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## New China Faculty at UW

**Rania Huntington**, a distinguished scholar in Chinese literature, has formally joined the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature. Having taught at the UW-Madison for the past two years as a visiting professor, she has demonstrated to be an invaluable asset to the department and to the larger field of East Asian Studies. Professor Huntington is an expert on the Chinese supernatural and gendered voices in late imperial literature and has published on a wide range of topics and genres. She is also a dedicated teacher with an extensive record of teaching excellence. This crucial hire solidifies the UW-Madison Chinese literature program.

**Sida Liu**, a leading scholar of the Chinese legal profession, has accepted a faculty position with the University of Wisconsin Sociology Department. Mr. Liu is a Research Associate at the American Bar Foundation and Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology at the University of Chicago. He was also a featured speaker at the Law School in February, see page 5 of this newsletter.

### Faculty Update

**Anuj C. Desai** accepted a visiting teaching position at the Hopkins Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing China. At the University of Wisconsin, he teaches in both the law school and the School of Library and Information Studies, offering classes in Copyright, First Amendment, Constitutional Law, and Cyberlaw. He has also taught law at National Tsinghua University in Hsinchu, Taiwan and National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan. Professor Desai will spend one year at Hopkins Nanjing Center teaching young and mid-career professionals from China and the West in a range of fields including academia, law, journalism, government and business.

## Wisconsin Critical Language Fellow

The Critical Language Fellow Project (CLFP) was created to develop high quality alternative routes for teacher certification that accommodate the needs of non-traditional candidates. This program is vital to the development and sustainability of Chinese language programs in Wisconsin.

In August 2008, twelve teachers completed their projects and ten teachers are expected to complete their participation in August of 2009. Participants are generally seeking teaching certification through another institute of higher education. In the program, Critical Language Fellows' projects provide course work and practical experience, such as: World Language Education Theory and Methods, Assessment Literacy, Practicum and Student Teaching field experience, professional portfolio development, and MOPI training. Several, but not all, of the Critical Language Fellows are working towards certification as Chinese language educators and were issued emergency permits by the Wisconsin school districts as they complete the certification process. Some districts in Wisconsin that have or currently employ Critical Language Fellows are: Janesville, Milwaukee, Sheboygan Falls, West Bend, Shorewood, Nicolet, Oak-Creek Franklin, and Oconomowoc.

The Critical Language Fellow Project is funded by a Foreign Language Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. It is facilitated by partnerships between Concordia Language Villages, UW Madison School of Education, and Center For East Asian Studies.

# Minhang District of Shanghai Government Official Training Program



Seminar on Municipal Government  
Administration Attendees at the  
Mavor of Madison's office

On November 23, 2008, twenty government officials from the Minhang District of Shanghai arrived in Madison to attend a ten-week seminar on Municipal Government Administration, organized and presented by the Law School's East Asian Legal Studies Center. These officials were selected from a group of fifty government officials that participated in the Shanghai portion of the program, which was held from May 26 to June 6, 2008.

The program aims to advance broad public policy goals, such as transparency, fairness, predictability, legality, and objectivity, in government regulation and services, while also promoting effective government action. Aspects of the program were designed around three central elements of U.S. regulatory practices and administrative law: 1) the government agency rule making process, 2) the administration of individual cases by government agencies, and 3) the standard for judicial review of government decisions and actions in the U.S. court system.

The seminar combined classroom and real world experiences. The classes, in Shanghai and Madison, were taught by Professor Charles Irish the Director of the Center; Professor John Ohnesorge, Vice Director of the Center (who gave classes on administrative law in Shanghai); Program Administrator and attorney Jin Cho, and an attorney with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Margaret Hoefler. Following the classes in Madison, which spanned four weeks, the participants interned for three weeks at various departments of the Wisconsin government and at a

senior center in Madison. According to the participants, the internship program was a useful tool to apply substantive law they learned in the classroom.

The participants also were able to visit other U.S. cities, and to meet leaders in the community. They visited Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, San Diego, and Los Angeles. Additionally, they went to the Black River Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin, met the leaders, and learned about the culture of this Native American Nation and its administration. The participants also met with the mayor of Madison and the mayor of Milwaukee.

The Seminar was made possible by a grant provided by the U.S. Department of State and the East Asian Legal Studies Center. In addition to the dedicated teaching staff, mentioned above, the program was made possible by the work of the coordinators for both the U.S. and Shanghai portions of the program, Associate Outreach Specialist, Wenjie Hu, and Law School SJD Cindy Whang.

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*"... the primary goal is to increase transparency, predictability, legality and fairness in government regulation and in the delivery of services."*



# UW-Madison Develops Career-Information Systems for Singapore

By Kerry Hill, UW-Madison Communications

The Singapore Ministry of Education has awarded a four-year, \$3.5 million contract to the Center on Education and Work (CEW) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Education for localizing CEW's WISCareers and CareerLocker online career-information systems for use in Singapore schools.

"Singapore continues to engage in world-class educational innovations, and the opportunity to support these efforts is an incredible opportunity for us," says V. Scott Solberg, CEW's associate director of director of the Wisconsin Careers unit.

The Singapore Ministry of Education became interested in the WISCareers and CareerLocker systems after conducting a global review of related systems.

"In addition to offering a powerful and comprehensive online career-information system, we were also drawn to the Center on Education and Work because of its willingness to customize the portal according to the needs of Singapore schools," says Chee Wah Sum, director of education programs.

CEW's Wisconsin Careers unit has delivered career-development materials and services in a variety of media and formats to schools, job centers and higher education campuses across Wisconsin for more than 30 years. Today, Wisconsin Careers offers a wealth of useful information to students and adult clients across Wisconsin through its popular WISCareers Web site.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) turned to the CEW unit to develop and manage the online Wisconsin Career Assessment, which is used by 8th- and 10th-graders across Wisconsin in conjunction with the standardized Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations (WKCE).

The contract with Singapore allows the CEW to add staff to support the new graphics and exciting career exploration features such as an interviewing skills module and a career-planning module.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to add new features to our system and thereby increase the quality of services we can offer to the Wisconsin community," says Fran Breit, associate director overseeing the Wisconsin Careers unit.

This year, the Center on Education and Work is marking 45 years of implementing the Wisconsin Idea.

"The ideas we have generated from this Singapore contract has already provided us with new ways to conduct our outreach and training methods as well as brought new features into our WISCareers system that will only benefit the over 600,000 Wisconsin students and adults who use the system each year," says Phelps.

"Over the years, the Center on Education and Work has been a strong and vibrant illustration of how the University of Wisconsin applies the Wisconsin Idea, and the Singapore contract is just one more shining example of how our work is being received internationally," says Adam Gamoran, interim dean of the UW-Madison School of Education.



Sida Liu discussing the legal profession in China



Critical Language Fellow working with a student

## Tsinghua University Officials Visit Madison

On March 6, 2009 the College of Engineering welcomed Professor Yi Zhang and Professor Guangzhi Zia from Tsinghua University., the Director and Deputy Director of the Tsinghua University Office of International Cooperation, respectively. They met with the Dean of International Studies, Gilles Bousquet, and both Dean and Associate Dean of the Business School, Mike Knetter and Ken Kavajecz, respectively. The Tsinghua facility also met with the Co-Directors of the Wisconsin China Initiative: Professor of Engineering Leyuan Shi and Professor of Law John Ohnesorge.



# University of Wisconsin Faculty attends the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Chicago

Each spring, the AAS holds a four-day (March 26-29) conference devoted to programs of scholarly papers, roundtable discussions and panel sessions on a wide range of issues in research and teaching, and on Asian affairs in general. The University of Wisconsin faculty presence at the meeting were:

- **Professor Mark Csikszentmihalyi** (East Asian Languages & Literature) chaired the panel "Glimpsing the Hand behind the Text: New Perspectives on Excavated Texts from Early China"
- **Professor Peggy Kong** (Visiting, School of Education) presented "'To Walk Out:' Understanding the Motivations of Rural Parents in China"
- **Professor Edward Friedman** (Political Science) chaired the panel "Recent Shifts in Chinese State-Society Relations: Accommodating the Winners and Losers of Political and Economic Reform"
- **Yousun Chung** (Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science) presented "Institutional Conversion in Community Politics: Engaging Homeowners as New Stakeholders in Urban China"
- **Professor Melanie Manion** (Political Science) chaired the panel "Organizational Linkages between State and Society in Contemporary China" and presented "Institutional Imperative: Constituency Service in Chinese Local Congresses"
- **Timothy Hildebrandt** (Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science) presented "Too Much of a Good Thing: Economic Opportunities and NGOs in China"
- **Professor Sei Jeong Chin** (Visiting, History) chaired the panel "Print Culture and the Japanese Wartime Empire in East Asia" and presented "Futile Persuasion: the Japanese Empire and Media Culture in Wartime Shanghai"
- **Daisy Yan Du** (Ph.D student in EALL) organized a panel titled "Cinematic Interactions and Border Politics: East Asian Film Culture during WWII," at which she also presented a paper and **Nicole Huang** (EALL, Wisconsin China Initiative Ex-Officio Chair) served as the discussant.

## SPRING LECTURES

### Contemporary China Seminar

The UW-Madison Division of International Studies and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) announced a 2008-2009 virtual seminar on Contemporary China organized by the University of Leeds. UW-Madison connected via videoconferencing technology with colleagues at WUN partner institutions for three talks followed by discussions:

- 5 March 2009. "Rural land disputes and farmer responses." Dr. Susan Whiting, Assoc. Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Assoc. Professor of Law and International Studies, University of Washington.
- 12 March 2009. "Making concessions in Tianjin: From hyper-colonial (1860-1945) to globalizing cityscape." Dr. Maurizio Marinelli, Senior Lecturer in East Asian Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Bristol.
- 19 March 2009. "Politics, culture and responsible scholarship in China today." Professor Yongjin Zhang, Director, Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Bristol.

### Australian Scholar of Contemporary Chinese Politics

David Kelly was featured as a guest speaker on March 25<sup>th</sup> and spoke about "Exporting Uncertainty: How China's Governance Impacts the World." The event was co-sponsored by WAGE, Global Studies, the Chinese Economic Forum, the Wisconsin China Initiative, and The Center for East Asian Studies.



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## Most Important Bilateral Relationship of the 21st Century: China-United States

Professor Edward Friedman from the Political Science Department and Professor Menzie Chinn from Public Affairs and Economics discussed the Sino-US relations in light of the financial crisis and new Presidential Administration. The February 27, 2009 lecture examined China as the number one creditor of the United States. Both speakers brought extensive experience and knowledge to the conversation:

- Professor Friedman specialties include the Politics of change in rural China and International Political Economy. He has worked for the past 25 years at the interface between resource management and government programs. In 1984 he was advisor to a United Nations Development Program project in China on integrated rural development.
- Professor Menzie's current research examines macroeconomic interactions between countries using econometric methods. Recent work focuses on how debt and fiscal policy affect interest rates, and the interaction between capital controls and financial development. In 2000-2001, Professor Chinn served as senior staff economist for international finance on the Council of Economic Advisers for Presidents Bush and Clinton.

## Transformation of the Legal Profession in Contemporary China

Sida Liu, Research Associate at the American Bar Foundation, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology at the University of Chicago, and new member of the Sociology Department discussed the changing state of the Chinese legal profession on February 6, 2009. Mr. Liu's recent articles on the Chinese legal profession, *Globalization as Boundary-Blurring: International and Local Law Firms in China's Corporate Law Market*, can be downloaded at [http://law.wisc.edu/ealsc/sida\\_liu\\_article.pdf](http://law.wisc.edu/ealsc/sida_liu_article.pdf).



Sida Liu and John Ohnesorge, Co-Director of the Wisconsin China

## Remaking the Developmental State

The January 30, 2009 roundtable was part of the Sociology of Development Brown Bag series and the WAGE Research Collaborative on "Remaking the Developmental State." The featured speakers were UW Professors Gay Seidman from Sociology, John Ohnesorge from the Law School, and David Trubek from the Law School. They discussed the old developmental state, neoliberalism and East Asia, the new developmental state in Latin America and current debates on the developmental state, particularly in South Africa.

### About Our Organization...

Recognizing the importance of China to the economic and political future of Wisconsin and the United States, the Division of International Studies is convening an exceptional group of faculty, alumni, and leaders in business and government to bolster research and teaching about China, to create new partnerships between Chinese higher education institutions and the UW-Madison, and to develop plans for strategic engagements between China and the State of Wisconsin. Also, the Wisconsin China Initiative along with the Wisconsin Alumni Association have created networks throughout Asia:

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