



Rice Asian Studies Organization (RASO) Spring 2018

RASO is a student organization that aims to create an outlet for Asian Studies majors to converse with professors as well as connect students across the major. RASO serves as a link between Asian Studies on campus and Asian resources in Houston and seeks to increase visibility of the major as well as provide guidance within it.

Rice Asian Studies Review (RASR)

Members of RASO manage the *Rice Asian Studies Review* (RASR), an undergraduate Asia-focused academic journal with articles authored by Rice undergraduates.

Asia Across the Disciplines Speaker Series

In this speaker series, Rice professors speak on the benefits and limits of studying Asia through their respective field of study.

- Dr. Steven Lewis: Asia through Political Science (March 7)
 - <u>Topic</u>: Understanding Political Reform in China: The End of Decentralization and Chinese Federalism?
- Dr. David Cook: Asia through Religious Studies (April 13)
 - <u>Topic</u>: Challenge of Salafi-jihadism in Asia

Career Speaker Series

We invite speakers to discuss the importance of studying Asia and how they have been able to use Asian Studies in their career.

- Julie Kavanagh, US Foreign Service Officer and Diplomat in Residence for Texas (March 20)
 - <u>Topic</u>: The Practice of Diplomacy: Real-Life Experiences from China, Russia, and Around the World
- Diane and Willet Feng, Burger-Chan Owner and Asian Studies Alumni (April 4)
 - <u>Topic</u>: Your Major Doesn't Define Your Future, but It Helps Pave the Way

Other Activities

- Asian Studies Focus Group (March 2)
- Asia Pub Night (March 30)
- RASR Release Party (April 20)
- RASO Finals Study Break (End of April)
- RASO T-Shirts and Water Bottles



