Charity Gala Premiere

In support of the First-in-the-Family Education Fund

The documentary was directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Ruby Yang, the HKU Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities (香港大學「孔梁巧玲傑出人文學者」). It was edited at the production suites of our Journalism and Media Studies Centre from 500 hours of raw footage by Ruby and her crew, which included many HKU student interns. Over 1,400 guests and 110 patrons supported the Gala in October 2014, raising HK$900,000 to benefit the “First-in-the-Family Education Fund”, which supports equal learning opportunities for grass-roots students.
Ruby Yang 楊紫燁
Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities

Originally from Hong Kong, Ruby is a noted Chinese-American filmmaker whose work in documentary and dramatic film has earned her an Academy Award, two Academy nominations, and other numerous international awards. Her trilogy of short documentary films are all about modern China, including “The Blood of Yingzhou District” 《潁州的孩子》 which won an Oscar in 2007; “The Warriors of Qiugang” 《仇崗衛士》，which received an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary Short in 2011; and “Tongzhi in Love” 《彼岸浮生》，which was short-listed in the same category in 2008. In 2003, she co-founded the Chang Ai Media Project (倡愛文化傳播) to promote AIDS awareness in China, with the aid of documentaries and public service announcements having been seen over 900 million times.

Since 2013, she has joined HKU as the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities hosted by the Journalism and Media Studies Centre, producing and teaching the making of documentary. Currently she is the Scholar-in-residence at Shun Hing College.

孔梁巧玲傑出人文學者計劃
Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities Scheme

The Scheme was launched in 2008 through the support of The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation. It hosts visiting scholars, renowned in their fields, with the objective of enhancing and enriching humanities studies at the University, which in turn contributes to the art and humanities culture of Hong Kong.

Appointed Fellows

Professor Lung Ying-tai 龍應台
Ruby Yang 楊紫燁
Professor David Wang 王德威
The Endowed Professorships Public Lecture Series commenced in April 2014 to share knowledge with the community. www.hku.hk/ephku/publiclectures

Understanding Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility in Hong Kong
Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy
黃乾亨黃英豪基金教授 (政治經濟學)
Richard Y C Wong 王于漸

“Individual income inequality has been rising because of underinvestment in education and lack of inflow of quality human capital.”

From World History to World Literature: China, the South, and the Global 60s
Hon-Yin and Suet-Fong Chan Professor in Chinese
陳漢賢伉儷基金教授 (中文)
Shih Shu-mei 史書美

“Taking the world historical event of the global 60s as an example, the lecture reconsidered the place of China in that event from the perspectives of literary communities that may be considered the South to the Chinese North, such as Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Vietnam, and through this process, propose a new conception of world literature.”

Wonders Beyond Boundaries: The Tale of Humanity, Heritage and the World
Lady Edith Kotewall Professor in the Built Environment
羅旭龢夫人基金教授 (建築環境)
David P Y Lung 龍炳頤

“Places of world wonders may be geographically defined, but their beauty and significance go beyond any form of boundaries defined by mankind. They represent a databank of human knowledge, beliefs, values and developments that inspires us and helps us to understand one another, regardless of gender, race or culture.”
An Incredible Journey Continues

Fr Alvaro Ribeiro 羅百龍 (BA 1969), former warden of Ricci Hall, touched many lives while he was with us. Everyone who knew Fr Alvaro has nothing but fond memories of his compassion, humour, passion and talent in the arts.

Daniel Souza (BA 1969) and Dr John Tan 陳岡 (BDS 1988; PCEd 1991; MEd 1993; PhD 2000), Riccians who knew Fr Alvaro for many decades, decided to honour their beloved friend by initiating a scholarship in his name for English major students. English had always been Fr Alvaro’s great love; he had taught and conducted research into it at different prestigious institutions including HKU, Oxford, Yale and Georgetown Universities. Over 50 contemporaries, friends and students of Fr Alvaro from Hong Kong, Canada, the US and the UK contributed a total of HK$1.6 million. The Scholarship will not only recognise academically outstanding students at HKU but also inspire them to follow Fr Alvaro’s example of treasuring some of the finer things in life, such as friendship, the arts, nature and cross-cultural exchanges.

Legacy of Cancer Hero Freddie Ng

The University is exceedingly proud of pharmacy graduate Freddie Ng 伍庭發 (BPharm 2013), who passed away in December 2013. His determination to stand up to seemingly insurmountable challenges makes him a role model for youngsters in Hong Kong.

Freddie battled against his terminal illness throughout his university life. Armed with a strong will and great persistence, he graduated with First Class Honours and won three out of the four awards of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy.

The TF Ng Improvement Award in Pharmacy was established by his family to perpetuate Freddie’s spirit and three students have benefitted in 2013-14.

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Tribute to Edward Chen
Democracy and Economic Development: the Asian Experiences

Four Asian experts spoke on “Democracy and Economic Development: the Asian Experiences” at the 8th Edward K Y Chen Distinguished Lecture Series. Professor Frederick Ma 馬時亨 (BA 1973) (above, 3rd left), Honorary Professor at the School of Economics and Finance, moderated the panel discussion.

Presented by the School of Economics and Finance, the Lecture Series was initiated in 2007 by a group of former HKU students of Professor Chen from the early 70s. This annual Lecture is a tribute to an honoured teacher and a distinguished scholar, and aspires to demonstrate the fine tradition of great respect and appreciation for Teachers and Mentors (尊師重道).

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Innovator Harry Shum Continues the Inspiration Cycle

(Front row from left) Professor Norman Tien 田之楠, Dean of Engineering; Professor Tso Shiu-kit 曹紹傑 (BSc(Eng) 1961); Professor Peter Mathieson 馬斐森, President and Vice-Chancellor; Dr Harry Shum 沈向洋 (MPhil 1991); Mrs Tso 田之楠 (BA 1988; MPhil 1991)

(Back row from left) Professor Victor Li 李安國, Head of Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Professor Paul Cheung 張英相, Associate Vice-President (Research); Mrs Shum Chan Ka-yan 陳家恩 (BA 1967; MScSc 1971; Hon DSocSc 2008)

“Democracy without good governance, without quality government, doesn’t work.”

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Every year, Microsoft Technical Recognition Awards honour those who have redefined how work is done both at Microsoft and in their industry. Electrical and Electronic Engineering alumnus, Dr Harry Shum (MPhil 1991) was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Technical Leadership Award for his transformative impact on Search Development at Bing, the search engine.

The Bing search quality team was struggling when Dr Shum first joined it in 2007. In a relatively short time, he had spearheaded a series of science and engineering enhancements that would turn Bing into a viable consumer alternative with a rapidly increasing search query share in the US. Under Dr Shum’s leadership, Bing has transformed into a very high-quality search engine comparable to Google and with differentiating features.

Dr Shum has never forgotten what he learnt at his alma mater and, especially, what he learnt from his former supervisor and mentor, Professor Tso Shiu-kit (BSc(Eng) 1961). To pay tribute to Professor Tso, who has retired, Dr Shum generously designated the award money to HKU for the establishment of the Tso Shiu Kit Scholarship at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.
HKU Rhodes Scholar Advocating for Human Rights

What is important is to show your vision and passion in leading and bringing changes to society. As a Rhodes Scholar, I want to pursue a career that focuses on advancing human rights and making the voices of marginalised groups heard in society.

Geoffrey Yeung 楊嘉瑋 (BBA(Law) 2012; LLB 2014; PCLL Year 1) has been named the 2015 Rhodes Scholar for Hong Kong. Each year, one Rhodes Scholar from Hong Kong is selected to join over 80 other Rhodes Scholars from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.

Geoffrey actively participates in civil rights activities such as the HKRAC-HKU Refugee Legal Assistance Clinic programme, which gives law students the opportunity to provide services to asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong. He plans to pursue a Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford starting in 2015.

Collaboration with the University of Cambridge on Medical Law, Ethics and Policy

The Centre for Medical Ethics and Law (CMEL), supported by the generosity of the WYNG Foundation, is a joint effort of the Faculties of Law and Medicine. CMEL aims to provide teaching and training for university students and professionals in these two subjects, and to also raise public awareness on relevant local and international issues.

CMEL will now be able to focus not only on achieving co-ordination between disciplines, but also across continents with the help of Cambridge University relationship. Funded by the Hatton Trust and the WYNG Foundation, a Lectureship in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy at Cambridge University and a Junior Research Fellowship in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy at Cambridge’s Trinity Hall will be created. The sponsored scholars will visit CMEL at HKU and spend up to four weeks at the University annually to facilitate research interactions between Cambridge University, Trinity Hall and HKU. A variety of guest lectures and seminars at CMEL will be provided for the academic community and the general public. The international collaboration with Cambridge University will enable the Centre to draw on the expertise of visiting scholars and deepen its research connections among staffs.

(From left) Dr Ron Zimmern, Chairman, PHG Foundation; Professor Peter Mathieson 馬斐森, President and Vice-Chancellor, HKU; Dr Anthony Ng 吳崇文, WYNG Foundation; Professor John Spencer, Hatton-WYNG Medical Law, Ethics and Policy Programme Distinguished Adviser; Terry Kaan, Co-Director, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, HKU; Professor Martin Daunton, Master of Trinity Hall and Head of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Cambridge

Giving in Focus
“當日踏足孔慶熒樓，即被其充滿古典美之圓頂門廊所懾住；年代推移，大樓功能雖幾經變迭，然古韻猶存，歷史痕跡依稀可辨，追古思今，令人神往。想我學書亦走過臨摹汲古、參悟創新之路，與孔慶熒樓之蛻變過程神合，遂以「汲古融今」四字為書法展主題。

How I have taken the path of imitating and copying to draw from the old, while attaining enlightenment and innovation. This personal experience chimes in spirit with the process of metamorphosis of Hung Hing Ying Building.”

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