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 one student’s contribution to the entire spectrum of Asian Studies at Belmont as exemplary. In naming a person to this honor, we celebrate the student’s high academic performance; conscientious class preparation and participation; dedicated involvement in co-curricular events, lectures and conversations about Asia; and the student’s love of Asia, its peoples and its cultures.

Past Recipients

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2016-17 Recipient

Madeline (Maddie) Gumsic is an Asian Studies major with double minors in Music Business and Japanese language. She has served as Japanese language tutor at Belmont for two years. She holds certificates in Japanese and Korean from Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan where she studied abroad in 2015 and 2016. During her time at Belmont she was an officer in Belmont Japan-America Relations (BJAR), Belmont’s chapter of Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), and she was an active member in Belmont University’s Songwriters Association. She has written and performed original songs for SoundQuake Productions.

http://www.belmont.edu/asianstudies/
Introduction and Welcome

Prof. Qingjun Li

Student Presentations

“Trauma, Memory, and Korean Literature”
Faculty Advisor: Faculty of Sogang University, Seoul

Madeline Glumsic

Panel Discussion: “Does China Have a True Face?”
Morgan Brost, Madison Williams, and Victoria Raymond
Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ronnie Littlejohn

Award Presentation

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Asian Studies Faculty

Marty Bell  Religion
Cynthia Bisson  History
Katie Boatman  Art
Judy Bullington  Art
Dennis Chen  International Bus
Howard Cochran  Economics
Don Cusic  Music Business
Andrew Davis  Philosophy
Pete Giordano  Psychology
Nathan Griffith  Political Science
Yang He  International Bus
Ernest Heard  Religion
Dylan Irons  ASN/Koreas
Michael Jackson  ASN/Japan
Fanrong Kong  Chinese
Qingjun Li  ASN/Chinese
Ronnie Littlejohn  Philosophy
Marcia McDonald  Literature
Margaret Monteverde  Literature
Kimiyo Murata-Soraci  ASN/Japanese
Jeff Overby  International Bus
John Paine  History
Daniel Schafer  Sociology
Stephen Shin  Literature
Andi Stepnick  Honors/Literature
Andrea Stover  Economics
Marieta Velikova  Finance
Sehyun Yoo

Undergraduate Research

Asian Studies Faculty

Congratulations

Kevin Gao, junior nursing major, will be working at the CereCare Wellness Center for Children in Shanghai from May 7-July 2, 2017 as a Lumos Grants fellow. The CereCare Wellness Center is devoted to the care of disabled children. He will be posting weekly blogs on the Lumos Blog Website. http://blogs.belmont.edu/lumos/. Kevin visits and studies in China annually.

Mary Morgan Green, junior international business major with minors in Chinese and dance, received a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State under its program to help students master critical foreign languages. Green will be continuing her study of Chinese during the summer 2017 in Xi'an, Shaanxi province, China where she will attend Shaanxi Normal University. She studied in China in the summer of 2016 and has twice been a mission volunteer at Maria’s Big House of Hope orphanage in Luoyang, China.

Congratulations

Chris Dickerson, graduating sociology major and education minor and President of Belmont’s Student Government Association, has accepted a position teaching English in the School of Foreign Languages at Zhengzhou University, Henan, China. Chris holds the Oxford Seminar TESOL/TEFL Certification for teaching English as a Second Language. He studied in China during the summer 2016.

Haley Gannaway and Christian Crawford, recent Belmont graduates, have been offered positions in the Japan English Teaching (JET) program by the Ministry of Education in Japan and are awaiting the announcement of their appointment locations.