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Seventh CCS China Trip Successfully Accomplished

At the request of numerous faculty, staff, and administrators on campus, the Center for China Studies organized its seventh trip to China in early May. The group of sixteen participants traveled to Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai and visited Capital Normal University in Beijing to meet with some of the exchange scholars who have spent time at Buffalo State over the last several years. For information on the next China trip in spring 2007, please contact the Center for China Studies.

Three China-Related Research Projects Funded by the Research Foundation

The Research Council has awarded incentive funds to three China-related research projects initiated during recent visits of exchange scholars from Capital



Mr. Turkle Exchanges Gifts with CNU Administration.

Normal University (CNU). For each of the three projects, a Buffalo State faculty member serves as the principal investigator. Dr. John Song of the Criminal Justice Department is working with Professors Kong Dezhou, Zou Xianggao, and Gao Feng of Capital Normal on cross-cultural studies of criminal justice systems in the United States and China. Professor Richard Ross of the Design Department is collaborating with Professor Hao Xueting on joint exhibitions of student work at both Buffalo State and Capital Normal. Dr. William Lin of the Computer Information Systems Department is working with Professor Wang Yanli to develop a research agenda for cross-cultural electronic commerce (e-commerce) theories and applications.



Criminal Justice Department with Capital Normal University.

Dr. Song and his CNU colleagues are using interviews, seminars, site visits, library research, and other qualitative methods in collecting data for their comparative study of criminal procedural laws in China and the U.S. At a seminar held May 12 at CNU, the fact that American criminal procedure is rooted in the U.S. Constitution aroused much curiosity and interest among legal scholars and law school students. Dr. Song will help his CNU counterparts understand how people in the U.S. deal with the issues facing Chinese scholars, law practitioners, and government officials and will continue to explore the feasibility of China's adopting the U.S. system.



Fine Arts Department at Capital Normal University.

Buffalo State's Design Department, in collaboration with the Research Foundation, is sponsoring Professor Xueli Hao to teach in the communication design program during the coming academic year and to exhibit her graphic design work at the beginning of the spring 2007 semester in Upton Gallery. A graduate of Tsinghua University, Ms. Hao is currently an assistant professor of graphic design at Beijing's Fashion Institute. Professors Lin Xia Jiang and Richard Ross traveled to China at the beginning of May on a faculty incentive grant from the Research Foundation, delivering lectures at Capital Normal and Guangzhou University on "Visual Analogy and Metaphor in Graphic Design" and "Teaching Practices in Studio Art Instruction in American Higher Education." In addition, Professor Ross team-taught a class of graphic design freshmen at Capital Normal.

Dr. Lin's collaborative project is a comparative study of e-commerce, practiced increasingly in China and

the U.S. The global reach of the Internet has fueled the growth of online commercial transactions. As e-commerce spreads, its complexity must be properly understood. Placement of an online order is only one component of a larger business transaction. Payment methods, delivery mechanisms, and consumer habits are critical factors, along with the societal, economic, legal, technological, and cultural environments in which participants operate. The views gathered from students during Dr. Lin's recent visit to CNU will contribute to the preparation of a survey instrument to be administered to student groups at Buffalo State and Capital Normal during the fall 2006 semester. The analysis and discussion of the resulting data will serve as the basis for further research. The larger objective is to address the potential application and adaptation of the mature American e-commerce model to a rapidly evolving environment in China.



Professor Bil Lin with His Collaborators at Capital Normal University.

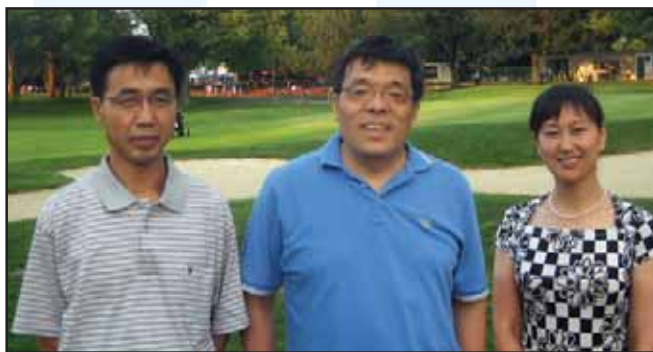
Buffalo State China Week to Be Launched in October

To increase campus awareness of the ever-growing Chinese economy as well as China's international impact, the first China Week at Buffalo State will be launched October 9-15. All faculty members, especially those who have been to China and those who are keen to learn about China and Chinese culture, are encouraged to discuss China-related issues in their classes during the week. On Friday, October 13, an international symposium on China will convene on campus and will last through the weekend. This sym-

posium will be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS), which will attract over 50 Chinese scholars to Buffalo State. The campus community is welcome to attend the symposium's opening ceremony as well as the conference sessions that follow on Saturday and Sunday.

The theme of this year's multidisciplinary conference is China in Transition: Issues and Solutions. The issues with which China must cope are no longer confined to domestic economic and political reforms but extend to environmental preservation, social inequalities, public health administration, terrorism, China's position as a presumed "stakeholder," and the role it should play in world peace and international trade. Will China be able to ride on the tide of globalization or will it be engulfed by smashing waves from both inside and outside? Further details on the conference are available from the Center for China Studies.

Two China Scholars on Campus for Summer and Fall 2006



Professors Jia (left) and Ren (right) with Director Zhang.

Two visiting scholars from China will spend the summer and fall at Buffalo State. Dr. Ren Ping, deputy director of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Dalian Medical University, will assist with the Center's research project on the mental health and suicide rates of young women in rural China, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Professor Jia Lansheng, associate professor of sociology at Central University of Finance and Economics, will research the theory

and teaching of sociology. Dr. Ren's office is Classroom Building B327 and Professor Jia's is South Wing 430D. Their phone number is 878-6328. Those interested in their projects or simply wishing to welcome them to Buffalo State may feel free to contact them.

Dalian Medical University Needs English Teachers

One of Buffalo State's three sister universities in China, Dalian Medical University (DMU), is currently seeking four temporary language instructors to teach conversational English, oral English, and English reading and writing.

DMU is situated to the north of the picturesque Xinghai Park, nestled at the foot of hills and facing the sea. Founded in 1947 as one of the key universities affiliated with the government of Liaoning Province and recognized by the World Health Organization, DMU has become a comprehensive medical university showcasing training in multiple disciplines at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The university encompasses fourteen institutes, six educational departments, two affiliated hospitals, one affiliated dental hospital, one nursing school, and more than 100 teaching bases for clinical education. The teaching staff, doctors, and nurses number over 4000, among them 800+ professors and associate professors. The total number of enrolled students is nearly 10,000 -- 1250 in doctoral and master's programs and about 7400 in the undergraduate program. Approximately 300 are international students.

DMU is a powerhouse of scientific research, regularly engaging in collaborative ventures with over twenty-six partner institutions. The university is a nationally recognized leader in the fields of microecology, tumor immunology, and research on surgery integrated with Chinese traditional medicine. In addition, the university has established partnerships with more than seventy universities, institutes, and corresponding organizations from twenty-two

different countries, including the U.S., Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, Korea, and Australia.

Teaching English at Dalian Medical University is an excellent opportunity for members of the Buffalo State community to experience life in one of the world's most interesting, dynamic, and fastest growing nations and to initiate collaborative projects with Chinese experts in their field of specialization. Further details regarding these teaching positions may be obtained from the Center for China Studies.

CCS Director Attends China National Congress on Science and Technology

Dr. Zhang Jie, director of the Center for China Studies and professor of sociology, attended the 7th National Congress of the China Association for Science and Technology in Beijing, May 22-26, as one of eighteen overseas Chinese delegates invited from around the world. This invitation recognizes Dr. Zhang's distinguished contribution to research in public health, mental health, and social medicine. Congratulations to Dr. Zhang!

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