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Monday, October 4, 2010

- 8:50 – 9:40 am** ***China 2010: Through American Eyes***
Location: Student Union Ballroom B
Presenters: Maria Varonis, Michelle Linde, and Erin Murphy, students;
Kim Haverkamp, Manager, Educational Engagement;
The University of Akron
For more on Maria and Kim:
<http://www.facebook.com/mvaronis>
http://www.uakron.edu/provost/reporting-to-the-provost/staff_detail.dot?name=haverkamp
- 9:55 – 10:45 am** ***Chinese Public Attitudes Toward Democracy and the Free Market***
Location: Student Union Theater
Presenter: Dr. Karl Kaltenthaler, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, The University of Akron
For More information on Dr. Kaltenthaler:
<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/artsci/depts/polisci/faculty/kaltenthaler.php>
- 11:00 – 11:50 am** ***Chinese Portrait Painting***
Location: Student Union Ballroom B
Presenter: Lei Wu, member of the Chinese Artists Association of Henan since 1982
For more on Henan University:
<http://www.henu.edu.cn/en/Default.htm>
- 12:05 – 12:55 pm** ***Global Education in China and Taiwan***
Location: Student Union Ballroom C
Presenters: Dr. Huey Li-Li, Professor, and Dr. Xin Liang, Associate Professor, Dept of Education Foundation and Leadership, The University of Akron
For more information on Dr. Li and Dr. Liang:
<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/educ/Foundations/faculty.php>
- 1:10 – 2:00 pm** ***Chinese Gardens: Its History and Its Components***
Location: Student Union Ballroom B
Presenter: Francis Weng, Designer, Akron
For more on Francis Weng:
http://ci.akron.oh.us/News_Releases/2004/0729.html

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2:15 – 3:05 pm ***Young Professional in China: Determination and Success***

Location: Student Union room 335

Presenter: Ms. Desiree Zhou, Manager, Financial Controls & Processes (reporting to VP of Corporate Finance Controls), Asia Pacific, Diebold Financial Equip. Co.

For Desiree Zhou: <http://www.spoke.com/info/pAcBoMf/DesireeZhou>

For more on Diebold: <http://www.diebold.com/default.htm>

3:20 – 4:10 pm ***Chinese Language and Careers***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Presenter: Ms. Kimberly Kirkendall, CPA, China Resource Network

For more on Kimberly Kirkendall and the China Resource Network:

<http://www.chinaresourcenetwork.com/>

7:00 – 8:30 pm ***Evening Keynote:***

Culture and Science: Chinese Contribution to the World of Science During the Last 100 Years

Location: Student Union Theater

Presenter: Dr. Yuefan Deng, Associate Dean, International Academic Programs; Professor, Applied Mathematics Dept, SUNY, Stony Brook University

For more on Dr. Deng: <http://www.ams.sunysb.edu/~deng>

Yuefan Deng, *Professor of Applied Mathematics, Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics (1989), Columbia University:* World-renown researcher in supercomputer designs and applications in science, engineering, and finance.

Yuefan Deng, through Nobel laureate Professor T. D. Lee's CUSPEA program, was admitted to Columbia University to study theoretical physics under the guidance of Professor Norman Christ on supercomputer designs and applications in theoretical physics. After a brief stay at the prestigious Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University after earning his Ph.D. in 1989, he joined the faculty at Stony Brook University where he studied with yet another Nobel laureate Professor C. N. Yang in physics and computational number theory. In 1999, he was promoted to full professor of applied mathematics. Dr. Deng spent his three sabbatical leaves at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, IBM T. J. Watson Research Lab., and Shanghai Commission of Science and Technology.

Professor Deng has taught more than 3,000 undergraduate students and is one of the most popular professors at Stony Brook. He also has supervised nearly 30 doctoral theses. He has published more than 70 papers in such diverse areas as mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry, biology, and engineering.

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- 9:15 – 10:30 am** ***Opportunities to Study or Teach in China***
Location: Student Union Theater
Presenter: Dr. David Ayers, Director, Office of International Programs,
The University of Akron. More on Dr. Ayers and International Programs:
<http://www.uakron.edu/oip/>
- 10:45 – 12:00 pm** ***Opportunities to Study or Teach in China***
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<http://www.uakron.edu/oip/>
- 1:45 – 2:15 pm** ***Chinese Portrait Painting – Gallery Talk***
Location: Project Gallery Folk Hall
Presenter: Lei Wu, member of the Chinese Artists Association of Henan since
1982
For more on Henan University:
<http://www.henu.edu.cn/en/Default.htm>
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm** ***Chinese Portrait Painting***
Location: Myers School of Art Folk Hall
Presenter: Lei Wu, member of the Chinese Artists Association of Henan since
1982
For more on Henan University:
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1:45 – 3:00 pm ***Keynote: Living and Working in China – An Expatriate's Perspective***

Location: Student Union Theater

Presenter: Mr. Doug Smith, Senior VP Tech, The Timken Company

Douglas H. Smith is senior vice president – technology at The Timken Company.

Mr. Smith leads the company's technology function on a global basis, with ultimate responsibility for developing and maintaining core competencies, and deploying technical resources in the areas of product, process and materials technology for the company's broad portfolio of steel, power transmission and friction management products.

In 2007, Smith was named director – manufacturing – Asia. He was instrumental in expanding Timken's manufacturing operations in Asia, including new plants in Wuxi and Chengdu, China, and Chennai, India.

Mr. Smith joined Timken at the company's Technology Center in Canton, Ohio, in 1991. He has held a number of research and management positions, including manager of manufacturing integration and automation and manager of intelligent products and systems. His operations roles have included manager of manufacturing operations – rail and director of operations at the company's plant in Wuxi, China. He was named to his current position in early 2009. Smith holds bachelors and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Smith will share thoughts and experiences from his recent four year assignment living and working in China for The Timken Company. The discussion will explore the cross-cultural differences between Chinese and multinational firms including the challenges of brand building, intellectual property management, establishing supply chains and quality management systems, and the war for talent. Mr. Smith's comments will be set against the backdrop of The Timken Company's meteoric rise in China leading up to the Beijing Olympics and the subsequent global economic collapse. Join us for a lively presentation of one company's journey in China as seen through the eyes of an expatriate.

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4:00 – 6:00 pm ***Artist Exhibit and Reception***

Location: Project Gallery Folk Hall

Presenter: Lei Wu, member of the Chinese Artists Association of Henan.

Wu, Lei was born into a family of renowned Chinese artists. Her father, Wu MaoXiang, is a distinguished Chinese brush painter himself. During the early stages of her career in China, one of her paintings was selected to appear in the "First Exhibition of Young Artists" at Beijing in 1975. After graduating from the Department of Fine Art in Henan University, Lei Wu participated in many exhibitions in Henan and won several awards. She has been a member of the Art Association of Henan since 1982. Ms. Wu has held several solo exhibitions in Canada, which received wide acclaim from critics as well as local newspapers. Since 1997, she has been working as a Chinese brush painting teacher tutoring young students of varying ages and levels. Lei Wu currently teaches brush painting classes in Huaxia Chinese School in New Jersey.

For more on Henan University:

<http://www.henu.edu.cn/en/Default.htm>

7: 00 – 8:30 pm ***Evening Keynote: China in the Passing Lane***

Location: Student Union Theater

Presenter: Dr. Paul Weinstein, Professor and Coordinator of History And Culture, The University of Akron, Wayne College

For more on Dr. Weinstein:

<http://www.wayne.uakron.edu/bio/weinstein.php>

<http://gozips.uakron.edu/~pbweins/Site/Welcome.html>

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8:50 – 10:45 am ***Business in Today's China: Navigating the Landscape of Transition and Great Change***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Panel Members: Mark Kline, Invacare; Frank Ross, Goodyear CPA, PE;

Mike Smith, China Business Consultant

Moderator: Dr. Robert Figler, Associate Professor, Dept of Management,
The University of Akron

More on Dr. Figler:

<http://www.uakron.edu/cba/cba-home/about-us/directory/profile.dot?identity=594811>

9:55 – 10:45 am ***Opportunities to Study or Teach in China***

Location: Student Union Room 335

Presenter: Dr. David Ayers, Director, Office of International Programs,
The University of Akron

More on Dr. Ayers and International Programs:

<http://www.uakron.edu/oip/>

11:00 – 11:50 am ***Chinese Calligraphy and the Literati Culture***

Location: Student Union Room 312

Presenter: Ms. Jana Russ, Dept of English / History
The University of Akron

For more on Jana Russ:

<http://gozips.uakron.edu/~jana/>

11:30 – 1:00 pm ***Chinese Food Experience at the School of Family and Consumer Sciences***

Location: Schrank S. Room 211

Tickets: Confucius Institute - Quaker Square room 307

School of Family and Consumer Sciences - Schrank S.

Presenters: Drs. Sandra Hudak, Deborah Marino, Sue Rasor-Greenhalgh
Pamela Schulze, Evelyn Taylor, Mary Lynn Crowley, Baomei Zhao
School of Family and Consumer Sciences, The University of Akron

For more on Family and Consumer Sciences:

<http://www.uakron.edu/healthcollege/at-a-glance/school-of-family-and-consumer-sciences.dot>

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1:10 – 2:00 pm ***Learning Chinese Characters, Sounds, and Proverbs***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Presenter: Dr. Bill Lyons, Acting Director of Student Success and Professor of Political Science, The University of Akron

For more on Dr. Lyons:

<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/artsci/depts/polisci/faculty/lyons.php>

2:15 – 3:05 pm ***American Business Struggles in China – Why?***

Location: Student Union Ballroom C

Presenter: Ms. Kimberly Kirkendall, CPA, China Resource Network

For more on Kimberly Kirkendall and the China Resource Network:

<http://www.chinaresourcenetwork.com/>

3:20 – 4:10 pm ***China's Population: New Trends and Challenges***

Location: Student Union Ballroom B

Presenter: Dr. Juan Xi, Assistant Professor, Dept of Sociology, The University of Akron

For more on Dr. Xi:

<http://www3.uakron.edu/sociology/xi.html>

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7:30 - 8:30 pm **Evening Keynote: *The World is Flat***

Location: E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall

Tickets must be purchased through E J Thomas PH: 330-972-7570

E J Thomas website: www.ejthomashall.com

Presenter: Mr. Thomas Friedman, "New York Times" Columnist, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of several best sellers including "The World is Flat"

For more on Thomas Friedman: <http://www.thomasfriedman.com/>

Thomas Friedman on outsourcing (YouTube video):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8quDb3FIUuo>

The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century

History of the world twenty years from now, and they come to the chapter "Y2K to March 2004," what will they say was the most crucial development? The attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11 and the Iraq war? Or the convergence of technology and events that allowed India, China, and so many other countries to become part of the global supply chain for services and manufacturing, creating an explosion of wealth in the middle classes of the world's two biggest nations, giving them a huge new stake in the success of globalization? And with this "flattening" of the globe, which requires us to run faster in order to stay in place, has the world gotten too small and too fast for human beings and their political systems to adjust in a stable manner?

In this brilliant new book, the award-winning New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman demystifies the brave new world for readers, allowing them to make sense of the often bewildering global scene unfolding before their eyes. With his inimitable ability to translate complex foreign policy and economic issues, Friedman explains how the flattening of the world happened at the dawn of the twenty-first century; what it means to countries, companies, communities, and individuals; and how governments and societies can, and must, adapt. *The World Is Flat* is the timely and essential update on globalization, its successes and discontents, powerfully illuminated by one of our most respected journalists.

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- 9:15 – 10:00 am** ***What We Need to Know About China***
Location: Student Union Ballroom C
Presenters: Dr. Yang Lin
Director of Confucius Institute, Professor, School of Communication
The University of Akron
For more information on Dr. Lin
Liang: <http://www3.uakron.edu/schlcomm/page/facultystaff/lin/lin.htm>
- 10:45 – 12:00 pm** ***T'ai Chi and Qigong Demonstration and Explanation***
Location: Student Union room 335
Presenter: Mr. Pahtrick Ehrenfried, Dept of Sports Science and Wellness Education,
The University of Akron
For more information on
Pahtrick: <http://www.worldwidechamp.com/scorecard/Pahtrick-Ehrenfried/183>
To see Pahtrick demonstrating T'ai Chi on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y97qkDGI3ao&feature=related>
- 10:45 – 12:00 pm** ***Who Closed the Gate of China: A Reconsideration of the McCartney Mission in the Euro-Asian Perspective***
Location: Ballroom B
Presenter: Dr. Gang Zhao Assistant Professor of History; Dept of History The
University of Akron.
For more information on Dr. Zhao:
<http://www3.uakron.edu/history/Faculty/Zhao/Current/index.htm>
- 12:15 – 1:30 pm** ***Chinese Attitudes Toward the US, Taiwan and Tibet***
Location: Student Union Ballroom C
Face2Face conversation
Facilitators: Dr. Walter Hixson, Fulbright lecturer at the
China Foreign Affairs University and Distinguished Professor of History;
Dr. Michael Sheng, Chair and Professor of History, Dept of History
The University of Akron. For more information on Dr. Hixson and Dr. Sheng:
<http://www3.uakron.edu/history/Faculty/Sheng/Current/index.htm>
<http://www3.uakron.edu/history/Faculty/Hixson/Current/index.htm>

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1:45 – 3:00 pm ***The Overseas Job Search Process***
Location: Student Union Ballroom B
Presenters: Dr. Kim Beyer, Ed.D, Associate Director, Career Center; Sherri Hrusovski, M.A., Assistant Director, Career Center, The University of Akron
For more on Dr. Beyer and Ms. Hrusovski:
<http://www.uakron.edu/career/cc-staff/staff-detail.dot?identity=816562>
<http://www.uakron.edu/career/cc-staff/staff-detail.dot?identity=816562>

3:15 – 4:30 pm ***The Current Situation and Future Development of Education in China***
Location: Student Union Room 335
Presenter: Zhijun Liu
Professor and Vice President of Henan University, China.
For more on Henan University:
<http://www.henu.edu.cn/en/Default.htm>

7:00 – 9:30 pm ***Evening Chinese Film Session***
If You Are The One (2008) romantic comedy
Location: Student Union Theater
A love story directed by Xiaogang Feng. Starring You Ge and Qi Shu.

Qin Fen (Ge) is a man in his late 40s who returns to China after many years overseas. He becomes a multimillionaire after selling an "innovative invention" to a high-profile (but foolish) angel investor (Fan). With his new fortune, Qin decides to put an end to his bachelor life and advertises open invitations to potential partners online, citing only "if you are the one", which actually means "don't disturb if not sincere". Subsequently, he encounters various candidates from a homosexual former friend, a cemetery saleswoman, a pathological amnesiac, an ethnic minority pecking hen, an erotophobic widow, an expecting single mother to a stock-holding trader. Eventually, he crosses path with air stewardess Liang Xiaoxiao (Shu). While helping Liang get over her agonizing love affair with a married man (Fong), Qin strikes up an unexpected friendship with Liang, which eventually blossoms into love during a trip to Hokkaido.

Presenter: Dr. Chengxin Zhao, Chinese Director of Confucius Institute, Associate Dean and Professor in the International School for Chinese Language and Culture at Henan University, China.

For more on Henan University:
<http://www.henu.edu.cn/en/Default.htm>

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Friday, October 8, 2010

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

Location: The Chapel, 135 Fir Hill, Akron

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

For a story about a dumpling party in Beijing:

<http://www.travelpod.com/travel-blog-entries/brad.leah/1/1252250990/tpod.html>