

# NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES-CHINA RELATIONS

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## **Timeline of Outreach Projects Funded by the Public Intellectuals Program**

### **Dr. Hong Yang, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S.-China Relations February 6, 2009, Providence, Rhode Island**

*Public event commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of U.S.-China relations*

210 people participated in events in Providence, Rhode Island to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of U.S.-China relations. The events, which attracted significant local media attention, featured a key-note address by Ambassador Wu Jianmin.

### **Dr. Kristin Stapleton, Presentations on the Cultural Revolution at Local Schools March 7-11, 2009, Western New York (see also Dr. Stapleton's April 9-10 events)**

*Ji-li Jiang, author of the award-winning memoir Red Scarf Girl and The Magical Monkey King: Mischievous in Heaven made 11 presentations on the Cultural Revolution.*

Ms. Jiang's 11 presentations reached an audience of more than 1,400 middle and high school students in Western New York. The presentations were very well-received by the students and teachers who attended her presentations.

Press for Ms. Jiang's presentations included an interview on the local public radio station and an article in a popular local online news source.

### **Dr. Kate Kaup, China's Global Rise: International Relations in an Era of Change April 7-8, 2009, Greenville, South Carolina**

*A two-day program of lectures and panel discussions on U.S.-China relations*

Dr. Kaup organized a two-day public conference at The Riley Institute at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. The conference featured keynote addresses by Minister Xie Feng, deputy chief of mission at the Chinese Embassy and Stapleton Roy, United States ambassador to the People's Republic of China (1991-1995) in addition to panel discussions led by well-known scholars from China and the United States.

Dr. Kaup also wrote an op-ed in her local paper about the conference and did an interview for a South Carolina radio station. In addition to the public events, two of the scholars participating in the conference attended a brown bag discussion for Furman students on think tanks and intellectuals in China. Hank Levine, another of the speakers, met with students for breakfast to discuss careers in the foreign service and the China field and gave a lecture to a Chinese Economics class. Students also had the chance to

have lunch with conference participants in three separate small groups. The Mayor of Greenville hosted a welcome reception at City Hall when the participants first arrived.

**Dr. Kristin Stapleton, Autism in the People's Republic of China**  
(see also Dr. Stapleton's March 7-11 events)  
**April 9-10, 2009, Buffalo, New York**

*Presentations and discussions about autism in the Buffalo area for relevant audiences*

Dr. Stapleton arranged for PIP I fellow Helen McCabe to give a presentation on autism in China to families with autistic children at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Dr. McCabe talked about the history of diagnosis and treatment of autism in China as well as the challenges families and schools face in dealing appropriately with autistic children. Dr. McCabe also gave presentations to relevant classes at the University of Buffalo.

Advertisements for the event appeared in local newspapers and an interview with Dr. McCabe was aired on the local public radio station.

**Susan Whiting, The Environmental Movement in China**  
**May 21, 2009, Seattle, Washington**

*A workshop for secondary teachers on the environment and China*

30 secondary school instructors, who teach World History, Contemporary World Problems, History of the Pacific Northwest, U.S. History, and Pacific Rim Studies attended a workshop on the environment and China. The program began with a lecture from Professor Stevan Harrell on the environmental movement in China and concluded with the 2009 Severens-Ravenholt Lecture given by Ms. Zhang Jingjing, litigation director at the Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims in Beijing. All participants received 37-pages of "classroom based assessment" materials currently required by the State of Washington.

**Yu Zhou, Teacher Training**  
**July 9, 2009, Dutchess County, New York**

*Professional development opportunity for secondary teachers*

Professor Zhou collaborated with the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services to provide a half-day professional development opportunity with the goal of assisting secondary school instructors to teach more effectively about China. The workshop focused on historical and contemporary issues as well as an examination of portrayals of China in the media.

**Peter Lorentzen, Domestic Challenges to China's "Peaceful Development"**  
**September 30, 2009, Berkeley, California**

*A public panel discussion*

China's image in the news media tends to take one of two extremes: either an unstoppably rising economic superpower or a fragile undemocratic regime buffeted by unrest. Protests from people affected by environmental problems, farmers and urbanites displaced from their land and homes, and unemployed workers have been augmented by the recent rioting in western China and similar events in Lhasa last year. This panel discussion, attended by about 60 people, brought together four specialists in different aspects of China to discuss the nature and importance of these issues and how the Chinese government is coping with these challenges. The panel presentations were followed by a 40-minute discussion session. PIP fellows Kate Kaup, Alex Wang, Tim Weston, and Peter Lorentzen spoke on the panel.