**2015-2016 U.S. Fulbright Guest Lecture Topics:**

(Updated: September 2015)

**1. Mr. He Li:**

Chinese Host Institution: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Home Institution: Merrimack College, Massachusetts

Term: September 12 to December 10, 2015

Field: Political Science

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1. Latinos and American Election 2016
2. American Views on Rising China in Latin America
3. An Introduction to Welfare Policy in America
4. Leave no Child Behind: Education Policy in the U.S.
5. Health Care Policy in the United States

**2. Ms. Cheryl Wachenheim:**

Chinese Host Institution: Renmin University

Home Institution: North Dakota State University

Term: Year

Field: Agricultural Economics

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1. Environmental and conservation programs in the United States.
2. Using of Discrete Choice Experiments to Assess Conservation Program Preferences of Farmers
3. Sharing risk and profits: the role of cooperatives in American agriculture
4. How much is my land worth? Market valuation of property.
5. Food safety laws and practices in the United States
6. Genetically-modified organisms on American farm
7. How consumers view their food: local, organic and genetic modification
8. Animal welfare in livestock production. How consumers, activists, firms and laws have changed the way we raise our meat.
9. What is new in Behavioral Economics?
10. Teaching Methods used in American Universities
11. Using audience response systems in the classroom
12. Assessment of student learning
13. The role of local government in the life of an American family
14. College-life in the United States
15. Behind the burka: Women in Afghanistan

**3. Mr. Bill Davie:**

Chinese Host University: Xian International Studies University

Home University: University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Term: Year

Field: Journalism/Communication

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1. Reality Television in China: A Cross-Cultural Comparison
2. Framing Conflict in the Middle East and the University Student Response
3. News Coverage of Mass Shootings and Gun Control
4. The Learner Centered Model in the United States
5. Racial Slurs and Fighting Words: Freedom and Responsibility

**4. Mr. Steve Balla:**

Chinese Host Institution: Nankai University

Home Institution: G.W. University, Washington D.C.

Term: Year

Field: Political Science, Public Policy, Public Administration

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1. Citizen Participation in the Policymaking Process: Who Participates? Does it Matter?
2. Technology and Political Participation: Does the Internet Change Everything or Anything?
3. The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election: Who Will Win and Why?
4. The Politics of Federalism: Innovation and Resistance in State and Provincial Governments
5. Do Presidents and Congress Matter?: Political Control of Government Bureaucracy

**5. Mr. John Orr:**

Chinese Host Institution: Northeast Normal University

Home Institution: University of Portland, Oregon

Term: Fall

Field: American Literature

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1. The American West and the Myth of the Cowboy
2. Emerson and the Contradictions of Transcendentalism
3. Emily Dickinson and the Poetics of Indirection
4. Willa Cather, the Literary Canon, and the Institutionalization of a Modernist Aesthetic
5. The Native American Writer Mourning Dove and Her Quest for Literary Significance
6. Marginal Writings as Clue to Henry Adams’s Reading Process
7. Memories, Memorials, and the Literature of World War I

**6.  Ms. Jennifer Ruth:**

Chinese Host Institution: Shanghai International Studies University

Home Institution: University of Portland, Oregon

Term: Year

Field: American Literature

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American Hiigher Education

1. The Tenure System and its Discontents in American Higher Education
2. Debates in American Higher Education over “Academic Freedom”
3. The History of Tenure at US Universities and Colleges

Trends in American Cultural Studies and Theory

1. Hannah Arendt's Theory of Freedom
2. Hannah Arendt on America

The Contemporary American Novel

1. The End of America:  Dave Eggers's *The Circle* (2013) and Gary Shteyngart's *Super Sad True Love Story* (2011)
2. The Cold War and the American Novel:  Philip Roth and E.L. Doctorow
3. Born in China, Novelists in the United States: Ha Jin and Yiyun Li

**7. Ms. Ann Silverberg:**

Chinese Host Institution: China Conservatory of Music, Beijing

Home Institution: Austin Peay State University, Tennessee

Term: September 2015-June 2016

Field: Ethnomusicology

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1. A Brief Introduction to the American Higher Education System
2. America’s State Colleges: A Good Education and an Excellent Value
3. Applying for Graduate School in the United States
4. How to Help Yourself Speak and Understand English
5. Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony
6. The Ancient Zheng in Contemporary China

**8. Ms. Lydia Chen:**

Chinese Host Institution: Central Academy of Fine Arts

Home Institution: Independent Scholar

Term: August 2015-May 2016

Field: Chinese Studies

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1. Arthur Dove: Pioneer American Abstract Painter
2. Introduction to the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University
3. Treasures in the Harvard Art Museums Database
4. *Inner Visions: Avant-Garde Art in China*, documentary screening and discussion
5. Thoughts from a Chinese-American: Cultural synergies and differences

**9. Mr. Robert Bianchi:**

Chinese Host Institution: Shanghai International Studies University

Home Institution: University of Chicago

Term: September 2015-June 2016

Field: International Relations

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1. China and the Islamic World
2. Islam and Globalization
3. Silk Roads and Great Games in U.S.-China Relations
4. The U.S. Presidential Campaign and World Politics
5. Global Governance in a Multipolar Era
6. Religion and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election