

## *China Week Resources*

Join us in support of interesting and illuminating co-curricular engagement on campus by integrating one or more of these speakers into your fall syllabi...and/or persuade a faculty colleague to construct a meaningful assignment focusing on China Week events as texts that connect with themes highlighted in the course.

If you have questions about integrating these into course syllabi this fall semester, please contact Bill Lyons at [wtlyons@uakron.edu](mailto:wtlyons@uakron.edu) or 972-5855 or in Olin 202...anytime.

Some of the panel participants have provided suggested readings and interesting websites to visit. These resources are listed on the schedule of events page within the panel description.

**Sample Assignment:** Treat the China Week schedule as a list of texts for a research project. Select at least three texts from this schedule (at least one must be a keynote) and use what you learn to write a 5-7-page response to the following prompt:

*Since an emerging China is already one of the most powerful nations on the planet, please describe three potential conflicts that might emerge between China and the US in the next decade and what the US might be able to do now to prevent, or resolve, or reduce the harms associated with these potential conflicts. Can we find ways to transform these into opportunities for more productive collaboration with China?*

OR...

Yale University Professor of History, Annping Chin, author of *The Authentic Confucius*, will be one keynote speaker. See <http://books.simonandschuster.com/9780743246187> In reviewing her new book on Confucius, Harold Bloom made the following observation:

*"Confucius even now remains the mind of China, and always returns again, whatever the regime."*

**Sample Assignment:** Imagine living in a world where the world view and values articulated by Confucius where those we all took for granted, accepted as common sense, and used to judge the moral content of our characters. How might you, as you are today, fit into this world? Describe an ordinary day in your life where there is at least one conflict based on the mismatch between you, as you are today, and a Confucian world AND at least one surprising or unexpected perfect fit between you, as you are today, and a Confucian world.

OR...

In addition to other great keynote speakers, China Week will include Face2Face conversations during the daytime on topics ranging from Fun with Chinese Proverbs to Tai Ji and Qi Gong, from Chinese Interests and Influence in the Middle East to 'Seen in China' (an exhibition of photographs), from Chinese geography or population trends to an entire series of *excellent* Chinese films. Since these are all during the daytime, each presents an opportunity to bring your entire class to discuss any one of these (or other) topics! There are so many questions our students have about China and Sino-US relations that might become the basis for vigorous in class discussions, such as...

*Since international conflicts over global warming often center on China's rapid growth and associated appetite for fossil fuels, and this was the primary reason President Bush gave for not signing the Kyoto Accords, what is China's perspective on these conflicts? Are there opportunities for productive collaboration around the battle against global warming?*

*As we disengage with Iraq, continue to try to prevent Iran from going nuclear, and still struggle with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, how might understanding Chinese interests and influence in the Middle East improve our own capacity to lead an international coalition in stabilizing the region?*

*Intellectual property rights are regularly violated in China, resulting in billions of dollars of lost sales revenue for US companies. Do we have any leverage on this issue?*

*US debt is a serious problem and China holds over a trillion dollars of that debt. How does this relationship impact our ability to protect US interests around the globe and at home?*

*Chinese human rights violations, including their widespread use of the death penalty, are regularly criticized by American leaders. Will China's emergence as a world power and as one of our primary creditors change that?*

*China's response to Tibetan demands, tensions over control of the South China Seas, and ongoing struggle with Taiwan create threats to regional and global stability. Can the US or UN play a positive role?*