

Director: Zhang Jie, Ph.D.
CLAS B327, Buffalo State (SUNY)

In This Issue:

- I. Delegates from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry Visit Buffalo State
- II. Criminal Justice Professor as a Fulbright Scholar to China
- III. Runway 10 Featured Artists from China
- IV. Once Again, China Week
- V. Philosophers from Shandong University Visit Campus
- VI. The CCS Spring 2017 Seminar
- VII. Tsinghua University Professor Lectured on Campus
- VIII. New Visiting Scholars from China

Delegates from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry Visit Buffalo State



ZZULI Delegation visits Buffalo State

Led by Vice President, Professor An Shiwei, a delegation of five from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry visited Buffalo State on November 4, 2016. Dr. Mark Severson, Dean of Natural and Social Sciences and Special Adviser to the Provost for Academic Research Initiatives, and

Dr. Robert Summers, Assistant Dean of International and Exchange Programs, met the delegation and discussed future collaboration between the two schools on faculty and student exchanges.



Gift Exchange with ZZULI Delegation

Criminal Justice Professor as a Fulbright Scholar to China

Dr. Michael A. Cretacci, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, is planning to apply for a second Fulbright Scholar Grant for China. If approved, the project would take place from December 2017 to January 2018. Dr. Cretacci's first Fulbright Scholar Grant enabled him to conduct research and observe educational practices at Guanghai Law School of Zhejiang University from May 2015 to July 2015. According to Dr. Cretacci, this experience helped him greatly in infusing cross-cultural perspectives into his curricula. This summer will be the fourteenth year Dr. Cretacci has visited law schools and universities teaching American criminal law, procedure, and criminal justice in China. He will begin a three-year work agreement with Jiangnan University in Wuhan, China this May.

Dr. Cretacci plans to visit several different institutions in China this year, further enhancing the range of his experience and the global impact of his academic contributions.

Runway 10 Featured Artists from China

The Fashion and Textile Technology department hosted visitors from the Beijing Union University College of Arts to show the best of their students work at the annual Runway fashion show held on April 22. This year's show titled "Runway: Remember/Imagine" highlighted the work of over twenty designers before an audience of over 1,700 at their new venue in the Sports Arena. This is the fourth year that Associate Dean Li Hongmei and the Director of the fashion program, Che Dongwei, have brought their students to Buffalo State.

Among the many fashion accomplishments on display, student Yu Lingli used intricate embroidery details to highlight her wrapped dress and cropped top. The cropped top was paired with a full, gathered skirt with an uneven hem. Yang Guanyu's black collection used undulating fabric manipulations and exaggerated shapes to create a visually exciting collection. Both collections were well received by the audience.



Yang Guanyu (middle) and his work

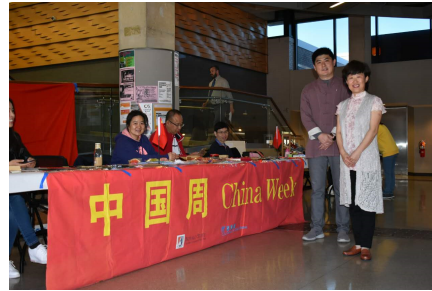


Yu Lingli (middle) and her work

Their visit included a trip to Niagara Falls and a ride on the Maid of the Mist as well as some shopping at the Niagara Falls Outlet Mall. They also participated in a fiber dyeing class in the Design department with Jozef Bajus. The Center for China Studies "China Week" was also held while they were in town.

Lynn Boorady

Once Again, China Week



"It is amazing!" "Oh, so nice!" "Wonderful show!" These were among the exclamations of students at Buffalo State as they entered the Campbell Student Union where this year's China Week was being staged. One student was particularly curious about Peking Opera and the significance of Chinese opera masks. He asked why the faces of the actors were painted in different colors as he was manipulating the mask toy that demonstrated the many variations. A Chinese scholar attending the event explained the meaning of the colors of opera masks, pointing out, for example, how red "depicts utter devotion, loyalty, righteousness, and bravery." The student listened carefully, nodding from time to time.



As visiting scholars from different regions of China, we enjoy showcasing China's rich traditional culture and local arts and crafts, but we had not expected the great interest and enthusiasm exhibited by American students, especially when they were learning about calligraphy and tai chi. One particularly interested female student excitedly wrote her Chinese name with a writing brush and let us take photos with her. Two young male students expressed an interest in learning tai chi and left their phone number and email address so we could further contact them.

further contact them.

These were among the unforgettable scenes that unfolded during China Week. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote traditional Chinese culture and help foster mutual understanding between our visiting scholars and American staff and students at Buffalo State.

Zhang Ye

Philosophers from Shandong University Visit Campus

A group of philosophers from Shandong University visited Buffalo State and the Center for China Studies on April 19, during China Week. Led by Professor Fu Youde, one of China's top scholars on Judaism, the delegation of eight members came to Buffalo to attend a symposium at UB honoring the memory of Dr. Yu Jiyuan, the late UB professor of philosophy. Dr. Yu, who enjoyed a highly esteemed scholarly reputation worldwide, was one of the strongest supporters of China Studies at Buffalo State.



The CCS Spring 2017 Seminar

"Miss Wen's lecture was very interesting and effective, helping me better understand and enjoy a closer relationship with my boyfriend." "I am beginning to know much more about current education in China and its culture." These were among the comments from the audience during the Center for China Studies Spring 2017 Seminar held on Tuesday, April 18 in Classroom Building. Visiting scholars Wen Yan and Tang Yong made a deep impression on the students and scholars attending with their vivid and resourceful lectures. Wen Yan, who is currently completing her doctoral degree at Nanjing Normal University, offered a presentation titled "The Biological Differences between Men and Women: A Chinese Perspective." Her ideas were illustrated with numerous examples from our daily lives. The frequent outbursts of laughter revealed the delight of the audience as they enjoyed the interesting talk given by this young Chinese teacher.



Wen Yan

Tang Yong, associate professor from Hunan City University, offered a presentation titled "The Rising China: A Brief Introduction of Its Education and Culture." The current educational system and the broader cultural situation in China were clearly and interestingly explained with examples from his own experiences and those of fellow visiting scholars. Questions asked by members of the audience revealed their great interest in China and Chinese culture. The seminar ended with a discussion among the students and guest professors regarding the principle of "harmony," the core value of Confucianism and Chinese culture.

Zhi Yuqin



Tang Yong

Tsinghua University Professor Lectured on Campus

On April 21, 2017, Professor Ma Hong from Tsinghua University of China presented a lecture on how WTO reduces trade policy uncertainty and promotes innovation. The audience were all enthusiastic about the enormous econometrics work Dr. Ma has been doing and impressed by his logically organized lecture. Active discussions are throughout the entire seminar. Dr. Ma also answered some questions related to the current economic policies in China.

The seminar lasted for one and a half hours and ended with great satisfaction for the faculty and students in the Department of Economics, as well as visiting scholars from China. Professor Ma publishes extensively on trade and trade related issues in Journal of International Economics, the Economic Journal, the Macroeconomic Dynamics, the World Economy, etc.
Ma Wen

New Visiting Scholars from China

This semester the Center for China Studies hosted seven more visiting scholars from China. They came from different universities and colleges and various research fields.

Yang Wen, Ph.D. student from Guangxi University, will study and carry out her research at Buffalo State for one year, focusing on international economy studies.

Suo Xinying, postgraduate student from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, will study at Buffalo State for three months, focusing mainly on food nutrition studies.

Wu Shunhong, postgraduate student from Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, will study and carry out her research at Buffalo State for three months, focusing on food science, health nutrition and technology.

Zhi Yuqin, associate professor from Beijing Union University, will study and carry out her research at Buffalo State for one year, focusing on transcultural studies, English education, and teachers' professional development.

Kou Haoning, lecturer from University of Science and Technology Beijing, will study and carry out his research at Buffalo State for twelve months, focusing on social policy and social administration.

Zhang Ling'e, doctor of management and faculty member of China Agriculture University, will stay for six months and is now temporarily spending time on this campus as a visiting scholar.

Liu Wenge, Professor of Economics, is from Zhejiang Gongshang University. He is studying here at Buffalo State to pursue his research on geographical and spatial economics. (Ren Shuzheng)

*CCS Newsletter
Newsletter Copy Editor: Michael Lazich
Newsletter Production Editor:
Michelle Eisenstein*



Center for China Studies
Buffalo State
State University of New York
1300 Elmwood Avenue
CLAS B327
Buffalo, New York 14222