The Bass Award for Asian Studies was established in 2010 by the faculty of Asian Studies to honor one student as outstanding. The award is named for Ms. Brenda Bass (Belmont, class of 2003) in honor of her generous support for Belmont’s Asian Studies program since 2001. The award recognizes the outstanding student’s contribution to the entire spectrum of Asian Studies at Belmont. In naming a person to this honor, we celebrate the student’s conscientious class preparation and participation, dedicated involvement in co-curricular lectures and conversations about Asia, the student’s love of Asia.

Past Recipients
Megan Waddell (09-10)
Carson Murphy (10-11)
Henna Jurca (11-12)
Tara Clance (12-13)

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Belmont Undergraduate Research Symposium

April 15, 2014
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Massey Board Room
Belmont University
Asian Studies

Introduction and Welcome
Qingjun Li, Ph.D.
Acting Director, Asian Studies

Award Presentation
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Presented to the Outstanding Asian Studies Student 2013-14

Student Presentations
“Constructing Indian National Identity through Film” Chelsea Johnson
Faculty Advisor: Ronnie Littlejohn, Ph.D.

“Reel Revolution: Depictions of the Cultural Revolution in Chinese Cinema” Ryan Pino
Faculty advisor: Qingjun Li, Ph.D.

Chinese Song Performance: “Friends” 朋友 Eric Owens and Ryan Pino
Faculty Adviser: Andrew Siao, Ed. D.

Faculty Advisor: Qingjun Li, Ph.D.

“Friends” 朋友 (pronounced as pengyou)
The Chinese song “Friends” is a popular song frequently used in occasions of bidding farewell, such as commencement ceremonies and farewell parties. “Friends” describes a life-long relationship bonded through friends working together and going through upheavals. It has a bitter sweet lyric and a beautiful melody that strikes the chord among Asian listeners.

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Marty Bell Religion Margaret Monteverde Literature
Cynthia Bisson History Jeff Overby International Bus
Noel Boyle Philosophy Naoko Ozaki ASN/Japanese
Judy Bullington Art John Paine Literature
Dennis Chen International Bus Daniel Schafer History
Howard Cochran Economics Seraphine Shen-Miller Psychology
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Qingjun Li ASN/Chinese Marieta Velikova Economics
Ronnie Littlejohn Philosophy Sehyun Yoo Finance
Marcia McDonald Literature

Under the Direction of Dr. Qingjun Li, Belmont students Anna Croghan, Samantha Hubner, Joseph Minga, and Ryan Pino are recipients of a grant from the Freeman Foundation through ASIANetwork funding their research project in China this summer to investigate China’s new “Cultural Industry.”

Congratulations to Belmont’s Freeman Student Faculty Fellows Grant Recipients

Belmont University junior entertainment industry studies major Cecilia Y. Tregelles was awarded the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to study abroad and participate in an international internship at Sogang University in Seoul, South Korea in 2013-14.