

Monday, October 5

8 - 10 am *Fun with Chinese Characters and Proverbs*

Location: Student Union 312

Presenters: Dr. Zhang Yongfang, Department of Modern Languages and
Dr. Bill Lyons, Department of Political Science

9 - 11 am *Ready, Let's Go! Visiting Three Landmarks in China*

Location: Student Union 335

This presentation will focus on the following landmarks:

- The Yellow River
- The Great Wall of China
- Oriental Pearl Tower

Presenter: Hefeng Guan, Ph.D., is an associate dean and associate professor in the School of Foreign Languages, Henan University and Zhao Lei, M.A of Arts in the Chinese language and literature, Chinese lecturer in Henan University in China, and Chinese instructor at the Confucius Institute

10 - 12 pm *Seen in China, an exhibition of photographs*

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

A PowerPoint lecture addressing the two and half year curatorial adventure that resulted in the exhibition "Seen in China, an exhibition of photographs" presented on campus in the Emily Davis Gallery.

Presenter: Mark Soppeland, Distinguished Professor of Art, Myers School of Art, The University of Akron has exhibited his work in four hundred exhibitions and created over fifty public projects.

Suggested Readings:

- China, *Fifty Years Inside the People's Republic*, Aperture
- Linda Butler, *Yangtze Remembered: The River Beneath The Lake*, Stanford University Press

12 - 2 pm *Learning Chinese*

Location: Student Union 335

This is an informal conversation among students about the Chinese language. Come and learn about characters and tones, pronunciation and proverbs!

Presenter: Professor Zhang Yongfang teaches Chinese language. professor Bill Lyons studied in China as a foreign exchange student when he was in college, Dr. Patrick McAloon, undergraduate program manager for The Ohio State University Chinese Flagship Program; Cross-cultural business consultant and owner, Sino Connect, LLC.

Suggested Website: This You Tube site will introduce some basic sounds:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7By79MNyTM&feature=related>

1 - 3 pm ***China's Population: New Trends and Challenges***

Location: Student Union 310

This Face2Face conversation will focus on population trends in the transforming China including overpopulation and low fertility following one-child policy, improved life expectancy and the impending rapid aging, urbanization and the floating population in China.

Presenter: Juan Xi, Department of Sociology.

3 - 5 pm ***Rise of China as part of Asian Economic Renaissance***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

This panel discussion will explore the economic renaissance of Asia in the past 20 years. This panel of regional experts will help untangle the dynamic interdependence between China's economic growth and the Asian economic renaissance observed during the past two decades.

The panel moderator, Dr. Ray Gehani has lived and worked for many years as a professional manager in Japan and India. Other panelists will elaborate on the impact of China's growth on the economic renaissance of other regions of Asia, such as East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia, and West Asia.

Suggested Readings:

- Friedman, Thomas. *World is Flat*.
- Freidman, Thomas. *Hot, Flat and Crowded* -
<http://www.amazon.com/Hot-Flat-Crowded-Revolution-America/dp/0374166854>

4 - 6:30 pm ***Film: The Road Home***

Location: Student Union Theatre

Points of Interest: rural education, old-fashioned courtship, traditional burial custom, traditional trade of mending bowls

Suggested Assignment: High-quality teachers are still scarce in rural China. Another film *Not One Less* tells how a shy girl is ordered to act as a substitute teacher in a remote village. Do you find it similar here that people prefer to work in big cities where life is easier?

7 - 8:30 pm ***Evening Keynote***

China's Rise to Power and the Impact on Sino-American Relations and World Politics

Location: Student Union Theatre

Presenter: Dr. Susan Shirk, Director of the Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California.

Tuesday, October 6

8 - 10 am ***Sports and Physical Activities in China***

Location: Student Union 335

Presenter: Sean Cai, Department of Sports Science and Wellness Education

8 - 10 am ***I'm An American?***

Location: Student Union 310

As a minority student of color in America, I never really identified myself as just an American. While in countries such as China, and South Korea I was definitely identified as an American in spite of my ethnic identity. This Face2Face conversation will be centered on some of the self-reflecting challenges that one may encounter while travelling abroad in a foreign country.

Presenter: Adrian Sims

9 - 11 am ***Rethinking the Myth of China's Columbus Zheng He***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Why did Zheng He fail to discover the new continent as Columbus did? Why is it wrong to describe 16th- and 17th- century China as a closed country? How did the Chinese contribute to the emerging global economy?

Presenter: Gang Zhao, professor of Chinese history

Suggested Readings:

- Abu Lughod's *The World System, A.D. 1250-1350*. (Oxford University Press, USA, 1991)

10 am - 12 pm ***China 2009 Through American Eyes***

Location: Student Union Ballroom C

Presenters: Litsa and Yanni Varonis

10 am -12 pm ***Chinese Mothers' Parenting Beliefs and Roles in the Context of Economic and Cultural Change***

Location: Student Union 312

China's rapidly changing economy has led to social and cultural changes. This presentation will explore Chinese mothers' infant feeding beliefs and practices in the context of changing gender roles. The lecture will conclude with a brief discussion period.

Presenter: Pamela Schulze is professor of Child and Family Development in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Akron. She earned her Ph.D. in Family Studies with a Child and Adolescent Development emphasis from the University of Connecticut in 2000. Her research has focused on cultural differences in parenting beliefs and behaviors.

Suggested Readings:

- Leung, T., Tam, W., Hung, E, Fok, T., & Wong, G. (2003). Sociodemographic and atopic factors affecting breastfeeding intention in Chinese mothers. *Journal of Pediatrics & Child Health*, 39(6), 460-464.
- Goode, W. J. (1971). World revolution and family patterns. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 33, 624-635.

12 - 2 pm ***Chinese women of past, present and future***

Location: Student Union 335

Presenters: Dr. Baomei Zhao - Born in China, Master degree in Economics, Zhejiang University, China, Ph. D. in Family Studies, University of Kentucky, Dr. Baomei Zhao has interests in quality of life research and service.

Dr. Xin Liang-- a high school teacher in China for decades before coming to the U.S. for graduate school. Ph. D in educational research methodologies from the University of North Dakota. Dr. Liang is interested in program evaluation and classroom assessment- standardized testing and large-scale data analysis.

Dr. Hefeng Guan, Ph.D is from Henan University, China. Research area is in British and American fiction and in Chinese American women's literature.

Suggested websites:

- All China Women's Federation:
<http://www.women.org.cn/english/index.htm>
- <http://calrc.bfsu.edu.cn/conent.asp?newsid+-1197062481>

12 - 2 pm ***China's Wild West: A Look at Radical Islam in Xinjiang***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Xinjiang, home to a large Muslim minority group known as the Uyghurs, is a tumultuous region. From separatist movements to domestic acts of terrorism, Xinjiang has always been one of China's largest domestic concerns. Now, there is a push by outside groups to spread a radical Islamic movement-one which could lead to a stronger revival of old separatist movements. Xinjiang teeters on the brink as this radical Islamic movement upsets China's goals for a more cohesive and submissive Xinjiang.

Presenter: Vanessa Hemminger

2 - 4 pm ***Exploring the Beauty of Chinese Calligraphy***

Location: Student Union 312

In China the art of calligraphy or "beautiful writing" is the mark of the "literati" or educated person. Try your hand at making the pictographic characters of the Chinese language and discover their contribution to the painting, poetry and prose of China.

Presenter: Jana Russ teaches Chinese history and literature at The University of Akron, and has traveled in China.

Suggested Websites:

- Chinese Calligraphy
<http://library.thinkquest.org/3614/Default.htm>
- Writing Chinese Characters
<http://www.sungwh.freemove.co.uk/sapienti/bihua.htm>

Suggested Readings:

- Chang, Leon Long-Yien and Peter Miller. *Four Thousand Years of Chinese Calligraphy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.
- Fu Shen. *Traces of the Brush: Studies in Chinese Calligraphy*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977.

4 - 6:30 pm. *Film: Eat Drink Man Woman*

Location: Student Union Theatre

Points of Interest: family, love, generation gap, Chinese food

Suggested Assignments:

- Try to find out the differences and similarities between family life in China and the United States.
- What strikes you most in the film? Personally, I have never imagined that Chinese food should take so much effort and skill.

7– 8:30 pm *Walls, Haze, Hope, and Fear: Contemporary China and Sino-American Relations Today*

Location: Student Union Theatre

Presenter: Dr. Walter Hixson, distinguished Fulbright lecturer at the China Foreign Affairs University, distinguished professor of history at The University of Akron, and president of Akron AAUP

Suggested website: <http://www3.uakron.edu/history/hixson/>

Wednesday, October 7

8 - 10 am *Working Together- How Chinese and American's Misunderstand Each Other*

Location: Student Union Theatre

From both a research and a personal experience perspective learn how Chinese and Americans adapt to working together when their cultural expectations collide. We will start with a 30-40 minute web conference on the results of a study on how Expats adjust to working in China:

Following that Kim will speak on how these misunderstandings that create conflict and slow down projects can be understood from their root causes in the differences in our education, social, and language structures.

Presenters : Hui Ying Huang, student and Wenhua Yan, professor, School of Psychology and Cognitive Science, East China Normal University. Kimberly Kirkendall brings over 20 years experience to her work with China, having lived there and speaking the language she understands both the technical business and soft cultural aspects of what makes companies successful in China.

Suggested Websites:

- China Resource Network: <http://chinaresourcenetwork.com>
- China Resource Training: <http://chinaresourcetraining.com>
- My China Sales Team: <http://mychinasalesteam.com>

10-12 pm ***Opportunities for Students in China***

Location: Student Union 335

This session will discuss the programs available to UA students in China. Both language centered and non-language centered programs are available. Several programs will be discussed. Pictures and UA student testimonials will be presented.

Presenter: Dr. David Ayers

2 - 4 pm ***How Traditional Chinese Medicine, Qi Gong and Acupuncture can Contribute Toward Cultivating Health and Longevity***

Location: Student Union 335

Dr. Qingping Chen will lecture, discuss, and demonstrate how the art of Chinese medicine, acupuncture, and qi gong practice can help improve individual overall health and well-being. He will also discuss how this ancient practice can help treat many of today's chronic diseases.

Presenter: Qingping Chen comes from Beijing China. Dr Chen is Ohio Medical Board Licensed and is a nationally certified Acupuncturist and Herbalist with a Ph.D. in Oriental Medicine and a Masters Degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. He has over 20 years of clinical and medical research experience in Oriental Medicine. He has worked in two major hospitals in Beijing and has treated many patients with Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture. Also, he has trained in Qigong since 1978, studying with the foremost Qigong Masters.

Suggested Website:

- Chen Acupuncture Health Center:
<http://www.chenacupunctureohio.com/index.html> (see "Links")

4 - 6:30 pm Film: Shower

Location: Student Union Theatre

Points of Interest: family responsibility, advance of modern world versus traditional and more human ways of life

Suggested Assignments:

- Do you sometimes find yourself in doubt between what you WANT to do and what you SHOULD do?
- What would be your choice when you are in Da Ming's dilemma-choose between a successful career in business, a big-city life, a spouse, and a retarded younger brother?

7 - 8:30 pm Evening Keynote

Discovering Confucius through the Analects

Location: Student Union Theatre

The Analects is the most reliable source on the life and teachings of Confucius. But the book is a collection of incomplete records with no logical organization. This lecture will focus on reading the Analects to find the humanity in Confucius and the key to his teachings.

Presenter: Dr. Anping Chin, Yale History Department

Thursday, October 8

8 - 10 am *With Scientific Progress, With no Scientific Revolution: Rethinking the History of Chinese Science (1000 BCE to the Present)*

Location: Student Union 312

Why has China made a series of scientific breakthroughs in the past thousands year without Europe-like scientific revolution? How has the development of Chinese science differed from that of Western science? How will the differences contribute to the development of Chinese science in the new century?

Presenters: Gang Zhao, professor of history and Yingcai Xiao, professors of computer science

Suggested Readings:

- Benjamin Elman's *A Cultural History of Modern Science in China* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009)
- Nathan Sivin's *Science and Technology in East Asia* (New York: Science History Publications, 1977)

9 - 11 am *Disorienting China: Relocating China in World History*

Location: Student Union 335

This presentation will focus on examining China's place in world history and in world history classes. The co-facilitators will have just returned from working at the East-West Center's Summer Institute in Hawaii in a program focusing on how to better integrate the teaching of China into World Civilization courses.

Presenters: TJ Boisseau from the UA Department of History and Kirk Hoppe from the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of History

9 - 11 am ***Confucius Institutes: Who, When, What, Why, and Where.***

Location: Student Union Ballroom C

Confucius Institutes have been established to enhance understanding of the Chinese language and culture and to promote educational and cultural exchange and cooperation between China and other countries. This is a Face2Face discussion will focus on the role of Confucius Institutes in the United States.

Presenters: Dr. Yang Lin, Director of the Confucius Institute at the UA and Associate Professor of the School of Communication. He teaches intercultural communication classes.

Dr. Hefeng Guan, Deputy Director of the Confucius Institute at the UA.

Suggested Websites:

- Hanban: <http://english.hanban.edu.cn/kzxy.php>
- The University of Akron Confucius Institute:
<http://www.uakron.edu/ci/>

10 - 12 pm ***Taking Chinese Philosophy Seriously***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

This session will examine the perception of Chinese philosophies as inscrutable to the Western mind -- as antirational, intuitive, or mystical.

Presenter: Eric Sotnak is associate professor of Philosophy at The University of Akron.

Suggested Website:

- Comparative Philosophy:
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/comparphil-chiwes/>

12 - 2 pm ***Chinese Interests and Influence in the Middle East***

Location: Student Union 312

This presentation will focus on how much interest and influence China have in the Middle East?

Presenter: Eihab Abousena is an Arabic instructor and program coordinator.

Suggested Websites:

- <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20061101faessay85601/richard-n-haass/the-new-middle-east.html>
- <http://www.euromoney.com/Article/1684920/China-Middle-East-investment-links-Opening-up-the-oil-road.html>

1 - 3 pm ***Tai Ji and Qi Gong Demonstration and Explanation***

Location: Student Union 335

Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of health exercise with a myriad of variations focusing on the movement of energy through the body and T'ai Chi is a form of moving Qigong as well as a proven martial art system.

Presenter: Pahtrick Ehrenfried has studied T'ai Chi Ch'uan, Qigong, Kung Fu and Taoist Meditation for over twenty years and instructs all ages at the University of Akron and in the community.

Suggested Readings:

- *The Complete Book of Tai Chi Chuan*, A Comprehensive Guide to the Principles and Practice by Wong Kiew Kit printed by Element Books
- *Qigong for Health and Martial Arts* by Dr. Yang, Jwing Ming printed by YMAA Publication Center

2 - 4 pm *Learning Chinese: A Bridge to Your Future Career*

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

This is a panel of experts who will share their thoughts on the benefits of studying Chinese. Bring your questions about studying Chinese, studying abroad, or about the Chinese language.

Panelists:

- Deborah Scherer, Director, Global Markets Division at the Ohio Department of Development.
- Anthony Yen, Chairman of Tenax Corporation; Local coordinator of the program Hathaway Brown's Center for Global Citizenship.
- Kimberly Kirkendall, CPA, China Resource Network
- Galal Walker, Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University; Director, National East Asian Languages Resource Center at The Ohio State University; Director, Chinese Flagship Program at The Ohio State University.
- Professor Zhang Yongfang teaches Chinese language.
 - *Suggested Website:*
- This is a short video from CBS News on the value of studying Chinese: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=1165363n>

7 - 8:30 pm *Entrepreneurship with China and the United States*

Location: Student Union Theater

Presenter: Shawn Chen, Founder of SIAS International University in China.

Suggested website: <http://www.sias.edu.cn/en>

8 - 9:30 pm *Erhu and Pipa Concert*

Location: Guzzetta Recital Hall

This concert will be performed by Song Xin and his wife. Song Xin is a professor at Henan University in China.

Friday, October 9

6:30-8:30 pm **Traditional Chinese Dumpling Party**

Location: Chinese Church at the Chapel, 135 Fir Hill
(in the gym on the second floor)

Hosted by: The Chinese Student Scholar Association (CSSA), Akron Chinese Christian Church and The Chapel.

Find out how to make Chinese Dumplings. Watch a demonstration, sample dumplings, enjoy different performances of Chinese music, and have fun learning more about Chinese culture!

To RSVP or for more information contact CSSA at cssa@uakron.edu.

Saturday, October 10

8:00 pm **Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company**

Event canceled by Civic Theatre

Location: Akron Civic Theatre

Drawing on elements from the flowering lines of Chinese calligraphy to the thundering motion of the martial arts, Nai-Ni Chen is one of the very few established Asian-American choreographers who meld the dynamic freedom of American modern dance with the stoic discipline of the Chinese classical arts.

A discount rate will be available to China Week participants. Details on how to obtain this discount is coming soon.

Suggested Website: <http://nainichen.org>