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I. The CCS Celebrates Buffalo State 150th Anniversary

The Center for China Studies joined the celebration of the Buffalo State 150th Anniversary with a reception on Friday, April 8, 2022, in the Assembly Hall of the Student Union. This reception concluded China Week, an annual event of the Center for China Studies. This year also marked the 22nd anniversary of the Center for China Studies at Buffalo State.

At the invitation of Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner, President of Buffalo State, Ambassador Huang Ping, the Chinese Consul General in New York attended the reception and delivered a speech on US-China relations and friendship. Dr. James Mayrose, Provost of Buffalo State presided over the reception. Guests of the reception included representatives from Buffalo State administration, faculty, and students. Several professors and administrators from University at Buffalo attended. Off campus representatives who contribute to the Center for China Studies were also in attendance.

Carly Beth, a local Buffalonian singer, self-taught in Chinese language, had a very wonderful performance on-site. She has approximately one million online fans in China. A second performance included a 4-student chorus group from Nichols School in Buffalo. They were led by teacher Zhang Yajie and performed a Chinese song from the Beijing Winter Olympics.

II. Ambassador Huang Ping, the Chinese Consul General in New York visits Buffalo State



Accompanying Ambassador Huang Ping to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Buffalo State and 22nd anniversary of the Center for China Studies, were Mr. Yang Jun, Director of Education, and Ms. Wei Wei, Consul of Education. They visited Buffalo State April 7-8, 2022.

President Katherine Conway-Turner met with Ambassador Huang and his convoy April 7. They engaged in a meaningful and productive conversation promoting academic exchanges between US and China, before institutional gifts were exchanged.

On April 8, 2022, Ambassador Huang Ping attended the reception in his honor, where he delivered a speech to the audience that consisted of local residents, faculty, administrators, and students both from Buffalo State and University at Buffalo.

III. China Week Resumes after a Two Years Absence

After an absence of two years, China Week 2022 took place April 4-8, 2022. Hosted by the Center for China Studies, this year's China Week featured Chinese



handicrafts and Chinese culture. Again, the visiting scholars from China put together a fascinating exhibition of traditional and modern Chinese culture in Campbell Student Union at SUNY Buffalo State on April 4-8, 2022. They displayed Chinese handicrafts such as decorative folding fans, Chinese screen, Peking opera masks, Blue and white porcelain painting decorated with silk, Chinese ancient coins of Song Dynasty, and fish fossil. Students from Buffalo State showed great interest and enthusiasm in China Week. The visiting scholars introduced the Chinese culture represented by each handicraft, which provided a great opportunity for students from Buffalo State to learn about Chinese culture. (Hui Ying)



IV. Dr. Lyu Juncheng, Visiting Scholar, Attends the 55th Annual Conference of American Association of Suicidology in Chicago



The 55th annual conference of American Association of Suicidology (AAS 22) was held in April 27 – 30, 2022 in Chicago. The AAS annual conference brought together multiple sectors focusing on the common goal of preventing suicide and saving lives. AAS 22 offered a diverse range of content, including new and innovative research and intervention practices. The conference convened world leaders in suicide prevention to spur robust conversations and built collaborations to achieve shared vision and goals.

Dr. Lyu Juncheng, visiting scholar from Weifang Medical University, and Dr. Zhang Jie, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Buffalo State, attended the conference and delivered a research paper, entitled “Changes and Explanations of Suicide Rates in China by Province and Gender over the Past Three Decades.” This study summarizes the declining trends of suicide rates by gender in China and in each of its provinces and explains the changes from a public health perspective. Professor Zhang discussed

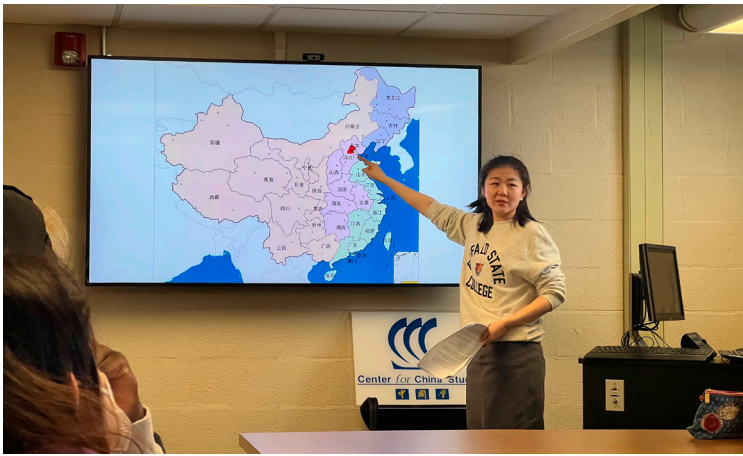
with the attendees and explained the decline of the Chinese suicide rates based on the Strain Theory of Suicide. (Lyu Juncheng)

V. Professor Zhuang Peng Presents at the CCS Seminar

On Tuesday, March 22, The Center for China Studies, in collaboration with the Sociology Department, presented the CCS Spring 2022 Seminar in Cassety Hall B16. Professor Zhuang Peng, a visiting scholar from Xinxiang University in China, delivered a lecture entitled “The Chinese Folk Culture Through Documentary: From the Perspective of Ritual View of Communication.” The audience included faculty and students from the Sociology Department, personnel from the International Student and Scholar Services, visiting scholars, and Chinese culture lovers. Professor Zhuang gave a brief introduction to the cultural ecology and a theoretical analysis of the ritual view of communication. She used Daokou Fire God Temple Fair as a case study and analyzed the Chinese folk culture revealed through documentaries.

Professor Zhuang, an associate professor from Xinxiang University in China, studies communication and her research focus is film and documentary communication. Her teaching specialties include Film Criticism, Documentary film making.

The lecture included a combination of Professor Zhuang’s experience of creating documentaries and displayed about 50 pictures of the Fire God Temple Fair in China. Her lecture concluded with three trailers from her former documentary called “Nostalgia on the Stilts”, which made the presentation not only an academic exchange, but also a display of Chinese folk culture. Energetic, interesting, humorous, and closely integrated with her own creations, her lecture was warmly welcomed by the audience. All attending the seminar were very interested in this topic as demonstrated by the audience’s lively exchange of views with Professor



Zhuang about the Chinese traditional culture. Students from Africa added anecdotes of the folk culture in their own countries to the discussion.

The center for China Studies (CCS), directed by Jie Zhang, Buffalo State distinguished professor, is committed to the study of Chinese language and culture. This lecture was one of a series of CCS activities in Fall 2022. (Zhuang Peng)

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