A three-day conference designed to help Chinese graduate students understand the complex forces that influence & shape American foreign policy

May 28 - 30, 2014
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Day 1
- Opening night program & keynote address
- Networking reception with fellow FPC participants, speakers, and special guests

Day 2
- Introduction & overview of the program
- Ideals & interests in U.S. foreign policy
- Making of U.S. foreign policy
- Marketplace of ideas
- Role of the media in U.S. foreign policy
- Off-site visits & briefings

Day 3
- Discussion with a senior U.S. government official
- Questions of liberty & security
- U.S. foreign policy round-up
- Site visit reports
- The future of U.S.-China relations

The above reflects programs from previous sessions of the FPC. Our 2014 schedule will be confirmed by late April and may include different sessions.

A sampling of past speakers
Our speakers hail from diverse backgrounds and include current and former Administration officials and members of Congress, as well as representatives from academia, the military, think tanks, media, business, and lobbying groups, among others. Below is a sampling:

Jeffrey A. Bader (2011 keynote Speaker)
John C. Whitehead Senior Fellow in International Diplomacy, The Brookings Institution; Former Senior Director for East Asian Affairs on the National Security Council

David Brooks

Zbigniew Brzezinski (2012 Keynote Speaker)
Counselor and Trustee, Center for Strategic & International Studies; Former National Security Adviser to President Jimmy Carter

Elaine L. Chao (2013, 2007 Keynote Speaker)
24th U.S. Secretary of Labor; First Asian-American woman appointed to the U.S. Cabinet

Erin Ennis
Vice President, US-China Business Council

Carla Hills
Chair, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations; Chairman & CEO, Hills & Company International Consultants; former U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Kin Moy
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Joseph Prueher
Former U.S. Ambassador to China; Former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command

James R. Sasser (2005 keynote Speaker)
International Advisory Council member, APCO Worldwide; Former Ambassador to China; Former Senator (D-TN)

Strobe Talbott (2010 keynote Speaker)
President, The Brookings Institution; Former Deputy Secretary of State
A highlight of the FPC is dividing into small groups for off-site briefings at organizations involved in foreign policy. The sites range from American government agencies to think tanks, from media to non-profit organizations. At each site visit, participants meet with hosts who provide an inside look at the role their organizations play in informing, developing, and/or implementing policy.

Following the visit, participants work with their fellow group members to create and present site visit reports to the Colloquium.

Left: 2012 FPC participants pose for a group photo in front of the U.S. Treasury Department.

A sampling of past site visits & site hosts

Below are examples of some of the 13 different site visits from past years’ Colloquiums. Our 2014 schedule will be confirmed in May and may include these and several others. Once confirmed, FPC participants choose the top three sites of most interest and are assigned to one of the three.

U.S. Department of State, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs
Aubrey Carlson, Director, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs,
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
Eric Altbach, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, China Affairs

U.S. Treasury Department
Brendan Kelly, Policy Advisor, Office of the U.S.-China Strategic & Economic Dialogue
Anna Jewell, International Economist, East Asia Office

Human Rights Watch
Sophie Richardson, Advocacy Director, Asia Division

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Douglas Paal, Vice President for Studies

Center for Strategic & International Studies
Christopher K. Johnson, Senior Adviser & Freeman Chair in China Studies

Voice of America
Ms. Sasha Gong, China Branch Chief
“A wonderful opportunity to broaden my horizons and learn from experts… I think it is not just the talks we attended and what we learned, but the people we met and came to know during the program that will benefit us in the long term.”

– Hao Dang 党皓, Columbia University

“Participating in the U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium was an invaluable experience for an international relations wonk such as myself. I felt privileged to be able to engage in intellectual conversations on United States foreign policy in general and U.S.-China relations in particular with high-profile scholars and policy-makers whose works I had read sedulously and discussed with my mentors and peers in college.”

– Shiran Shen 沈诗然, Swarthmore College

Program logistics

General information
Each year, we accept 125 to 150 Chinese graduate students from various academic disciplines. All academic disciplines are welcome. Past participants include those with backgrounds in business, international affairs, engineering, law, computer science, journalism, history, accounting, and education, among many other fields.

The annual U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium takes place in Washington, D.C. The dates this year are Wednesday, May 28, 2014 through Friday, May 30, 2014. All participants stay in dormitory housing on the George Washington University (GWU) campus free of charge for the three nights of our program. Check-out from the GWU dorm is Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Qualifications
- Must be a PRC graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited university in the United States
- Strong spoken English ability required, as all presentations are in English
- First-time program participants only

Deadlines
- Early application: April 14, 2014 ($100 application fee)*
- Regular application: April 30, 2014 ($150 application fee)*

Cost
- Meals and lodging provided by the National Committee on United States - China Relations
- All other costs, i.e. travel and miscellaneous expenses, to be covered by participant
- Partial travel reimbursements available and distributed on a rolling basis until funds run out**
- Registration fee paid with application – fee varies by date of application submission, as indicated above

* If applicant is not accepted, the application fee will be returned.
** Only participants whose travel costs exceed $200 USD are eligible for a partial travel reimbursement. Eligibility and partial reimbursement amounts are based on mode of travel and applicant’s proximity to Washington, D.C. Priority consideration for partial travel reimbursements given to early applicants and those who book their travel early.
Application process

You can apply easily through our online application system. Note: no applications will be accepted via email.

What you will need

- Personal statement. In approximately 200-300 words, describe your motivations for applying to the FPC and what you hope to gain from this experience.

- TOEFL or IELTS score. All presentations are in English, so fluency in English is required.

- Passport information. Many off site locations’ security measures require passport numbers. Upon completion of the FPC, this information will be destroyed.

Ready to apply?
Access the application: http://www.ncuscr.org/fpc

Questions about the application process?
Email us at fpc@ncuscr.org

Program & recruiting calendar

February 20 Applications open
April 14 Early applications due
April 30 Final applications due
Late-April Site visit selection
Mid-May Site visit confirmed
May 28-30 U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium
May 31 Check out of GWU dorms

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Our historic firsts

Since the Committee’s founding, we have embarked on many historic firsts in the Sino-American relationship, creating opportunities for informed discussion and reasoned debate. Below are a few highlights of our early years:

- April 1972. We hosted the Chinese Table Tennis Team, the first visit to the United States of a delegation from the People’s Republic of China, and round two of what became widely known as Ping Pong Diplomacy.

- December 1972. We co-hosted with New York’s City Center of Music and Drama the first performing arts exchange between the United States and the People’s Republic of China, arranging a four-week, four-city tour for the Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe.

- May 1973. With the cooperation of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, we brought the first delegation of journalists from the People’s Republic of China to the United States, introducing them to their professional counterparts and providing a window into American life.

- July 1976. We organized the first Congressional staff member delegation to the People’s Republic. In recent years, we have continued these Congressional staff trips and also send members of Congress to China.

- September 1984. We organized the first Track II dialogue between Chinese and Americans; that program ran for almost twenty years. Today the Committee runs several Track II programs in various areas, among them security, economics, energy, and human rights.