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## Seventh CCS China Trip Is Planned

At the request of numerous faculty, staff, and administrators on campus, the Center for China Studies is organizing its seventh trip to China for early May 2006. The tour will go to Beijing, Xi'an, and another place to be decided and will visit our sister universities to meet with the scholars who have visited Buffalo State. The 10-12 day trip is tentatively scheduled to begin after May 4, 2006. The total cost for each individual is \$1,500 including transportation, room and board, and sightseeing tickets. For more information and pre-registration, contact Ms. Sharon Ammerman, assistant at the Center, at 878-6328 or [sharona@buffalo.edu](mailto:sharona@buffalo.edu).

## China Ministry of Civil Affairs Training Sessions Are Held on Campus



President Howard hosting a banquet for the delegation in Buffalo Club.

This semester the Center for China Studies, the Social Work Department, and the Research Foundation hosted ten officials from the China Ministry of Civil Affairs interested in learning more about how private, not-for-profit, and government health and human services agencies operate in the United States. They took a week-long course offered by the Social Work Department and visited agencies that address such issues as senior citizens, addiction and rehabilitation, and at-risk youth. Particular emphasis was given to community-based organizations in Western New York. The visitors also met with Buffalo State faculty and administrators at a welcoming banquet presided by President Muriel Howard on September 19. Buffalo State was chosen as the host institution because of the China Center's relationship and collaboration with Chinese officials and researchers.

## NIMH Training for China Research Project Continues on Campus

Nine Chinese professors specializing in the areas of mental health, public health, psychology, and epidemiology have received or are still receiving training on campus this year for a research project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). According to Dr. Zhang Jie, principal investigator and director of the four-year project, a major aim of the research is to identify correlates and test a strain theory of suicide among Chinese rural young women, who are at a particularly high risk of suicide.

Dr. Pan Guowei, Dr. Feng Yiping, and Dr. Yu Lianzheng are from the Liaoning Center for Disease Control in Shenyang; Dr. Xu Huilan, Dr. Zhou Liang, Dr. Wu Hongbo, and Dr. Xiao Shuiyuan are from the Central South University School of Public Health in Changsha; Dr. Jia Cunxian is from the Shandong University School of Public Health in Jinan; and Dr. Song Zhenshao is from Beijing Normal University's Psychology Department. Their presence on campus has also brought diversity, knowledge, and new culture to our faculty and students.

## Buffalo State Is Active in China During Summer 2005

Dr. Virginia Grabiner, associate professor and chair of Buffalo State's Sociology Department, and Dr. Gene Grabiner, professor of sociology at Erie Community College spent more than six weeks this past summer at Xi'an International Studies University. Virginia presented several multimedia lectures, including "100 Years of American Popular Music" and a showing and lecture on that most American of films, "The Wizard of Oz." Gene lectured on "Subjects, Citizens and Persons: Issues in the American Constitution," "Operation Zebra and Constitutional Civil Liberties," "The Early American Intelligence Testing

Movement: Historical Background and Social Consequences," and "Natural Law Theory of Society." He also did a reading of his own poetry complete with visuals. This attracted a standing-room-only crowd. Both Gene and Virginia very much enjoyed the lively interactions with the students and faculty, and they believe that they made a contribution to the intellectual life of the university. They remain in contact with many of their new friends and colleagues in Xi'an and look forward to Buffalo State's continuing association with XISU.



Dr. Instone Noonan and daughter with smiling students.

Professor Debra Instone-Noonan, adjunct instructor in the Psychology Department, traveled to China to teach conversational English to students enrolled in a middle school summer program. With her 15-year-old daughter as a teaching assistant, she spent four weeks living and working in the city of Zhuji in Zhejiang province. Not only did they have a delightful class of twenty-six teenagers, but they were also able to experience life in a way that, until recently, was unavailable to Western visitors. It was a unique experience and Professor Instone-Noonan

highly recommends it to others with a desire and willingness to better understand different cultures.



New assistant in Center for China Studies.

Working as an assistant in the Center for China Studies is an exciting new chapter in Ms. Sharon Ammerman's experience with the Middle Kingdom. Sharon is happy

for the opportunity to use some of the knowledge that she gained while traveling, studying, and teaching English in China this past summer. Sharon studied at the international campus of Beijing's Capital Normal University with the SUNY Buffalo study abroad program. It was truly an adventure exploring various tourist sites, shopping districts, and authentic "old" Beijing, all the while sampling a medley of Asian cuisines. After returning home, every one of the group began counting the time until they can make their way to China again. To borrow a hip phrase from their much modernized Chinese students, "*Zhongguo hen cool!*"

### Visiting Scholars Lecture on Contemporary Chinese Art

A lecture entitled "Contemporary Chinese Art," presented by Professors Yang Youming and Wu Mingzhong of Capital Normal University, launched the Center for China Studies' fall line-up of seminars. The October 5 presentation drew a substantial audience in Upton 112. It provided a rare opportunity for Buffalo State students and faculty to have an intimate look at Chinese contemporary fine arts.



CNU Artists Yang Youming (right) and Wu Mingzhong.

An exchange program between Buffalo State and Capital Normal University in Beijing allowed the two artists to pay a weeklong visit to Buffalo State at the invitation of the Fine Arts Department. The event was also supported by the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and the dean of University College.

### Bilingual Training Program Continues with Five New Scholars

This fall Buffalo State is delighted to host the eighth session of the bilingual training program

with Capital Normal University. Five scholars arrived at the start of the semester to spend four months auditing classes in their respective fields. Under the guidance of their mentors on campus, these scholars will strive to improve their English while simultaneously establishing collaborative research ventures with members of our faculty. This session's scholars include Zhang Ge (Educational Technology), Huang Hua (Chinese Literature), Jin Qionghua (Chemistry), Zhu Rong (Geography), and Zou Xianggao (Law). This cooperative program, intended to train Chinese professors to teach courses in English, was established by Capital Normal University and Buffalo State in the fall of 2001. With the addition of this semester's scholars, twenty-one Chinese professors have now taken part in the program.



Five new scholars from CNU with Dr. Zhang Jie and Dr. Lazich.

### CCS Sponsors Additional Presentations

The scholars in the bilingual training project enrich the campus by making presentations open to all interested students, faculty, and staff.

This semester they will give two talks focusing on contemporary China. On Tuesday, November 8, Zhang Ge, professor of education technology, will host a viewing of her recently produced "Welcome to China: A Multimedia Presentation." On Thursday, November 17, as part of International Education Week, Dr. Huang Hua, professor of Chinese literature with a background in comparative literature and literary theory, will present "Contemporary

Chinese Women's Status Through Their Literature." The presentations will take place during Bengal Pause in Classroom Building B118 and will include a discussion period followed by refreshments.

### **CCS Director Receives Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service**

**D**r. Zhang Jie, director of the Center for China Studies and professor of sociology, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service at the Academic Convocation on September 22. This award recognizes his dis-

tinguished service and contribution to the State University of New York in its ongoing effort to promote international programs and China studies.



Dr. Zhang Jie with President Howard.

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