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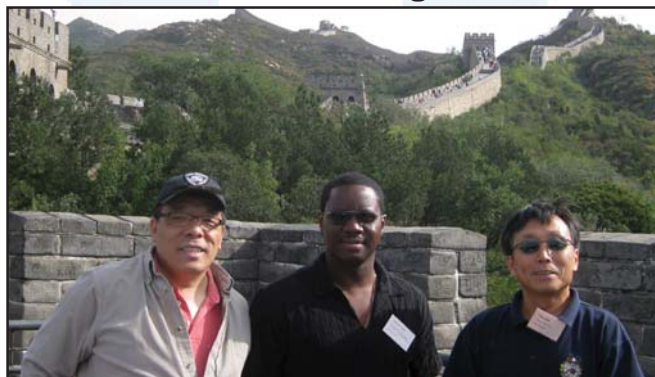
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SUNY Delegation Visits China Following China 150 Program



Buffalo State Delegates in China.

Invited by the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), thirty delegates of the SUNY-China 150 Program led by Vice Chancellor Charles Nicholas Rostow visited Beijing and Chengdu, Sichuan September 22-30. Drs.

Scott Johnson, Zhang Jie, and John Song accompanied this delegation as representatives of Buffalo State.

The purpose of the trip was to attend the CSC-SUNY China 150 Program closing ceremony and to seek opportunities to strengthen academic collaboration between the State University of New York and Chinese educational institutions. While in Beijing, the delegation visited China's Department of Education, Peking University, the Chinese Scholarship Council, and the SUNY office. In addition, the delegates toured the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Summer Palace. In Sichuan Province, the delegation visited Hanwang, the town devastated by the earthquake that struck the region in May 2008. The delegates were also given tours of Sichuan University, Southwest Jiaotong University, and the Chengdu University of Information Technology. Presentations by administrators of these universities enhanced the delegation's understanding of the great strides China has made in higher education since the inception of the *gaige kaifang* ("reform and openness") policies three decades ago. The nine-day tour culminated with the closing ceremony held at Southwest Jiaotong University, where the delegates from Buffalo State had the opportunity to enjoy a visit with the seventeen students who studied at Buffalo State last year.

The Buffalo State delegates appreciate the generosity of their hosts in Beijing and Chengdu and hope that the ties and exchanges between SUNY and China will continue to flourish in the future for the benefit of students, staff, and faculty on both sides of the Pacific.

Second Group of BTTCHS Scholars Arrives on Campus

In accordance with an agreement between Buffalo State and the Beijing Teachers Training Center for Higher Edu-

cation (BTTTCE), the Center for China Studies assists with a program on campus to host visiting scholars from Beijing each academic year. The scholars are selected by BTTTCE from the thirty-six universities and colleges under the administration of the Education Commission of Beijing. At Buffalo State they are paired with faculty members who serve as mentors during their visit to the U.S. After very successfully hosting three visiting scholars in spring 2009, Buffalo State now has six new scholars from BTTTCE, who are planning to stay for six months.



BTTTCE Scholars with Staff Members.

Dr. Liang Hong, associate professor of English from Beijing International Studies University, is being mentored by Professor Ronald Smith of the Communication Department. Dr. Wang Ruichang, associate professor of philosophy from Capital University of Economics and Business has Dr. George Hole of the Philosophy and Humanities Department as his mentor. Dr. Liu Li, associate professor of comparative literature from Beijing Technology and Business University, is mentored by Dr. Virginia Grabiner of the Sociology Department. Ms. Zhou Qin, a pianist, and Dr. Liu Yan and Ms. Sun Di, specialists in the fine arts, are all associate professors from Capital Normal University and are being mentored, respectively, by Professor Bryan Boyce of the Music Department, Professor Lin Xia Jiang of the Fine Arts Department, and Professor Richard Ross of the Design Department.

Presentations by three of these scholars were offered as CCS Fall 2009 Seminars:

On November 5 Zhou Qin gave a lecture/recital on "Chinese Piano Music" and Sun Di presented on "Chinese Dragon: Symbol of the Infinite." On November 10 Liu Yan offered a presentation on "Chinese Painting: The Figure in Transition."

Student Exchange with Central University of Finance and Economics Continues

Since fall 2007, the Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE) in Beijing has sent students to study

abroad at Buffalo State. These undergraduate students spend one academic year in the U.S. and then return to Beijing to obtain their degrees from CUFE. Ms. Liu Shasha, a psychology major, arrived in 2007 as the first student for the project, followed by Ms. Li Yingshan and Ms. Bai Luwei, both sociology majors, during the 2008–2009 academic year. Mr. Li Chen, a political science major, and Ms. Wu Yiwen, a sociology major, are currently studying at Buffalo State.



Visiting Student Wang Yuyu.

Visiting Scholars and Students Come to the Center for China Studies



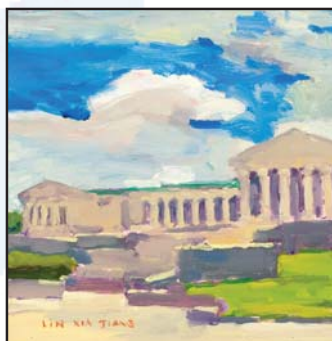
Visiting Scholars to the CCS -- Professor Jia Cunxian and Mr. Gao Qi.

This semester Buffalo State has received new visiting scholars and students from China hosted by the Center for China Studies. Dr. Jia Cunxian, associate professor of epidemiology and health statistics at Shandong University, is spending almost a year at CCS working with Dr. Zhang Jie on his research project supported by the National Institutes of Health. Mr. Gao Qi, a Ph.D. student from Shandong University School of Public Health sponsored by the China Scholarship Council, will stay at Buffalo

State for a full year for health research methods training. Ms. Wang Yuyu, a Master's student of sociology from the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, is visiting and auditing classes at Buffalo State for six months.

Professor Lin Xia Jiang Presents Recent Art Work

A collection of paintings by Professor Lin Xia Jiang of the Fine Arts Department, titled Recent Paintings, was on display in the Paul William Beltz Family Art Gallery at Villa Maria College through October 30. Half of the twenty-two paintings in this single artist display were plein air paintings created in Western New York and southern Utah and the other half focused on figures in interior space. Two images of these paintings were featured in Artvoice magazine.



A Sunny Day by Jiang.

Chinese Students Celebrate Moon Festival



CSSA Celebrating the Moon Festival.

The Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) hosted a delightful party to celebrate the Moon Festival, a traditional Chinese holiday that fell this year on October 3. The event included lighthearted performances by students, fun games, and refreshments. The CSSA was honored to invite Dr. Jean Gounard, Dr. Zhang Jie, and Buffalo State faculty and administrators to the party. To encourage interaction and participation by all, the performances and games were intermingled throughout the program.

All who attended the event, both the Chinese students and scholars and their American friends, enjoyed themselves tremendously. Mary Lou Forte, from the host family of one Chinese student, commented that the occasion was really "inimitable" and that she had a particularly wonderful time playing the many games. Dan Rice, a friend of one of the Taiwanese students, declared that the celebration of the Moon Festival was "magnificent."



Dr. Zhang at China's 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Party organizers provided participants with authentic Chinese foods at the conclusion of the program, and all received a pack of traditional moon cakes as a token of holiday wishes from the CSSA at Buffalo State.

Professor Zhang Jie Invited by Chinese Government to 60th National Anniversary Gala

Dr. Zhang Jie, professor of sociology and director the Center for China Studies, and his wife, Dr. Lu Xuehong, instructor of Chinese in the University at Buffalo's Department of Linguistics, were invited by the State Council of the People's Republic of China to attend the National Banquet and the October 1 parade in Beijing that marked the 60th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.



Dr. Zhang and His Wife at the National Banquet.



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