

# US-CHINA BRIDGE

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## JACKSON/HO CHINA FORUMS

### January 14 – Professor

**Tun-Jen Cheng** presented “Asian New Democracies and their Political Discontents.” Prof. Cheng holds the Class of 1935 Chair Professorship in the Government Department at the College of William and Mary.

**February 23 – Charles Freeman** presented “US-China Relations in a Time of Shifting Power.” According to Diana Y. Lee, one of the forum attendees, “[Freeman] made a complex subject of mutual mistrust and misunderstanding between the US and China simple and easy to grasp.” Dr. Freeman holds the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for International and Strategic Studies (CSIS). A second-generation “China hand,” he has lived and worked between Asia and the United States for his entire life. He has acquired his career-long expertise in China’s economic and political emergence from senior positions in government, business and the non-profit sector.

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Professor Wang Gungwu and Executive Director Sam Zhao

**April 28** - The China Center held a “Conversation on China’s Culture” with **Professor Wang Gungwu**. Professor Wang began by giving an overview of his experience in China and how the rising power of China may result in cultural changes within the county. The floor was then opened for a lively discussion among attendees. Professor Wang is the Chairman of the East Asian Institute and University Professor, National University of Singapore. He is also Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University.

Professor Wang later presented “China’s Quest: A New Cultural Identity” at University of Denver’s Bridges to the Future event.

**April 1 – Drew Thompson**, Director of China Studies and Starr Senior Fellow at The Nixon Center in Washington, D.C. gave an intriguing presentation on “China-North Korean Relations.” He addresses not only North Korea’s dependence on China, but China’s dependence on North Korea. His insightful presentation came at a critical time as the world tried to make sense of the Cheonan incident and Chinese reaction to this event.

**April 30** – In co-sponsorship with the Department of Anthropology, CCUSC welcomed **Dr. Luca Zan** to the University of Denver. Dr. Zan, Professor of Economics and the Director of the Program in the Management and Innovation of Cultural and Artistic Organizations at the University of Bologna, presented “The Management of Cultural Heritage in China.” He discussed his research, carried out from 2005 – 2008, which analyzed the managerial aspects in the process of archeological discoveries, restoration, museum definition and access to cultural heritage in Luoyang City, China.

## CHINA ON THE WORLD STAGE: THE STRUGGLE OF A RISING POWER

On May 21, CCUSC held its 8<sup>th</sup> annual International Symposium. The one-day conference explored the historic, domestic and external sources of China's struggle as a rising world power, as well as its relations with other major powers, third world countries and its Asian Pacific neighbors. A group of outstanding scholars presented their papers to a sold out crowd and engaged in conversation on the important issues facing China and its struggle as a rising world power.

**Presenter papers will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Contemporary China.**



### Visiting Students

The Center for China-US Cooperation hosted 21 students from Shanghai International Studies University at the University of Denver this spring. The three week educational program gave the students exposure to American education through class attendance and special guest lectures. They also participated in a number of activities around campus and the city that gave them the opportunity to experience Denver and living in the United States.

*The students display their certificates of program completion. Dana Lewis and Executive Director Sam Zhao are pictured in the front row.*

### People of CCUSC

◆ The CCUSC Executive Director Sam Zhao was rewarded the University of Denver's University Scholar Award for the year 2010 and will receive the award at the University Convocation in the fall quarter. The award recognizes unusually significant and meritorious achievement in professional scholarship, as evidenced by publications and their enhanced effect on classroom teaching. As usual, Sam is busy this first half year with numerous speaking engagements. Among them were three speeches at Stanford University. He talked on China's policy toward Taiwan's participation in international community at Stanford's Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law in March, served as a panelist at Stanford's student organized Forum for American/Chinese Exchanges in April, and presented a paper at an international symposium organized by Stanford's Spoti Institute for International Studies in May. In addition, Sam presented a paper on China-African Relations at an international conference in College of Europe, Belgium in February, traveled to Singapore to present a paper on China's approach toward East Asian regionalism in March, spoke at the 45<sup>th</sup> Otago University Foreign Policy School in New Zealand in June and went on to speak at University of Technology Sydney, Lowy Institute for International Policy, and Deakin University in Australia in early July.

◆ CCUSC welcomes Dana Lewis as the new executive assistant. She is thrilled to join the team.

◆ Congratulations to our Administrative Assistant, Sarah Hook, who graduated this June with an MA in International Development and a certificate in Global Health Affairs. Sarah has been instrumental in the organization and success of CCUSC programs and events.



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