



East Asian Studies
Senior Thesis Colloquium

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Common Room, 2 Divinity Avenue

9:30-9:40 **Opening Remarks by Professor James Robson, Director of Undergraduate Studies**

9:40-10:00 **Hojung Lee** (Advisor: Alex Zahlten; Tutor: Dima Mironenko)
South Korean Internet Culture and the Formation of 'Private Sphericule'

10:00-10:20 **Jasmine Park** (Advisor: Carter Eckert; Tutor: Nuri Kim)
Human Rights in South Korea

10:20-10:40 **Marissa McGarry** (Advisor: Susan Pharr; Tutor: George Yin)
Mixed Motivations: Case Studies of the LDP and the Movement to Amend Article Nine

10:40-11:00 **William Hakim** (Advisor: Xiaofei Tian; Tutor: William French)
Forgotten Words: The Eremitism of Tao Yuanming in Historical Perspective

Coffee Break (11:00-11:10)

11:10-11:30 **Kerry Hammond** (Advisor: Daniel Smith; Tutor: Bronwyn Isaacs)
The Performance of Family-Owned Businesses in the Thai and Japanese Stock Markets

11:30-11:50 **Midori Takasaki** (Advisor: Andrew Gordon; Tutor: Michael Thornton)
Why Fight An Uphill Battle?: Exploring the Motivations Behind Revising Article IX of the Japanese Constitution

Lunch Break (12:00-1:00)

1:00-1:20 **Melody Wu** (Advisor: Ian Miller; Tutor: Jakobina Arch)
The Historical, Cultural, and Political Determinants of Importance in Chinese Wildlife Species

1:20-1:40 **Tyrell Walker** (Advisor: Nara Dillon; Tutor: Min Zhang)
Identity, Isolation, and Integration: Chinese and Taiwanese Minority Youth and Their Interactions with the State

1:40-2:00 **Isabelle Clarke** (Advisor: James Robson, Tutor: Jennifer Pan)
Private Equity in China: a study of domestic vs. international firms

Coffee Break (2:00-2:10)

2:10-2:30 **Jonathan Reindollar** (Advisor: William Kirby; Tutor: Kyle Jaros)
Chinese Retail Investors

2:30-2:50 **Catherine Brown** (Advisor: Andrew Erickson; Tutor: Adam P. Liff)
Paper Tiger or Strategic Asset?: Assessing Motivations Driving China's Aircraft Carrier Development Program

Speakers' Bios

Hojung Lee, a Pforzheimer resident, is a joint concentrator studying Social Studies and East Asian Studies. She studies modern culture and media in East Asia and is a co-founder of Harvard Youth in Focus, Harvard's only filmmaking and youth outreach program. She has also served as a video editor of The Harvard Crimson since her freshman year.

Jasmine Park is a joint concentrator in History and East Asian Studies with a secondary field in Slavic Languages and Literatures. She is also very interested in learning languages including French, Chinese, and Czech. In addition to her academic pursuits, she is involved in several groups on campus including the Veritas Forum, Harvard-Radcliffe Christian Fellowship, and Delta Gamma. Last year, she directed the Veritas Forum, which organizes events that engage the Harvard community in questions regarding the relevance of religion in various academic fields. After graduation, she hopes to work in international development with a focus on education and community development.

Marissa McGarry is a joint concentrator in Government and East Asian Studies.

Kerry Hammond is a senior in Dunster House joint concentrating in Statistics and East Asian Studies.

William Hakim is a senior at Harvard College. He has been interested in China since High School, and first developed a taste for Chinese literature while studying at East China Normal University in Shanghai. At Harvard, he has worked on the literature of China's recluses including Song Dynasty hermit-poet Lin Bu. His thesis, written with Xiaofei Tian, attempts to trace the role of the body and the mind in eremitic discourse from the pre-Qin to Tao Yuanming. He plans to pursue a Master's in Chinese Literature after graduation.

Midori Takasaki, a resident of Eliot House, is currently pursuing a B.A. in East Asian Studies with a secondary in either Government or Neurobiology and a secondary field in Italian. She is looking into pursuing a career in law and will be working as a Legal Analyst in NYC next year. Her extracurriculars on campus include the Harvard College Law Society, ballroom dancing, the boxing team, and technical directing for HRDC.

Melody Wu, a Senior in Winthrop House, hails from North Jersey. She chose to concentrate in EAS because it allowed her to combine her love of language and history in assembling a plan of study and to receive full concentration credit for studying abroad in Japan. She is currently developing a thesis under the supervision of Professor Ian Miller and graduate student Bina Arch on the charismatic animals of the Greater China Region and the process through which the PRC government created its own hierarchy of endangered species. Last summer, Melody visited zoos and breeding facilities across the Chinese Mainland and enjoyed talking to animal care professionals there.

Tyrell Walker is a senior in Mather House. He was born near San Francisco but currently lives outside of Washington D.C. He became involved in East Asian Studies primarily because of his interest in U.S.-China relations. He was on the board of the Harvard Association for U.S.-China relations where he directed programs designed to build bridges of understanding between the two nations. He hopes to establish a career which facilitates in the relations between the West and East Asia. This thesis project combines Ty's interest in ethnicity with his passion for Greater China. Ty

enjoys traveling in East Asia in order to get a sense of the modern cultures and societies, learning about Constitutional Law, and eating delicious food.

Isabelle Clarke is a senior East Asian Studies concentrator living in Mather house. Her focus is China and Chinese language. She grew up in Princeton, NJ with her parents, three older sisters, and two dogs. She enjoys cooking and eating delicious food.

Jonathan Reindollar is a Senior concentrator in EAS with a secondary in Economics from Boston.

Catherine Brown is a Senior in Cabot House, concentrating in Government and East Asian Studies with a citation in Chinese. She is the midshipman Officer in Charge of the NROTC Semper Fidelis Society, a position in which she is responsible for planning and executing training for Marine Option midshipmen in the Boston area. She also works for the Harvard Alumni Association, where she helps with class reunions, Senior Week, and Commencement. She played for the Harvard varsity lacrosse team for three years. Upon graduation, Catherine intends to commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.