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

**(Updated: March 2016)**

**1. Mr. Paul Barresi:**

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Term: February 2016-June 2016

Field: Law

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1. The Crisis of American Politics
2. The Race for the White House:  How Americans Really Choose Their Presidents
3. American Traditional Conservatism as a Barrier to U.S.-China Cooperation on Global Climate Change
4. The Role of Law and the Rule of Law in Americans' Quest to Build Their Own "Ecological Civilization"

**2. Ms. Heather Shirey:**

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Term: February 2016-June 2016

Field: Art History

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1. The Ethics of Art Collecting
2. Visual Culture of the Harlem Renaissance
3. Race and Ethnicity in American Art: Case Studies
4. The Art of African Kingdoms
5. What’s the Big Deal about the Mona Lisa? Deconstructing Art Historical Canons
6. Workshops on Pedagogy and Professional Development

**3. Dr. D. Christopher Brooks:**

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Term: February 2016-June 2016

Field: Educational Technology/Information Technology/Teaching and Learning

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1. Active Learning Classrooms (ALCs) and the Impact on Teaching and Learning
2. Effectiveness of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) as a learning platform
3. Evaluation and Assessment of Educational Technology Projects
4. Learning Management Systems (LMS)
5. Technology in Higher Education
6. Analytics in Higher Education
7. Integrated Planning and Advising Services (IPAS)

**4. Mr. Art Svenson:**

Chinese Host Institution: Sichuan University, Chengdu

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Term: February 2016-June 2016

Field: Political Science

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1. End-of-Life Choices and the Right to Privacy: The Last Civil Right?
2. Marriage Equality in the United States
3. The Nature and Scope of Judicial Power: Why the ‘Least Dangerous Branch’ Isn’t
4. Federalism and the Supreme Court: States’ Rights in Theory and Practice
5. America’s Undemocratic Democracy and its Unequal Equality

**5. 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. How can we get farmers to enroll in conservation programs?
3. Cooperatives and American Agriculture
4. Food safety laws and practices in the United States
5. Understanding why consumers choose with behavioral economics
6. The role of local government in the life of an American family
7. Urban governance in the United States
8. Weighing profits and risk in business
9. The debate over biotechnology
10. How consumers and consumer activists influence American food production
11. Teaching Methods used in American Universities
12. Assessment of student learning
13. Use of personal response systems in the classroom
14. College-life in the United States

**6. 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. U.S.A.’s Presidential Election: News Media Framing
2. Reality Television Evolution in the USA and China
3. News Coverage of American Mass Shootings
4. Learner-Centered Teaching Models
5. Job Seeking in the United States
6. Middle Class Comparisons in the USA and China

**7. 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

**8.  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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1. "Citizenship in Hannah Arendt and Flannery O'Connor's 'The Displaced Person'"
2. "The Plot(s) Against America:  The Cold War and Philip Roth"
3. "The End of America:  Gary Shteyngart's *Super Sad True Love Story*"
4. Hannah Arendt's Theory of Freedom
5. Hannah Arendt, Carl Schmitt, and the Problem of National Sovereignty
6. Debates in America over "Academic Freedom"

**9. Ms. Tami Blumfield:**

Chinese Host Institution: Yunnan University

Home Institution: Furman University

Term: February 2016-June 2016

Field: Anthropology

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1. The Current Climate of Race and Ethnicity in the United States: A Partial Response to the Question, “Why Do White Americans Treat Black Americans So Poorly?”

1. Environmental Challenges in the U.S. and China
2. Jewish People and Cultural Adaptation: Discussing the United States and Israel
3. Fifteen Years of Change in Moso Communities and at Lugu Lake
4. Film Festivals and Media Production in the United States
5. A Pictorial Tour through U.S. Cities in the Northwest, Midwest, and Southeast: Seattle, Portland, Milwaukee, and Greenville

**10. 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

**11. 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

**12. 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