Agenda at a Glance

Monday, May 22, 2023, Gateway Film Center

5:30-6:00 pm: Registration
6:00-7:00 pm: Networking reception
7:00-9:00 pm: Film screening, Ode to My Father

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, Fawcett Center

8:00-8:45 am: Registration, networking, light breakfast
9:00-10:30 am: Panel 1: East Asia Strategies and Connections
10:30-11:00 am: Break/Networking
11:00 am-12:30 pm: Panel 2: East Asia on Campus—Success Stories
12:30-1:30 pm: Networking Lunch
1:30-3:00 pm: Panel 3: Incorporating East Asia Content into Existing Programs
3:00-3:30 pm: Wrap up, next steps

May 22-23, 2023
9:00-10:30  Panel 1: East Asia Strategies and Connections
- University/Community College Partnerships
  **Julie Ellison-Speight**, University of Arizona
- Supporting Global Competencies
  **Jennifer Manise**, Longview Foundation
- ASIANetwork: A Consortium for Undergraduate Education About Asia
  **Dan Choffnes**, ASIANetwork, Carthage College
- Working with University Libraries
  **Ann Marie Davis**, The Ohio State University

11:00-12:30  Panel 2: East Asia on Campus—Success Stories
- When East Meets West Symposium
  **Jennifer Nardone**, Columbus State Community College
- Virtual Partnerships and Short-Term, Faculty-led Study Abroad
  **Deborah Gavlik** and **Kay Koeninger**, Sinclair Community College
- Guest Speakers
  **James De Monte**, Lakeland Community College
- Developing an Interactive Korean Language Course at a Community College
  **Shaun Marsh**, Lorain County Community College

1:30-3:00  Panel 3: Incorporating East Asia Content into Existing Programs
- Asian Studies as a Bridge Between 2- and 4-Year Institutions
  **Christopher Bjork**, Vassar College
- Using Grant Funding to Create Interdisciplinary East Asian Modules
  **Derek Petrey**, Sinclair Community College
- East Asia Modules for World Civ/History Courses
  **Melvin Barnes**, Ohio Humanities
- East Asia Curriculum for Films/Online Resources
  **Julia Keblinska**, The Ohio State University

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**Speakers**

**Melvin Barnes, Jr.**
*Program Officer, Ohio Humanities*
Melvin is a teacher-scholar specializing in East Asian, Transnational, and African American history. He is currently a program officer at the Ohio Humanities Council. Melvin was born and raised in Toledo, OH and earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Toledo. His PhD is in East Asian History from The Ohio State University.

**Christopher B. Bjork**
*Professor of Education and the Dexter M. Ferry, Jr. Chair & Coordinator of Teacher Education, Vassar College*
Christopher Bjork earned his BA and MA in liberal studies from Wesleyan University. He completed his PhD in educational anthropology at Stanford University. Certified to teach both elementary and secondary school, he has worked as a classroom teacher in Japan and the United States. His research interests include international comparative education, educational reform, teacher education, and youth sports. He is the author of the book *Indonesian Education*, and editor or coeditor of many other books, including *Japanese Education in an Era of Globalization, Education and Training in Japan, Educational Decentralization, and Taking Teaching Seriously*. His most recent book, *High Stakes Schooling*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2015.

**Dan Choffnes**
*Executive Director, ASIANetwork*
Dan Choffnes is Professor Emeritus of Biology and Asian Studies at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He joined the Carthage faculty in 2006 and taught various classes in genetics, plant physiology, developmental biology, and experimental design. He also developed a course on the relationship between people and medicinal plants, taught a seminar on Chinese traditional medicine, and led students on trips to China and Vietnam. To learn about the roles of plants in diverse cultures, Choffnes has traveled extensively in South America and Asia. He has visited China regularly to conduct fieldwork on traditional medicine and plant-human interactions in Beijing and Fujian province. Choffnes earned a BS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and a PhD in Genetics from the University of California, Berkeley.
Ann Marie Davis
Associate Professor, Japanese Studies Librarian, The Ohio State University
Ann Marie Davis joined the University Libraries as Japanese studies librarian in May 2016. She came to Ohio State via Connecticut College in New London, CT where she was a member of the History Department for seven years. She holds a Masters in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University, PhD in Japanese History from the University of California, Los Angeles, and MA in Regional Studies–East Asia from Harvard University. Her book, *Imagining Prostitution in Modern Japan, 1850-1913* (published in March 2019 with Lexington Books), traces the symbol of the prostitute as a project of nation- and empire-building in the late nineteenth century. She has also published articles on the rise of makerspaces (collaborative spaces where people gather to hack, invent, and experiment with DIY projects) in college and research libraries and on collaborative, student-centered projects exploring library special collections and tools in the Digital Humanities.

James B. De Monte
Professor of English, Director of the Center for International Education, Lakeland Community College
James De Monte holds an MFA from Kent State University and a PhD from the University of Toledo. He is the author of *Where Are Your People From?* (Cornerstone Press, 2023) and *Brotherhood* (Blue Cubicle Press, 2015). Other writing has appeared in various publications, including *The Showcase, Italian America*, and *Fjords Review*.

Julie Ellison-Speight
Associate Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona
Julie Ellison-Speight is the Associate Director of the University of Arizona Title VI Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), where she has worked since 2016. She received her PhD in Near Eastern Studies from the UA with a focus on the Iranian women’s movement. In 2015, she received an undergraduate certificate in Computer Systems and Networks, which has facilitated her work on technology and pedagogy in the classroom. Julie co-led CMES’ “Persianate World: Central Asia” Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad in summer 2022, which supported K-12 educators, pre-service teachers, and community college educators in curriculum development. She also managed the Afghan Cultural Heritage Program, a distance-learning project jointly funded by the US Department of State and the National Park Service.

Deborah Gavlik
Director of International Education, Sinclair Community College
Deborah Gavlik is responsible for providing leadership for international programs at Sinclair Community College including international admissions, study abroad, COIL, international partnerships and international programming. She has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master’s degree in public administration from the Ohio State University. Previously, Ms. Gavlik served as Director of International Programs and Services at Owens Community College and as an Associate Vice Chancellor at the Ohio Board of Regents. Her other international experiences include teaching English at Kabul University and the United Nations’ Telecommunications School while serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan and directing a refugee resettlement program in Houston, Texas.

Julia Keblinska
Postdoctoral Scholar, The Ohio State University
Julia Keblinska is a Postdoctoral Scholar and member of the Global Arts and Humanities Society of Fellows at Ohio State. She received her PhD in Chinese with a Designated Emphasis in Film & Media from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2021. Her research concerns popular film and media culture in modern China. She has also published on South Korean television and, since coming to Ohio State, she has expanded the scope of her research to include socialist popular culture and socialist nostalgia in Eastern Europe.

Kay Koeninger
Professor of Art, Sinclair Community College
Kay Koeninger teaches in all areas of art history at Sinclair. She is also a freelance art curator and has written a wide range of exhibition catalogues and reviews focusing on 19th-21st century art, American ceramics, and Native American art. Her most recent exhibition, in 2020, was “Celebrating Our Stories” at the Sinclair College Galleries, in conjunction with the REACH Across Dayton Conference. She received her BA cum laude with high honors in history from Kenyon College, where she was a member of the first
graduating class of women. She holds an MA in history from Eastern Washington University and an MA in art history from the University of California, Riverside. Before coming to the Dayton area, she was Curator of Collections at the Galleries of the Claremont Colleges in Southern California and director of the Denison University Art Gallery. She has taught at Denison University, Antioch College, and Wright State University, and was a past art critic for the Columbus Dispatch.

Jennifer Manise  
*Executive Director, Longview Foundation for World Affairs and International Understanding*

Jennifer Manise has experience in executive leadership, philanthropy, creating thriving boards, and pre-K-20 education policy and partnerships. She previously worked at the Council of Chief State School Officers. Currently, she is the Executive Director of the Longview Foundation which, since it was founded by William Breese in 1966, has been seeking to build a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world by equipping youth with a global perspective and understanding of political, social, and environmental issues worldwide. As a grant maker, Jennifer loves partnering with nonprofits and policymakers who endeavor to do the same.

Shaun Marsh  
*Program Director for International Education, Lorain County Community College*

Shaun Marsh is Program Director of International Initiatives and ESL at Lorain County Community College (LCCC). He completed his doctoral dissertation through George Mason University's Education program, entitled *Korean Student Conceptions of Experiences at an American University Campus in South Korea*, based on his research conducted in Songdo, Korea, while also lecturing full-time at Hansung University in Seoul. He has given presentations at Duke University Kunshan, in China, and the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) annual conference, as well as led faculty discussions for the Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education (MIIE). Shaun has taught ESL over the last 20 years, earned the Best Teacher Award three years in a row at Hansung University, and was given a graduate award for Outstanding Civic and Community Engagement at North Carolina State University. He started an interactive Elementary Korean Language course at LCCC to meet an unexpectedly large demand among students in the community, which includes a virtual exchange with students in Korea as part of its curriculum.

Jennifer Nardone  
*Professor of History, Columbus State Community College*

Jennifer Nardone has taught American and African American History at Columbus State since 2010. She earned her PhD in history from the University of Mississippi, where she wrote her dissertation about segregated schools in Mississippi from the 1890s through the 1920s. Nardone also holds a bachelor’s in English and Bachelor of Applied Arts in art history from the University of Arizona, and master’s degrees in architectural history and history from the University of California at Berkeley and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, respectively.

Derek Petrey  
*Chair of the Department of Humanities, Government and Modern Languages, Professor of Spanish and Humanities, Sinclair Community College*

Derek Petrey is a native Daytonian and alumni of Wright State University and The Ohio State University. He served Sinclair as the college-wide Director of the Honors Program (2009-2015) and the Center for Teaching and Learning (2016-2021). He has taken students on trips to Cuernavaca, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. He also works in translation and has collaborated with conservation ecologists based in Southeast Asia.

**THANK YOU**

The East Asian Studies Center at The Ohio State University would like to extend special thanks to our Community College Advisory Committee:

- James De Monte
- Deborah Gavlik
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- Jennifer Nardone