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Center for China Studies Observes Tenth Anniversary

The Center for China Studies celebrated its tenth anniversary on October 6 at the Burchfield-Penney Art Center. The daylong program attracted over 500 students, faculty, administrators, staff, and members of the local community interested in China and China studies. The



CCS 10th anniversary.

opening ceremony was presided over by Dean Scott Johnson of University College, whose presentation was followed by remarks by several administrators, including the deans of three of Buffalo State's academic schools. A highlight of the opening session was an online conversation with previous visiting scholars from China via the Skype video Internet calling system.

During the day, five faculty members offered brief presentations on their experiences in China with research and exchange projects. These included current study abroad programs in China, research collaborations with Chinese scholars, and the recently implemented Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor.

The CCS anniversary celebration also featured two academic presentations. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Vincent Shen of the University of Toronto on the topic of Centrality in Diaspora: Chinese Philosophy and Chinese Diaspora. Guest speaker Dr. Beverly Foit-Albert, a professor at the University at Buffalo, presented on the topic of China's Sacred Sites. The closing featured a talk by Provost Dennis Ponton, in which he lauded the achievements of the Center for China Studies during its ten years at Buffalo State. The formal program ended with a fashion show of traditional Chinese garments staged by over a dozen Buffalo State students and staff.

Buffalo State Delegation Visits China



Buffalo State deans visit China.

In October a delegation led by Mr. Ted Turkle, director of Buffalo State's Research Foundation, visited Eastern China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai, Beijing Technology and Business University, and Capital Normal University in Beijing to further develop exchange and research programs. The delegation included Dean Mark Severson (School of Natural and Social Sciences), Interim Dean Kevin Mulcahy (School of the Professions), and Dean Benjamin Christy (School of Arts and Humanities).

Beijing Film Academy Explores Sending Students to Buffalo State for 3+2 Program

Following meetings in Beijing, Dean Benjamin Christy, School of Arts and Humanities, hosted a visit to Buffalo State by Ms. Wu Shushan and Mr. Zhang Minghui of the Beijing Film Academy. The Academy hopes to send acting and television and film production students to Buffalo State to study for two years to earn a Buffalo State degree after three years of study in Beijing. Tours of campus facilities and articulation meetings with relevant faculty and administration were accomplished during the two-day visit that began November 1.

Chinese Students Celebrate Moon Festival on Campus

On September 20 the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) at Buffalo State hosted a party to celebrate the Moon Festival, a traditional Chinese holiday that is considered by some as the Chinese Thanksgiving. Many Buffalo State students, faculty, administrators, and community friends joined the celebration. In addition to a Chinese dinner sponsored by the Chinese Consulate General and the International Student Affairs Office, lighthearted performances and games were interspersed throughout the program to encourage participation by all. The highlight of the evening was a fashion show of traditional Chinese garments modeled by over a dozen students from various departments.

Jessica, an American student who twice studied abroad in China and sang at the celebration in Chinese, commented that the occasion was "inimitable." Austin, a student from



CSSA celebrating Moon Festival.

Taiwan, said that Buffalo State's celebration of the Moon Festival was "amazing." After dinner all participants received a Chinese moon cake as a token of holiday wishes from Buffalo State's CSSA. (Text by Zhao Sibo)



Models in the fashion show.

Students from Central University of Finance and Economics Visit Buffalo State

Four new visiting students from the Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE) arrived on campus in Fall 2010. Zhang Shiyin is a Ph. D. student studying labor economics. With financial support from the China Scholarship Council (CSC), he will stay until next September. He is mentored by Dr. Qian Xingwang.

Wang Heng and Zhao Sibo are both master's students in the field of sociology. Their mentor at Buffalo State is Dr. Zhang Jie. Mr. Wang's research interest is students' moral development, and Ms. Zhao Sibo's focus is on individualism and collectivism, a topic in social psychology. Zhang Yan is another graduate student studying insurance at CUFE.



Visiting Students from CUFE.

With the guidance of Dr. Zhang Jie, she is now taking advantage of her stay on campus to learn more about sociology. The three master's students are supported by the Beijing Scholarship Council and will spend four to six months at Buffalo State. (Text by Wang Heng)

Czurles-Nelson Gallery Exhibits Chinese Folk Art

From November 2 through 13 the Czurles-Nelson Gallery hosted the Chasing Chinese Folk Art Exhibition. The show consisted of rarely displayed Chinese folk art collected by Buffalo State professors Richard Ross and Lin Xia Jiang during their research in Xinjiang, Tibet, Sichuan, and Henan. The collection included Chinese New Year's poster prints (some from Henan, Mianzhu, and Tianjin made from woodblocks dating back to the late Qing dynasty), Tibetan Thangka paintings and woodcarvings, and tapestries from the Tajik people in Xinjiang. In addition to these unique cultural artifacts, the exhibition featured photos, music, and videos of indigenous people and landscapes that provide context for understanding and appreciating these vanishing artistic traditions. Travel to China was supported by Buffalo State Research Foundation incentive funds.



Photograph of a Tibetan woman by Lin Xia Jiang.

Buffalo State Welcomes Three BTTCHS Scholars

In accordance with Buffalo State's agreement with the Beijing Teachers' Training Center for Higher Education (BTTCHS), the third group of visiting scholars arrived on campus early this semester. Professor Li Ning is a fashion designer from Beijing University of Technology College of Art and Design. She is studying with Professor Elaine Polvinen and Associate Professor Lynn Boorady for six months at Buffalo State. Dr. Zhang Jindong is an associate professor teaching economics at Capital University of Economics and Business, and Dr. Chi Qishui is an associate professor of economics at the Beijing Institute of Petrochemical Technology. Both of them will stay for one year and are mentored, respectively, by Dr. Tae-Hee Jo and Dr. Qian Xingwang of Buffalo State's Department of Economics.



BTTCHS scholars from left to right - Li Ning, Zhang Jindong, Chi Qishui.

Steve Macho Collaborates with China National Institute of Educational Research

Contacts made at the Oxford Round Table last March in England led Steve Macho, assistant professor of technology, to the China National Institute of Educational Research (CNIER) in May. CNIER is the "think tank" of the Chinese National Ministry of Education. At the request of CNIER, he conducted a workshop titled Design as a Method of Instruction in October. A collaborative research project comparing education in China and the United States is planned to begin in the spring of 2011 and will be followed by additional efforts to enhance Chinese STEM educators' methods to teach creativity.

The project will exchange three researchers who will visit 10–12 schools with technology education programs in the other country. Researchers will share a common script for a qualitative/quantitative study. Factors to be compared include curriculum, demographics, teaching methods, facilities, instructional equipment, evaluation methods, class size, and teacher preparation. The demographic factors considered relevant to the study include affluence, an assessment of school resources, and per capita income of each school's service area. Teacher preparation will consider credentials, years teaching, and professional development.

New China Scholar Joins Buffalo State Faculty

In Fall 2010 Buffalo State welcomed Dr. Zhang Jing to the Department of Elementary Education and Reading as an assistant professor after she earned her Ph.D. degree in developmental psychology at the

University of Toronto. Her research interests include family literacy, parental involvement, early literacy, and bilingual education. She has published papers in Early Child Development and Care and in Frontiers of Education in China. She teaches curriculum for the young child, integrating content areas in the teaching of young children, and literacy in the primary grades.

Center for China Studies Names Sixth Session of Consultants

The following twelve campus community members are appointed to form the sixth session of CCS Consultants. The year in parentheses indicates the time when the consultant started to serve on the board.

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