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Craig B. ALLEN 克雷格·艾伦

Senior Counselor, The Cohen Group

Ambassador Craig Allen joined The Cohen Group in 2025 after serving 2018-2024 as the President of the U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC), a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing over 200 American companies doing business in China. Prior to joining USCBC, Ambassador Allen had a long, distinguished career in US public service. He began his government career in 1985 at the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) as a Presidential Management Intern. From 1986 to 1988, he was an international economist in ITA's China Office. In 1988, Craig transferred to the American Institute in Taiwan, where he served as Director of the American Trade Center in Taipei. He held this position until 1992, when he returned to the Department of Commerce for a three-year posting at the US Embassy in Beijing as Commercial Attaché.

In 1995, Craig was assigned to the US Embassy in Tokyo, where he served as a Commercial Attaché. In 1998, he was promoted to Deputy Senior Commercial Officer. In 1999, Craig became a member of the Senior Foreign Service. From 2000, Craig served a two-year tour at the National Center for APEC in Seattle. While there, he worked on the APEC Summits in Brunei, China, and Mexico. In 2002, it was back to Beijing, where Craig served as the Senior Commercial Officer. In Beijing, Craig was promoted to the Minister Counselor rank of the Senior Foreign Service. After a four-year tour in South Africa, Craig became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia at the US Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. He later became Deputy Assistant Secretary for China. Craig was sworn in as the United States ambassador to Brunei Darussalam on December 19, 2014, and served there until July 2018.

Craig received a bachelor's degree in political science and Asian Studies from the University of Michigan. He also holds a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



Jesse APPELL 艾杰西

Founder, Jesse's Teahouse

Jesse Appell is a bilingual comedian, creator and entrepreneur with over 3 million followers on platforms around the world. A disciple of master *xiangsheng* performer Ding Guangquan, he performs Chinese and English comedy online and live around the world. He is also the founder of Jesse's Teahouse, an online tea shop with some of the best tea you can buy outside of China, and one of the top tea influencers in the West.



Nicholas BORST 白乐明

Vice President and Director of China Research, Seafarer Capital Partners

Nicholas Borst is vice president and director of China research at Seafarer Capital Partners. Prior to joining Seafarer, Nicholas was a senior analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco covering financial and economic developments in Greater China. Previously, he was the China program manager and a research associate at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Nicholas has also worked as an analyst at the World Bank.

Nicholas' research and commentary has been featured in *the Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *Bloomberg*, and *The Wire China*.

Nicholas was a 2021-2023 Public Intellectuals Program Fellow at the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and has testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on multiple occasions.

He is the author of *The Bird and the Cage: China's Economic Contradictions* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).

Nicholas holds a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from the University of Arizona and a Master's degree in International Relations and Economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Institute.



Claire CONCEISON 康开丽

Quanta Professor of Chinese Culture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Claire Conceison is the Quanta Professor of Chinese Culture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a scholar, translator, and director. Her areas of research and teaching include contemporary Chinese theater, cross-cultural exchange and performance, Asian American theater, play translation, and sport as performance. She serves as faculty advisor of Wuming Theater Club, a student group that stages productions in Chinese.

She is author of *Significant Other: Staging the American in China* (2004), co-author of *Voices Carry: Behind Bars and Backstage*

During China's Revolution and Reform (2009), the autobiography of late Chinese actor and vice minister of culture Ying Ruocheng (Chinese version 水流云在：英若诚自传), and editor of *I Love XXX and Other Plays by Meng Jinghui* (2017), a collection of representative works by China's leading theater director. Her translations of Meng's productions also include his adaptations of Lao She's *Teahouse* for the Avignon Festival (2019) and Yu Hua's *The Seventh Day* for the Wuzhen Theatre Festival (2022), and the 1999 play *Rhinoceros in Love* by Liao Yimei for the BBC (2014).

Her current project is the forthcoming collection *The French Plays of Gao Xingjian*, with an

introduction and English translations of five plays written in French by 2000 Nobel laureate Gao Xingjian. She wrote the introduction and commentary for the recent student edition of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* (2022). She also wrote the introduction to '*Death of a Salesman*' in *Beijing* (the 2015 edition of Miller's 1984 book '*Salesman*' in *Beijing*) and contributed the chapter "Miller in China" to the volume *Arthur Miller for the Twenty-first Century* (2020).

She previously presented at China and the United States: A Bi-National Forum on Cultural Relations (2010), co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Chinese Ministry of Culture.



Robert DALY 戴博

Former Director, Kissinger Institute, Wilson Center

Robert Daly directed the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars from 2013 to 2025. Prior to that, he directed the University of Maryland China Initiative (2007-2013) and served as American Director and Dean of Faculty of the Hopkins - Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies (2001-2007). He began work in U.S.-China relations as a diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing in the late 80s. After leaving the Foreign Service, he taught Chinese at Cornell, worked on television and theater projects in China, and helped produce a Chinese-language version of *Sesame Street*. He is a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and the American Mandarin Society, a member of the Task Force on U.S.

China Policy, and leads numerous international dialogues and research projects. His analysis is featured regularly on NPR, C-Span, CNN, BBC, ANA, and the Voice of America. He has lived in China for 12 years and has interpreted for Chinese leaders, including Jiang Zemin, and U.S. leaders, including President Carter and Henry Kissinger. He holds a BA in English from Syracuse University and a master's in international public policy from Johns Hopkins SAIS.



Clayton DUBE 杜克雷

US-China Institute Director Emeritus, University of Southern California

Clayton Dube headed the USC U.S.-China Institute from its founding in 2006 to 2024. He is now director emeritus and a senior fellow at the institute.

Dube previously managed UCLA's Asia Institute, a U.S. Department of Education designated National Resource Center. He also headed the Asian studies teacher training program and oversaw a variety of instructional, research, and outreach initiatives. Among the projects he directed there were two student-driven web publications, AsiaMedia and Asia Pacific Arts, each of which had more than one million readers annually. At USC he created another successful student-centered publication, US-China Today and wrote the popular Talking Points newsletter for more than a decade. Dube has produced documentary films and consulted on others. He headed the team creating the twelve-part Assignment: China documentary series on American media coverage of China since the 1940s.



Clay was trained as a historian. He's received teaching awards at three universities. His research focuses on how economic and political change in China since 1900 affected the lives of people in small towns, on how Americans and Chinese see each other, and how governments work to influence those views. He's written teaching guides on Chinese history, many reviews, and served as associate editor for *Modern China*, an academic quarterly. Clay received the 2012 Perryman Fund Social Studies Educator of the Year award. He's a director of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia and is member of the Education about Asia editorial board. Since 2012, he's moderated Chinapol, a large private discussion list for China specialists in academia, media, government, and research units.



Mary GALLAGHER 高敏

**Marilyn Keough Dean, Keough School of Global Affairs,
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Mary E. Gallagher is the Marilyn Keough Dean of the Keough School of Global Affairs. She is also a non-resident senior fellow at the John L. Thornton China Center at the Brookings Institution. She served previously as the Amy and Alan Lowenstein Chair in Democracy, Democratization and Human Rights and director of the International Institute at the University of Michigan. Mary earned a bachelor's degree in Government and East Asian studies from Smith College and a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University. Her international experience includes teaching at the Foreign Affair

College in Beijing and visiting professorships at East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai and at the KoGuan School of Law at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The author or editor of five books, her expertise is in Chinese domestic politics, political economy, and industrial relations. She is a board member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Mary has consulted for the World Bank, the U.S. State Department and Department of Labor, and many other NGOs and international organizations.



Ming HsIEH 谢明

Chairman & CEO, Fulgent Genetics

Chairman and CEO of Fulgent Genetics, Ming Hsieh started its predecessor company, Fulgent Therapeutics LLC. Upon Fulgent Genetics' May 2016 incorporation, he became its director and CEO, adding the title of chairman four months later. He also served as Fulgent's president until May 2022. Prior to founding Fulgent, Mr. Hsieh served as CEO, president, and board chair of Cogent, Inc., a biometric identification services and products company he co-founded in 1990 that was acquired by 3M in 2010.

Mr. Hsieh currently serves on the board of directors of Fortinet, Inc., a network security company traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Hsieh has served as a trustee at the University of Southern California since 2007 and at Fudan University in China since 2011. In 2015, Mr. Hsieh was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and, in 2017, to the National Academy of Inventors.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees, both in electrical engineering, from the

University of Southern California in 1983 and 1984, respectively, as well as honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California in 2010 and the University of West Virginia in 2011.



Stephen A. ORLINS 欧伦斯

President, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Stephen Orlins has been president of the National Committee since May 2005. He previously served as managing director of Carlyle Asia and chairman of the board of Taiwan Broadband Communications, one of Taiwan's largest cable and high-speed internet providers. Before that he was a senior advisor to New York-based leveraged buyout firm AEA Investors, with responsibility for its business activities throughout Asia; managing director of investment banking firm Lehman Brothers; and president of Lehman Brothers Asia, supervising offices in Hong Kong, Korea, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Manila, and Singapore. Earlier in his career, he practiced law with

Coudert Brothers and Paul Weiss in New York, Hong Kong, and Beijing. From 1976 to 1979, Mr. Orlins served in the State Department's Office of the Legal Advisor of the United States, first for Political-Military Affairs and then for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, serving as a member of the legal team that helped establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Orlins is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard College and earned his law degree at Harvard Law School. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



Samm SACKS 谭珊珊

Research Scholar in Law & Senior Fellow, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School; Senior Fellow, New America

Samm Sacks is a Research Scholar in Law and Senior Fellow at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center. She is concurrently a senior fellow at New America. Her research focuses on global technology policy with a focus on data governance and U.S.-China relations. Previously, Sacks launched the industrial cybersecurity business for Siemens in China, Japan, and South Korea. Prior to this, she led China technology sector analysis at the consultancy Eurasia Group and worked as an analyst with Booz Allen Hamilton. She has testified multiple times before U.S. Congress and her publications have appeared in outlets including *Foreign Affairs*, Bloomberg,

and *MIT Tech Review*. She has lived in and traveled to China extensively over the last twenty five years, including speaking at the World AI Conference (WAIC) in Shanghai in 2025, and frequently participates in track two dialogues and exchanges with Chinese scholars on AI and data.



Abigail WASHBURN 王爱平

Musician

Abigail Washburn is a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and clawhammer banjo player based in Nashville, TN. Her musical projects range from the woman-powered string band Uncle Earl, to her bilingual English-Mandarin releases *Song of the Traveling Daughter* and *City of Refuge*, to the mind-bending “chamber roots” sound of the Sparrow Quartet, and to her banjo-zither collaboration with guzheng virtuoso Wu Fei, which blends traditional folk tunes from the U.S. and China. Abigail has written and released several albums as a duo with her husband, Béla Fleck, the first of which won a 2016 Grammy for Best Folk Album. In 2013, Washburn was commissioned by New York Voices and the Public Theater to write and debut a theatrical work, *Post-American Girl*, which drew from her then-17-year relationship with China and addressed themes of expanding identity, cultural relativism, pilgrimage, and the universal appeal of music. Abigail is a DisTIL Fellow at UNC-Chapel Hill and the first US-China Fellow at Vanderbilt University. Her efforts to share American music in China and Chinese music in the U.S. reflect her hope that cultural understanding and the communal experience of beauty and sound rooted in tradition will lead the way to a richer existence. Abigail is also a mother of two and spends her time in Nashville caring for her sons and supporting her local community.



Kevin XU 徐凯文

Founder, Interconnected Capital

Kevin Xu writes the *Interconnected* newsletter on the venn diagrams of tech, business, and geopolitics, and is the founder of Interconnected Capital, a global technology hedge fund. His insight has been frequently cited in *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, Bloomberg, and the *Financial Times*. He previously worked as a senior executive at GitHub and served in the White House and Commerce Department during the Obama administration.



Fan YANG 杨帆

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Dr. Fan Yang is Director of Asian Studies and Professor of Media and Communication Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where she is affiliated with the Ph.D. program in Language, Literacy, and Culture. She is the author of *Disorienting Politics: Chimerican Media and Transpacific Entanglements* (University of Michigan Press, 2024) and *Faked in China: Nation Branding, Counterfeit Culture, and Globalization* (Indiana University Press, 2016). An interdisciplinary scholar, Fan works at the intersection of cultural studies, transnational media studies, globalization, urban communication, and contemporary China.

Her new project examines the socio-cultural roles played by drones, robots, and electric vehicles in shaping the urban environment in Shenzhen, China's first Special Economic Zone and a site that straddles globalizations from "above" and "below."

Fan's scholarship on science and technology, global media, and Chinese cultural studies and urbanism has appeared in journals such as *Made in China*, *China Perspectives*, *positions: asia critique*, *Theory, Culture & Society*, *New Media & Society*, *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, *Cultural Studies*, *Environmental Humanities*, *City, Culture & Society*, *Verge: Studies in Global Asias*, *Journal of Asian American Studies*, *Quarterly Review of Film and Video*, among others. She is currently editing a volume *Envisioning Global China through "One Belt One Road": Infrastructure, Representation, and Imagination*, under advance contract with Michigan State University Press to be part of the "U.S.-China Relations in the Age of Globalization" book series.

Fan has also accepted invitations to contribute a chapter on Chinese cuisine in the digital era to the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Food Studies* and to teach a course on "Food, Media, and Global China" at the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Pollenzo, Italy. A Hangzhou native, she is also interested in studying the local and global conditions that gave rise to DeepSeek in the future.

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Xiaowen HAN 韩晓雯

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Xiaowen Han joined the National Committee in 2023. She leads the Committee's flagship public education program, CHINA Town Hall, and runs the U.S.-China Strategic Security Track-II Dialogue, INDOPACOM Briefings, and the U.S.-China People's Dialogue, among other ad hoc and public programs.

In 2022, Xiaowen was a key member of Labor Solutions, a social enterprise headquartered in Singapore, serving over 1.5 million workers globally. Her work leveraged technology to drive sustainable change in the supply chain. Prior to this, Xiaowen spent over 3 years of her career at the United Nations Headquarters, where she continued raising awareness and educating the public about peace and security, development, human rights, and international matters. She also provided critical support in multiple youth engagement initiatives by the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth including Young Leaders for SDGs, Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change, and more. Before her time at the UN, Xiaowen had extensive experience working in different educational organizations, such as The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, NYU, TAL, and the New York Public Library where she was responsible for educational programs for diverse groups of learners.

Xiaowen is a Schwarzman Scholar with an MMS in Global Affairs from Tsinghua University. She also holds an MA in International Educational Development from Columbia University and a BA in International Studies from the University of International Business and Economics.



Jonathan Lowet 陆杰扬

Deputy Vice President of Programs, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Jonathan Lowet joined the National Committee in 2004, rising to become its deputy vice president of programs in 2019. During his over 20-year tenure, he has focused on rebuilding its Congressional and subnational government engagement efforts, including leading Congressional staff delegations to China and programming a variety of Capitol Hill briefings; boosting its next-generation leadership programs, including its “40-Under-40”-style Young Leaders Forum; launching its weekly China & the Hill newsletter, and more.

From 2016 to 2022, Jon also served as a trustee for the Yale-China Association, a 120-year-old U.S. nonprofit organization that bridges American and Chinese cultures by creating lasting, transformative partnerships and experiences in education, health, and the arts. It was Yale-China that first sent him to Beijing and Wuhan to teach in 1988-90, launching his China career.

Before joining the National Committee, Jon worked in new media and communications, with experience both at major media companies and media start-ups, and as a healthcare management research consultant. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Yale University and an international affairs master's degree, focused on China and international communications, from Columbia University.



Zachary Zublionis 扎卡里·祖布里奥尼斯

Program Operations Manager, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Zachary Zublionis joined the National Committee in 2021. Zach works closely with the program operations director to ensure effective program implementation for key initiatives. Prior to joining the Committee, he worked as an associate for the Wildlife Conservation Society coordinating departmental operations and providing technical support.

Fueled by a passion for international affairs and world history, Zach graduated magna cum laude from Stony Brook University in 2020 with a B.A. in political science, specializing in international relations, and a minor in international studies with an emphasis on Asia. He played an active role in Stony Brook's Model United Nations program and served as secretary of its executive board. Zach studied abroad for a summer semester in Wuhan where he studied Chinese culture and Mandarin Chinese.

His undergraduate research focused on the implications of Japanese rearmament on East Asian geopolitics, particularly as it relates to a rising China. While at Stony Brook, he worked as a teaching assistant for undergraduate international relations courses, developing course materials and providing free tutoring.

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DA Wei 达巍

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Dr. Da Wei is director of the Center for International Security and Strategy (CISS) and professor in the department of International Relations at Tsinghua University. His research focuses on China-U.S. relations as well as U.S. security and foreign policy.

With three decades of experience in China's academic and policy community, Da Wei spent more than twenty years at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), where he served as director of the Institute of American Studies from 2013 to 2017. He later joined the University of International Relations (UIR) as assistant president (2017-2020).

Da Wei has published extensively in both Chinese and international academic journals and is a frequent contributor of commentaries to leading media outlets. He has also authored numerous policy research papers for Chinese government institutions.

Beyond his primary appointments, Da Wei holds multiple professional affiliations. He is vice president of both the Chinese Association of American Studies and the Chinese Association of International Economic Relations, and serves as senior advisor to the China-U.S. Exchange Foundation (CUSEF).

He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of International Relations in Beijing, and his Ph.D. from CICIR. Da Wei has also been a senior visiting scholar at the Atlantic Council, Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, Nanyang Technological University, and Yale University.



GONG Jiong (John) 龚迥

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Dr. John Gong graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, and currently is professor at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), where he teaches and researches in areas of finance industrial organization, and antitrust and competition policies. Dr. Gong is a prolific researcher and writer with a list of publications in leading international academic journals. He is also a leading litigation economics expert in China in areas of antitrust and patent dispute, especially in high profile lawsuits involving standard essential patents (SEP). He is also a renowned op-ed columnist for several leading English newspapers in Asia, including the South China Morning Post, China Daily, Global Times and CGTN (China Global Television Network), writing extensively on economic and political issues. Prior to joining UIBE in 2009, John had an industrial consulting and research experiences of over 14 years, first as a research scientist at Bell Communications Research (Morristown, New Jersey) for over seven years and later as senior advisor of strategic assessment at the Cable Television Laboratories Inc. (Louisville, Colorado) for another seven years.



JIANG Wen 姜文

Director, Actor, Screenwriter and Producer

Jiang Wen is one of the most influential directors, screenwriters, and actors in contemporary Chinese cinema, recognized for his distinctive narrative voice and powerful artistic vision. Since his directorial debut *In the Heat of the Sun* (1994), Jiang has established a defining presence in both Chinese and world cinema through his sharp insight, profound humanism, and fearless creativity. His major works - *Devils on the Doorstep*, *The Sun Also Rises*, *Let the Bullets Fly*, *Gone with the Bullets*, *Hidden Man*, and *You Are the BEST* -

have been selected by the Cannes, Venice, and Berlin International Film Festivals, earning prestigious honors and international acclaim. These works are widely regarded as milestones of contemporary Chinese cinema.

As an actor, Jiang has also achieved remarkable success. Early in his career, he starred in *Red Sorghum* and *The Black Snow*, two landmark films in both Chinese and world cinema, earning him international recognition. He has since portrayed a wide range of unforgettable screen characters - from Li Lianying to Zhang Mazi, from Cao Cao to Lan Qingfeng, from Zhao Xiaoshuai to Lang Guoren - each distinct and vivid, each leaving an enduring mark on Chinese cinema. He also appeared in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, leaving a distinctive Chinese presence within one of the world's most iconic film sagas.

Director Jiang Wen's works, distinguished by their unique personal narrative aesthetics and philosophical depth, have attracted the attention and study of audiences and scholars from diverse cultural backgrounds. Beyond filmmaking, Jiang has long explored the intersections of cinema, literature, music, and theater, seeking through film to convey the spiritual essence of Chinese culture and its contemporary expression. As a Chinese filmmaker active on the international stage, Jiang Wen's work continues to foster understanding and dialogue between cultures, serving as a vital bridge linking China's storytelling traditions with the universal language of world cinema.



TIAN Wei 田薇

Host, China Global Television Network (CGTN)

Tian Wei is an awarding-winning journalist, former US correspondent and a seasoned anchor of "World Insight with Tian Wei" on CGTN. Starting from a radio producer to becoming a reporter, a news presenter, a talk show host, a Washington correspondent covering the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and now with decades of work as host of CGTN, Tian continues to be a bridge between China and the world.

Over the years, she has been invited to moderate panels while hosting onsite special coverage at important world events: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, WTO Ministerial Meeting and WTO Public Forum, APEC CEO Summit, BRICS Summit, UN General Assembly, the

UN COP conferences, and more.

For decades, Tian has secured exclusive interviews, not only with politicians, national leaders, UN Secretary Generals, heads of international organizations; but also legendary women leaders,

business leaders, tech leaders, Nobel laureates, Turing Award winners, Olympian champions... outstanding figures from all walks of life.

Her no-nonsense and fair approach has not only made her popular with audiences but also earned her recognition worldwide. She was named as "Media Leader" and "Young Global Leader" by the World Economic Forum. Over the years, she has won various professional awards, including Asia's Best TV Host for Current Affairs Program, China's National Journalism Awards, the National Award for International Broadcasters and CCTV Host of the Year.

In addition to her work, Tian is actively involved and outspoken on issues of development, green transformation, poverty alleviation, mental health, gender equality.



WANG Fuqu (Crystal) 王芙蕖

Student, Northwestern University; Recipient of the 2019 Joe Tsai Basketball Scholarship

Wang Fuqu (Crystal) is a student-athlete at Northwestern University, majoring in communication studies with a minor in entrepreneurship. She is recognized as the first Chinese-born female basketball player to compete in the NCAA, representing Northwestern in the Big Ten Conference. Balancing rigorous academics with Division I athletics, she has received the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award and the Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award for her excellence both on and off the court.

Internationally, Crystal has represented Team China in the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup and trained with the Chinese National Team. She is also an Under Armour sponsored athlete, becoming the first basketball player in Asia to sign with the brand. Beyond competition, she founded the Crystal Wang All-Girls Basketball Camp in Beijing to empower young female athletes through sport, mentorship, and community engagement.

As a recipient of both the Joe Tsai Scholarship and the Irving Kabiller Award, Crystal continues to champion youth development, women's empowerment, and global cultural exchange. She aspires to use sports and fashion as platforms for storytelling—celebrating confidence, creativity, and leadership across cultures.



XIAO Qian 肖茜

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In 2003, Zhou made her film debut in *Warriors of Heaven and Earth*, playing the young monk "Juehui". The same year, she starred in the TV drama *Through Happiness*, in which her portrayal of the passionately sincere heroine "Zhu Xiaobei" won the hearts of audiences across the country. In 2007, she starred in Jiang Wen's film *The Sun Also Rises*, playing the wild "Mad Mother", which was shortlisted for the main competition section of the 64th Venice International Film Festival. In 2010, she starred in Jiang Wen's film *Let the Bullets Fly*, which created a miracle in terms of both word-of-mouth and box office in the history of Chinese cinema. Her role as the bold and free-spirited "Hua Jie" also left a deep impression on the audience. In 2011, her performance as "Shu Man" in the TV drama *Gold Marriage II* earned her the Best Actress Award at the 1st Asia Rainbow TV Awards.

In 2014, Zhou starred in Jiang Wen's *Gone with the Bullets* as "Wu Liu", and the film was selected for the main competition of the 65th Berlin International Film Festival. In 2015, Zhou delivered a dual role in *The Assassin* directed by Hou Hsiao-hsien, portraying both the dignified "Lady Tian" and the valiant "Jing Jing'er" with exceptional artistry. Her performance won her the Best Supporting Actress Award at the 10th Asian Film Awards in 2016.

While continuing her acting career, she also turned her attention to the film production industry and the broader international market. In 2018, the film *Hidden Man*, in which she starred and served as the producer, was released. Later, she served as the chief planner and producer of the film *You are the BEST*, which was released in the Chinese mainland in July 2025.