To attract good fortune, spend a new coin on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend, and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.

— Chinese proverb

Spread the LOVE with Valentine Grams!

Wednesday, Feb 1st ~ Friday, Feb 3rd • Worner • 12:15 ~ 1:30 pm

Show you care in 2 ways!! (○vε)ε●●●)

1). We’ll deliver a chocolate gift bag + card of your choice to your friends or a special someone by Valentine’s Day for $5 each.

2.) All of the money will be donated to LINK (Liberty In North Korea), so your purchase helps North Korean refugees in hiding get support.

SPREAD THE LOVE this Valentine’s Day! Please provide us with the recipient’s name or Worner Box number. (We’ll have a computer on hand if you need help figuring out WB numbers.)

KASA (Korean American Student Union) will be at Worner from Feb 1~3, from 12:15 ~ 1:30 pm. Cash or check only.

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Meet Eli Alberts

Eli Alberts, a Colorado College alum, has returned to Colorado College this year as a visiting assistant professor in the History Department. He is teaching courses in East Asian history including “Civilization in East Asia,” “20th Century China,” “China in the Age of Confucius,” “20th Century Japan,” and “Visions of the Sage in Chinese History and Myth.” He has a deep passion for studying and researching East Asian history and culture and is excited to have the opportunity to return to CC.

Professor Alberts first discovered his passion for learning about East Asia while studying comparative literature at CC. Since then, he has spent extensive time studying and working in Taiwan, China, and the U.S. After obtaining his BA in Comparative Literature from CC, he obtained an Advanced Masters from Leiden University in the Netherlands and a PhD in Chinese Language and Cultures from the University of Pennsylvania. In 2006, Professor Alberts published his dissertation called *A History of Daoism and the Yao People of South Asia*, in which he examines Daoism’s relationship with the ethnic Yao minority group in southern China and Southeast Asia. After obtaining his PhD, he moved to Taiwan, where he conducted his postdoctoral research at the Institute of Ethnology, part of Taiwan’s prestigious Academia Sinica. This year the *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology* published his postdoctoral research in an article called *Commemorating the Ancestors’ Merit: Myth, Schema, and History in the Charter of Emperor Ping*. In addition, while in Taiwan he worked as a reporter, program host, and translator for Radio Taiwan International in Taipei. He is fluent in Chinese.

Professor Alberts enjoys researching the history of Chinese religion, particularly Daoism and the culture of the Yao nationality, his areas of expertise. In his free time, he also likes to mountain bike, a sport that he came to enjoy deeply while in Taiwan.


The Mile Hi JACL and University of Denver are partnering again to put on the 2012 Day of Remembrance event on Sunday, February 19. The event will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Denver University, Sturm College of Law (2255 E. Evans, Denver, 80208). Our guest speaker for this year, Christian Heimburger, Doctoral Candidate at the University of Colorado, will be speaking on “Life Beyond Barbed Wires”. The presentation will run from 1:00 to 2:00 and refreshments (sushi and drinks) will follow. Please join us for this to commemorate the signing of Executive Order 9066.
Come celebrate **Lodhi**, also known as **Lohri** (the bonfire festival), this block with **SASA**!

**Friday, February 3rd**

**5:30~6:30 pm outside of Worner**

There will be a fire pit for marshmallow roasting, followed by a celebrative bonfire with colored flames. Be sure to try some delicious samosas for sale at the bonfire. All proceeds will be donated for the **Pakistan flood relief**.

Hope to see you there!

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The University of Denver's Asian Student Alliance (ASA) has recently become a member organization to the Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU), a national organization that "strives to recognize the needs of the Asian Pacific Islanders American (APIA) community." They have been doing mixers all around the region and ASA will be hosting a mixer here in Colorado!

We would like to invite you and your organization to come and join us for a day of mingling, networking, and share some of what's going on in the APIA community. Everyone is more than welcome to attend! Even though there is a focus on the Asian/Pacific Islander community, we want to spread awareness and include others that don't necessarily identify with this group. We are inviting APIA school/university organizations from all over Colorado, including: **Colorado College; Colorado Mesa University; Colorado School of Mines; Colorado State University; Pikes Peak Community College; Regis University; University of Colorado, Boulder; University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; University of Colorado, Denver; University of Northern Colorado**.

**Who:** Everyone at the University of Denver (including Graduates, Faculty, and Staff)

**What:** MAASU Mixer with the Asian Student Alliance

**When:** Saturday, February 18th, 2012, 10am-4pm

**Where:** University of Denver, Towers Hall Centennial Ballroom, 1770 South Williams Street, Denver, CO 80210

**Why:** To network, meet new people, and learn about what's going on in the APIA community!

**Other:** FREE TO ATTEND, LUNCH WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED!

For more information on MAASU, you can visit their website at [http://maasu.org/](http://maasu.org/).

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**REGISTRATION**

To register for the mixer, please go to tinyurl.com/ASAmixer. Spread the word to all of your friends and other organizations, as ANYONE is welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [udenver.asa@gmail.com](mailto:udenver.asa@gmail.com).

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See you there!

DU ASA
The Asian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 2011-12 competition for the Asian Language Studies Prize. The Prize will be awarded to qualified students by the Asian Studies Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the relevant Colorado College language instructors.

**PURPOSE:** In order to promote and support extended study in Asian languages by CC students the Asian Studies program hopes to offer **ten** Language Scholarship Prizes in 2011-12 to current CC students to support their language study in Asia on CC-approved study abroad programs.

**AWARDS:** The award will be in the amount of $500. This award is limited as a prize to support the cost of attending the CC-approved study abroad program (i.e., requiring proper documentation for fees or travel to the program)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants who apply for studying in China or Japan must complete at least one block of Intermediate Chinese or Japanese study (second-year level) at CC with the grade of “B” or higher and be accepted into a CC-approved language program in Asia. Applicants who apply for studying the other Asian languages could use the prize to take beginning language course in a CC-approved language program in either the States or Asia (**two** prizes will be awarded in this category).

In the event there are more than ten qualified students in a given year, the students who have completed more than one block of Intermediate Chinese or Japanese study at CC, and the students with higher grades in the relevant CC language courses, will have priority.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** A letter of application must be emailed (email attachment) to Professor Hong Jiang, hjiang@coloradocollege.edu, by 3:00pm, the Third Friday of Block 5, February 10th, 2012. Students will be notified of the committee’s decision by the second Friday of Block 6, March 2nd, 2012.

Further information may be obtained from Prof. Hong Jiang *6942, hjiang@ColoradoCollege.edu

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**CC’S CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**

Monday, February 13th, 2012
Gaylord Hall in Worner Center
5:00~7:00 pm

Please come to CC’s Chinese New Year Festival hosted by the Asian Studies department! Entertainment for the night includes Chinese dances, singing, and music, along with a Japanese calligraphy performance. Free Chinese food will also be served. Let’s celebrate the year of the dragon together!
The Chinese New Year

Shupeng Li

The Chinese New Year is one of the most important holidays celebrated in China. The exact date of the New Year’s Day varies each year since it is the first day of January in the lunar calendar, which is used in China in the old times. The date could be as early as early January and as late as late February. In 2012, the year of dragon, the New Year’s Day is going to be January the 23rd.

Traditions of the Chinese New Year vary from place to place in China, yet there are something that people do in common, such family members get together to have New Year’s Dinner, light fireworks, do paper-cuts, staying-up, give children pocket money, do Spring Cleaning, and post Spring Festival couplets. Each year, the public transportation system faces such huge challenges that millions of migrant workers want to get back home in time to celebrate the Chinese New Year with their families. The New Year’s Dinner is in New Year’s Eve, which is the evening right before the New Year’s Day. Traditional dishes including fish, Jiao-zi, cabbage, bamboo shoots, cumquat, candied lotus root, and peanut candy.

Then on the New Year’s Day, people usually visit their neighbors and relatives. This is the favorite day of the Children’s because it is the time to get lots of pocket money and snacks from the elders. Children can even earn thousands Yuan within a day, which is almost the average monthly earnings of an adult! For the following few days, people usually go out for a short family trip or just stay at home to have a good relax. The holiday ends on the eighth day of January of the lunar calendar and the New Year’s celebration events usually still goes on for a few days till January the 15th of the lunar month, which is called the Lantern Festival. Afterwards, everything returns to normal and that is the end of the Chinese New Year.
Let’s make mochi!

Jennifer Myers

Normally, weekend mornings at the Colorado College in Colorado Springs are quite relaxed. Life begins to stir on campus around 10 am, as we students leisurely stroll towards Worner Student Center for brunch or head off for the mountains. On Saturday, January 21st however, students who returned early to campus after winter break awoke to quite a different scene. In front of the Worner Center, the Japan America Society of Southern Colorado held their annual mochitsuki, or rice cake pounding event, to welcome the New Year.

From 10 am to noon, visitors were able to pound glutinous mochi rice in a mortar, usu, with a wooden mallet, kine. The general public, children, and curious students alike participated in this traditional Japanese custom. Though the weather was a bit cloudy, people eagerly lined up to help communally pound fresh mochi and children ran around and played nearby on the grass.

After trying their hand at with mochitsuki, visitors entered the student center to enjoy samples of a variety of mochigashi, traditional Japanese sweets made with mochi, to taste the efforts of their labor. Five types of mochi – an, goma, isobe yaki, kinako, and zenzai – were handed out by volunteers, along with tea and other snacks. Displays provided information about Colorado Springs’ sister-city, Fujiyoshida city in Yamanashi prefecture, ways to get involved in JASSC and the Japanese community, and fundraisers for the March 11th disasters in northeastern Japan. The event was a great way for JASSC to increase interest of and share Japanese culture with both the local community and students.

So then, what is the significance of mochitsuki and New Year’s? Mochi has been a delicacy associated with auspicious events since the Heian period (794-1185 CE) in Japan. It is thought to be an offering to the god of rice. Just prior to the New Year, between December 28th and 31st, families often get together to pound fresh rice. Traditionally about 3 batches are prepared, the first of which is shaped into kagami mochi, or mirror mochi, and placed at the families’ home alter for the gods. During the Edo period (1603-1868 CE), it became common to break this kagami mochi on January 11th and then eat it. By doing so, the family could absorb some of the power or wellbeing from the gods and be ready to face the New Year. It is also said that the glutinous texture and value of mochi symbolizes longevity and prosperity for the New Year. So make sure to eat some mochi and ensure a great year ahead. Best wishes for 2012!
Let’s make *mochi*! continued…

1. *An mochi* – rice cake filled with *an*, a sweet adzuki bean paste; the most typical form of rice cake; the rice cake can be colored or flavored as well
2. *Goma mochi* – rice cake with a sweet adzuki bean filling and covered with white or black sesame seeds; sometimes the filling is adzuki bean mixed with ground sesame
3. *Isobe yaki* – rice cake that is grilled with sweetened soy sauce and wrapped in *nori*
4. *Kinako mochi* – a rice cake dusted with *kinako* powder, a nutty-tasting soybean flour
5. *Zenzai* or *oshiruko* – a hot, sweetened red bean/adzuki soup with pieces of rice cake

There are many more types of *mochi* desserts as well, including *ichigo daifuku*, *odango*, *sakura mochi*, *warabi mochi*, *kashiwagi*, *yomogi mochi*, and *ohagi*. 
New Block 7 Course!
Asian and Asian-American Theatre: Puppetry

This fascinating new course is a voyage through the world of Asian puppet theatre. It will examine theatrical traditions and their cultural backgrounds of several Asian countries, including Japan, China, India, Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam. Emphasis will be placed on the religious, ritual, and social contexts and aspects of performance, and the cultural background and history of these different traditions. The music of Asian puppet theatre will be explored in connection with the performances. Special attention will be paid to the road to modernity of Asian puppet theatre and how traditional puppet theatre has developed in the age of mass communication and inspires modern puppet theatre. The course will also include hands-on production of puppets and performance of short places. Register now for this great opportunity!

Professors: Dr. Robin Ruizendaal, Director at Lin Liu-Hsin Puppet Theatre Museum and Artistic Director at Taiyuan Puppet Theatre, and Ms. Shan Shan Wu, Stage Director and Planning Strategist at Taiyuan Puppet Theatre. These internationally renowned artists will be at Colorado College Blocks 7 and 8 2012 in conjunction with the Drama and Dance Block 8 production of the American premier of Taipei by Night.

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