China Reflection: A Glimpse of the Ancient and the Modern

Faculty/Staff Development Seminar
Sponsored by Georgia Perimeter College, Center for International Education

Program Travel Dates: May 12-28, 2008

Application Deadline: February 1, 2008

Program description:
This two week faculty/staff development seminar to the People’s Republic of China will focus on the incredible juxtaposition of the ancient and modern in 21st century China. As the oldest continuous world culture, China offers unparalleled examples of the development of human civilization. As a 21st century nation, it also embodies the opportunities and challenges of a growing economic giant. The program is designed as an introduction for non-expert faculty/staff who are committed to increasing their hands-on knowledge and understanding in order to pass that on to our students through curriculum, co-curriculum, and cross-cultural understanding. The itinerary includes visits to both ancient and modern sites and to universities with which there are potential and existing partnerships. A highlight of the program is a visit to Nanjing Normal University while GPC students are on campus for the summer study abroad program.

Program Objectives:
Participants of the program will engage in exchanges with peers at academic sites in Beijing, Xian, and Nanjing and will make site visits to historical, cultural, and museum sites.
**Faculty are expected to use this experience to help them**

- Infuse their course work with knowledge gained from the seminar, readings, lectures
- Participate in study abroad recruitment to Asia in 2008-09
- Conduct a brown-bag on what they learned for their discipline in the Fall 2008

**Staff are expected to use this experience to help them**

- Inform their work with cross-cultural knowledge
- Participate in study abroad recruitment to Asia in 2008-09
- Conduct a brown-bag on what they learned for their department in the Fall 2008

**Eligibility for the Program**

To be eligible for the seminar, participants must:

1. Complete and submit the application before the deadline.
2. Attend the pre-seminar lectures and orientation
3. Attend the post-seminar session and fulfill the objectives agreed upon
4. Obtain supervisor’s approval

**Who Should Apply?**

The seminar is designed for GPC faculty/staff/administrators from various departments and disciplines. Ideally the college will be well-represented across disciplines and areas. No prior expertise or travel in China is required, though travel abroad is preferred. The seminar will provide time for individual and small group experiences as well as for the full group.

**Program Overview:**

The pre-seminar lectures and orientation, which will take place over three days, will provide the participants with some historical, cultural, and linguistic background to prepare for the time abroad. Topics will include ancient Chinese cultures, minority populations, modern-day business in China, dining etiquette, survival language phrases, and current issues.

The program will depart for Beijing, where the group will acclimate and visit Tian’anmen Square and the Palace Museum, the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven among other sites and visit one of the university campuses (either Capital Normal University of Qinghua University). They will then travel on the fourth night by train to Xi’an, where they will visit the Great Mosque, the Xi’an History Museum, the Banpo Neolithic Village and the Terra Cotta Warriors. Educational visits will include meeting with classes and professors at Jiao tong and Northwest Universities in Xi’an. Before leaving the area, they will also visit the homes of peasant painters in Hu County. In Luoyang they will visit major Buddhist sites at Longmen Caves, Shaolin Temples and others. The Nanjing visit will include visiting with GPC study abroad students at Nanjing Normal University and going to the Ming Tombs and Taiping Museum. The program will end with a visit to Zhenjiang to see the Pearl Buck home and on to Shanghai for shopping and a cruise on the Huangpu overlooking the incredible 21st century city.
The seminar cost of $3,500 includes the following:

- Roundtrip international airfare
- All Lodging: hotels and dormitories, double occupancy (single at extra cost)
- All Ground transportation
- All meals
- Some evening activities/entertainment (there may be occasional extras $20-40)
- Insurance and administrative costs

**Deadline to apply:** February 1, 2008 with $1,000 deposit. Spaces are limited. Faculty development funds from the Center for Teaching and Learning can be applied for as can International Education Fellowships from the Center for International Education.

**Contacts include:**

Dr. Edward Krebs and Dr. Sylvia Krebs (former G.P.C. Social Science professor) as well as Ann Zhang, the Chinese associate. For more information about the trip organizers, please contact Debra Denzer, ddenzer@gpc.edu