

# Selected Visitors

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- Professor Russell W. Cooper was Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor in the Department from 2 to 31 October 2008. Professor Cooper is a distinguished monetary and macro-economist who has made important contributions to the discipline. He is currently Fred Hofheinz Regents Professor of Economics at University of Texas, Austin. He was the Department Chairman from 2004 to 2007, and held positions at Boston University, Iowa University, and Yale University, after receiving his PhD from University of Pennsylvania in 1982. The economics profession recognised his important contributions and elected him as Fellow, Econometric Society in 1997.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

- Professor Titulaire Rajendra Singh joined the Department as the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellow from 15 January to 15 February 2009. He is from the Department of Linguistics, Université de Montréal. The main purpose of the visit was to extend on-going collaboration in the area of reduplication and triplication.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

- Professor Helga Leitner is Visiting Professor from February to May 2009. She is Professor of Geography and Global Studies at the University of Minnesota and received her PhD in geography and urban and regional planning from the University of Vienna, Austria. She has lived and worked throughout her career in Austria, Germany, UK and Indonesia, where she held visiting appointments, and has travelled to most parts of the globe. Her regional research foci are closely linked to the places she has lived in and thus has close familiarity with and expertise in (Europe, the United States and Southeast Asia).
- Professor Eric Sheppard is Visiting Professor from February to May 2009 and is Regents Professor of Geography and Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota. He obtained his PhD from the University of Toronto in 1976. Some of his current research interests are: uneven geographies of globalisation; trade and capitalist

development; and the spatiality of economy. He has published several books and over one hundred articles in journals such as *The Annals of the Association of American Geographers* and *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- Professor Brian McAllister Linn is Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Department from January to June 2009. Professor Linn, Claudius M. Easley Fellow and Professor of History at Texas A&M University, is the author of four books, among them *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War* and *Guardians of Empire: The US Army and the Pacific, 1898-1940*. He is the only author to have been awarded the Society for Military History's book prize. While at the Department, he will teach the graduate module *HY5302 Approaches to Military History* and will deliver the lecture "The US Army and the Cold War in Southeast Asia" in the Public Lecture Series "The Cold War in Southeast Asia", jointly organised by the Asia Research Institute, FASS, NUS and The History Channel.



- Emeritus Professor Merlin Leroy Swart is one of the world's recognised authorities on medieval Hanbalism and is Visiting Professor at the Department from January to June 2009. He is Emeritus Professor of Religion (Islamic Studies), Boston University. His publications include *A Medieval Critique of Anthropomorphism: Ibn al-Jawzi's 'Akhbar as-Sifat, A Critical Edition of the Arabic Text with Translation and Introduction and Notes, Studies on Islam*. During his stint with the Department, Professor Swartz will co-teach the undergraduate module *HY2255 Islam in World History*.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

- Professor John Derek Greenwood joined the Department as a Visiting Professor in July 2008 and will stay till June 2009. He is a Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at City College and the Graduate Centre of the City University of New York. Professor Greenwood served as Executive Officer of the Centre, where he transformed the MA/PhD programme in philosophy into one of the top philosophy programmes in the United States. While in Singapore, he had two papers accepted for publication: "Cognition, Consciousness and the Cognitive Revolution: A response to Mitchell, De Houwer, and Livibond" on the propositional nature of human associative learning and "Brain and Behavioral Sciences; Materialism, Strong Continuity and early American Psychology" in *Theory and Psychology*. He also organised an interdisciplinary reading group on moral psychology at NUS.

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

- Professor Oei Tian Po Sumantri joined the Department as Visiting Professor from January to June 2009. He holds a personal chair of Clinical Psychology at the School of Psychology, and is the Director of the Cognitive Behavior Therapy Unit at Toowong Private Hospital, University of Queensland. He has published extensively and has contributed in all areas of assessment, theory and practice of clinical psychology, in particular Cognitive Behavior Therapy. He has been awarded more than 40 grants from external organisations such as the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Australian Research Council, totaling more than S\$5,000,000. He is teaching *PL4208 Introduction to Counselling Psychology* at the undergraduate level and two clinical psychology modules at the graduate level – *PLC5004 Psychological Intervention and Therapy*, and *PLC5005 Psychopathology*.

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME

- Professor Michael Aung-Thwin joined the Southeast Asian Studies Programme as Visiting Professor from January 2009 to June 2009. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii. He is currently on the Advisory Board of the Oxford History of Historical Writing and the Board of Directors of the Burma Studies Foundation. His list of distinctions include awards from the John D. Rockefeller III Fund, the Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Society, the Henry Luce Foundation and the Josef Stein Award for excellence in teaching and scholarship. Professor Aung-Thwin was also a finalist for the Harry J. Benda Prize awarded by the Association for Asian Studies for excellence in scholarship and contribution to Southeast Asian Studies. From 19 to 20 May 2009, Professor Aung-Thwin, conducted a two day workshop, 'Religion and the State in Southeast Asia: Past and Present', with the support of the Asia Research Institute and Religion research cluster.