

Johnson County Community College (JCCC) had a successful year as a Regional Center for the Asian Studies Development Program of the East West Center and University of Hawai'i during 2011.

Academic Workshop

A workshop entitled *Sri Lanka: Post Civil War and Post Tsunami* took place February 17-19, 2011, at JCCC. Featured speakers included Dr. Dennis McGilvray, University of Colorado, Boulder; Dr. Patrick Peebles, University of Missouri, Kansas City; and Dr. Susan Reed, Bucknell University. This workshop, for faculty from area colleges, was funded by JCCC's Office of International Education and the JCCC Scholar-in-Residence program.

Curriculum

New courses introduced into the curriculum and offered this year are HUM 167 *Introduction to Japanese Culture* and HIST 165 *History of China*. JCCC now has 10 courses in the Social Sciences and Humanities specifically focused on Asia, in addition to 10 courses in Japanese and Chinese language.

Faculty and Curriculum Development

JCCC is one of six in the **ASDP Title VI grant project *Chinese Language and Culture Program***. This project is designed to "establish and accelerate the integrated development of undergraduate Chinese language and culture studies." Twelve JCCC faculty members are participating and four completed the residential workshop in 2011.

JCCC is one of 15 colleges included in the ASDP application for funding through the **NEH Bridging Cultures grant**. This project, if funded, will focus on the development "of curricula which address how Asian cultures and societies have conceived and effectively engaged issues of cultural difference."

Roger Ames opened the spring 2011 semester with a presentation to the all-faculty convocation on *Confucian China in a Changing World Order*. An additional lecture on *Confucian Role Ethics: Does Blind Justice Need Moral Imagination?* was open to students and the public.

Terry Helmick, Chair of the Speech Department, attended the **ASDP Infusion Workshop** in Hawai'i in August. Deborah Williams, professor of Environmental Science, participated in the **China Field Seminar: Frontiers: Culture, Nature and Industry from China's Northeast to the World's Expo, June-July 10**. Dawn Gale, professor of philosophy, participated in the ASDP workshop on Japan in September in Chicago.

Shudong Chen, Professor of Humanities, will publish a paper "Reading Prosodically, Reading Serendipitously: Fine-Tuning for the Unheard Melodies of 'Dao'" in *The Tsing Hua Journal of Chinese Studies* (清華學報), National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan.

Dennis Arjo, Professor of Philosophy, published a paper "Ren Xing and What It Is to be Truly Human" in the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*.

JCCC Campus Development

The College has given official approval for a Japanese garden on campus. ***Kai-hen-en: An Outdoor Environment for Asian Studies*** will be built with funds from JCCC, the JCCC Office of Sustainability and a grant from **Expo'70**, the Commemorative Organization for the Japan World Exposition '70.

Study Abroad Scholarships

JCCC's partner university, Northwestern Polytechnical University, has offered full scholarships to JCCC students to study in Xi'an, China. The first students will attend during the spring 2012 semester.

Community Outreach

JCCC hosted the **Greater Kansas City Japan Festival** in September, 2011. This event attracts more than 4000 participants and provides lectures and performances focused on Japanese culture.