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I. The 12th Session of the CCS Consultation (October 2020 to October 2022)

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II. The Special Collections of China Studies in the Butler Library



In Spring 2022, the Butler Library received a special donation, The China Studies Collection. This collection was donated by Ms. Zhang Yajie, wife of Dr. Yu Jiyuan. Dr. Yu, Professor of Philosophy at University at Buffalo, passed away in 2017. Dr. Yu, a specialist of Greek Philosophy and Confucius Thoughts, was a renowned scholar at UB, in the US, and globally. He is remembered for his numerous academic works and his donations to Buffalo State's Center for China Studies.

III. Visiting Scholars Participated in Faculty Organization's Events

Visiting Chinese Scholars participated in this year's Labor Day Parade held in September, 2022. This year's parade was the first parade since the parade's cancellation in 2020 and 2021. The Chinese Scholars learned of the history of US labor movements and the importance of the Labor Day parade. The first-ever Labor Day parade, held in New York City in 1882, was directed by a union, the Central Labor Union. Labor Day is a celebration of organized labor, a day to remember and pay tribute to those who have fought and struggled for better, safer working conditions and fair pay. It's also a day to look forward, to stand up and speak out for positive change, and to continue fighting those who strive to destroy unions.

UUP United University Professions is the union organization of American college teachers. UUP supported this Labor Day activity by inviting all university teachers in Buffalo to come out and show their union pride by marching with their union in the Labor Day parade this year. It was great to be part of the Nation's celebration of workers and unions.

UUP encourages members to acclaim that unions protect our freedoms. Labor unions vote for: equality, racial justice, safety, social justice, working families, and workers' rights.

The Labor Day Parade and Picnic was planned for Monday, 9/5/22, at Cazenovia Park in Buffalo. UUP assembled at 11:00 AM for the parade with a picnic to follow at 1:00 PM. Food and beverages were available as well as live entertainment.

Unfortunately, due to the rain, the parade got canceled; however, we went to the Park for lunch. (Zhang Bo)



September 16, 2022, the Chinese visiting scholars participated in the Buffalo State's Annual UUP Fall Welcome Back Kickoff. By participating in the event, the Chinese Visiting Scholars learned that the purposes of the UUP were to improve the terms and conditions of employment; to promote mutual assistance and cooperation among the members; to advance education in a democracy and democracy in education; to promote the principle of unity and collective bargaining in higher education; and to defend the civil, professional, and human rights.

By participating in the Annual UUP Fall Welcome Back Kickoff,

the Chinese visiting scholars have a better understanding of American social organizations and American culture. This activity promoted mutual understanding and cultural exchanges between China and the United States. (Lyu Juncheng)



VI. Film Screening of a Chinese Documentary

On Wednesday, September 14, the Communication Department, in collaboration with the Center for China Studies (CCS), hosted a screening of an ethnographic documentary film *The War of Baoqing* by Peng Zhuang in Upton Hall 230.

Peng Zhuang, an associate professor from Xinxiang University in China, is now a visiting scholar to Buffalo State. She majors in communication and her research focus is film and documentary communication. She is a documentary filmmaker and made several award-winning documentaries in the past 5 years. *The War of Baoqing*, an hour-long documentary about Baoqing, a young man with Cerebral Palsy living in Taihang Mountains in Central China, explores the life and philosophy in Baoqing's situation. It was made in 2017 and won awards at Chinese documentary festivals.

Professor Michael I. Niman and Professor Dorothea Braemer from the Communication Department hosted this event. Professor Zhang Jie from the Sociology Department, Tricia L. Herritt from International Student and Scholar Services, documentary filmmakers, Chinese visiting scholars at Buffalo State, and Buffalo State Students attended the event. (Zhuang Peng)



V. Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner at Dr. Macho's



On October 9, 2022, at the invitation of Professor Steven Macho, Chinese visiting scholars participated in pre-Thanksgiving Activities at the home of Professor Macho. It was an impressive party, which gave Chinese scholars a chance to learn about American Thanksgiving customs and experience diverse cultures.

At the gathering, family members and friends appreciated the good life together. The Chinese scholars experienced the American Thanksgiving etiquette and tasted traditional Thanksgiving food, such as turkey, barbecue, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie. In addition, they also enjoyed traditional Chinese delicacies such as dumplings, cold fungus, and Chinese wine. It was an unforgettable party.

Professor Macho has been to China many times for work in the past and he has a deep understanding of Chinese culture. He communicated with Chinese scholars on academic issues and living habits. There may be many differences between Chinese and Western cultures, but both cultures attach importance to the company of family members, cherish their friendships, are grateful in heart, and look forward to a peaceful and happy life. Chinese visiting scholars learned the common elements in Chinese and American cultures. (Lyu Xiaojie)

VI. American Culture Studies: Cutting the traditional Jack-o-lantern



On Friday, September 30, Chinese visiting scholars at Buffalo State were invited by Mr. Phil Klumpp and Mrs. Barb Klumpp to their house to learn to carve traditional Jack-o-lantern. Mr. and Mrs. Klumpp offered a course entitled American Culture

for Chinese visiting scholars every week. This event is a good way for the visiting scholars to experience more American culture.

Step by step, Mr. and Mrs. Klumpp taught the scholars how to make the Jack-o-lantern. They each chose a pumpkin, then dug out the pumpkin's hat, took out the pumpkin seeds, and then drew their favorite patterns on the pumpkin with pencils, carved them, and finally put in the candles. When the night fell, the candles were lit, and the jack-o-lantern were very cute and warm in the dark night. (Zhuang Peng)

Mr. and Mrs. Klumpp also invited Chinese visiting scholars and various international students studying at Buffalo State to experience the Great American Canal on August 27, 2022. It is located in Lockport, New York, in Niagara County. The Erie Canal was once the most important of America's inland waterways. Put into service in 1825, it facilitated the opening of the American frontier and provided a route west for tens of thousands of settlers and immigrants. Villages, towns, and cities were born along its route while commerce spread from the Hudson Valley to the Midwest. The Erie Canal transformed New York into the Empire State and the nation into an economic power.

The Great American Canal was enlarged from 1834 to 1862, and again in the 1890s. The canal finally underwent its last and largest expansion, opening as the New York State Barge Canal in 1918. Now recreational use has become its primary function.

Mr. and Mrs. Klumpp introduced the history and working principles of the Erie Canal to the visiting scholars. Through the visit to Erie Canal, everyone has a greater understanding of the history and culture of the United States. (Hui Ying)

VII. Visiting Scholars for Fall 2022

Zhuang Peng is an associate professor from Xinxiang University in China, a Ph.D. candidate at University Putra Malaysia in Communication, is now a visiting scholar to Buffalo State. At Xinxiang University, her specialty courses are Film Criticism, Documentary film making. She majors in communication and her research focus is film and documentary communication. She is also a documentary filmmaker and made several award-winning documentaries in the past 5 years.

Hui Ying is a lecturer from Normal University of Langfang in China. Her research focuses on regional economics and industrial structure. Hui Ying earned her Ph.D. degree in economics from the Central University of Finance and Economics in 2018.

Lyu Juncheng is an associate professor at Weifang Medical University of China. He earned his Ph.D. degree of medicine and is a postgraduate supervisor. He is interested in social diseases, health crisis management, suicide epidemiology and mental health research. He has received many honors and awards such as university excellent instructor and excellent

scientific researcher. Dr. Lyu is an academic committee member of Psychological Crisis Intervention Committee of China Mental Health Association, Medical Statistics Professional Committee of Chinese Medical Education Association, Applied Statistics Association of Shandong, and Clinical Epidemiology Association of Shandong. He has been a peer reviewer for many SCI and SSCI journals. As an active researcher, Dr. Lyu has presided over 6 provincial or ministerial academic projects. He has been awarded two science and technology awards and one outstanding achievement award of humanities and social sciences for universities. He has published more than 40 academic papers in Chinese academic core, SCI and SSCI journals, and more than 10 academic books as chief editor or associate editor.

Zhang Bo is a Business Management Professor and has served at Tourism College of Beijing Union University. His major is ecotourism and conducts research of Rural Tourism and Tourism Industry. He studied postdoctoral research work in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Institute of Urban Development and Environment. His work includes teaching Operation Management and Organizational Behavior.

Lyu Xiaojie is a Professor of Modern Literature, at Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, China. Focusing on the study of regional writer groups and local culture, she has published more than 20 articles in high-ranking journals and five books, and led eight projects on regional culture. She won the social science Outstanding Achievement Award of Henan Province China in 2016 and won the title of Outstanding teacher at her university in 2021.



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