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Chinese Conference at Bucknell

BY, GRACE HSER HTI '10

I remember during my second course with Professor Zhu last year, he told the class that he was planning to host a conference about China. Since then I was excited and curious about how this conference will turn out.

On October 1st and 2nd Bucknell hosted international China conference organized by Professor Zhiqun Zhu from International Relation and Political Science Department and the Chair of MacArthur in East Asia politics. It was a very well organized event in which many experts from inside and outside the country ranging from Bloomsburg University to Fudan University, China, had participated. The conference was targeted to review the relationship between the United States and China, its domestic struggles, and the future it will lead while celebrating the 60th birthday of the People's Republic of China. The conference covered the very important and complex issues of environmental, political, economic

and human rights.

China has been facing certain issues because of its rising power in the world and its violation of human rights. Yet, the experts on US-China relations argue that China is influential but will never exceed the US power. One of the panelists stated that the US-China relationship is the most successful relationship in the US foreign affairs regardless of the human rights that China has violated.



Apart from the political implications, China's growing economy helps it increase its power

and leading the rest of the world to understand that economic interdependent is inevitable and very important in this century. The challenges that China has faced are very critical. However, the image of China that Bucknell received during the conference is very positive. Personally, this conference challenges me to think beyond what I had

perceived previously.

The farewell dinner of the International China Conference at Bucknell took place at the Terrace Room on Friday, October 2nd. The conference organizer, Professor Zhu Zhiqun from Political Science Department, worked hard with student organization Chinese Cultural Association (CCA) to make the event possible. Formerly restricted to conference attendees, the dinner opened up to the campus and provided students with valuable opportunities to meet with the guest speakers and socialize with fac-

ulty members. The theme of the night was to celebrate both the 60th anniversary of China (Thursday, October 1st) and the annual moon festival (Saturday, October 3rd). As a part of the special arrangement of the night, CCA sponsored 100 moon-cakes as the dinner desserts to give the guest some "real taste" of the Festival. The moon-cakes are round shaped pastries eaten over the Moon Festival season every year in China; popular types of fillings include lotus seed paste and red bean paste.

The president of CCA gave an end-of-dinner speech to

comment on the success of the conference and to express gratitude to the guest speakers, and the cultural presentation of the Moon Festival by students. The speech was followed by a Chinese traditional water-sleeve dance, a cappella performed by American students in the Chinese language class, and finally a Chinese umbrella dance featuring a martial arts demonstration. The performances received an enthusiastic reception from the audience.

(Li Wan '10 Contributed to this article)

Farewell Lori!

International Student Services and Multicultural Student Services wish the best of everything to Lori Benner, the Office Assistant, who has moved on to a position in Psychological Services.

Lori worked in both offices for 8 years as the first point of contact for the offices when they were located in the Langone Center and then through the move to the Cultural Center in Vedder. She is a favorite among students, who will miss her presence in the office very much.

"What I will miss the most about Lori is her cheerful disposition. I think I speak for all of us when I say that I greatly appreciate all her help. I wish

her all the best for the future," said Malika Subramanian '11.

"Lori is a special person on campus that I have always found her very comfortable to talk to. She is very understand-

summer was truly a blessing. We all faced some difficult times these past few months, but she had such an uplifting strength and spirit through it all. I'm thankful that I got to know the kind, patient, and selfless person that she is, and I will really miss seeing her around the office," said Maika Pineda '11

"Lori has always been the heart of the Multicultural Student Services. She made going to work a lot fun and an enjoyable experience. I remember Lori was one of the first person I met at Bucknell and I am going to miss her a lot," said Diego Chiri '11.

ing and have always been a great support for me since I got to know her. I wish her the best," said Tisorn Songsermsawas '10. "Having Lori around while I was working for ISS this



Join us in this series of programs including an academic symposium that will be held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Programs include a rap performance, a keynote address, and a panel discussion. The symposium will feature emerging scholarship on race, gender, class, media, and popular culture.

In Media Res

our spin on being

"in the middle of things"

Featuring:

MARTHA DIAZ

IMANI PERRY



is an educator and filmmaker, a visionary with a decade of media production experience. Martha created what is now the H2O Film Festival, in order to encourage intelligent and creative Hip Hop films. She has a B.A. from Dickinson University.



attended Yale College where she earned her B.A. and Ph.D. Her work is influenced by race in law and culture and the production of blackness on aesthetic and political levels, in both abstract and explicit fashion. She is currently a professor at Rutgers Law



SUHEIR HAMMAD

is a Palestinian-American poet, author and political activist. She is well known for performing Def Poetry Jam. She has been selected as a winner of the 30th annual Before Columbus Foundation American Books Awards for 2009.

GBENGA AKINNAGBE

is a Bucknell Alum and a television actor. He graduated in 2000 with a double major in Political Science and English. He is now the star of HBO's "The Wire". He has appeared in the films "The Savages" and "The taking of Pelham 123".



APRIL SILVER

is a social entrepreneur, activist, writer, and editor of the critically acclaimed anthology Be A Father to Your Child: Real Talk From Black Men on Family, Love, and Fatherhood. Silver graduated from Howard University where she emerged as a respected activist.



with the special presentation of the group **DUJEOUS**

"In Medias Res" is loosely defined/translated as: "in the middle of things or affairs." It is a literary term used to describe the technique that authors and poets use to pull readers into the narrative by beginning the story in the midst of narrative arc. We invite the entire Bucknell University to join these conversations.

**NOVEMBER
13th & 14th, 2009**

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From Cultural Center Staff....

Please keep the Vedder Cultural Lounge in mind for a unique place to hold your weekly office staff meetings, club meetings, or just a quiet place to study. In order to reserve the space, you may contact the RICS office to schedule your meeting or luncheon. You can also reserve it by logging in to mybucknell, click on Schedule an Event and fill out the form. If the space is available, we'd love to have you join the many organizations that have already made use of our wonderful lounge.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. The theme for International Education 2009 is “Creating a Vision for a Better Future”.

Join Bucknell University as we celebrate International Education Week 2009, November 16 – 23 with the following activities:



DATE	ACTIVITY
November 13-14	Academic Symposium– pre IEW to kickoff week’s activities
Monday, November 16 12:00 -1:00 pm.	Kick off Reception Photo contest featuring international and US students’ experiences studying abroad. Provost Dr. Mick Smyer will give the opening remarks.
Vedder Lounge November 16 - 20	International Education exhibits at Bucknell University Library and Bookstore
Tuesday, November 17 5:00 – 6:00 pm.	Information Session on “Financing Study Abroad” Representatives of Financial Aid and Office of International Education will explain and explore varied ways of financing your education abroad.
RCHM116 Rooke Lecture Hall Wednesday, November 18 12:00 -1:00 pm.	Faculty Panel Discussion - “What Does International Education Mean to Me?” A panel of Bucknell University faculty will reflect on how the concept and practice of international education impact their learning, teaching and research.
Walls Lounge Thursday, November 19 5:00 – 6:00 pm.	Student Panel Discussion A panel of international & American students will reflect on their experiences studying abroad
LC Center Room Friday November 20 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Bucknell’s Vision for a Better Future Exhibition /information session on various Bucknell University programs with a global focus.
Terrace Room November 23 7:00 – 9:00 pm.	International Education and the Professions A panel of practicing professionals will reflect on the impact of international education on their professional growth and practice. Panelists will address how you too can leverage the tremendous benefits of international education in your future profession. Panelists: Dr. Robert Hanlon, Engineer with Dow Chemical Dr. John Fernsler, BU Pre-law Advisor and former Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Dr. Don Stechschulte, Director of Student Health Services, BU

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