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1. Scholars and Students (3+2 Program) Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival

The celebration of three momentous occasions took place simultaneously on October 4, 2017: the 68th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, China’s traditional Mid-Autumn Festival, and the welcoming of another batch of visiting scholars hosted by the Center for China Studies.

Held in the conference room of the Classroom Building, this gathering reflected a spirit of

both nostalgia and expectation. In order to make newly arrived visiting scholars feel at home, the CCS had decorated the conference room with many Chinese features and prepared an abundance of traditional Chinese food for those attending. After enjoying an opportunity for informal conversation to break the ice, the visiting scholars, especially the newly arrived ones, expressed their appreciation to the Center for China Studies and vowed to make best use of their time at Buffalo State to consolidate their research, enhance their understanding of American culture, and improve their English language skills. Including the new arrivals, the Center for

China Studies now has nine visiting scholars: Yu Xinying, from Beijing Normal University, Wang Pu, from Xiamen University, Wang Anyan and Kou Haoning, from the University of Science and Technology (Beijing), Ji Haoyi, from Shandong University, Hou Jie, from Northeast Normal University, Luo Guohua, from Jiaxing University, Tang Yong, from Hunan City University, and Yang Wen, from Guangxi University.



New 3+2 students got together for the Chinese Moon Festival.



Current visiting scholars from China



Visiting scholars participating in research activities

II. Visiting Scholars Participate in the 18th Annual Faculty and Staff Research and Creativity Forum

Responding to the mission of the Faculty and Staff Research and Creativity Forum to develop, encourage, and support more research and creativity, the director of the Center for China Studies, Dr. Zhang Jie, strongly encouraged all visiting scholars to post presentations of their recent research achievements and actively participate in this key academic event held at Buffalo State College on November 2, 2017.

Held in the Houston Gym, six poster presentations associated with the Center for China Studies were assembled for viewing prior to the opening time. The six visiting scholars, from the fields of economics, social studies, education, management, etc., were available throughout the forum to answer questions from other forum participants concerning their research topics and methodology. Though representing different fields of academic specialization, the presentations had two things in common: all research projects had been initiated originally in China, and all works were completed by Chinese scholars currently hosted by the Center for China Studies at Buffalo State College. Participants at the event responded with great interest to the mission of the Center and warmly acknowledged the benefit of its contribution to the forum's goal of expanding multidisciplinary research. All visiting scholars of the Center for China Studies participated in the forum. (Tang Yong)

III. Autumn Excursion and Thanksgiving in Advance

On Monday, October 9, all the Chinese visiting scholars were given a great opportunity to visit Prof. Steve Macho's home to enjoy a Thanksgiving in advance. Thanksgiving is celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. It is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. So, it could be said that we enjoyed a Canadian Thanksgiving, while the date also coincided with Columbus Day.

Four visiting scholars arrived early in the morning to help Mrs. Macho prepare the meal, thus learning how to cook American food. The Machos prepared many traditional Thanksgiving dishes, such as turkey, mashed potatoes, winter squash, sweet potatoes, and green bean casserole. There were several different kinds of homemade sauces as well. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the meal tremendously.

During a moment of leisure, Matthew, a student of Prof. Macho, took us for a short hike in a nearby woods to a place called Beaver Meadow. With the deep autumn colors all around the lake, it was just like walking into a large beautiful painting.

After the meal, we visited a dairy farm to see how milk was obtained and processed. We learned that it was a small scale farm with about seventy cows and that the owner didn't use any prolactin on the cows, thus all the milk produced is organic. After the enjoyable Thanksgiving dinner, Matthew gave us a live performance with his guitar. He was a good singer and guitar player. We had such a wonderful time. (Yang Wen)



Getting together with Dr. Steve Macho and his family



Fall excursion of the visiting scholars

IV. Visiting Scholars Experience a Political Gathering with the UUP

The Buffalo State Chapter of the UUP, invited four of the Chinese visiting scholars joined the Buffalo Labor Day Parade held on Monday, September 4, 2017. It was a unique opportunity for the visitors to experience one particularly entertaining aspect of American political culture.



Visiting scholars participating in a UUP event

V. Faculty Training Programs for Zhengzhou University of Light Industry

Two groups of faculty from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry (ZZULI) visited Buffalo State College and received a week-long training session on campus. The group of ten English instructors arrived on August 24, and a separate group of fourteen environmental engineering faculty came October 11, 2017. During their visit at Buffalo State, they attended classes designed for their needs, toured our teaching and research facilities, and interacted with our students and faculty. The training sessions are part of the collaborative programs between Buffalo State and ZZULI.



Provost Melanie Perreault meeting ZZULI faculty members for training on campus

VI. Buffalo State Students Participate in Exchange Program with ZZULI in Summer of 2017 (Bridget Kyei, Buffalo State student)

Upon hearing of the exchange program to China in the summer of 2017, I immediately decided I needed to be there. Although I had never heard of Zhengzhou, I felt this place would yield unforgettable memories—and it sure did! China is now my second home. The food became my very own and the people became my family. I won't ever forget the warm and curious smiles we received as we walked down the streets of Henan province, Shanghai, and Anhui. This experience gave me a different perspective of China. Contrary to the negative perceptions of some, China is absolutely a thriving nation! Yes, the people work harder. Yes,

there are some people who are not used to Western culture; but in my opinion, the people are the same as us, just with a different culture. I simply loved China. I loved the arts, calligraphy, and above all the paper cutting used to decorate during holidays! One day I hope to go back to China to reunite with my friends for eternity. I also hope more than ever that others will be open minded enough to embark on such an opportunity. I always say that traveling to another part of the world helps one find their true self and true ability. The world is our home.



Buffalo State students learning the Chinese calligraphy at ZZULI summer camp



Buffalo State students in China



Professor Yu Xinying at the exhibit

VII. Professor Yu Xinying Presents Her Works of Art

On Monday, November 27, the presentation of “Mind Mapping—Material Images by Yu Xinying” opened for viewing in the Butler Library Mezzanine. Professor Yu Xinying is a visiting scholar from Beijing Normal University, and the collection of artworks featured in this presentation represent some of her achievements previously presented in Beijing. This exhibit was co-sponsored by the Department of Fine Arts and the Center for China Studies.