Announcements

Huamin Center Director Receives a Collaborative Research Grant to Examine Social Work Education in China and the U.S. (See page 2)

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Upcoming Events

April 18
International Symposium on Labor Security and Social Welfare
Speakers will discuss labor security and social welfare issues in China and the United States. Please RSVP to Jacqulean Salib at jsalib@ssw.rutgers.edu.
Location: Forum Room at the Rutgers University Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08901

April 24
China’s Urbanization: Implications for Food Security and Rural Well Being
This distinguished lecture by Professor Ann Anagnost of the University of Washington, hosted by the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University, will address the implications of a new great leap forward in urbanization.
Location: Alexander Library, 169 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 4th Floor Teleconference Lecture Hall, 4:30-6:00pm

May 28-June 10
Rutgers School of Social Work China Study Abroad Program: Social Welfare Systems in China
Beijing & Tianjin, China

June 11-25
Rutgers School of Social Work China International Service Learning (ISL) Program
Beijing, China

Director’s Welcome

The Huamin Research Center was founded in 2012 through collaboration between the Huamin Charity Foundation and Rutgers University, and is based out of the Rutgers School of Social Work. The Center’s mission is to engage in research and exchange, to promote the development of the nonprofit sector in China, and to strengthen the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

Since its inception, the Huamin Research Center has cooperated and partnered with a number of major Chinese and American universities and research institutions. Through these collaborative efforts, we have contributed to the development of China’s nonprofit sector. In addition, we have disseminated key research from Rutgers faculty by developing, publishing, and distributing a series of brochures and reports about public service and social welfare. Each year the center offers doctoral fellowships, and hosts several Chinese visiting scholars. In doing so we hope to encourage international scholarship on topics related to social development in China, and help train future nonprofit leaders and public servants. In the coming 3-5 years, we will continue to prioritize exchange, research, and scholarship. In doing so we hope to support and train the next group of social work leaders, who will create meaningful change at home and abroad.

We are excited to launch our first newsletter to keep students, faculty, and partners abreast of our latest work. On behalf of the Huamin Research Center, I would like to thank all of those at the Huamin Charity Foundation and at Rutgers University who have provided the generous and unyielding support that has made it possible.

Dr. Chien-Chung Huang
Director, Huamin Research Center

Pictured Above: Students and faculty tour the Forbidden City in Beijing during the 2013 China Study Abroad Trip
Huamin Research Center Celebrates its First Anniversary

In May, 2013, the Huamin Research Center celebrated its First Anniversary at the Hyatt Hotel in Jersey City, NJ. In his keynote speech on Philanthropy and Mutual Sharing at the event, Dr. Dezhi Lu said that the Huamin Center's work would benefit both Chinese and American philanthropy, which face many of the same challenges, and that social programs that assist the poor and the elderly were a priority.

Executive Vice Present Richard L. Edwards presented a gift to Dr. Lu to honor his exceptional contributions to developing foundations in China

Wong and Enriquez Selected for Clinton Global Initiative University Conference

We are pleased to announce that Bonnie Wong and Stephanie Enriquez, two of our 2013 China International Service Learning (ISL) participants, were chosen among thousands of youth globally to attend the Clinton Global Initiative University Conference. During their China ISL experience, Bonnie and Stephanie were deeply struck by the poor conditions and lack of resources at the migrant schools of Beijing. Upon returning from their ISL trip, they decided to take action to improve educational opportunities for migrant children in China. Their “commitment to action,” Breaking Borders through Imagination, aims to expand access to education for migrant children and expose them to new ideas. This project will bridge the educational gap between urban and migrant children in China by installing a reading room in a low-income school for migrant children. The Huamin Research Center at the Rutgers University School of Social Work is thrilled for this opportunity to team with Bonnie Wong and Stephanie Enriquez, as well as the 2014 China ISL participants, to implement this project.
2014 China Study Abroad & ISL

The China Study Abroad trip is designed to introduce students to the social welfare system in China, including the growing fields of direct social work practice and nonprofit management. The program is open to all undergraduate and graduate students at Rutgers University with an interest in social welfare. This summer, the 2014 cohort will learn about comparative perspectives on social welfare policies and social work practices in China and the U.S. On the trip, participants will visit a number of organizations and agencies, engage with Chinese nonprofit leaders and social work students and faculty, and experience Chinese culture first-hand through tours to the Great Wall, Forbidden City, and more. The ISL Program is a 2-week experience for hands on service, and is optional for students who participate in the first 2 weeks of the China Study Abroad Program. This year’s ISL group will be working at an elementary school for low-income migrant children, and at a mental health hospital. For more information about the China Study Abroad & ISL programs and how to apply, visit: https://studyabroad.rutgers.edu

Scholarship

The Huamin Research Center provides fellowships to doctoral and Masters students studying nonprofit and social welfare issues in China, and hosts visiting scholars from China. Our current doctoral fellows are Shuang Lu and Yuqi Wang:

- Doctoral fellow Shuang (Bella) Lu is a second-year PhD student in the Rutgers School of Social Work, and is originally from Anhui, China. She was the first Huamin doctoral scholarship recipient, and is currently researching the well-being of migrant and left-behind children in China.
- Doctoral fellow Yuqi Wang is originally from Hebei, China. She is currently researching nonprofit organizations and poverty in the U.S.

Exchange Programs

One of the Center’s primary aims is to promote mutual learning between China and the United States. The format of exchange includes conference, workshop, training program, visiting scholars, and book translation. In 2013, the Center’s exchange programs included the following:

Jiangxi Training Program: Mayors and commissioners from Jiangxi Province participated in the Certificate Program in Public Administration through the Rutgers School of Social Work. Students from the Huamin Research Center served as interpreters throughout the program, which ran from Jan. 7-24.

AACS 55th Conference: In collaboration with the Rutgers School of Social Work, China Office, and School of Public Policy, the Huamin Research Center co-hosted the 55th Annual Conference of the American Association of China Studies (AACS). During the conference, Dr. Chien-Chung Huang hosted a panel discussion on Social Policy Development in the Socioeconomic Transition Period.

For more information about the various exchange programs hosted by the Center during 2012-2013, visit our website (see below).

Research Projects & Publications

The Center conducts research, and supports research projects, that are related to nonprofit organizations and issues of social welfare in China. The following are examples of recent publications:


To read more about the Center’s past and current research projects, including books, reports, case studies, and brochures we’ve published, email us (huamin@ssw.rutgers.edu) or visit our site: http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Huamin
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