



CENTER IN BEIJING
2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

芝加哥大学北京中心
年度报告



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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, medical centers, businesses, 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. It supports research and study at all levels from each of the University's divisions and schools, as well as 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、医学和公共卫生；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“东亚文明项目”、“语言强化培训课程”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。

On the cover (left to right from top): Professor Josef Stern speaks at the workshop *Maimonides and Medieval Jewish Thought*; Raymond Dong, College Class of 2015, gains hands-on professional experience through the Metcalf Internship Program; Nobel laureate in economics and UChicago professor James Heckman attends the *3rd Annual UChicago-Renmin Symposium on Family and Labor Economics* at the Center in Beijing; Professor James Hevia and Ji Yuan, the Center in Beijing's Deputy Director, take students enrolled in the 2011 Fall East Asian Civilizations program to the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center.

FROM THE PRESIDENT 校长致辞



In its second year, the University of Chicago Center in Beijing has expanded connections and deepened the exchange of ideas among scholars drawn to this vibrant intellectual destination. Our faculty and students continue to immerse themselves in questions of worldwide importance, testing their ideas and those of scholars from China and elsewhere. Our Chinese colleagues have welcomed us into their city, their classrooms, and their institutions to share work and pursue new collaborations.

During the year, opportunities for learning and research have grown, both at the center itself and throughout the area. The center hosted nearly 50 events and international conferences reflecting the breadth of faculty and student interests. Beyond the center, in partnership with Shandong University, the University of Chicago established a new American Culture Exchange Center in Jinan, China. New Metcalf internships placed students in the College at important institutions in Beijing and across the region for valuable learning and work experience. These advances, made possible by the center, enhance the fabric of the University of Chicago and reflect the importance we have placed on global engagement and the open exchange of ideas.

The center's growth is a tribute to the broad ambition of our faculty and students, the strategic leadership of Director Dali L. Yang and the faculty steering committee, the support of talented staff, and the valuable insights and contributions of alumni and friends. I also extend my gratitude on behalf of the University to the many collaborating scholars and institutions that have made these strides possible, and to the generosity of our donors whose commitment enables the success of the Center in Beijing.

Robert J. Zimmer

President, The University of Chicago

成立翌年，芝加哥大学北京中心这一充满生机的知识目的地，仍在吸引汇聚着众多学者，扩展他们的联系，加深他们之间的思想交流。我们的教师和学生继续致力于对世界重要问题的探究，不断检验着他们自己以及包括中国在内的世界各国学者的想法。我们的中方同仁欢迎我们来到北京，走进他们的课堂和机构组织，与他们一同工作并不断追求新的合作。

过去的一年，在中心内外的学习和研究机会均有增长。北京中心举办了近50场活动及国际会议，充分展现了教师和学生们的广泛兴趣。此外，芝加哥大学还与山东大学合作，在中国济南成立了新的美国文化中心。Metcalf实习生项目将芝加哥大学本科生安排至北京和其它地区重要的机构当中实习，让他们获得宝贵的学习和工作经验。这些进步得益于北京中心的工作，它们为芝加哥大学添锦织绣，反映了我们重视国际合作和开放式思想交流的理念。

北京中心的成长得益于教师和学生的远大志向、杨大利主任和教师指导委员会的远见卓识、中心员工的出色工作以及各位校友和朋友的宝贵见解和贡献。与此同时，我代表芝加哥大学向与我们合作的诸位学者和机构表示感谢，没有他们，我们不可能取得如此大的进步；向慷慨的捐赠人和机构表示感谢，正是因为他们的执著和鼎力相助，才会有北京中心的成功。

Robert J. Zimmer

罗伯特·锦穆尔

芝加哥大学校长

主任致辞

今天的芝加哥大学北京中心是一个生机勃勃的场所，致力于思想交流和各类合作。作为整个芝加哥大学的事业，芝大北京中心汇聚了学校各专业/时期的芝加哥大学人，涵盖了所有学部 and 学院。在回顾过去一学年的工作并期待着新一学年开始之际，我对中心取得的成就感到非常高兴，尤其要诚挚地感谢芝加哥大学这个大家庭的成员，感谢你们的热情支持和慷慨赞助。

过去一年里，我们充实了现有项目，并进行了新的尝试，以丰富师生及校友的体验并更好地与中方参与者和合作伙伴进行交流。通过不同的会议和活动，参与者积极分享并汲取新思想和新做法。自中心成立以来的两年时间里，我们接待了来自32个国家（也包括中国各地）的近4000名来访者。尤其是去年，来访人数增加了两倍。中心已成为名副其实的国际交流中心。您通过这份报告，将可以了解北京中心过去一年的工作。我也请您登陆我们的网站 www.uchicago.cn，及时获得更多的中心信息以及近期活动预告。我们很荣幸，能举办一系列丰富多彩的活动，涵盖的学术领域相当广泛。

我们的研讨会将一些不常见面的人汇聚到一起。例如我们举办的以中国戏剧电影为主题的会议邀请了来自美国和欧洲的学者，让他们更深入地了解这一起源于亚洲的艺术形式。另一场会议则邀请了知名的西方音乐学者与中国不同音乐学院的教师和演奏家一道进行交流。

研讨会及会议不只是促进了学者之间的联系。我们认为这些活动是逐渐加深理解与合作的必要步骤。在一系列研讨会中，芝加哥大学哈里斯公共政策学院和全国民意研究中心的民意调查专家与中国数据调查机构的同仁（特别是中国人民大学和北京大学的数据调查中心）交流了调查经验，并且分享了对双方社会的见解。来自Fermi and Argonne 国家实验室的科研人员与来自中国高能物理研究所/清华大学和北京大学的同仁进行了探测器研发方面的交流。

北京中心举办的学生项目也在增加。除了针对本科生的学季项目以外，中心还为芝加哥大学学生提供了不同的暑期实习项目。生命科学专业的学生有机会与中国知名生命科学教授一起进行实验室研究；社会科学与公共政策专业的学生参与了教师组织的关于中国政策的研究项目。芝加哥大学保尔森中心的实习生致力于研究可持续发展和中美关系问题。我们计划在明年为本科生和研究生增加更多新项目。

今天的学生将会是我们未来的领袖。我十分高兴地看到，我们的年轻学者与他们的中国同仁建立了学术和社交联系，这些联系将有助于处理人类面临的共同挑战。

Dali L. Yang

杨大利

政治学教授、芝加哥大学北京中心主任

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Our Center in Beijing is today a vibrant space for the exchange of ideas and for various forms of collaborations. As a University-wide initiative, the center unites the University of Chicago community from across disciplines and generations under one roof, with each division and professional school represented throughout Center in Beijing programming.

As I look back at this past academic year and look forward to the start of the next, I am gratified by what the center has accomplished so far and immensely grateful to you, members of the UChicago community, for your enthusiastic support and generosity.

During the past year, we built on existing programs and experimented with new ones to enrich the experiences of our students, faculty, and alumni, as well as to engage our Chinese audiences and partners. In our conferences and events, the participants' drive to share and absorb new ideas and practices from one another is palpable. In the two years since the center's opening, we've seen nearly 4,000 visits, with attendance almost tripling in this last academic year. Guests have traveled from 32 countries—including from across China—to this truly international hub.

The rest of this report offers a taste of what the center has to offer, and I hope you'll also visit our website at uchicago.cn for updates and events to come. As you'll quickly note, we are privileged to host a diversity of programs across broad thematic areas.

Often our workshops bring together participants who are not accustomed to meeting each other. One conference on Chinese opera film drew Western scholars from the United States and Europe to gain deeper insight from Asia into an art that has its roots here. Another brought leading scholars on Western music to engage teachers and practitioners from China's music conservatories.

Workshops or conferences do much more than facilitate networking, and we emphasize that these events are steps to better understanding and collaboration. In a series of workshops,

UChicago experts in survey research from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and National Opinion Research Center (NORC) have met with specialists in China's leading social survey organizations—especially survey and data centers at Renmin and Peking Universities—to share experiences on conducting surveys as well as insights into their respective societies. Scientists from Fermilab and Argonne National Laboratory have engaged their counterparts from China's Institute of High Energy Physics and Peking and Tsinghua Universities on detector research and development.

The number of student programs at the Center in Beijing continues to grow. In addition to regular quarter-long study programs for students in the College, the center has supported a number of summer internship programs for UChicago students. Biology majors may participate in lab research with leading professors in China, and students in the social sciences and public policy have joined in faculty-led research on various aspects of Chinese policy. Interns from the Paulson Institute at UChicago have focused their attention on sustainability and US-China relations. We plan to add additional programs for both graduate and undergraduate students in the coming year.

Today's students will be our future leaders. I am especially pleased to see our young scholars and their Chinese counterparts form academic and social ties, ties that will be necessary for tackling humanity's common challenges.

Dali L. Yang

Professor in Political Science and
Faculty Director of the Center in Beijing



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Professor, Department of Sociology and the College

To truly understand history, “students must contextualize their knowledge,” said Dingxin Zhao, who taught College students in the East Asian Civilizations Program last fall. “This would be totally impossible without the Center in Beijing.”

In his course, students gained a broad overview of 20th-century China, with special emphasis on political and social movements, and traveled via high-speed train to Tianjin—a city whose history is intimately linked to Western and Japanese imperialism and Chinese nationalism.

Zhao’s sociological survey took students through history to present-day Beijing, where they made key connections with their daily lives and observations. “They gained a keen sense of continuity,” said Zhao. “They take away the complexity of China. If these students become the next generation of leaders, they will define US-Sino relations. Whether they are politicians or work at a company, the China factor cannot be escaped. It’s important they understand Chinese culture and can appreciate the challenges China faces.”

This understanding is important for all sides, explained Zhao, including Chinese scholars themselves. An annual workshop on political sociology that he organizes with Renmin University of China brought more than 150 graduate students and young professors from nearly every continent to the Center in Beijing in July 2011. Students discussed topics ranging from women’s movements in India and China to religious changes in post-Mao China.

“What will define China is not manufacturing, it’s ideas that matter. UChicago is a place that produces ideas and cultivates free thinkers,” Zhao said. This has been apparent to many of the young Chinese scholars he’s met, including several in the past year who accepted offers to study at the University. “Through the Center in Beijing, they came to know our professors and the spirit of the University. The spirit of UChicago is this exchange and balance of ideas.”

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 学生奖学金

College students find support and resources at the Center in Beijing as they immerse themselves in Chinese culture and spark connections with Chinese peers. Graduate students play a key role in the University of Chicago's academic climate, supporting professors as teaching assistants and pursuing their own research in the region.

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. Thirty students representing a range of majors convened for the Autumn 2011 Quarter in Beijing.

Beijing Social Sciences Program

Twelve College students participated in the Spring 2012 Quarter Beijing Social Sciences Program, which explores China's economic transformation and rising global impact through thematic courses on globalization and Chinese economy, society, and politics. The students also take a course in Mandarin at their given skill level and work with local language partners. Offered for the second year, 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. To

complement the course material, students participate in field trips and excursions.

This year, students visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Population and Family Planning Commission, the National Bureau of Statistics, a factory, and a migrant school.

Chicago in Beijing: Summer Chinese Language Study Abroad Program

Thirty-three College students participated in an eight-week intensive language course in summer 2012. The course, taught by University of Chicago faculty, counts for one year of University language study credit. The program provided additional opportunities for language practice, as well as such cultural activities as calligraphy, martial arts, tours, and fieldwork at important sites in and around the Chinese capital.

Metcalf Internship Program in Beijing

UChicago Career Advancement coordinates the Metcalf Internship Program, which provides substantive, paid professional opportunities for hundreds of College students every year at organizations around the world. During summer 2012, 35 students secured internships across a wide range of fields, including at laboratories, language camps, business organizations, and nonprofit organizations in Beijing, Hong Kong, and Taipei, Taiwan. Starting this year, new internship opportunities were offered. Two undergraduates participated in social

science and public policy Metcalf internships led by Faculty Director Dali L. Yang at the Center in Beijing.

Two other students served as interns with the Paulson Institute at UChicago. These students—interested in urban sustainability, innovation, and entrepreneurship—worked at the Center in Beijing and provided on the ground support to the Paulson Institute.

A July Metcalf intern reception and student-alumni career panel brought together undergraduates and Beijing-based alumni to discuss entrepreneurship opportunities and employment in local organizations. Recent alumni shared experiences working and interning in China. They also discussed applying for research fellowships, attending Chinese universities for graduate school, and volunteering at charitable social service organizations to gain field experience.

Law School Spring Break Week Class in Beijing

Twelve Law School students participated in the first Beijing Legal Seminar, a practical, immersive course focused on the role of China in international law and the nature of the Chinese legal system. Topic areas included international law and global security, competition and antitrust, rule of law and administrative governance, China and the World Trade Organization, and the Chinese legal system and intellectual property.

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

For more information on the Metcalf Internship Program, visit careeradvancement.uchicago.edu.

FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH RESIDENCIES

For faculty, graduate students, and other UChicago researchers and collaborators in China, the Center in Beijing provides office and meeting space, as well as funding for residencies.

In November 2011, **Laura Letinsky**, Professor in Visual Arts, Cinema and Media Studies, and the College, spent two weeks in Beijing and Hong Kong studying the phenomenon of materialism and exploring the similarities and differences between European and Chinese traditions of still life.

Lawrence Rothfield, Associate Professor in English Language and Literature, Comparative Literature, and the College, was in residence at the center in June 2012 to study the preservation of antiquities.

In summer 2012, seven **graduate students** in anthropology, business, and sociology were in residence at the center to conduct fieldwork in China.



GRADUATE PERSPECTIVE



“Through my research, I feel like I can potentially provide another narrative about what in China has been changing in recent history. Being there on the ground, making crucial connections with academics—it opened up the possibility that I could spend the rest of my life doing research in China. I see all this opportunity there and it got me really excited.”

Christina Jenq

PhD candidate

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

When it came time to choose her dissertation topic, Jenq’s Chicago Booth advisors, as well as the opening of the Center in Beijing, inspired her to study China and the changing role of women in the workforce since the 1970s. She said the center’s staff and leadership have facilitated relationships with a number of Chinese academics who are now helping her identify important data for her research.

UNDERGRADUATE PERSPECTIVE



“I like the idea that science is an international discipline. It’s not like language or history or something more personal to one country or culture, but the way people from all kinds of backgrounds approach it is very different. It’s really important to me to have this international approach, because in science you build off of what the people who have come before you have done.”

Liwen Xu

AB’12, biological sciences

With the center as a home base, Xu worked at the Chinese Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Biophysics for 10 weeks in the summer of 2011 through the College’s Metcalf Internship Program. For her final project, Xu presented her research on gene mutation and Lou Gehrig’s disease to scientists and peers at the lab. In fall 2012, she will begin an MPhil program at the University of Cambridge studying related diseases.

COLLABORATIONS 合作

To advance collaborative research and the active exchange of new ideas, a wide range of programming was held throughout the 2011-12 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.



Left to right from top: Professor Xinchou Lou from the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of High Energy Physics speaks at a workshop on particle accelerator research and development; Professor Paul Sereno speaks at Shandong University in Jinan at the *Paleontology as Art and History* event; Professor John Mearnsheimer gives a lecture as part of the International Harper Series at the Center in Beijing; Professor Josef Stern speaks at the workshop *Maimonides and Medieval Jewish Thought*; Professor Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer speaks with Theodore Georgakelos, the Greek Ambassador to China, at the *Western Classics in Modern China* conference; Raymond Dong, College Class of 2015, gains hands-on professional experience in the Metcalf Internship Program.

Conferences and Symposia

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed were held at the Center in Beijing.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND POLICY

JULY 13-16, 2011

Conference on Industrial Co-Development

ORGANIZERS

Gary Herrigel

The University of Chicago
Department of Political Science

Edward Steinfeld

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Tsinghua University

China's position within the global manufacturing division of labor is changing rapidly, particularly in light of uncertainties brought on by the recent financial crisis. This conference brought together international scholars from Japan, Korea, the United States, Germany, Holland, and Sweden who are interested in ways that multinational corporations are reconfiguring their technology and manufacturing operations in China.

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2011

The Past and Present of Governance in China

VENUE

Hangzhou, Zhejiang University

ORGANIZERS

Roger Myerson

The University of Chicago
Department of Economics

Dali L. Yang

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

Central Compilation and Translation Bureau, China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics

Zhejiang University

Convened in the historic city of Hangzhou, this multidisciplinary symposium brought together leading American and Chinese researchers in the social science disciplines to examine and reflect on the nature and dynamics of China's governance.



National laboratories broaden research and development perspectives

Last June, scientists from Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab)—both chiefly managed by the University of Chicago for the US Department of Energy—joined colleagues from the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of High Energy Physics, Peking University, and Tsinghua University for two days of workshops about particle detector research and development. Topics included semiconductor lab and infrastructure, pixel-silicon detectors in China, and prospects for high-resolution hadron calorimetry.

An earlier workshop in November drew participants from Argonne, the China Automotive Technology and Research Center (CATARC), and other Chinese research institutions. A memorandum of understanding signing ceremony took place at the Center in Beijing, promoting continued collaboration between Argonne and CATARC to exchange information on the commercialization of energy-efficient technologies and clean transportation fuels.

These events further the labs' tradition of collaborative research in the region. Argonne and Fermilab scientists often work with Chinese colleagues to conduct basic scientific research and help solve energy and environmental challenges facing society today.

Pictured: Professor Young-Kee Kim speaks at the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of High Energy Physics during the *Detector R&D Workshops*.



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Dan Black

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Professor, Harris School of Public Policy
Senior Fellow, NORC

There are many policy questions facing China’s rapidly shifting cultural landscape: How does urbanization affect health outcomes? Does educational infrastructure adequately support the children of migrant workers? What can other developing nations learn from China’s immense growth?

“Getting new data sets in China will be really exciting in terms of thinking about the implications of large-scale urbanization,” said Dan Black, who specializes in applied econometrics and labor and population studies. “Migrants moving from rural China to extremely large cities face unique problems. People want to understand what those problems are and how they affect economic success.”

Part of a series coordinated by Peking University, Renmin University of China, the University of Michigan, and the University of Chicago, *The International Symposium on Longitudinal Survey Methods for Human Capital* explored the hurdles researchers face in collecting such data. In a nation where sparsely

populated regions often lack telephones and developed postal systems, Black was impressed by the ingenuity of Chinese scholars.

“In areas without mail service, researchers weren’t sure they had a complete list of residences. One study used Google Maps to identify where buildings were, so they could send people to conduct screening interviews and narrow down eligible survey participants. That’s an extremely clever solution to a very big problem.”

Black—who will return to Beijing in summer 2013 to teach at Renmin—saw great opportunities for researchers to learn from one another, including for organizations like NORC to gain new perspectives on their work.

“We learned an awful lot of very useful things about what the Chinese are doing that will probably facilitate NORC working in other countries,” he said. Applying this new lens to research methodology may be the key to bringing world issues into focus.

NOVEMBER 7-11, 2011

CGSS-GSS Collaborative Symposium

ORGANIZERS

Kathleen Parks

The University of Chicago

NORC

Tom Smith

The University of Chicago

NORC

Wang Weidong

Renmin University of China

Dali L. Yang

The University of Chicago

Department of Political Science and

Faculty Director of the Center in Beijing

NORC at the University of Chicago and the National Survey Research Center at Renmin University conduct national surveys annually or biannually. With sponsorship from the Ford Foundation, the institutions held a symposium to compare methods and foster understanding of each other's work.

DECEMBER 17-18, 2011

Conference on Comparative Constitutional Law in Asia

VENUE

University of Hong Kong

ORGANIZERS

Rosalind Dixon

The University of Chicago

Law School

Tom Ginsburg

The University of Chicago

Law School

Comparative constitutional law is a discipline of increasing importance, but there is less comparative constitutional writing on East Asia, and there has been relatively little exchange between Asian scholars and international experts in comparative constitutional law. This conference facilitated this exchange by bringing together Chinese and East Asian scholars with a group of comparativists from outside the region.

MAY 28-29, 2012

International Symposium on Longitudinal Survey Methods for Human Capital

ORGANIZERS

Dan Black

The University of Chicago

Harris School of Public Policy

NORC

Ellen Cohen

The University of Chicago

Harris School of Public Policy

Kymn Kochanek

The University of Chicago

NORC

Beth-Ellen Pennell

University of Michigan

Qiang Ren

Peking University

Wang Weidong

Renmin University of China

Conference participants discussed their mutual interests and expertise in life course investment in human capital in China and the United States, taking advantage of complementary data sets and sharing best practices in research methodologies.

JUNE 25-26, 2012

Third Annual UChicago-Renmin International Symposium on Family and Labor Economics

ORGANIZERS

James Heckman

The University of Chicago

Department of Economics

Harris School of Public Policy

Dali L. Yang

The University of Chicago

Department of Political Science and

Faculty Director of the Center in Beijing

Zhong Zhao

Renmin University of China

Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics

The University of Chicago

Confucius Institute at the University of Chicago

Leading academics from universities in China, the United States, and other countries came together for this third conference in an ongoing series to discuss 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.



“I can’t speak highly enough of the Center in Beijing. I think the vision we are bringing is really unique: having a space that’s as much for collaborative research, conferences, and alumni events as it is for teaching. It ups the ante in a lot of different ways.”

Judith Zeitlin

Judith Zeitlin

Professor of Chinese Literature, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Center for East Asian Studies, and the College

All Chinese opera is local, explained Judith Zeitlin. But regional styles were promoted nationally and exported internationally through opera films that flourished in early communist China, with more than 120 films produced between 1953 and 1966.

The popular films were largely overlooked academically. “They fell between the cracks,” she said, with neither cinema nor theater studies claiming ownership.

The genre was unique in its own right. “Filmmakers would argue a film is supposed to be realistic, concrete, but Chinese opera is so abstract, and so there was debate about how to adapt these theatrical works.”

Zeitlin and UChicago professors Xinyu Dong and Paola Iovene brought together scholars at a 2009 conference to explore the topic further. The success of the conference prompted *The Opera Quarterly* to publish a special double issue on the topic, coedited by Zeitlin and Iovene—the first time the publication strayed from a Western focus.

What the conference lacked, she said, “was significant collaboration and input from our colleagues in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia, which turned out to be a really big market for these films.”

In June, Zeitlin and her collaborators brought together new voices on the topic when they coorganized a follow-up conference with the National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts. *Chinese Opera Film: At the Intersection of Theater, Cinema, and Politics* drew academics, directors, and performers from organizations across the United States, East and Southeast Asia, and Europe to the Center in Beijing. “It was definitely a collage of cultures,” she said.

Participants screened movies at the Beijing Film Archive and examined such topics as the significance of color usage and the commercialization of patriotism.

Zeitlin will bring the discussion back to UChicago’s Hyde Park campus in 2014, when she curates a Smart Museum of Art exhibit on the visual culture of Chinese opera. She hopes to coordinate related performances at UChicago’s Court Theatre and the new Logan Center for the Arts. For her, the Center in Beijing allows her teaching and research to flow seamlessly between East and West, gaining momentum with each new pursuit.

JUNE 27-29, 2012

International Perspectives on Social Policy and Urban Problems

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The processes of urbanization, economic liberalization, and globalization have changed the face of cities and their place in the broader socioeconomic landscape. This seminar brought together scholars from the University of Chicago, Peking University, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and Seoul National University for a discussion on these challenges and the various policy responses used by different countries.

CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND THE ARTS

JULY 18-20, 2011

Workshop on Political Sociology

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In this workshop, led by professors from the University of Chicago and Renmin University, approximately 50 junior faculty members and graduate students examined, from a sociological perspective, China's social change as reflected in the various forms of collective action. Participants employed the latest research methodologies to explore the nature of social change and its possible impact on the future of China's development.

JULY 21-24, 2011

Workshop on Theorizing Structural Change in 20th-Century China

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China's history can be characterized as one of social and intellectual responses to new forms of global structuring and imperatives. This workshop united scholars who study China from a wide variety of backgrounds to discuss the history of Chinese transformations.

SEPTEMBER 2-8, 2011

Ethnic and Traditional Medicine in the Information Age: Research Planning and Training Workshop

ORGANIZERS

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Peking University

With the support of the Chinese State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, a team of eleven local researchers assembled to investigate the emergence of local ethno-medicines in ten minority nationality sites. Participants attended a training and collaboration workshop to compare research processes.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Planning Meeting for the Tianlongshan Caves Digital Imaging Project

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With funding from the Carpenter and Getty Foundations, the Center for the Art of East Asia has previously carried out an extensive collaborative research project on the sixth-century Buddhist caves of Xiangtangshan. This meeting discussed undertaking a new collaborative project for research, digital recording, and reconstruction of the Tianlongshan Caves as an extension of a Buddhist caves initiative begun in 2004.



American Culture Exchange Center fosters cross-cultural understanding

In August 2011, the Center in Beijing received a grant from the American Center for Educational Exchange in Beijing to establish an American Culture Exchange Center in Jinan, China, with Shandong University. The American Culture Exchange Center fosters academic cooperation between the two universities and cross-cultural understanding between the two nations through academic workshops and public programs. A number of lectures by University of Chicago faculty have been held in Jinan as part of the cultural center's programming, including talks on Judaism, the 2012 US presidential election, and paleontology. Representatives of Shandong University have also visited both the Center in Beijing and UChicago's campus in Hyde Park to explore further areas of collaboration.

Pictured: Professor Dwight Hopkins gives a lecture on cultural values at Shandong University in Jinan.

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011 Second International Conference on Ancient Tomb Art

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This series of biannual conferences provides an international platform for scholarly communication. The organizers encourage solid, evidential research of important historical phenomena, serious reflection on research method, and comparative studies between Chinese tombs and funerary art in other parts of the world.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

Popular Culture and Books of Fate in Early China Planning Meeting

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Since the 1970s, archaeological excavations in China have produced many examples of a type of manuscript called *rishu*, "day books," which are invaluable sources for many aspects of ancient Chinese culture. This meeting helped plan a project to examine the day books as texts that played a significant role in the everyday lives of people belonging to different social groups, yet sharing a worldview.

NOVEMBER 16-18, 2011

Music Theory between East and West

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The impetus for this conference was the imminent publication of a Chinese translation of the *Cambridge History of Western Music Theory*. The aim of the conference was to go beyond the topics raised by this book to explore the relation—and tension—between Western and Eastern approaches to music theory.

APRIL 19, 2012

Maimonides and Medieval Jewish Thought

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This workshop focused on the philosophy of Moses Maimonides and his *Guide of the Perplexed*, and explored possibilities for further collaborations among participating institutions.

APRIL 27-29, 2012

The Western Classics in Modern China

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A distinguished group of scholars from the disciplines of history, philosophy, literature, and law addressed various aspects of the complicated history of Greco-Roman antiquity in modern China.

JUNE 14-17, 2012

Chinese Opera Film: At the Intersection of Theater, Cinema, and Politics

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National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts

This conference explored opera film as a trans-regional genre and looked at films produced after 1978—a time in which Chinese state studios underwent important transformations. Participants were both academics and practitioners, including Chinese actors and directors, who examined case studies of key films, filmmakers, and producers.

SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

AUGUST 4, 2011

Chicago-China Infection Control Series 2: Quality Improvement in Antibiotic Utilization

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China Center for Disease Control and Prevention

This series workshop was a continuation of the collaboration that began with the *Chicago-Beijing Infectious Disease Conference* in April 2011. The conference brought infection control physicians, nurses, administrators, and public health officials to collaborate on antibiotic stewardship and infection control in China.

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Argonne-CATARC Workshop

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To help both the United States and China pursue energy and environmentally sustainable transportation systems, CATARC and Argonne have been cooperating since 2004 in the fields of life cycle assessment of advanced vehicle technologies and transportation fuels, assessment of plug-in hybrid vehicles, modeling of advanced vehicle technology fuel economy and performance, and evaluation of vehicle energy storage technologies. This workshop and the memorandum of understanding signed by Argonne and CATARC at the center in November 2011 continued this collaboration.



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Professor, Department of Surgery
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J. Michael Millis has witnessed transformations once thought impossible. Because of Chinese cultural beliefs surrounding death and burial, “people said living organ donation and donation from citizen volunteer deceased donors would never catch on in China,” said Millis, who has been visiting the region professionally for over a decade and now consults with Vice Minister of Health Huang Jiefu.

Shifted policies and increased public education initiatives have made the implausible a reality. “We’ve had a successful trial of pilot centers around the country with several hundred deceased donors and two or three times that number of organs transplanted from all different parts of China.”

The May conference *Ethical Issues in Medicine and Surgery: A Cross-Cultural Exploration* took a deeper look at case studies like these, bringing together American and Chinese physicians, professors, and ethicists—including several China-based practitioners

who trained at the UChicago MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics and are now leaders in the field.

Millis said topics at the conference ranged from patient consent to health care financing and yielded one of the most robust dialogues he’s ever encountered. The interactive atmosphere was supported by specialized translation services from Peking Union Medical College that deftly accounted for nuanced medical terms, incorporated technology displaying real-time audience polls, and reflected UChicago’s defining commitment to the open exchange of ideas.

The successful seminar was the beginning of what Millis hopes will become a conference series and a continued exchange among Eastern and Western scholars and practitioners.

“The UChicago way is to hear all different opinions and judge them by their merits, not necessarily by who is saying them,” said Millis. “Chinese people come to the University’s Center in Beijing, with scholars from the University, and—especially as they get to know us—that inspires them to dig deeply into the issues from multiple perspectives.”

MAY 14-15, 2012

Family and Community Medicine Workshop

ORGANIZERS

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The University of Chicago
Department of Medicine

Part of a series, these events bring participants together to create ambulatory-based medical curricula and experiential teaching for family medicine. The event presented an overview of how this outpatient curriculum is taught in the United States and in China, exploring current and potential areas for collaboration.

MAY 17-18, 2012

Ethical Issues in Medicine and Surgery: A Cross-Cultural Exploration

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This seminar explored critical topics in medical ethics from the perspective of both the United States and China. Session topics included the foundation of medical ethics, surgical ethics (including transplant surgery), ethical issues in medical and surgical research, and professionalism in the doctor-patient relationship.

MAY 21, 2012

Medical Education Reform Workshop

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Peking University

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Faculty from UChicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, Peking University Health Science Center, and the medical schools of Fudan and Wuhan Universities discussed the progress of educational reforms at their respective institutions and examined areas for further collaboration among the institutions.

JUNE 1-2, 2012

Detector R&D Workshops

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US and Chinese scientists reviewed the most recent advances in detector technologies, analyzed developments in applying these technologies to various application fields at large, and identified critical areas of further research and development efforts in platform technologies, as well as in various application fields.



“I feel I owe the school a lot for my life and my career. I think what I learned more from UChicago than from any other education I received was how to analyze and solve problems. Now with the center here, I get to know a lot more about the development of the University and also have a chance to see a lot of faculty members and school leaders again, including President Zimmer and Dean Kumar of Chicago Booth. With the center’s establishment, alumni in the region are more connected to the University, and also more connected to each other.”

Steve Sun, MBA’97

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Like all University of Chicago alumni, Sun is a lifelong learner, regularly attending Center in Beijing conferences in topics ranging from literature to law and economics. And like all our alumni, he is a valued member of our community. Sun chooses to stay engaged by contributing to UChicago in many ways. At a student-alumni career panel this July, he provided insight into entrepreneurship opportunities in China for College students and Metcalf interns.

Sun is an active member of the UChicago Beijing Alumni Club and gives back to the University through generous donations. He is also on Chicago Booth’s Global Advisory Board, a group of international business leaders who provide input to the dean on important strategic choices facing the school globally and who enhance the school’s reputation around the world. At the Chicago Booth Global Launchpad at the center in July, Sun helped identify and attract entrepreneur mentors for the four days of seminars.

“Alumni can help a lot. We can help recruit more qualified students and attract more alumni to stay in touch. The Center in Beijing has made me feel very valuable at the University, the most I have since graduation. As an alumnus who wants to contribute and keep connected to the school, I benefit a lot from the center.”

ENGAGEMENT 参与

In addition to academic workshops and conferences, a variety of events take place at the center throughout the year, including public lectures, career development programs, admissions information sessions, and alumni engagement events.

Faculty, students, alumni, and visitors from 32 countries made over 3,000 visits to the center in its second year, demonstrating its global reach and inspiring new collaborations. The center also provided many ways for alumni in China to engage with the University, to promote networking and connections, and to encourage interactions with current and prospective students.

Lectures

JULY 8, 2011

International Harper Series

Taking Perspectives: Language and Thought and Life in the College

John Lucy

The University of Chicago
Department of Psychology

AUGUST 25, 2011

Distinguished Lecture Series

Working with China to Improve the Safety of American Imports

Jeffrey Hilsgen

US Consumer Product Safety Commission

OCTOBER 12, 2011

International Harper Series

Taxes, Deficits, and Entitlements: Can Any Political Process Achieve Ideal Balance?

Richard Epstein

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NOVEMBER 15, 2011

International Harper Series

An Evening with Robert Z. Aliber

The University of Chicago
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FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Distinguished Lecture Series

The Renminbi's Role in the Global Economic System

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MARCH 13, 2012

Distinguished Lecture Series

Research Panel Discussion: How Will Local Government Debts Affect the Chinese Economy?

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MARCH 19, 2012, IN JINAN

MARCH 20, 2012, IN BEIJING

International Harper Series

Coming Together or Coming Apart: America and the 2012 Elections

John Mark Hansen

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Department of Political Science

MARCH 20, 2012, IN JINAN

MARCH 22, 2012, IN BEIJING

International Harper Series

United States and China: Cultural Values for Dialogue

Dwight Hopkins

The University of Chicago
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MARCH 23, 2012, IN JINAN

International Harper Series

Paleontology as Art History

Paul Sereno

The University of Chicago
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MARCH 27, 2012

International Harper Series

Lecture with Henry M. Paulson, Jr.

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MAY 8, 2012

International Harper Series

**Robust Cultural Pluralism
in the New World Order:
Three Prophecies**

Richard Shweder

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MAY 23, 2012

International Harper Series

**Are China and the United States
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John Mearsheimer

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MAY 30, 2012

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Good Derivatives

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International Harper Series

Antiquities under Siege

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**Paulson Institute promotes
collaboration on world issues**

The Paulson Institute, an independent center located at the University of Chicago, was established in 2011 to promote sustainable economic growth and a cleaner environment around the world. The institute's initial focus is the relationship between the United States and China. Through its various programs, the Paulson Institute has three principal objectives: to increase US-China cross investment, leading to the creation of jobs; to support energy efficiency, develop and deploy clean energy for sustainable growth, and promote better environmental practices; and to promote best business practices on issues of international concern.

Among the Paulson Institute's activities in China during its first year were the launch of a major program on urban sustainability in China, in partnership with the China Association of Mayors and the China Center for International Economic Exchanges. The institute's chairman, Henry M. Paulson, Jr., spoke at an alumni event and reception hosted by the Center in Beijing in March 2012. The institute also sponsored distinguished lecturers in both Hyde Park and Beijing, including events in Chicago with former Utah Governor and US Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman and World Bank President Robert Zoellick, and a Beijing event, cosponsored with the Center in Beijing, featuring Richard Sandor, a pioneer of financial innovation, who spoke about his new book *Good Derivatives*.

The institute's programs for students included the competitive selection of two predoctoral fellows from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and the Department of Sociology to conduct dissertation fieldwork in China; two UChicago Metcalf interns who worked at the Center in Beijing over the summer; and six research associateships for graduate and undergraduate students, who researched and wrote in-depth case studies of existing Chinese investments in the United States and worked on a soon-to-be-launched institute program on US-China agricultural trade and investment.

Pictured: Henry M. Paulson, Jr., speaks at an alumni event in Beijing.

President Robert J. Zimmer met with alumni and friends of the University of Chicago during receptions and discussions in Hong Kong and Beijing. He discussed the ideas, people, and discoveries that shape the University and inform its impact on the global community, outlining an ambitious agenda and answering questions about the strategic vision of the University.



Events

JULY 16, 2011

Beijing Metcalf Interns and Incoming Students Reception

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

Chicago Booth All-China Alumni Dinner with Timothy Schlindwein, MBA'72

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Fall 2011 Student Alumni Event

APRIL 26, 2012

A Conversation with President Zimmer 2012

MAY 7, 2012

Chicago Booth Women's Week Reception 2012

JUNE 2, 2012

Alumni Reception: Chicago Booth, Yale School of Management, and Stanford Alumni Clubs of Beijing

Pictured: President Zimmer speaks with Jennifer Oseitutu, AB'12, a student in the Beijing Social Sciences Program.

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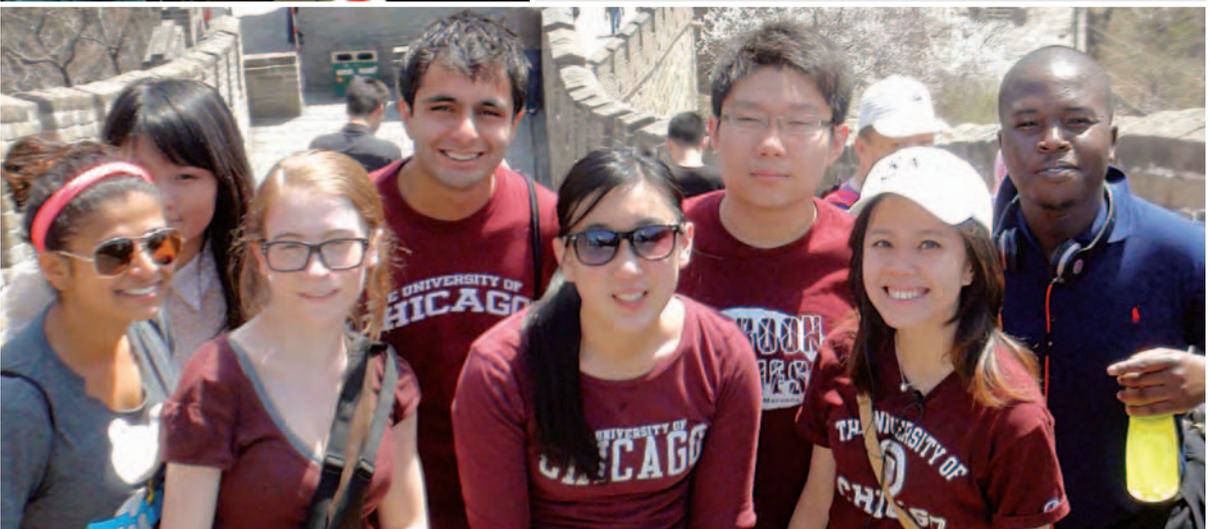
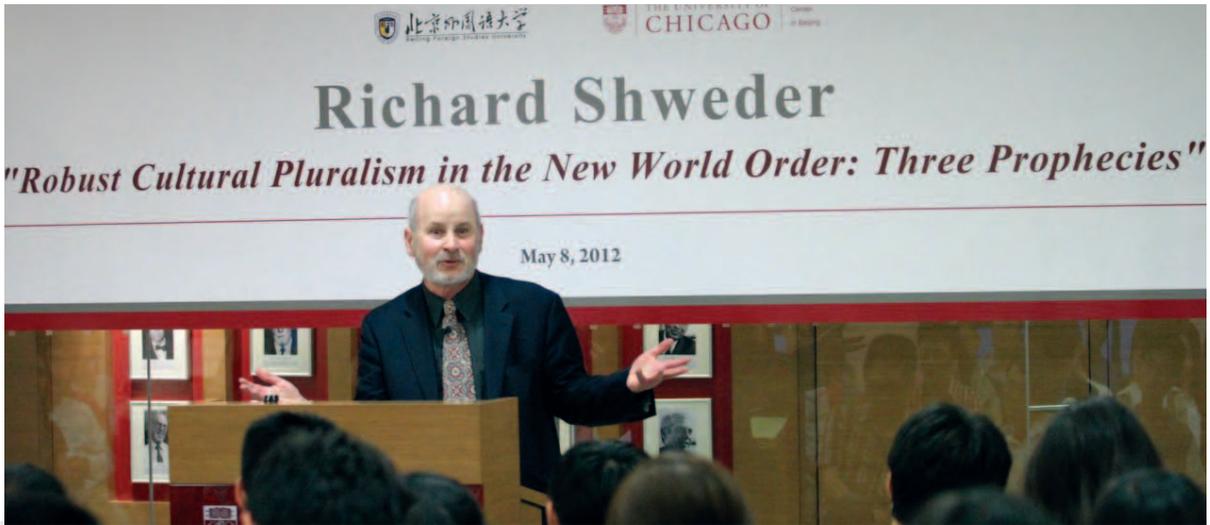
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Left to right from top: Professor Richard Shweder gives a talk at the Center in Beijing as part of the International Harper Series; Professor John Mark Hansen greets students at the Center in Beijing after his lecture on the United States and the 2012 election; Nobel laureate in economics and UChicago professor James Heckman at a Center in Beijing conference debates with Richard Freeman, the Herbert Ascherman Professor of Economics at Harvard University; Study Abroad students in Beijing visit the Great Wall of China.



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