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**1. China Week 2019**

The opening ceremony of the annual China Week at SUNY Buffalo State was held in the Campbell Student Union on April 15, 2019. Dr. Zhang Jie, professor and director of the Center for China Studies, together with several professors from other schools and centers at Buffalo State, attended the opening ceremony.

Hosted by the Center for China Studies, this annual event has long been a showcase of traditional and modern Chinese culture. Bearing in mind the importance of cultural communication, visiting scholars from various universities of

China displayed some of the traditional products of their hometowns, such as kites from Weifang in Shandong Province, the painted masks of famous Beijing Opera characters, silk scarves decorated with classical Chinese images, Chinese Spring Festival couplets, and necklaces with traditional-style pendants.

Though the exhibit represented only a drop from the vast ocean of Chinese culture, it proved highly popular among the Buffalo State students, faculty, and staff, that passed by and triggered their interest in Chinese culture. The five-day-long China Week provided a delightful opportunity for most of the visiting scholars and students from China at Buffalo State to work together as cultural guides and introduce the college community to some of the beauty and mysteries of ancient Chinese culture. China Week strengthened cultural communication and represented a new stage of cultural exchange between Buffalo State and universities in China. (Li Yingjie)



**Visiting Scholars at China Week 2019**



Visiting Scholars with a Student at China Week 2019



Visiting Scholars with Students at the Sociology Award Banquet

## 2. Visiting Scholars Attended Sociology Department's End of the Academic Year Banquet

The Buffalo State Department of Sociology held its 26th Annual Awards Banquet on Monday, April 22 at the Assembly Hall of Campbell Student Union.

The guests included student awardees and their family members, Department of Sociology professors, and several Chinese visiting scholars. A banquet was served before the official presentations. Dr. Joyce Joyce, Dr. Tom Weinberg, Dr. Ron Stewart, Dr. Allen Shelton and Dr. Zhang Jie presented the awards shortly afterwards.

Student award winners were honored for their dedicated effort and persistence, which was amply demonstrated by the broad range of their academic achievements. These promising students, bearing the hopes of their teachers and family, seem well prepared to meet new challenges in the future. (Li Yingjie)



Visiting Scholars at the Sociology Awards Banquet

## 3. Dr. Puccio Visited China

Professor Gerard J. Puccio, Director of the Buffalo State International Center for Studies of Creativity (ICSC), visited Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou, China on April 10, 2019 and delivered a lecture to students and teachers. He analyzed the present situation with respect to creative studies and illustrated what may be described as 'replaceable professions'. He argued that creativity studies and research will be of the utmost importance in the future. He encouraged students to foster creativity skills to meet future challenges in a rapidly changing world. Chinese students and faculty that attended his lecture were delighted by his humorous style of presentation.



Professor Gerard J. Puccio, Ph. D.

His team members then shared some of their experiences studying abroad. They also provided some detailed information about SUNY Buffalo State, such as the international student support services, recruitment requirements, and application process. Both parties expressed great interest in future collaboration and cooperation.

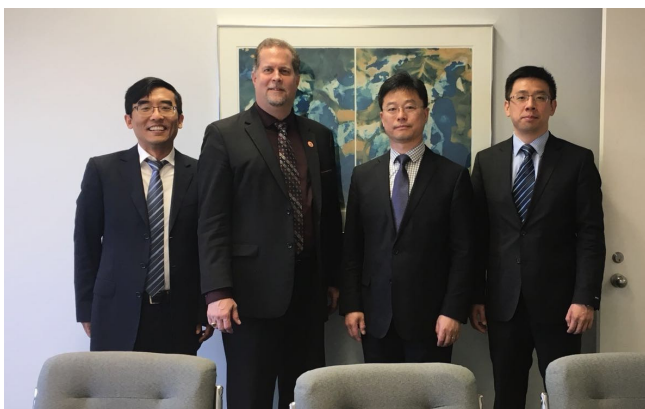


The ICSC was founded in 1967 by A.F. Osborne, the “Father of Brainstorming.” The Buffalo State graduate program includes courses in the theories of creative research, orientation, assessment and leadership. Some of these courses, most of which are currently available at Buffalo State, will soon be made available in China under the auspices of the ICSC. (Li Yingjie)

#### **4. Chinese Counsellor Visited Buffalo State**

Interim Provost James Mayrose, Ph. D. met with Counsellor Yang Jun and Consul Qiao Zhe from the Education Office of the Consulate General of China in New York City on Wednesday May 15, 2019 at Buffalo State. Dr. Mayrose welcomed the Chinese guests and briefed the Chinese delegates on Buffalo State’s global engagement activities, especially those activities related to China, Chinese scholars and students. Counsellor Yang thanked Buffalo State for its support of the SUNY 150 program, which welcomed 150 Chinese students to study at SUNY schools following the disastrous earthquake in Sichuan Province in 2008.

Counsellor Yang invited Interim Provost James Mayrose and President Katherine Conway-Turner to attend the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the SUNY 150 Students’ Graduation at the Chinese Consulate General on August 21, 2019. Dr. Mayrose happily accepted the invitation. Dr. Huang Chenchen, Chair of the Hospitality and Tourism Department, also participated in the meeting.



**Chinese Counsellor of Education Visits Buffalo State**

On May 12, 2008, China suffered a devastating earthquake in Sichuan Province. That summer, SUNY invited 150 university students from earthquake-hit areas to study at SUNY campuses for one academic year free of charge. SUNY Buffalo State hosted 17 students of the SUNY 150 program, the third largest student group among the 22 SUNY campuses that participated in the program. (Huang Chenchen)

#### **5. Mr. Zhang Shiwei to Retire from Buffalo State**

Mr. Zhang Shiwei, a long time supporter and contributor to the Center for China Studies is going to retire in the summer of 2019. Mr. Zhang has been a Networking Communication Manager in the Department of Information Technology Services. We thank him for his various contributions to the Center for China Studies and wish him well in his retirement.



**Farewell to Mr. Zhang Shiwei**



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