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## Buffalo State Hosts China Week 2006 and ACPSS International Symposium



The symposium convenes despite the snow storm.

The first China Week at Buffalo State College was launched October 10–15. During the week, twenty professors discussed China-related issues in their classes. In addition, Chinese arts and crafts were exhibited in the Student Union, two Bengal Pause

seminars were presented to the campus community, and an International Symposium by the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) was held during the week-end. China Week was supported by the President's Office, the Provost's Office, the School of Natural and Social Sciences, University College, an Auxiliary Services grant, a mini-grant from Equity and Campus Diversity, many other administrative offices and departments on campus, as well



Graduate students contribute to the cultural event.



China Week continues despite snow damage.

as the Chinese Consulate General in New York. Although planned activities were disrupted by the unexpected snowstorm, China Week proved to be a great success, providing our students, faculty, and staff an opportunity

to learn more about one of the most fascinating and rapidly developing countries in the world.



A concurrent session at the symposium.

## Criminal Justice Department Hosts China Scholars

The Criminal Justice Department had the honor of hosting a three-person delegation from the Department of Law at Capital Normal University in Beijing September 18–24. During their one-week stay, the visiting scholars presented their findings from research on China's criminal law and procedure and its legal control of illegal trafficking in hazardous wastes to Dr. John Song's graduate class on comparative criminal justice systems. This marked the first time that criminal justice graduate students at Buffalo State had the opportunity hear presentations by scholars from China.



With the Capital Normal University Criminal Justice Department visitors.

The scholars also toured the Erie County Probation Department, observed criminal and civil trials at county courts, and visited the School of Law at the University at Buffalo. Faculty members in Criminal Justice also engaged in extensive discussions with the visiting scholars about current and future collaborations between their departments. Professor Cui Huaping wrote: "I feel the visit was very productive. For the first time in my life, I got to see for myself the universities, courts, and Chinese community activities in the United States. I have learned a lot and it is an unforgettable experience."

## Professor of Design from Beijing Is on Exchange at Buffalo State

Hao Xueli, an instructor from the Beijing Technology and Fashion Institute, has been invited

by the visual arts program to teach in the Design Department. This semester she is teaching digital imaging and presenting a logotype assignment in a visual communications course. Ms. Hao had a retrospective exhibit of her graphic design work in Upton Gallery November 13 - December 1.

## Open Discussions on Tibet Held

A panel of Buffalo State College faculty members offered a presentation in the Bulger Communication Center on September 14 entitled "China and Tibet: Historical, Geo-political and Cultural Perspectives." The panel was organized to coincide with the long awaited visit of the Dalai Lama to the University at Buffalo. Moderated by Dr. Laurie Buonanno, professor and chair of the Political Science Department, the panel included Michael Lazich, associate professor of the Department of History and Social Studies Education; Tang Tao, associate professor of the Geography and Planning Department; Jiang Lin Xia, professor and chair of the Fine Arts Department; and Zhang Jie, professor of the Sociology Department.



Faculty dialogue with students on Tibet.

ment and director of the Center for China Studies.

Panelists addressed the topic of Sino-Tibetan relations from the perspective of their particular academic discipline. Listeners were thus introduced to the historical, geographical, cultural, and political aspects of this complex issue. Following the individual presentations, the capacity crowd was offered an opportunity to further question the panelists. Overall, the discussions



provided an insightful and informative overview of the historical and political dimensions of relations between the People's Republic of China and the Tibetan people. The Center for China Studies wishes to thank the Office of Equity and Campus Diversity, the School of Natural and Social Sciences, the International Student Organization, and the Student Life Office for their contributions in organizing and sponsoring this event.

## **China Scholar Learns Off Campus**

**D**r. Ren Ping, deputy director of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Dalian Medical University, is one of our visiting scholars this fall at the Center for China Studies. The Center intends to keep her busy during her six-month stay. Recently, she spent two weeks touring the Kaleida Hospital System. Dr. Ren's goal was to learn more about the American system of hospitalization, hospital care, and hospital organization and administration. She succeeded admirably inasmuch as she attended administrative meetings, observed floor organization, and observed the delivery of emergency room care. The entire Kaleida system was made available to our visitor. Dr. Ren also visited Erie County Medical Center, gaining insight into the management and operation of public hospitals as opposed to the private, not-for-profit Kaleida system. The entire two-week tour had an added dramatic dimension since she saw hospital operations during the recent Buffalo ice-storm crisis and power outage.

This special two-week visit was initiated by Dr. Gene Grabiner, professor of sociology at Erie Community College, and then organized through the gracious auspices of PJ Wiles, vice-president for allied health programs at ECC. We thank him for that effort, which further strengthens the existing ECC-Buffalo State relationship and will help to build the ECC-China connection.

## **Brown Bag Seminars Held in Sociology Department**

**O**ver the summer the Sociology Department formed an ad hoc committee to explore ways

to integrate the Center for China Studies more fully into the academic life of the department. Several initiatives were launched this fall. The department and the Center sponsored two brown bag seminars in the department conference room, where scholars from China spoke on China's one-child policy and on Chinese culture and economic development strategies. Scholars sponsored by the Center are also available to offer classroom presentations on appropriate content-specific topics. Dr. Zhang, director of CCS, has developed a list of support activities that would offer learning opportunities for sociology students involved in the department's internship program. This may lead to more sociology students traveling to China to participate in the English as a Second Language program. Finally, plans were made to develop a course on China.

## **Psychology Faculty Collaborating on Research with China Scholars**

**A**lthough the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is common in the United States, less is known about the disorder around the world. Dr. Jill Norvilitis, a Center for China Studies consultant and Psychology Department faculty member, has been working with colleagues here and in China to improve cross-cultural understanding of the diagnosis. Dr. Norvilitis and Fang Ping, vice president of the Education Science College and dean of the Department of Psychology at Capital Normal University, examined perceptions of ADHD among college students and teachers in China and the United States. Their work, published in the Journal of Attention Disorders, found that although there is a similar factor structure of ADHD in the two cultures, the Chinese participants were somewhat more attuned to hyperactivity than inattention. Further, presented with a list of potential perceptions of ADHD, there were significant differences by culture in agreement with most of those statements.

In a second study, conducted with recent graduate Travis Ingersoll, Zhang Jie of the Sociology Department, and Jia Shuhua of Dalian Medical University, Dr. Norvilitis explored ADHD symptomatology in Chi-

nese and American college students using two newly translated measures. That study, scheduled for publication in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Attention Disorders, found that two widely used Western scales appear reliable and valid for use in China. As in the first study, there were similarities in the presentation of ADHD in China and the United States, but also important differences in gender and symptom severity.

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