), WPU

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Workshop 3: Teaching Asia through Activism

Learn how to use the immensely rich traditions of activism from different regions of Asia and the diasporas in New Jersey / NYC to enliven your classroom; focus will be on “Myth Making, Myth Breaking.”

Profs. Rajender Kaur (English), Balmurli Natrajan (Anthropology), Keumjae Park (Sociology) WPU

2:30-4:00 Hands-On Workshops
(Please indicate your choice on the registration form)

Workshop 4: Teaching Asia through Art: Flavor of Chinese Ink Painting

Leading Chinese artist Zhiyuan Cong offers an introduction to Chinese ink painting with a hands-on opportunity to experiment with the basic techniques and materials of this universal form of communication.

Prof. Zhiyuan Cong (Art), WPU

Workshop 5: Teaching East Asia through Action

Learn to use technologies such as Google Earth to teach geography and research projects on East Asia; design and edit your own interactive digital map, include your own data points and evaluate information found on your maps.

Prof. Heejung An (Elementary and Early Childhood Education), WPU

4:00-4:45 Showcasing a Successful Teaching Program: “Qi for Children: Introducing Chinese Language in Public Schools”

Jean Modig, Fair Lawn Schools

4:45-5:00 Distribution of Teaching Kits & Certificates

Registration Form

Conference Fee: \$60 (Social Studies, World Language, and Art Teachers and School Administrators. Includes materials, breakfast, lunch, 6 PD contact hours, certificate)

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2:30 - 4:30 Workshop #4 or Workshop #5

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