Department News

Wabi Sabi Lecture

On Wednesday the Kawasaki Reading Room is sponsoring a Wabi Sabi lecture given by Dr. Rumiko Handa, professor of Architecture at UNL. Wabi-sabi represents a comprehensive Japanese world view or aesthetic centered on the acceptance of transience and imperfection. Lecture will begin at 2:30 in the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center room 202. Activities including Parasol Painting and Green Tea Serving will follow the lecture at 3:30.

Spanish Filmmaker Oscar Clemente’s Visit

Program

1. On Wednesday (November 6), Oscar Clemente will visit Spanish 497 class to talk about how to make a documentary from scratch. Hours: 2:30-4:50 pm. Burnett 121

2. On Thursday (November 7) at 3:30 pm, we will see his feature documentary (Keep On Rolling: The Dream of the Automobile), Spanish with English subtitles. Love Library Auditorium | https://vimeo.com/49101703

3. On Friday (November 8), Óscar Clemente will give a talk in Spanish using videos and other visual materials. The activity will begin at 10:30 am (10:30-12:00). The title of the talk will be “El Caminar como acto politico.” The talk will combine talking with videos. 102 Hamilton Hall

Please send your announcements, Bravos and events for the weekly newsletter to Casandra (csiefkes2@unl.edu) by 5 pm on Thursdays.
Bravo!
Radha Balasubramanian on her new book “The Influence of India on Leo Tolstoy and Tolstoy’s Influence on India: A study in Reciprocal Receptions!

Early Achiever Awards
This is a real opportunity for you to recognize and promote some of your more recent alumni. Recipients of the Early Achievers Award can be at most 35 years old (note this is an increase from 30 years previously).

Please check the list of winners from last year and their bios: https://huskeralum.org/2013-awards. I believe only one person from last year was an A&S grad, and that person was also a Law College. So, I am not sure we even nominated anyone last year. We are “guaranteed” one of our students will be recognized, but only if we submit nominations!

Please send Wendy Uribe <wendy.uribe@unl.edu> your nominations (name and short bio or other supporting documentation) by Monday, November 11. We will then select two nominees to forward to the Nebraska Alumni Association.

NUFlex Benefits Enrollment and Health Risk Assessment
The 2014 NUFlex Benefits Enrollment and Health Risk Assessment will begin on Monday, November 18 and run through Friday, December 6, 2013

NUFlex Benefits Enrollment
Although the enrollment information, including the NUFlex Benefits booklet and premium/price tag information will not be available until November 18, you are encouraged to begin thinking about the enrollment period now. Here are a few items for you to consider:

• Firefly, the University’s business portal, will be used to update all employees’ benefits. Visit firefly.nebraska.edu to make sure that you are comfortable logging into your Firefly account.
• To view your benefits for the current year within Firefly, click on the Employee Self Service (ESS) tab, then select Benefits Confirmation Statement.
• If you contribute to the Health Care Reimbursement Account and/or the Dependent Care Reimbursement Account, you will need to enter amount(s) – even if those amounts are the same as last year.
• Employees will have the opportunity to enroll, update, or end participation in vision and/or dental plans every year.
• You will need to update your Tobacco/Nicotine Designation each year.
• For information on Employee Plus One benefits, click here.

Click here if you’d like more information about the University’s benefit offerings including the NUFlex enrollment.

Health Risk Assessment (HRA)
The Health Risk Assessment (HRA) is a valuable educational tool designed to help you learn important information about your current health status and how to improve it. Participation is voluntary; however, by completing this short survey (it will take 15 - 20 minutes to complete), you will receive a Personal Health Report that will help you assess and monitor your personal health status. The HRA is available as part of NUFlex Enrollment and must be completed by Friday, December 6, 2013 in order to receive the enhanced wellness and preventive services benefit through the University’s Blue Cross Blue Shield medical and CVS Caremark prescription drug plan for the next calendar year.

Contact your Campus Benefits Office if you have any questions.
The History Graduate Student Association at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln would like to invite the Department of Modern Languages and Literature to join us at the ninth annual James A. Rawley Conference in Humanities, on March 14-15, 2014 at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln’s City Campus. This year’s conference theme is “The Impact of Interaction: Exploring Cultural Convergence” and will include a keynote address by Dr. Bernadette Andrea, a professor of English at the University of Texas at San Antonio. We invite all interested students—both senior undergraduate and graduate students—to submit a 250-word abstract and one page C.V. for topics covering historical encounters between communities, cultures, classes, or individuals, from sharing and exchange to conflict and misunderstanding. Attached is the official call for papers. Send the abstract and one-page C.V. to rawley@unl.edu no later than December 1, 2013.
Sen no Rikyu and the Japanese Way of Tea: Ethics and Aesthetics of the Everyday

Wabi-sabi represents a comprehensive Japanese world view or aesthetic centered on the acceptance of transience and imperfection. The aesthetic is sometimes described as one of beauty that is "imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete".

Sen no Rikyu (1522–1591) was a tea master who consecutively served Japan's two war-lords in the turbulent feudal era. Rikyu synthesized wabi tea into ethics and aesthetics by applying it to every aspect of the ceremony, from the tea setting to the physical environment, and from the manner of making and drinking tea to the way of interacting with the environment.

Wednesday
10.30.2013
Lecture: 2.30 pm
Activities: 3.30 pm
Room 202 / Ubuntu Room
Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center
1505 S St. Lincoln, NE
Lecture by
Rumiko Handa, Ph.D.,
Professor of Architecture, UNL
For more information: mwayoro@unl.edu

Parasol Painting
Green Tea Serving

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2014 James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, Call for Papers

“The Impact of Interaction: Exploring Cultural Convergence”

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's History Graduate Students' Association welcomes proposals for the Ninth Annual James A. Rawley Graduate Conference in the Humanities, “The Impact of Interaction: Exploring Cultural Convergence.” We request papers and panels that examine cross-cultural interactions and exchanges between various social groups. The conference will be held at UNL’s City Campus on March 14-15, 2014.

We invite papers and panels that explore all types of historical encounters between communities, cultures, classes, or individuals, from sharing and exchange to conflict and misunderstanding. This conference seeks interdisciplinary papers and panels that might include, or build from numerous disciplines such as: History, Literary Studies, Art History, Borderland Studies, New American West, Women and Gender Studies, and Religious Studies.

Paper proposals from graduate and advanced undergraduate students across all disciplines are encouraged. Proposals should include a 250 word abstract and one page C.V. Full panel proposals will also be considered. Panel proposals should include a one-paragraph description of the panel itself, as well as a one paragraph abstract for each paper and a current short C.V. for each panel participant. Please indicate any audio-visual needs required for presentations upon submission of proposals.

Bernadette Andrea, Ph. D., a professor of English at the University of Texas at San Antonio, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. Andrea’s interests include early modern studies, women’s studies, literary and cultural theory, early modern discourses of empire, and cross cultural exchanges between the West and Islamic world. Dr. Andrea, who earned her MA and Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from Cornell University, has published widely including her most recent monograph entitled English Women Staging Islam 1696-1707. All proposals should be emailed to rawley@unl.edu no later than December 1, 2013.

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2014 Call for Papers
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Opening Reception & Toast to Partners

RECEPCIÓN Y BRINDIS A NUESTROS AMIGOS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Marriott Courtyard Aksarben Village
Aksarben Room

A welcoming event for conference participants, and to show our appreciation for sponsors and community partners.

Botanitas, brindis & cash bar.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 1, 2013 to ydoku@unomaha.edu or (402) 554-3835

Register for Cumbre 2013 and reserve Keynote table for Saturday, Nov. 9 at:
unomaha.edu/ollas/cumbre2013/registration.php

To see a list of Cumbre 2013 sponsors, go to: www.unomaha.edu/ollas/cumbre2013
Register for Cumbre 2013 at:
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The luncheon keynote is the only paid event at Cumbre 2013. Free passes available for student and community volunteers.

**Ticket prices:** $50 per person and $400 per table