

Tom Plate

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Biography

Tom Plate is a university professor, a veteran columnist focused on Asia and America, and an educational innovator. A Los Angeles resident, this Distinguished Scholar of Asian and Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University has orchestrated live interactive seminars with major universities across Asia, as part of LMU's path-finding Asia Media International Center. He teaches courses on the United Nations, and on Asia and on its media, and is the author of 12 books, including the bestsellers *Confessions of an American Media Man* (2007) and four volumes in the 'Giants of Asia' series. His latest is *The Fine Art of the Political Interview* (2015), all published by Marshall Cavendish Editions. Born in New York, he was educated at Amherst College, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, and Princeton University, where he was awarded his professional degree in public and international affairs.

For a span of more than 12 years, ending in August 2008 when he retired from UCLA, Professor Plate taught undergraduate courses, full-time, in media, ethics and Asian politics and media. He was nominated by his department for a UCLA teaching award, and pioneered courses in the media and politics of Asia. While at UCLA, he founded the campus-based non-profit Asia Pacific Media Center. APMN served as a network for educators, journalists, media professionals, government and business officials concerned with regionally common issues, controversies and opportunities between America and the Pacific Rim. It spawned the online magazines *Asia Media* and *Asia Pacific Arts*, the latter now located at the University of Southern California.[7] Professor Plate, a senior fellow at the Center for the Digital Future,[8] now teaches at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he is the Distinguished Scholar of Asian and Pacific Studies and founder and editor-in-chief of *The New Asia Media*, the successor to *Asia Media* at UCLA. It can be found at asiamedia.lmu.edu.

APMN's other site - pacificperspectives.blogspot.com – is produced by APMN's Pacific Perspectives Media Center (PPMC), located in Beverly Hills. PPMC highlights major issues regarding Asia-Pacific cooperation and controversy through the published works of major media and academic personalities. It also syndicates Tom Plate's column on Asia and America, as well as, from time to time, other expert guest commentators.

Areas of Expertise

Asian Media

Affiliations

Founder: Asia Pacific Media Center and Asia Media (asiamedia.lmu.edu), Founder: Asia Pacific Arts (now at USC), Director and Founder: Pacific Perspectives Media Center, Board Member: Pacific Century Institute, Senior Fellow: USC Center for Our Digital Future, Princeton Club of New York Century Assn. NY, Phi Beta Kappa Society, Visiting or Full-time Adjunct Professor (1994-2008): University of California Los Angeles, Visiting Professor: United Arab Emirates University

Education

Princeton University
M.A. Public Affairs

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