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Presented by: Shifu Gary Harris, Owner, Center for Body-Mind Harmony
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9:55 – 10:45 am  Study Abroad Opportunities
Location: Student Union Room 335
Presenter: Mr. Steven Cook, MA, Assistant Director for Education Abroad, Office of International Programs, The University of Akron
For more information on Mr. Cook:
http://www.uakron.edu/oip/contact.dot

11:00 – 11:50 am  Experience a Beginning Chinese Language Class
Location: Student Union Room 312
Presenter: Ms. Hongwei Ma, Assistant Lecturer, The University of Akron

12:00 – 1:30 pm  Calligraphy Demonstration
Location: Concourse in front of Student Union Market
Presenter: Dr. Chengxin Zhao
Come and see the beauty of Chinese Calligraphy, have your name written in Chinese

12:05 - 12:55 pm  Lin-Sanity: The Cultural Significance of NBA Star Jeremy Lin
Location: Goodyear Polymer Center Auditorium Room 229
Panel Discussion
Presenters: Dr. Yang Lin, Professor, School of Communication, The University of Akron

Mr. Michael Byun, Executive Director, Asian Services in Action Inc.

Mr. Brant T. Lee, Associate Professor, School of Law, The University of Akron

Dr. Bill Lyons, Director, Confucius Institute, The University of Akron

In case you missed the story, or want to refresh your memory, here are a few YouTube clips on Jeremy Lin:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFCZ01Hiv8o
http://www.ny1.com/content/top_stories/158490/manhattan-students-post-linsanity--pleas-on-youtube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FQsh6hfVHs
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1:10 – 2:00 pm  
*The Challenges and Opportunities of Being a Student from China in America*  
*Location*: Student Union Room 335  
*Presenter*: Ms. Jihui Shang, President of Chinese Student and Scholar Association  
For more information on CSSA:  
http://www3.uakron.edu/cssa/  

2:15 – 3:05 pm  
*An American Who Uses Chinese Language in Business*  
*Location*: Goodyear Polymer Center Auditorium Room 229  
*Presenter*: Ms. Kim Kirkendall, President, China Resource Network  
For more information on Ms. Kirkendall:  
http://chinaresourcenetwork.com/index.htm  

3:20 – 4:10 pm  
*An American Philosopher Looks at Chinese Philosophy*  
*Location*: Student Union Room 335  
*Presenter*: Dr. Eric Sotnak, Department of Philosophy, The University of Akron.  
For more information on Dr. Sotnak:  
http://www.uakron.edu/philosophy/faculty-staff/bio-detail.dot?identity=1549150  

5:00 – 6:30 pm  
*Kite Flying*  
*Location*: Green Space behind Buchtel Hall  
Join us in the Green Space behind Buchtel Hall and participate in flying Chinese kites.
Evening Keynote: There Be Dragons: China’s Rise – Risk and Opportunity

Location: College of Business Administration Room 120
Presenter: Karl Schamotta

Since Marco Polo's time, the West's perception of China has been composed of equal parts fantasy and reality. Nowhere is this dichotomy better captured than in the modern financial markets, where commodity prices, corporate valuations and exchange rates have been driven by the Chinese growth story for more than a decade.

Join Karl Schamotta, Senior Market Strategist with Western Union Business Solutions as he discusses the often misunderstood aspects of China's impact on the global economy - and some of the long term implications.

With a particular focus on the career opportunities that are being created for younger generations, he will provide insight into the fundamental realignments that are occurring within China - and in the West's understanding of it.

Karl Schamotta, Senior Market Strategist for Western Union Business Solutions has designed and implemented risk management and trading strategies for hundreds of companies, ranging from small businesses to large corporations. As a member of the Business Solutions analytical team, Karl also provides market analysis and strategic guidance on a daily basis for thousands of international businesses. Karl is a regular contributor to a number of international treasury and finance magazines, and his market analyses and forecasts have appeared in publications as the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Reuters, CNN and CNBC.

Karl is President of the Association of Financial Professionals Canada – Calgary, and also serves on the advisory board for Risk! - AFP's newsletter on corporate risk management.

For more information on Mr. Schamotta:
http://business.westernunion.ca/about/Karl-Schamotta/
6:40 – 7:55 pm  
*The Physics of Table Tennis*

*Location:* Recreation Center  
*Presenters:* Dr. Yu-Kuang Hu, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, The University of Akron  
Dr. Robert Mallik, Professor, Department of Physics, The University of Akron

For more information on Dr. Hu:  
http://www.uakron.edu/physics/faculty-staff/bio-detail.dot?identity=1557844

For more information on Dr. Mallik:  
http://www.uakron.edu/physics/faculty-staff/bio-detail.dot?identity=1555501

8:00 – 9:00 pm  
*Table Tennis Demonstration, Coaching, and Tips*

*Location:* Recreation Center  
*Presenter:* John Drsek, The University of Akron Table Tennis Club
Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:45 – 9:00 am  **Morning Keynote: The Development of Polymer Science and Technology in China**  
**Location:** Goodyear Polymer Center Auditorium Room 229  
**Presenter:** Xinhua Wan, Director of Department of Polymer Science & Engineering, College of Chemistry & Molecular Engineering, Peking University  
Professor Wan is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Polymer Science & Engineering In the College of Chemistry & Molecular Engineering at Peking University, China’s premier university and one of the most prestigious universities in the world.  

Professor Wan earned his BA from Hefei Institute of Technology in his home province of Anhui in 1985, and his PhD in 1991 from the Department of Chemical Fiber Engineering at China Textile University in Shanghai. After a post-doctoral work at Peking University, he was appointed associate professor (1993), full professor (1997), and promoted to Changjiang Professor (2010) at the same institution. He is an associate editor of *Acta Polymerica Sinica* and serves on the editorial boards of the *Chinese Journal of Polymer Science* and *Chinese Science Bulletin*.  

Professor Wan specializes in polymer chemistry and polymer physics. He is particularly interested in the synthesis and functionalization of polymers with controlled architecture and persistent shape, such as self-assembly of rod-coil block polymers/oligomers, chirality transfer and amplification in radical polymerization and formation of hierarchical structures, liquid crystal polymers, NIR active polymers, and chiroptical switching materials. He has published four book chapters and more than 160 peer-reviewed papers in top journals like *JACS, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, *Macromolecules, Chem. Commun.*

9:15 – 10:30 am  **China Through American Eyes**  
**Location:** Student Union Ballroom C  
**Presenters:** Leanna Brown, Stephen Carr, Kyle Huskey, and Adam Schmitt, students at The University of Akron

12:15 – 1:30 pm  **Traditional Chinese Health Beliefs and Practices**  
**Location:** Student Union Ballroom C  
**Presenter:** Dr. Sheau – Huey Chiu Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, The University of Akron  
For more information on Dr. Chiu:  
http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/about-us/profile.dot?identity=912904
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1:45 – 3:00 pm  **Rethinking Confucianism and Feminism**  
*Location:* Student Union Room 335  
*Presenter:* Dr. Huey-Li Li, Professor of Education, Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, The University of Akron  
For more information on Dr. Li: programs/EFL/profile.dot?identity=1025458

2:15 – 4:30 pm  **Chinese Film – Assembly (集结号; Jí jié hào)**  
*Location:* Student Union Theater  
*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.

A Chinese Anti-War film written by Liu Heng and directed by Feng Xiaogang. Assembly is regarded as an epic and the finest film ever made in China. It stars Zhang Hanyu, Deng Chao, Yuan Wenkang, Tang Yan, Wang Baoqiang, Liao Fan, Hu Jun, Ren Quan and Li Naiwen.

The film was first released on December 20, 2007. It is among the first Mainland-produced films to portray the Chinese Civil War in a realistic style. The film is an adaptation of the novel *Guan Sì (A Legal Case)*, which is based on the real-life account of a veteran army captain upholding his company's honor. The film won the 2008 Hundred Flowers Award and the 2009 Golden Rooster Award for best film.  
For more on Henan University:  

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*Location:* Student Union Ballroom C  
*Presenters:* Pastor Todd Schreiner, Pastor of International Students, The Chapel Akron Chinese Christian Church  
*For more information on Akron Chinese Christian Church:* www.akronccc.org |
| 6:40 – 7:55 pm | **Growing Up as an Adopted Chinese-American**  
*Location:* Student Union Room 335  
*Presenter:* Samantha Sainato and Pastor Todd Schreiner, The Chapel  
*For more information on Akron Chinese Christian Church:* www.akronccc.org |
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7:00 – 8:30 am  **Geological Wonders of Henan Province**  
*Location:* Zook Hall Room 34  
*Presenter:* Dr. L. Lynn Chyi, Professor of Geology, Department of Geology and Environmental Science, The University of Akron

Henan province leads the nation in natural wonders. There are 26 world class geoparks in China as of 2012, and 4 of them are in this province. They are Funiushan, Songshan, Wangwushan-Daimeishan, and Yuntaishan geoparks. In addition, there are 138 National geoparks designated by the Ministry of Land and Resources as of 2007 and 11 of them are in this province.

Henan province is located in the southern part of North China block. Qinling fold belt affected the southwestern part of this province. The northern and eastern part of the province is covered by thick Quarternary fluvial and eolian sediments. This area has been active tectonically since Archaen, >3 billion years before present (byBP). North China block became a craton since Proterozoic (~2.0 byBP) time. The interaction between North and South China blocks created grabens, horsts, and repeated uplifts. The most recent uplifting and the ensuing erosion are the essential geological events that created these natural wonders.

Rock formations of the last 3 billion years, interrupted by unconformities, are exposed in Songshan, and Wangwushan-Daimeishan geoparks. The Redrock gorge of Yuntaishan geopark recorded a rifting and subsequent erosion event. In the Xixia graben of Funiushan geopark numerous dinosaur egg fossils are preserved. A variety of rocks, as generated by Qinling orogeny, are exposed in Baotianman, and Jingangtai national geoparks in the southern part of the province. Huanghe, or Yellow River, National geopark, in Zhengzhou area recorded the erosion and deposition history of the most important river in China. Visiting Henan and see these natural wonders is a wonderful preview of the natural wonders of China.

For more information on Dr. Chyi:  
http://www.uakron.edu/geology/faculty-staff/bio-detail.dot?identity=1558786

8:50 – 9:40 am  **Chinese Clothing: Medieval to Modern**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom B  
* Presenter:* Ms. Jana Russ, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, The University of Akron.  
For More information on Ms. Russ:  
http://janaruss.blogspot.com
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9:55 – 10:45 am  **The Trees and Shrubs of China in Ohio Landscapes**  
*Location:* Student Union Room 312  
*Presenter:* Mr. Francis Weng, Designer, Garden Designs, Tallmadge  
For more information on Francis Weng:  

11:00 – 11:50 am  **Family Poverty in the US and China**  
*Location:* Student Union room Ballroom B  
*Presenters:* Dr. Timothy McCarragher, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences and Human Services, School of Social Work, The University of Akron  
Dr. Baomei Zhao, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences and Human Services, School of Social Work, The University of Akron  
For more information:  
http://www.uakron.edu/socialwork/  
http://www.census.gov/  
http://chinadataonline.org/

12:05 – 12:55 pm  **Increasing Diversity in Engineering Academics at The University of Akron**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom C  
*Presenter:* Dr. Julie Yuhua Zhao, Director for Increasing Diversity in Engineering Academics, The University of Akron  
For more information on Dr. Zhao:  
http://www.uakron.edu/engineering/about-us/people-directory/profile.dot?identity=1092733

1:10 – 2:00 pm  **The Tale of Two Chinas: Changing Political and Legal Environment**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom B  
*Presenter:* Mr. John Tang, Esq. Managing partner Brennan, Manna and Diamond, Business law firm  
For more information on Mr. Tang:  
www.bmdllc.com
For program updates please go to the Confucius Institute website: www.uakron.edu/ci
PH: 330-972-2013

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Location: Student Union Room 312
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:

3:20 – 4:10 pm  Beyond the Tiger Mother: Chinese Mother’s Parenting Beliefs and Practices
Location: Student Union Ballroom C
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Schulze, Professor, School of Family and Consumer Science, Center for Family Studies, Child Development, The University of Akron
For More information on Dr. Schulze:
http://www3.uakron.edu/schulze/

5:10 – 6:25 pm  Chinese Poetry Slam Accompanied by Traditional Chinese Musical Performances
Location: Student Union Ballroom C
Presenter: Ms. Kang Li, Visiting Instructor, International School for Chinese Language and Culture, Henan University, Confucius Institute, The University of Akron
For more information on Ms. Li:
http://www.uakron.edu/ci/about.dot
Thursday, October 11, 2012

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9:15 -10:30 am  **Citizen Diplomacy in Action – Akron International Friendship and Confucius Institute**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom B  
*Presenters:* Ms. Michelle Wilson, Director, Akron International Friendship  
Dr. Yang Lin, Professor, School of Communications, The University of Akron  
For more information on AIF: http://www.akroninternational.org/  
For more information on Confucius Institute: www.uakron.edu/ci

10:45 – 12:00 pm  **Appreciation of Chinese Classical Dance**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom C  
*Presenter:* Dr. Mei Yang, Beijing Sport University and The University of Akron  
Chinese classical dance originated in ancient China, and has a long and profound history. The combination of martial arts, movement and modeling in Chinese classical dance drama, with particular focus on the role of the performer’s eyes, emphasizing breathing, and the rich sense of rhythm and style, combined with hardness and softness of a unique Oriental esthetic sentiment and value.

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*Location:* Student Union Ballroom B  
*Presenter:* Shifu Gary Harris, Owner and head Instructor of the Center for Body-Mind Harmony, Tallmadge  
For more information of the center: www.bodymindharmony.com
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1:45 – 3:00 pm  

**China and the Business World**  
*Location:* College of Business Administration Room 120  
*Presenters:* Dr. Michael Sheng, Professor, Department of History, The University of Akron  
Dr. Gang Zhao, Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Akron  
Dr. Walter Hixson, Distinguished Professor, Department of History, The University of Akron  
For more information on Dr. Sheng, Dr. Zhao and Dr. Hixson:  
http://www.uakron.edu/history/faculty-staff/full-time-faculty.dot

3:15 – 4:30 pm  

**Chinese Government Retreating on Privatization**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom C  
*Presenter:* Ms. Kim Kirkendall, President, China Resource Network  
For more information on Ms. Kirkendall:  
http://www.chinaresourcenetwork.com/

5:10 – 6:25 pm  

**China and America in the 21st Century: Competitors, Rivals or Adversaries?**  
*Location:* Student Union Ballroom C  
*Presenter:* Dr. Walter Hixson, Distinguished Professor, Department of History, The University of Akron  
For information on Dr. Hixson:  
http://www.uakron.edu/history/faculty-staff/bio-detail.dot?identity=1656928
Friday, October 12, 2012

6:30 – 8:00 pm  **Traditional Chinese Dumpling Party**  
*Location:* The Chapel, 135 Fir Hill, Akron  
*Hosted By:* The Confucius Institute, The Chinese Student Scholar Student Association (CSSA), Akron Chinese Christian Church and The Chapel  
7:30 pm  
**Evening Keynote: Reflections on Sino US Relations in a Presidential Election Year**
*Location: E J Thomas Hall*
For ticket information call E J Thomas Ticket Office 330-972-7570

**Presenter:** Mr. Jon Huntsman, Presidential Candidate, Governor of Utah, Ambassador to China

**Jon Huntsman** was a candidate for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination until he finished third in the New Hampshire primary and endorsed Mitt Romney.

**Jon Huntsman** most recently served as President Obama’s Ambassador to China from August 2009 through January 2011.

**Jon Huntsman** served in the administrations of four US presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush and Barak Obama, was elected the Governor of Utah in November 2004 and won re-election in 2008 with nearly 78% of the vote, and was the CEO of Huntsman Corporation, a global chemical company founded by his billionaire father that employees about 12,000.

**Jon Huntsman** was born on March 26, 1960. He earned his GED after dropping out of high school to play keyboard in a band called Wizard, spent two years as a Mormon missionary in Taiwan, and earned a BA in International Politics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987.

**For ticket information call E J Thomas Ticket Office 330-972-7570**