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Wenfei Yang performs the *Peacock Dance* at our annual Chinese New Year Dinner on January 27, 2009

1st Indiana-Illinois High School Students Chinese Speech Contest Held at Valpo

On March 29, some 40 high school students from five schools in Indiana and Illinois participated in the first annual Chinese speech contest held at the brand new Harre Union.

The contestants were divided into two levels and competed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes before three judges and an enthusiastic listeners eager to see who could communicate self-selected themes in fluent and authentic Chinese.

After three hours of competition, the winners emerged. They were: **Level 1:** Ana Dumitrescu, Leslie Martin, and Elizabeth Murphy (first place), Hana Park and Byambadelger Batmagnai (second place), Nyohmi Buzo and Gema (third place). **Level 2:** Ana Juarez (first place), Roberto Aguillon (second place), Kyle Mays and Sonia G. Navarro (third place).

We thank Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Naperville North High School, Benito Juarez Community High School (Chicago), Northridge High School (Middlebury, IN), and Brownsburg High School (Brownsburg, IN) for sending first-rate students to the competition, which we will host annually. We thank Dr. Ridgway for his superb leadership in organizing this event.

Ten Students traveled to China in Research Trip

Ten Valpo students (Benjamin Brighton, Brittany Byers, Lauren Degarmo, Kevin Fedewa, Philip Lohrmann, Drew Meyer, Ming'an Miao, Brittany Partin, Brenden Ryan, and Na Wang) and Dr. Lin (Political Science) travelled to China during the spring break to conduct field research on how the Chinese youth (high school and college students) viewed the rise of China and its implications. They traveled to five cities and one rural township in ten days, visited three high schools and six colleges. They interviewed hundreds of local residents and collected more than 1,000 surveys. The field research will be incorporated into individual research papers to be completed by the students with a common theme but individualized focuses.

This was the eighth time CJSP has sponsored such research seminars with field trips to either China or Japan (the focus alternates between the two countries). Over 100 Valpo students, mostly but not exclusively CJP majors, took part in this annual research seminar, which has served as a hallmark of the CJSP. Participants of this year's research seminar contributed \$600 each with the rest of the funds coming from CJSP. Students interested in such a demanding but unique opportunity in 2010 and beyond should contact Professor Lin.

New Courses

ENGL 310EVX: Good Earth, A Sino-America Dialog on Spirit & Place, W 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM, 3cr, Prof. Ruff
(Cross-listed w/ LS 610EVB & HIST 690EVX/CHST590CX)

At the core of every culture important beliefs and values exist about the natural world and how humans ought to relate to it. These beliefs and values can be dynamic and complex, and sometimes compete with each other for dominance. Today, more than ever, issues related to land use and resource management, in America and in China, confront us with great urgency. In this course, we will put in dialogue literary and visual texts from China and America, to see to what extent these values and beliefs about the land can be explained, and to see to what an extent they explain us.

EAST390BX: Problems in Intl Relations: WTO, TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin (Cross-listed w CHST590BX)

A close look at how WTO functions as a platform for promoting global free trade and as a conflict-resolution mechanism.

CJS Fall 2009 Course Offerings

Chinese Language

FLC 101A: *Beginning Chinese I*

MTRF 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 203A: *Intermediate Chinese I*
MTRF 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 305EV: *Advanced Chinese I*
MTR 6:30 PM – 7:40PM, 4cr, Prof. Meng

FLC 481V: *Cooperative Ed in Chinese I, II & III**
TBA TBA, 0.5-3cr, Staff

FLC 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Chinese**
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

FLC 531X/CHST 531X: *Cont Chinese in Mass Media I*
MTR 4:10 PM – 5:20PM, 4cr, Prof Ridgway

FLC 607X/CHST 607X: *Intensive 4th Year Chinese*
MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

Japanese Language

FLJ 101A: *Beginning Japanese I*
MTWR 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 203A: *Intermediate Japanese I*
MTWR 10:10 AM – 11:00 AM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 305A: *Advanced Japanese I*
MTWR 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 4cr, Prof. Kavanagh

FLJ 481V: *Cooperative Ed in Japanese I, II, & III**
TBA TBA, 0.5-3cr, Staff

FLJ 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research in Japanese**
TBA TBA, 1-4cr, Staff

History

HIST 240A: *Intro to East Asian Culture*
MWF 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

HIST 341/541EV: *Rev. & Roots: Making of Modern China*
TR 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

Master of Arts in Chinese Studies (MACS)

CHST 531X/FLC 531X: *Cont Chinese in Mass Media I*
MTR 4:10 PM – 5:20 PM, 4cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 590AX/POLS 590BX: *Public Policy in China*
MW 12:55 PM – 2:10 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

CHST 590BX: *Problems in IR: WTO*
TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

CHST 590OL/ EAST 390OL: *Christnty in China: Past, Pres*
TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

CHST 607X/FLC 607X: *Intensive 4th Year Chinese I*
MTRF 10:05 AM – 11:10 AM, 5cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 695V: *Supv Rdg/Res Chinese Studies**
TBA TBA, 1-3cr, Prof. Ridgway

CHST 696A: *Graduate Seminar in Chinese Studies**
TBA TBA, 0.5cr, Prof. Lin

Political Science

POLS 130A: *Comparative Politics*
MWF 10:10AM-11:00AM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

POLS 380/580A: *Problems in Int Rel: WTO*
TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

POLS 490/590BX: *Public Policy in China*
MW 12:55PM – 2:10PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

Economics

ECON 326A: *International Economics*
MW 1:20 PM - 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Raman

ECON 626A: *International Trade*
TR 1:20AM – 2:35PM, 3cr, Prof. Raman

English

ENGL 310EVX: *Sino-Amer Dialog: Spirit & Place*
W 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM, 3cr, Prof. Ruff

East Asia

EAST 386V: *Internship in Chinese & Japanese Studies*
TBA TBA, 1-4 cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 390AX: *Public Policy in China*
MW 12:55 PM – 2:10 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 390BX: *Probs in Int Rel: WTO*
TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 390OL/CHST 590OL: *Christnty in China: Past, Pres*
TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Whitefield

EAST 493A: *East Asian Senior Seminar**
TBA TBA, 3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 495V: *Supervised Reading & Research**
TBA TBA, 1-3cr, Prof. Lin

EAST 499A: *Coll in Chinese & Japanese Studies*
F 3:30PM – 4:30PM (1st week of month), 0.5cr, Prof. Prough

Geography

GEO 101A: *World Human Geography*
MW 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Longan
GEO 101B: *World Human Geography*
MWF 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM, 3cr, Prof. Longan

International Service

GLST 150A: *Global Perspectives*
TR 2:50 PM – 4:05 PM, 3cr, Prof. Schaefer

Liberal Studies

LS 610EVB/ ENGL 610EVX: *Sino-Amer Dialog: Spirit & Place*
W 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM, 3cr, Prof. Ruff

Theology

THEO 561A: *Indian Religions and Culture*
TR 11:50 AM – 1:05 PM, 3cr, Prof. Pati
THEO 561B: *Indian Religions and Culture*
TR 1:20 PM – 2:35 PM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

THEO 363A/563A: *Religions of China & Japan*
TR 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM, 3cr, Prof. Pati

THEO 567A: *Religions, Rituals and Performances*
W 6:30 PM-9:15 PM, 3cr, Prof Pati