ASDP will be offering its 22nd annual Summer Institute on Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum. Designed to meet the needs of individual teachers and institutional teams from both two-year and four-year colleges and universities, the Infusing Institutes take a faculty-development approach to enhancing teaching and learning about Asian cultures and societies that features lectures, discussions, films screenings and site visits in a seminar-like environment of shared inquiry.

The 2012 Institute will focus on China and Japan, and will be directed by Dr. Fred Lau, Director of the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Hawaii and Professor of Ethnomusicology. On the premise that contemporary dynamics are best understood in historical context, the first week and a half of the program will feature presentations and discussions on Chinese and Japanese religious and philosophical traditions; art; literature; and historical dynamics through the beginning of 20th century. Focus shifts in midway through the second week to the historical dynamics of the last century, with an emphasis on the interplay of culture, economics and politics in China and Japan.

An institute website will provide participants with readings selected by the presenting faculty, lecture notes and power-points (as possible), bibliographies, sample syllabi, and other resources useful in developing new courses or course modules with significant Chinese and/or Japanese content.

Individual participants are expected to develop a relevant teaching product (e.g., a new course module, a substantially revised course syllabus or an annotated bibliography) that reflects the Institute program content. Institutional teams are also expected to draft a brief plan for the further development of undergraduate Asian studies on their home campuses.

Cost: Round-trip travel to Honolulu and a program fee of $350. Lodging in the East-West Center guesthouse and a modest stipend are provided.