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CHICAGO

ABOUT THE CENTER 中心简介

Established in 2010, the University of Chicago Center in Beijing provides **a physical presence that enhances and strengthens** the University's traditionally strong ties to Chinese thought and culture.

Building on more than a century of collaboration between scholars from UChicago and China, the Center in Beijing enables the University to expand existing activities and form new alliances and partnerships with universities, businesses, medical centers, policy groups, government agencies, and cultural organizations in China. The 23,000-square-foot center is located in the Haidian District of Beijing, known for its top universities, research academies, and government agencies.

Focusing on three core areas where University of Chicago scholarship and the concerns of contemporary China intersect—business, economics, and policy; science, medicine, and public health; culture, society, and the arts—the center capitalizes on a substantial body of work already under way, including faculty research and programs for students.

A base for University of Chicago faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates working in China, the center houses the University's East Asian Civilizations Program for undergraduate students, an intensive language training program, and the Beijing Social Sciences Program, and supports research and study at all levels from each of the University's divisions and schools and the College. The center also serves as a gathering space for alumni throughout Asia and acts as a resource for Chinese researchers and students.

芝加哥大学北京中心创办于2010年。中心的成立巩固和加强了芝加哥大学与中国思想界和文化界之间由来已久的紧密联系。

芝大学者与中国同行之间的合作已逾百年。在此基础上创办的北京中心使芝大得以拓展现有活动项目，与中国高校、企业、医学机构、政策团体、政府部门和文化组织结成新的联盟和伙伴关系。芝大北京中心总面积2100平方米，位于名校云集、科研院所林立、政府机构众多的北京市海淀区。

芝大北京中心专注于三大核心领域：商业、经济和政策；科学、医学和公共健康；文化、社会和艺术。这些领域是我校学术研究与当代中国热点领域之间存在的交集。中心成立之前，芝大已经在这些领域开展了不少教师科研和学生项目，这些项目为中心的发展奠定了基础。

作为芝加哥大学教师、研究生和本科生在中国学习与工作的基地，芝大北京中心为本科生开设了语言强化培训课程——“东亚文明项目”以及“北京社会科学项目”，并为我校各院系不同层次的研究与学习提供支持。此外，芝加哥大学北京中心还是亚洲各地校友聚会见面的场所，同时也为中国研究人员和学生提供资源。



When the University of Chicago launched the Center in Beijing in 2010, we sought to support the work of UChicago faculty and students interested in China and to play a significant role in Beijing's intellectual, cultural, and scientific life through affiliations and partnerships reflecting the breadth and diversity of scholarship at the University. **Thanks to an engaged faculty, generous donors, and a dedicated staff, the center is becoming the intellectual destination we envisioned.**

In its first year of operations, the center drew scholars from UChicago, China, and around the world to address issues ranging from medicine and public policy to the arts. By providing a home for established programming as well as new initiatives, the center immersed students in transformative learning experiences and enhanced and expanded scholarly collaborations. More than 1,000 alumni, prospective students, and scholars from Asia and beyond visited the center for conferences, lectures, and events.

The Center in Beijing exemplifies our commitment to engagement and outreach in Chicago and across continents. As a global research university with a broad and deep faculty base and a culture of collaboration, we are well positioned to make significant contributions to analyzing and addressing the world's most pressing problems, from urban education to international economic crises to health care. The Center in Beijing provides resources and infrastructure from which to do this important work.

On behalf of the entire University of Chicago community, I extend my gratitude to the academic institutions who have warmly welcomed us to China, to the faculty and researchers who generously share their time and expertise, and to the many donors who helped bring this center to fruition and continue to support our mission.

Robert J. Zimmer
President, The University of Chicago

2010年，芝加哥大学在北京成立中心之际，我们设定的目标是：支持对中国感兴趣的芝大师生开展工作；在芝大学术研究的各个领域，与中国建立联系和伙伴关系，努力在北京的知识、文化和科学生活中，发挥举足轻重的作用。如今，承蒙教师的辛勤努力、捐赠者的慷慨相助和职工的敬业尽责，芝大北京中心正在发展成为我们所设想的思想殿堂。

在中心成立的头一年，就吸引了来自芝加哥、中国和世界其它地方的学者，就医学、公共政策、艺术等诸多领域的课题发表见解。芝大北京中心既主办已确立的项目，又开展新的活动，并以此为手段，为学生提供沉浸式学习环境，带来转化性学习体验。与此同时，中心增强了学术合作、拓展了合作领域。目前，已有1000多位来自亚洲内外的校友、学者和有志于在我校就读的学生，前来参加会议、讲座和活动。

芝加哥大学立足本地，辐射全球；北京中心就是有力的证明。作为一个师资力量雄厚、合作氛围浓郁的全球性研究型大学，我校在城市教育、国际经济危机、医疗保健等各个领域都颇具专长，能够为分析和解决世界最紧迫的问题作出重大贡献。芝加哥大学北京中心为这一重要工作提供了必要的资源和设施。

我谨代表芝加哥大学全校师生，向热情欢迎我们来到中国的学术机构，向无私奉献时间和知识的教师与研究人员，向大力帮助我们建成北京中心并持续支持我们完成使命的诸多捐赠者，表示诚挚的谢意。

Robert J. Zimmer
芝加哥大学校长



芝加哥大学北京中心成立一年来，帮助织就了一条联系中国的坚韧纽带。

作为一项真正覆盖全校的事业，本中心为校本部来访的教师、研究员、学生，为居住在北京或其它地方的校友、学生家长、合作者和有志报考我校的学生——为同道中的所有人士提供场地，给予支持，带来启迪。所有的人都

都为加入芝大这一分支机构，感到获益良多，并常常引以为豪。

在芝大北京中心筹办之初，我们就决定本中心应使我们能够以更加灵活多样的方式，与多所中国高校和科研院所建立宝贵的伙伴关系，开展跨学科研究合作，为学生创造体验式学习机会，并共同举办国际会议。近几个月，芝加哥大学教师与中国人民大学、北京大学、武汉大学、清华大学和中国疾病控制和预防中心的同仁就一系列主题，例如抗生素使用和传染控制、家庭和劳动经济学、物权和产业发展、政治社会学以及更为宏观的历史变革问题，共同召开了研讨会和专题培训。

这些活动的成功举办，已经对芝加哥大学的学术研究产生了有益影响。那些在中国开展多年研究的教师，现在拥有了一个国际平台；那些从未考虑过把工作拓展到亚洲的教师，也获得了构建海外合作关系所需的资金、译员和信任。杰出的古生物学家 Paul Sereno 教授，曾在这一地区发现恐龙新种。他就是通过本中心与山东大学建立了联系。Paul Sereno 教授将协助山东大学建设古生物学课程，而山东大学也将为 Paul Sereno 教授的研究提供支持。

进行实地考察的芝大研究生，也在北京的学术心脏有了营地。中心周围分布着中国首屈一指的高等学府，使学生有机会接触中国的知名学者，从而推进自己的研究，开阔自己的视野。本中心的海外学习和实习项目使芝加哥大学的校园得到了延伸。当芝大本科生来到一座新城市、接触一种新文化的时候，中心使他们找到“家”的感觉。我们有一个特别的项目，为芝大学生提供到中国科学实验室实习的机会。这些学生作为新一代科研带头人，在世界两个最具影响力的国家之间架起了桥梁，共同推动解决世界面临的最紧迫问题。

在促进学术研究的同时，中心作为一个实体，成为芝大在北京展示形象的重要窗口，有助于提升我校在中国的知名度。我们的建筑师独具匠心，将中心设计成一个既方便交流，又体现我校声望的场所。中心借助各种活动和项目，拉近了那些在中国生活的校友和家长与芝大以及互相之间的距离。现在，中国的年轻才俊比以往任何时候，都倾向于把芝大作为本科或研究生阶段学习的首选。

在一个全球化的世界，我们所做的每一件事都不免涉及中国。从医药到音乐、从能源到经济，无不如是。芝加哥大学的学者和中国的学者渴望就这些课题开展合作；本中心已经成为促成合作的重要媒介。中心的努力将不断加强两国间的对话。我期望本中心能够发挥自身优势，促进互利交流，为全球带来持久影响。

Dali L. Yang

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芝加哥大学政治学教授、北京中心主任



In its first year, the University of Chicago Center in Beijing has helped build enduring ties to China.

A truly University-wide initiative, the center provides space, support, and inspiration to members across the entire community—from faculty, researchers, and students visiting from UChicago, to alumni, parents, collaborators, and prospective students based in Beijing and beyond. All have felt the benefits, and very often pride, from taking part in this arm of the University.

When we set out to form the Center in Beijing, we made the decision to establish it independently of any single Chinese campus. This has given us the flexibility to build varied and valuable partnerships with multiple Chinese universities and research academies to collaborate on interdisciplinary research, experiential learning opportunities for our students, and international conferences. In recent months, UChicago faculty members have partnered with colleagues at Beijing (Peking), Renmin, Qinghua (Tsinghua), and Wuhan Universities, and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention to convene symposia and training workshops on a wide range of topics, including antibiotic use and infection control, family and labor economics, property rights and industrial development, and political sociology, as well as broader issues of historical change.

The success of these endeavors has already had meaningful impact on scholarship at the University. Faculty who have conducted research for years in China now have an international platform, and those who had never considered applications of their work in Asia have found the funding, translators, and credibility to build partnerships abroad. Professor Paul Sereno, a prominent paleontologist who has discovered new dinosaurs in the region, through the center was able to connect with Shandong University, where he'll help develop their paleontology program and gain support in his own research.

Our graduate students researching in the field have a base in the academic heart of Beijing. Surrounded by the nation's most prominent universities, the center allows these students to make important connections with Chinese scholars that advance their efforts and broaden

their perspectives. Through our study abroad and internship programs, our undergraduate students find an extension of campus to call home as they engage with a new city and culture. One such program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern in Chinese science laboratories. As the next generation of leading researchers, students who bridge two of the world's most influential countries now make important headway in solving the world's pressing problems together.

Along with the scholarship it promotes, the center's physical space has become an important representation of the University of Chicago in Beijing and helped raise the University's profile in China. Our architects created a place that encourages interaction and reflects the University's prestige. This space has drawn our alumni and parents living in China closer to the University and to one another through events and programming. And the brightest young minds of China now more than ever see the University of Chicago as a top choice at which to pursue college or graduate studies.

In our globalized world, everything we do today touches China—from medicine to music, energy to the economy. Among our scholars and those in China, there is a hunger to collaborate on these issues, and the Center in Beijing has been a crucial broker in these partnerships. As we continue our strides toward enhanced dialogue between our two countries, I look forward to the center's role in a mutually beneficial exchange with lasting global implications.

Dali L. Yang
Professor in Political Science and
Faculty Director of the Center in Beijing



From left: Judith B. Farquhar, AM'75, AM'79, PhD'86, Max Palevsky Professor and Chairman of Anthropology, the University of Chicago; Francis Yuen, University of Chicago Trustee; Ji Baocheng, President of Renmin University of China; Andrew Alper, AB'80, MBA'81, Chairman of the University of Chicago Board of Trustees; Lien Chan, AM'61, PhD'65, University of Chicago Trustee Emeritus; Robert J. Zimmer, President of the University of Chicago; Hao Ping, Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Education; and Laura Donovan Haines, AB'93, President of the University of Chicago Alumni Board of Governors.



From left: Andrew Alper, AB'80, MBA'81, Chairman of the University of Chicago Board of Trustees; James Cronin, SM'53, PhD'55, Nobel laureate and University Professor Emeritus; and Dennis Keller, MBA'68, University of Chicago Trustee.

Center in Beijing Opens with Focus on Collaboration

The University of Chicago Center in Beijing opened with a flourish, with nine pairs of scissors slicing through scarlet ribbon and a cheer erupting from the hundreds of people who filled the gleaming halls, galleries, and classrooms for the ceremony. Faculty, trustees, alumni from across Asia, Chinese government officials and scholars, and undergraduates freshly arrived for a quarter of study abroad were among the guests for the

September 14-16, 2010, events. Although events had been held at the center as early as July 2010, the opening was a time to showcase the Center in Beijing's distinctive approach to academic collaboration with forums and conferences at the center and other venues in the city, beginning with a panel discussion featuring four of the University of Chicago's Nobel laureates, followed by a gala dinner in the Great Hall of the People.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011



NOBEL LAUREATE FORUM

The Spirit of the University of Chicago

Gary S. Becker, AM'53, PhD'55

The University of Chicago
1992 Nobel laureate in economic sciences

James Cronin, SM'53, PhD'55

The University of Chicago
1980 Nobel laureate in physics

James Heckman

The University of Chicago
2000 Nobel laureate in economic sciences

Roger Myerson

The University of Chicago
2007 Nobel laureate in economic sciences

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010



Presidential Forum

University of Chicago President Robert J. Zimmer and presidents of leading Chinese universities in Beijing spoke on the opportunities presented by the globalization of higher education and academic collaboration across borders.

Gu Binglin

Qinghua University

Ji Baocheng

Renmin University of China

Zhou Qifeng

Beijing University

Robert J. Zimmer

The University of Chicago



Justin Yifu Lin

China: Economic Development and the Rule of Law

Gary S. Becker, AM'53, PhD'55

The University of Chicago
Departments of Economics and Sociology,
and Chicago Booth

Thomas Ginsburg

The University of Chicago
Law School

James Heckman

The University of Chicago
Department of Economics

Justin Yifu Lin, PhD'86

World Bank

Roger Myerson

The University of Chicago
Department of Economics

MODERATOR

Yue-Chim Richard Wong

AB'74, AM'74, PhD'81

University of Hong Kong

Culture in a Globalizing Era

Dipesh Chakrabarty

The University of Chicago
Department of History

W. J. T. Mitchell

The University of Chicago
Department of English Language
and Literature

MODERATOR

Judith B. Farquhar, AM'75, AM'79, PhD'86

The University of Chicago
Department of Anthropology



Paul Sereno

Science Beyond Borders: Chicago and China

Mae-Mann Chang

Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology
and Paleoanthropology
The Chinese Academy of Sciences

Manyuan Long

The University of Chicago
Department of Ecology and Evolution

Rao Yi

Beijing University

Paul Sereno

The University of Chicago
Department of Organismal Biology
and Anatomy

Steven Sibener

The University of Chicago
Department of Chemistry

MODERATORS

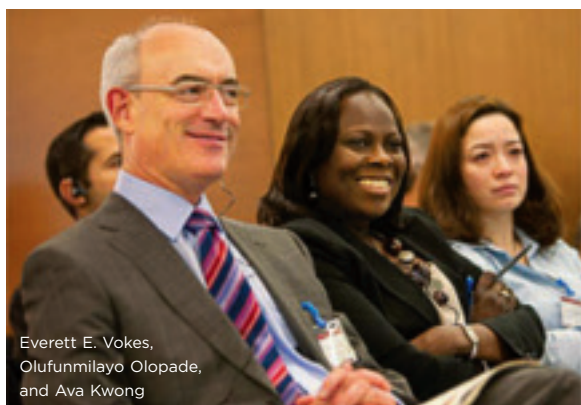
Eric Isaacs

Argonne National Laboratory

Ka Yee C. Lee

The University of Chicago
Department of Chemistry

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010



FORUM ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Chicago-China: Collaborations in Medicine

Chin-Tu Chen

The University of Chicago
Department of Radiology

Yang-Xin Fu

The University of Chicago
Department of Pathology
and Chinese Academy of Sciences

Sherwin S. W. Ho

The University of Chicago
Department of Surgery

Lily Hsu

Project HOPE Shanghai Office

Ka Yee C. Lee

The University of Chicago
Department of Chemistry

Ke Yang

Beijing University and
Beijing University Health Science Center

Donald C. Liu

The University of Chicago
Departments of Surgery and Pediatrics
and Shanghai Children's Hospital

Mao Yilei

Beijing Union Medical College

Jeffrey B. Matthews

The University of Chicago
Department of Surgery

J. Michael Millis

The University of Chicago
Department of Surgery

Olufunmilayo (Funmi) I. Olopade

The University of Chicago
Departments of Medicine and
Human Genetics

Renslow Sherer

The University of Chicago
Department of Medicine

Roy Schwarz

China Medical Board

Scott Stern

The University of Chicago
Department of Medicine

Sun Kun

Shanghai Jiaotong University

Ava Kwong

University of Hong Kong

Everett E. Vokes

The University of Chicago
Division of the Biological Sciences,
Pritzker School of Medicine,
and University of Chicago Medical Center

Dali L. Yang

The University of Chicago
Department of Political Science

Wei Minjie

China Medical University

Zhao Qun

China Medical University

Zhou Yunfeng

Wuhan University Health Sciences Center

Zhu Jiye

Beijing University Medical School

For more on the inaugural events,
visit uchicago.cn/events-programs.

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Judith B. Farquhar



FACULTY PROFILE

Judith B. Farquhar, AM’75, AM’79, PhD’86
Max Palevsky Professor, Anthropology and the College; Chair of Anthropology

For 19 years working in China, Judith B. Farquhar conducted meetings with her Chinese colleagues in hotel rooms and coffee shops. Now? “My current collaborator joins me at the Center in Beijing, and the two of us can work very closely together every day by virtue of having this convenient office space.”

In addition to the space, the center has provided funding for Farquhar’s current research on the traditional medical practices of seven Chinese minority nationalities. She and her collaborator, Lili Lai, Assistant Professor at Beijing University School of Medicine, have selected local researchers at sites throughout China. In September, they used the Center in Beijing to hold a training session on anthropological field methods for the researchers.

Farquhar also teaches undergraduates in the East Asian Civilizations Program in Beijing. Her course on Chinese systematic knowledge spans topics including astronomy, literary theory, and medicine, and she takes full advantage of educational opportunities the city provides. On one field trip, her students visit a Chinese medical clinic.

“Faculty make a big effort to coordinate what they teach with what students can learn by going around Beijing. Students see the real-world meaning of what they’re studying in class,” she said.

Farquhar believes this immersion in Chinese life is essential.

“Students have an opportunity to make friends with people who live in Beijing full time, to learn how people in another part of the world live. And they learn to make a very different city their own for a while. I think that’s a very important part of educational maturation.”

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 学生奖学金

Opportunities for College students at the Center in Beijing in its inaugural year included such existing programs as the popular East Asian Civilizations Program, and new offerings, including more than 20 internships. **Graduate students have a home base for conducting research and creating connections.**

East Asian Civilizations Program

As the capital of several imperial dynasties and now the political and cultural capital of modern China, Beijing plays a key role in this program for students in the undergraduate College. The program features a three-course civilizations sequence, taught by UChicago professors at the Center in Beijing. All students also take a course in Mandarin, offered at levels from beginning through advanced, and participate in language partner exchanges with local Chinese students. In addition to their course work, civilizations students participate in excursions and site visits developed by the faculty to connect the courses with the physical reality, past and present, of China. Nineteen students representing a range of majors convened for the Autumn 2010 Quarter in Beijing.

Beijing Social Sciences Program

Twelve College students participated in the inaugural Spring Quarter Beijing Social Sciences Program, which explores China's economic transformation and rising global impact through thematic courses on globalization, Chinese economy, society, and politics. The sequence is taught by UChicago professors and leading scholars in Beijing, its emphasis shifting from year to year in accordance with the interests and expertise of that year's faculty. Students in the Social Sciences Program also take a course in Mandarin at the appropriate level and work with local language partners.

Chicago in Beijing: Summer Chinese Language Study Abroad Program

Twenty-seven College students participated in an eight-week intensive language course, Chicago in Beijing, in summer 2011. The course, taught by University of Chicago faculty, counts for one year's worth of University language study credit. Center in Beijing staff provided opportunities for additional language practice as well as such cultural activities as calligraphy, martial arts, tours, and fieldwork at important sites in and around the Chinese capital.

Beijing Metcalf Programs

Twenty-one students participated in Metcalf programs in Beijing during summer 2011.

Fifteen students were part of the new Metcalf Volunteer Program, in collaboration with Qinghua University. These students assisted at a three-week English camp aimed at cross-cultural and extracurricular exchange, as well as helping Qinghua students improve their English conversation skills.

Four students participated in the Research Exchange in Beijing Metcalf Program. Students interned at the Beijing University School of Life Sciences, Qinghua University, and the Institute of Biophysics in Beijing.

One student interned as a project assistant at the Center in Beijing, coordinating conferences and events on a variety of topics, including health care and the natural sciences, culture and the arts, and business, economics, and social sciences.

One student worked at Ernst & Young in Beijing as a Metcalf Fellow. The Metcalf Fellows Program provides paid internships for more than 450 students a year at more than 300 different organizations worldwide.

All of the students participated in Metcalf programming in Chicago and Beijing, including a student intern event at the Center in Beijing with their Chinese counterparts and UChicago alumni. Over 100 participants shared their experiences in a spirit of cross-cultural exchange and collaboration.

For more information on study abroad programs in Beijing, visit study-abroad.uchicago.edu.

For more information on Metcalf programs, visit caps.uchicago.edu/undergrads/internships/metcalf.



GRADUATE PERSPECTIVE

Saul Thomas, AB'95, AM'02

PhD student in anthropology and history

"I received funding from the Center in Beijing to present my paper at the Workshop on Theorizing Structural Change in 20th-Century China, which was important for my professional development. Through this opportunity, I've strengthened relationships with a number of influential Chinese and foreign scholars."

Thomas spent Autumn and Summer Quarters at the Center in Beijing, presenting his paper "The Struggle over Intellectuals and Modern Knowledge in the Mao Era" and using the facility as a work space and base as he conducted research for his dissertation. He also traveled throughout Beijing and Xi'an with faculty and undergraduates as a teaching and program assistant for the East Asian Civilizations Program.



UNDERGRADUATE PERSPECTIVE

Karissa Woienski, College Class of 2013

“Being in Beijing, all the extra connections you’re able to make within the culture and in your courses—what you’re experiencing in the class and also on the street and during field trips—make it a far richer experience than it might be studying China in Chicago.”

During her time in Beijing, Woienski and other students paired with Renmin University of China language partners to practice Chinese and explore the city—and to indulge in American-style coffee in the center’s lounge.

July 10, 2010

China and the Great Recession

Dali L. Yang,
The University
of Chicago



April 22, 2011

**The Role of Law
in the Future**

Sam Muller,
The Hague Institute
for the Internationalisation
of Law (HiIL)



June 17-18, 2011

**Conference on
Property Rights
and China's
Transformation**

Zhang Xianchu,
University of Hong Kong



September 1-3, 2010

**Novel Quantum States
in Condensed Matter**

Pavel (Paul) Wiegmann,
The University of Chicago,
and Chen Ning Yang, PhD'48,
recipient of the 1957
Nobel Prize in Physics



June 24-25, 2011

**Second Annual
UChicago-Renmin
Symposium on Family
and Labor Economics**

Wei Chi,
Qinghua University



COLLABORATIONS 合作

To advance collaborative research and the active exchange of new ideas, a wide range of programming was held throughout the 2010–11 academic year. **A robust calendar of conferences and symposia drew leading scholars from China and beyond to the center, along with numerous colleagues from the University of Chicago.**

Conferences and Symposia

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND POLICY

JULY 10, 2010

China and the Great Recession

ORGANIZERS

Dali L. Yang

The University of Chicago
Department of Political Science and
Director of the Center in Beijing

Renmin University of China School of Economics

This conference, which featured discussion and presentations by China scholars from the United States, China, and throughout the Asia Pacific region, provided an opportunity for participants to examine how China might have been implicated in the current financial and economic crisis, how it has coped with it, and how China's future domestic development and global profile might be impacted. Topics ranged from the political economy of China's rebalancing to China's international strategy in the wake of the crisis.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

UChicago-Renmin International Symposium on Family and Labor Economics

ORGANIZERS

James Heckman

The University of Chicago
Department of Economics

Dali L. Yang

The University of Chicago
Department of Political Science and
Director of the Center in Beijing

Zhong Zhao

Renmin University of China
School of Labor and Human Resources

Held on the Renmin University of China campus during the opening week of the University of Chicago Center in Beijing, this event was marked by the attendance of Nobel laureates Gary S. Becker and James Heckman, along with numerous other distinguished economists from universities in the United States, China, and Europe. Leading academics discussed some of the pressing issues facing China's workforce and population today, including children and human capital, the effects of exogenous shock, crime, gender in the workforce, and sex ratios in the population.

APRIL 22, 2011

The Role of Law in the Future

ORGANIZERS

Stéphanie Balme

Sciences Po Paris

Sam Muller

The Hague Institute for the
Internationalisation of Law (HiIL)

Randy Peerenboom

La Trobe University

Dali L. Yang

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Department of Political Science and
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Technological developments, population growth, inter-communal violence, climate change, resource scarcity, and economic volatility are just some examples of uncertainties related to globalization that impact life in today's world. This conference brought together legal experts from various countries to discuss how these challenges will fundamentally test traditional ideas of law and governance in the 21st century and how they might be addressed.



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FACULTY PROFILE

Christopher K. Hsee

Theodore O. Yntema Professor of Behavioral Science and Marketing, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

China, says Christopher Hsee, is a great place to study happiness. As the most populous nation in the world and the second-largest economy, Hsee's native country is rapidly evolving. “There are a lot of changes in recent years. People are becoming richer and richer, but not everybody is happy.”

This makes Beijing a fertile ground for Hsee's research, which focuses on happiness, consumer behavior, and decision making. This June, he hosted a workshop on sustainable happiness, which brought together nearly two dozen young marketing professors who are “rising stars in the greater China area, including the mainland, Hong Kong, and Singapore,” said Hsee. The discussion ranged from hedonic adaptation to embodied cognition in consumer judgement and choice.

“It was a University of Chicago-style workshop, with intensive research discussion. Participants were very critical and constructive, and quite a few people continue talking to possibly collaborate. The Center in Beijing provided a great opportunity for people to do this and to showcase the University's focus on research,” he said.

As a bridge between the University of Chicago and China, the center attracts scholars in both directions, helping University faculty and students build connections in Asia and raising awareness of UChicago among Chinese academics and prospective students. Hsee finds these exchanges one of the most valuable benefits of the endeavor.

“China provides great opportunities for people to do research in economics, medicine, physics, computer science—a lot of areas,” Hsee said. “The University of Chicago is able to bring our strengths in research, as well as take advantage of these opportunities. I think this benefits University faculty as well as people in Asia.”

JUNE 17-18, 2011

Conference on Property Rights and China's Transformation

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The issue of property rights has figured prominently in China's rapid economic growth and attracted much scholarly attention from different perspectives. In this conference, a multi-disciplinary effort was employed to dissect China's growth and transformation centered on considerations of property rights. Scholars from China, the United States, and elsewhere examined the history, evolution, and impact of property rights in China from the perspectives of economics, politics, sociology, and law.

JUNE 19, 2011

Workshop on Sustainable Happiness

ORGANIZER

Christopher K. Hsee

The University of Chicago
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Sustainable happiness, like sustainable development, is a timely and important topic. While improvement in wealth can temporally increase consumers' subjective well-being, such an increase is often transient. Research on sustainable happiness studies how to make the increased happiness "stick" by using behavioral approaches. In this workshop, participants exchanged ideas with the goal of fostering future collaborations.

JUNE 24-25, 2011 (in Chicago)

Second Annual UChicago-Renmin Symposium on Family and Labor Economics

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Leading academics from universities in China, the United States, and Europe met to discuss some of the pressing issues facing China's workforce and population today. Scholars highlighted new research on marital patterns, intergenerational living arrangements, labor migration, the internet economy, and other trends shaping life in China, noting that societal shifts in China like increasing divorce rates and workforce mobility are reducing the differences in the U.S. and Chinese labor markets.

CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND THE ARTS

JULY 24, 2010

Planning meeting for the International Conference on Chinese Opera Film

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FACULTY PROFILE

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Harrie A. Vanderstappen Distinguished Service Professor, Art History, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the College; Faculty Curator, Smart Museum of Art; Director, Center for the Art of East Asia

Thanks to Wu Hung, art is at the center of the Center in Beijing. In the heart of the building, Wu curates an intimate gallery where scholars and visitors can appreciate and interact with contemporary art. “The center brings all different disciplines together. We’re trying to make art a part of this,” said Wu.

For the inaugural year, Wu chose artwork by Zhan Wang, whose steel-adorned rock sculptures have been featured at such prominent institutions as the British Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

“When we were planning the center, we thought it should bridge traditional and contemporary China,” said Wu. “This artist’s sculptures really encapsulate this connection. The rock is part of traditional Chinese culture, but the artist used modern materials. It feels like part of the urban landscape today.”

Though a perfect fit with the center’s goals, the giant sculpture was too large for the facility’s elevators. Nearly 20 people had to carry the piece 20 stories to its exhibition space.

Visitors’ reactions have validated the effort. At the conference Contemporary Ink Painting and Art Historical Perspectives, which Wu helped coordinate, the gallery impressed many.

“They were quite taken by this idea, to have real contemporary art shown. In China, art history is taught from textbooks and slides. Beijing has very strong contemporary art, but in colleges, they don’t have these galleries,” said Wu.

Wu looks forward to curating more exhibits, as well as teaching an undergraduate course and organizing several conferences, including the Second International Conference on Ancient Tomb Art.

“Exactly as we planned, the center is not an isolated place to teach our students. We’re open to the Chinese academic world and many disciplines,” said Wu. “The center also brings people from many different countries. I feel that’s really useful.”

Representatives from the University of Chicago and Chinese arts institutions met to continue planning for the International Conference on Chinese Opera Film, to be held in 2012. The meeting brought together Asia-based scholars with their counterparts in the United States, Europe, and Australia to stimulate scholarship in a variety of disciplines on Chinese film production. Plans for the conference include a special panel on recent developments in Western opera film and media to be chaired by David Levin, University of Chicago, and a panel featuring older performers, composers, and directors who have directly participated in the production of Chinese opera films.

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2010

Contemporary Ink Painting and Art Historical Perspectives

ORGANIZERS

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The University of Chicago
Department of Art History

Center for Visual Studies, Beijing University

He Xiangning Art Museum

OCT Contemporary Art Terminal

This symposium brought together academics, historians, and curators from across China and the United States to discuss the identity and future of contemporary ink painting (often dubbed “experimental ink painting”), an important branch of contemporary Chinese art and art history that has emerged over the past 30 years. The key issue under discussion was how ink painting can continue to evolve as a distinct indigenous art tradition, while transcending its local context and finding a place in globalized modern and contemporary art—a question that has significance in thinking about the fate of any indigenous, non-Western art tradition.

APRIL 14, 2011

Multilingual Data Integration and 3-D Visualization of Cultural Heritage Information

ORGANIZERS

David Schloen

The University of Chicago
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Graduate University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Department of Scientific History and Archaeometry

This workshop allowed participants to present their research and plan an international collaborative project to develop a multilingual (English, Chinese, Hebrew) and cross-cultural Online Cultural Heritage Research Environment (OCHRE). The online research environment will use advanced information technology for data integration, spatially accurate 3-D visualization, and agent-based simulations of ancient socio-economic and ecological dynamics.

SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

AUGUST 8-12, 2010 (In Beijing and Changsha)

Chicago-Central South University Psychiatric Research Workshop

ORGANIZERS

Liu Chun-Yu

The University of Chicago
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience

Psychiatry Institute of Central South University

This workshop provided a platform for University of Chicago psychiatric scientists to interact with psychiatrists and scientists from China and explore the potential for future collaboration in research and education. Investigators from UChicago's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and the Psychiatry Institute of Central South University (CSU) in Changsha participated. The program included site visits, scientific presentations, and discussions concerning funding for psychiatric research and opportunities for international collaboration.

SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2010

Novel Quantum States in Condensed Matter

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FACULTY PROFILE

Renslow Sherer

Professor of Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health

From 2003 to 2008, Renslow Sherer helped train more than 12,000 health care providers to care for HIV patients in China. Today, the Center in Beijing gives him a platform to further his work in the world’s most populous country.

At the Chicago-Beijing Infectious Disease Symposium at the center in April, University of Chicago faculty paired with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Chinese researchers, sharing best practices and new approaches. The event brought public health officials, hospital administrators, health care providers, social workers, and other important members of an infection control team.

“The most exciting work is what happens because of the center and these meetings: mutual research, shared research protocol between UChicago and Beijing University, between our infection control group and the CDC in China,” said Sherer.

He praised the bilateral exchange happening between University doctors and their Chinese counterparts, and the fact that all conferences at the center are coordinated with Chinese partners.

“Chinese doctors have developed sophisticated health care infrastructure within their cultural context. We have everything to learn about the steps they have made and the obstacles to effective infection control practices they’ve faced in the past. I’m a much better researcher and clinician in China as a consequence of these meetings.”

Pavel (Paul) Wiegmann
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This conference focused on theoretical and experimental works on the study of novel quantum states in materials and cold atomic gases. The workshop brought together 100 physicists from the United States, China, Korea, and Japan to discuss the unifying themes behind such concepts as topological phenomena in electronic physics, symmetries and states in the fractional quantum Hall effect, physics of graphene, and correlated atomic states. These novel states have fundamental significance for physics, materials science, and nanoscience, as well as potential applications in electronics and quantum information technology.

APRIL 11-13, 2011

Chicago-Beijing Infectious Disease Symposium

ORGANIZERS

Renslow Sherer
The University of Chicago
Department of Medicine

Beijing Union Medical College

Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences

Faculty physicians from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and their colleagues from leading Beijing hospitals and medical centers were joined by practicing health care professionals and students to share research and information on infectious diseases as related to such topics as transplantation, HIV, and prevention programs in hospitals.

MAY 9-10, 2011

Medical Education Reform

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Faculty from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Beijing University Health Science Center, and the medical schools of Fudan University and Wuhan University discussed the progress of educational reforms at their respective institutions. Faculty addressed innovations in medical education, such as integration of basic and clinical sciences and clinical reasoning, outcome evaluation, and opportunities for collaboration.

For more information on collaborations through the Center in Beijing, visit uchicago.cn.

ENGAGEMENT 参与

The Center in Beijing hosted a number of lectures during the 2010–11 academic year, **providing a new home for established University of Chicago events and inspiring new opportunities to highlight research by Chinese colleagues.** The center has also become a popular spot for gatherings with alumni and friends, as well as prospective students.

LECTURES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

CHICAGO BOOTH GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SERIES

I Love Cash Flow: The Return to Discipline in Commercializing Innovation

Scott F. Meadow

The University of Chicago
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NOVEMBER 11, 2010

INTERNATIONAL HARPER SERIES

Rising and Resting: Everyday Life and Ancient Philosophy in Beijing

Judith B. Farquhar, AM'75, AM'79, PhD'86

The University of Chicago
Department of Anthropology

NOVEMBER 16, 2010

INTERNATIONAL HARPER SERIES

Currency and Trade Wars: Separating the Facts from the Rhetoric

Robert Z. Aliber

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DECEMBER 10, 2010

CREEL MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Qinghua Strips and the Shang Shu and Yi Zhou Shu

Li Xueqin

Qinghua University

DECEMBER 15, 2010

Chicago Booth Business Forecast Event

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The Historical Significance of the Qinghua Bamboo Strips

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Sunil Kumar, pictured here in Chicago, joined the University of Chicago Booth School of Business as Dean and the George Pratt Shultz Professor of Operations Management in January 2011. He spoke to University of Chicago alumni and guests at Worldwide Booth Night in Beijing about the school's strengths and weaknesses, as well as his goals and aspirations for Chicago Booth.

EVENTS

ADMISSIONS RECEPTIONS

Four admissions receptions were held for prospective students at the Center in Beijing.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

College Admissions

DECEMBER 9, 2010

**University of Chicago
Harris School of Public Policy**

DECEMBER 11, 2010

**Computer Science
Professional Program**

MAY 9, 2011

**Chicago Booth Women's
Week event for admitted
and prospective students**

APRIL 11, 2011

Worldwide Booth Night

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