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Huamin Research Center Released the English Version of the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy (See page 2-6)
Huamin Research Center successfully implemented 2018 China Study Abroad and Service Learning program (See page 7)

Upcoming Events
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International Conference on Social Innovation in Child and Youth Services
Beijing, China
Speakers will discuss innovative services on child and youth services in China and the United States.
Location: Renmin University of China

November 4
Conference on Collective Sharing and Development
Beijing, China
Speakers will discuss collective sharing and its effects on development issues.
Location: Tsinghua University

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, research institutions, and foundations. Through these collaborative efforts, we have contributed to the development of China’s nonprofit sector. In addition, we have disseminated key research from our faculty and research fellows by developing, publishing, and distributing a series of reports about public service and social welfare. Each year the center offers doctoral fellowships, and hosts 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 release our 2018 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

Huamin Research Center Released the English Version of the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy

In January, 2018, the Huamin Research Center released the English version of the Capital and Collective Sharing trilogy in 2018 East-West Philanthropists Summit in Kona, Hawaii. The Summit drew more than 100 philanthropists and scholars in China and the United States. Director Chien-Chung Huang introduced the trilogy to summit participants, and Dr. Dezhi Lu delivered a keynote speech on the Collective Sharing Civilization. The trilogy was well received by the summit participants.

East-West Philanthropists Summit participants celebrated the release of the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy

East-West Philanthropists Summit participants.
Thoughts on Translating the Trilogy (Continued)
By Chien-Chung Huang, Rocky Citro, Julianne Vikse, Nicholas West, and Shuang Lu

Translating Dr. Lu’s works from Chinese to English has helped make his ideas available to a larger and more diverse audience. We expect that these thoughtful and engaging texts will stimulate productive philosophical debate with practical implications and developments. Dr. Lu’s books are not meant to be easy reads; quite the contrary, they present profound and challenging concepts for policy makers, businesspeople, and readers of all backgrounds.

It is not surprising then that the translation process was trying as well. Many concepts ask us to rethink how society functions, how wealth originates and transmits between people, and how and in what capacity individuals, societies, and nations interact with one another. Concepts such as the spirit of capital, collective sharing, majoritarianism, the “game” between nations, and even the difference between society and civilization are difficult to disentangle and express in one’s own native language, let alone to translate into a unique social or political context. China and the US, in particular, operate under contrasting political economies and, therefore, have different social and governance systems in place. Culture, values, and public discourse also vary, and all of these social forces shape language. The resulting nuances create intricacies for any translation project, and these three books have been no exception. However, our team, which is composed of experts in both languages, has met the challenge well, and we have learned much about both cultures in the process. We are delighted to have been part of helping to share these ideas with a greater population.

The response to Dr. Lu’s trilogy has been overwhelmingly positive. Of course, as with any bold philosophical ideas, challenging reviews have emerged as well, particularly on how to implement the concept of collective sharing in reality. The recent approval of President Trump’s tax reform, which will decrease the tax burden and increase the disposable wealth of corporations and the wealthy, highlights this challenge. A purely capitalistic perspective would be to allow the additional wealth to flow unfettered, whatever direction that might lead us as a society. Competing models might call for extreme government intervention to avoid exaggerated wealth in the hands of a few altogether. Dr. Lu’s vision of a global collective sharing civilization falls somewhere in between. Indeed, corporations and the wealthy have a long history of contributions to philanthropy and societal betterment. Practical challenges will come as nations and groups of nations determine how to facilitate the level of collective sharing needed to reduce income inequality, protect vulnerable populations, and move human development forward as a whole.

For those unfamiliar with Dr. Lu’s recent work, the following sections provide summaries of his three books: Spirit of Capital, Capital and Collective Sharing, and The Collective Sharing Civilization.

Spirit of Capital: The Power of Coordinated Development

Spirit of Capital draws our focus to the importance of capital and the spirit of capital at a key point in time. Dr. Lu defines the Spirit of Capital as the progressive, virtuous force of capital and argues that the spirit of capital is the power of coordinated development. Humankind now grapples with intractable issues such as growing income inequality, depletion of natural resources and climate change. The ways we choose to respond to these crises moving forward will determine our path, and perhaps our very existence. Emerging threats to human society require us to act cooperatively, and to develop greater awareness of our shared and disparate needs.

Nations might quarrel over how to distribute capital, but capital itself is good for society and social development. Capital is a special type of wealth that creates more wealth that, in turn, can be used to meet society’s needs. Moreover, capital creates relationships between investment and labor and, in general, between people. Without capital, society and social development would flounder. It is essential not to disregard the value that capital has for society.

Human civilization is at a crossroads—what direction it goes from here depends on whether and how people are able to come together to face challenges such as climate change, diminishing natural resources, and international conflict. Additionally, as income inequality increases, the progress of human development will depend, in no small part, on how people share wealth and resources with one another.

Today’s world is better situated than ever for sharing between individuals and societies. Cultures might develop within borders, but now they are more easily shared across borders. Capital flows across borders as well. And the Internet has forever changed how information can be transmitted. The multidirectional flows of people, ideas, and resources enrich the world and allow for greater human progress. Wealth is often at the center of discussions of development because capital is needed to create, to build, to distribute, and to serve the needs of the world’s diverse communities. Corporations and the upper classes control more of this important resource, which raises fundamental moral questions about the collective sharing of capital. With right spirit of capital, Dr. Lu argues that capital is the power of coordinated development for human development.
Also fundamental to discussions of a more united and harmonious world are East–West relations. With competing philosophies, contrasting economic and political systems, and different societal priorities, the idea of spirit of capital will be viewed through markedly different lenses in the East and the West. In particular, China and the US appear to be moving in different directions in terms of trade and economic connectedness. To what extent do corporations and the upper classes have a responsibility to share wealth with others, and how much government involvement is warranted to encourage such sharing? How much sharing is needed to achieve sustained progress of human civilization? Spirit of Capital addresses the relationship between people, capital, and human civilization, with particular attention to integrating Eastern and Western ideas, values, and economic systems to achieve greater global human development.

**Capital and Collective Sharing: The Theme of Coordinated Development**

Capital and Collective Sharing discusses the important roles of collective sharing in the era of capital and wealth development. Dr. Lu redefines capital in a modern context, explains his rationale for sharing capital, and examines the relationship between capital and social development. It is essential, Dr. Lu argues, to understand that capital is a positive and beneficial social force, and that we must use capital to serve the majority’s interests. Collective sharing, he argues, is the key to this to occur, and thus, collective sharing of capital is the theme of coordinated development. This book incorporates economic theory, political philosophy and Dr. Lu’s personal experience with business and philanthropy. The discussion, therefore, contains both theoretical and practical components. He touches on classical and modern economics, politics, culture and religion and the ways they have shaped our global society.

Over time, a culture of capital has developed across five stages that mirror the development of human civilization. In today’s world, capitalist and socialist countries are dealing with both the positive and challenging effects of capital. These countries have handled people’s relationship with capital differently and have often clashed with one another ideologically. Both perspectives would do well to meet in the middle—capitalist frameworks could put more value on regulation, and socialist frameworks could put more value on capital and its accumulation. Dr. Lu’s stance is that modern philanthropy—that is, donations of extensive sums of money, often by entrepreneurs and large corporations—will most effectively drive the sharing of wealth needed by society. Those who have wealth can share through philanthropy. Those who do not have wealth can still serve the social good as well, primarily through personal actions. Fundamentally, sharing is a value that must be embraced by leaders of business, politics, and all sectors of society. Nineteenth-century entrepreneurs began this type of philanthropy in the United States, and in China, first-generation philanthropists grew out of the nation’s prosperous economic reforms in the 1970s. Through philanthropy and collective sharing, nations and global society will begin to solve an issue that humankind has fervently sought to address for generations—social inequality. The solution will take dedication and decades but is achievable.

The book also addresses practical ways to implement this ideology. The wealthy should financially contribute to society, while the broader public should promote social good through action. The spirit of capital motivates us to mindfully support our communities. To foster the development of the spirit of capital, we must first develop an awareness of what capital is, how it is earned and spent, and how it impacts society. Lu makes clear that philanthropy is one powerful and essential tool for sustainable development as society becomes increasingly interconnected. Philanthropy in the U.S. and China has experienced rapid innovation and transformation in recent decades, and now more than ever can help us address complex global challenges and unmet social needs. Especially in the aftermath of global financial crises, Lu explains, philanthropy not only redistributes wealth for social good, but also promotes accountability and values-minded leadership across business and financial sectors. Dr. Lu’s discussion extends beyond philanthropy, however. Collective sharing relates not only to monetary donations, but more so to our empathy for our fellow man and the environment. Social resources are shared by families and communities, and natural resources by all of humanity. It is this awareness of collective sharing that Lu is calling for, and that can meaningfully shape modern philanthropic practice.

**The Collective Sharing Civilization: New Form of Coordinated Development**

The Collective Sharing Civilization challenges readers to re-envision the future of humankind. Dr. Lu argues that humans share core values, one of which is collective sharing, and illustrates how human civilization can only progress if we return to our nature. We must embrace, practice and seek togetherness both within and across nations and throughout all parts of society. Individuals, communities, and societies must focus on the whole of civilization and their shared role in developing it. Dr. Lu argues this is new form of coordinated development. Ideological disagreements, greed, and other impediments certainly can hinder our progress toward the collective sharing goal. However, history should inspire our faith in ourselves. Past civilizations have shown that humans are by nature sharing beings and capable of living this core value. Even today, people immediately return to their true nature and share unselishly with victims of natural disasters. This past year has seen landslides in Sierra Leone, monsoons in Bangladesh, and hurricanes in the United States and Caribbean, and after each calamitous moment and the ensuing, longer term carnage, people have shown how natural it is to help their brethren, even if they have never met and will never know them. The flood of local, national, and international aid are reminders of our capacity to improve ourselves and our world.
China has become a living example of Dr. Lu’s vision of the collective sharing civilization. China has shed its previous close-mindedness toward capital and opened its markets to the world. And the nation has taken broadened its embrace of global connectedness in its monumental One Belt, One Road Initiative, which uses development and investment projects to connect communities from over sixty countries across four continents. Additional good news is on the horizon. China is not alone in its efforts to enhance global interconnectedness. Corporations and entrepreneurs from many countries invest outside their home nations. They bring capital across borders and connect people and cultures. And although proponents of globalization and connectedness might initially despair with the nationalistic and protectionist perspectives that have regained prominence with the current US administration, many companies and entrepreneurs use their freedom to disagree and work toward a greater sharing civilization. One of the most prominent Western business minds to take a public stance on this issue is Facebook owner and founder Mark Zuckerberg, who wrote the following in an open manifesto to the world:

Today we are close to taking our next step. Our greatest opportunities are now global—like spreading prosperity and freedom, promoting peace and understanding, lifting people out of poverty, and accelerating science. . . . Our greatest challenges also need global responses—like ending terrorism, fighting climate change, and preventing pandemics. Progress now requires humanity coming together not just as cities or nations, but also as a global community.

In the Collective Sharing Civilization, Dr. Lu details the past progress, current challenges, and future direction of human civilization. He shows features of collective sharing has been part of Chinese civilization for ages and how present-day China is taking steps that can be used as a model for future human progress. He also demonstrates the features of collective sharing characteristics have long existed in Western and other civilizations. The knowledge, tools, values, and structure that comprise the collective sharing civilization are explained, and Dr. Lu shares his ideas on how to navigate issues with the economy, politics, technology, culture, ecology and society, and international relations. At its core, this work reminds us that people are social beings that survive and flourish through togetherness, and humankind’s future will be brightest if we stay true to that fundamental part of our nature. As translators on these projects, we are delighted to bring this discussion, and surely the spirited debate that will enrich it further, to new and wider audiences.

Responses to Dr. Lu’s Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy
By translating Dr. Lu’s trilogy for English readers, we hope to expand this imperative philosophical discussion to continually improve our approaches to addressing well-being for individuals and humankind as a whole. Indeed, Dr. Lu’s work has deeply resonated with numerous opinion leaders in the fields of philanthropy, government and higher education:

Spirit of Capital: The Power of Coordinated Development

“Dr. Lu Dezhi’s book is an important contribution to how we frame discussions about advancing the social good through both philanthropy and investment. As he notes, these systems can and should be linked so that we can use all the tools at our disposal to make positive social change. The vision he articulates can harness significant resources for the future of China and the world.”
Melissa A. Berman, President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

“Dr. Lu’s dialectical understanding of the strength of socialism with its emphasis on the well-being of the majority and the creativity and ‘spirit’ of capital help him to explore how wealth generated by capital and in the hands of a minority can and should be mobilized for public good.”
Elizabeth D. Knup, Director, Ford Foundation China

“He explicates the importance and positive use of capital, the need to connect its use to the broader public purposes and benefits through what he defines as majoritarianism, and the essential role that private philanthropy can play. He properly points to the need to balance what he calls efficiency, or the unregulated creation of capital, with the equality of all citizens. The essay reflects Chinese cultural views and values but the issues and directions Dr. Lu identifies have international relevance. Growing economic inequality threatens civil order, harmony and security. Market inefficiencies retard economic growth, drive poverty and create conflict. His vision of the spirit of capital and collective sharing as defined in his essay are a way forward to a better future for all.”
William Waldman, Former Commissioner, N.J. Department of Human Services
Capital and Collective Sharing: The Theme of Coordinated Development

“By placing modern philanthropy at the powerful intersection between capital and collective sharing, Dr. Lu’s new book reminds us all that love of humanity is the literal but true meaning of philanthropy. Without trust and recognition of the symbiotic relationship we as humans share, we inevitably limit our potential to effect change. Dr. Lu’s inspiring call to action encourages us all to play our part. I share Dr. Lu’s belief in the importance of orienting our intentions and actions with values and trust at the core; in doing so we commit ourselves to the soul of civilization and the promise of a better tomorrow.”

Peggy Dulany, Founder & Chair, The Synergos Institute

“Dr. Lu’s new book develops a theoretical system connecting two key concepts that he has coined, Spirit of Capital and Collective Sharing, with modern philanthropy. Collective Sharing is a positive goal of global social development and an extension of the Spirit of Capital to benefit the majority of society. Modern philanthropy, as it originated in the United States, forges the perfect path from neutral capital to collective sharing with moral integrity. Dr. Lu states that the important trend of Spirit of Capital in the 21st Century involves Collective Sharing both within countries and across countries. He poses a core challenge of global philanthropy.”

Charles E. Morrison, President, East-West Center

“Dr. Lu aptly describes the historical development and modern applications of capital, and the key role it can play in human development. As capitalist nations place greater value on social welfare, and socialist societies embrace the importance of capital, humanity has and will continue to benefit.”

Richard L. Edwards, Ph.D., Chancellor Emeritus, Rutgers University–New Brunswick

The Collective Sharing Civilization: New Form of Coordinated Development

“In his latest book, On the Collective Sharing Civilization, Dr. Lu Dezhi artfully presents a new vision for human development fit for our increasingly globalized world. As economies, cultures, and information become more interconnected, and our fates more intertwined, Dr. Lu persuasively and powerfully advocates for greater international collaboration across different political systems and social sectors to address humanity’s biggest problems. This book is a thoughtful reminder that our shared challenges should have shared solutions, and a necessary call to action for the entire global community.”

Dennis R. Young, Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University

“This new book sets forth a far-seeing vision for global society that challenges nations and peoples everywhere to overcome parochial blinkers and embrace a set of universal values and strategies for working together on behalf of humankind as a whole. Not simply a utopian vision, Dr. Lu’s analysis is grounded in appreciation of the differences and Western philosophies, political systems, economies and histories, and is driven by the urgency of addressing our common contemporary issues such as environmental degradation, income and wealth inequality, and rapid technological change. This volume has the potential to launch a grand debate in which capitalism and socialism are examined for both their strengths and weaknesses so that a transcending synthesis can be developed to underwrite the next stage of human development. Such a sharing is at the root of Dr. Lu’s prescription for what ails us as a global community, and he may very well be right. At a time when too many countries around the world seem to be moving towards nationalism, separatism, military aggression and authoritarian rule, Dr. Lu’s book may be a hopeful beacon for the future.”

Thomas C. Tuttle, Ph.D., President, World Academy of Productivity Science
Exchange Programs

2018 China Service Learning, June 6-19

Eight students and five faculty and staffs participated in the program. Students provided the Awareness and Life Skills Training program to local middle and high school students. Students obtained cultural experience by participating various festival and cultural activities. Students also volunteered at local NGOs.

2018 China Study Abroad, May 24-June 5

Thirteen students and five faculty and staffs participated in the program. All members actively participated in visiting social welfare agencies, foundations, and universities in Beijing and Tianjin. Students not only gained the first-hand experience on understanding the nature and practice of social welfare system in China but also learned the Chinese culture.
Baoding Mindfulness Intervention, Baoding, China, March 11 – May 15, 2018

Huamin Research Center teamed up with Renmin University, Hong Kong University, and North China Electric Power University, to conduct a mindfulness intervention for rural children in Baoding, China. The 2-month intervention is designed to improve the mindfulness of children, as well as their academic achievement, mental health, and overall well-being.

Nanchong Intelligent Companion Program, Nanchong, China, March 15 – September 15, 2018

Huamin Research Center teamed up with Ensan Foundation and Southwest Finance University to conduct an evaluation on the Intelligent Companion Program for rural children in Nanchong, China. This research will examine the effectiveness of the Intelligent Companion Program, which is one of few innovations that supports rural children as they face substantial challenges in their academics and mental health.

More than 50 philanthropists from around the world participated in this symposium to deliberate ways of sharing our collective future and to discuss forms of collaboration for sustainable global development. Dr. Dezhi Lu of Huamin Foundation delivered a talk on Thoughts of Collective Sharing Civilization. Peggy Dulany, Founder and Chair of Synergos, commended Dr. Dezhi Lu on the 10th anniversary of Huamin Foundation, also praising the release of an English edition of Dr. Lu’s Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy. Darren Walker, President of Ford Foundation, and Peggy Dulany led a discussion on Greater Collaboration for Sustainable Global Development. Mohamed Amersi, President of Amersi Foundation, Leah Hunt-Hendrix, Founder of Solidaire, He Daofeng, Chairman of Daofeng & Angela Foundation, Liu Feng, Vice Dean of Omni Vitae Institute of Science, and Guosheng Deng, Vice Dean of Institute of Philanthropy in Tsinghua University, discussed the importance of Innovations Partnerships in collaboration for sharing future.

Sustainable Development Solutions Network Visit, New York, May 7, 2018

The Huamin delegation visited Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Ms. Vanessa Fajans-Turner, Managing Director of SDSN, Laurie Mandarino, Associate Director, and Elena Creter, Partnerships and Climate Data, introduced the history and development of SDSN. They also thanked Dr. Dezhi Lu, Chairperson of China Foundation Center (CFC), for the data collected by CFC, which has improved SDSN work in China and Europe. Dr. Lu also expressed his appreciation for the work SDSN has accomplished for global sustainable development. Ms. Fajans-Turner praised the released of the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy and indicated that the goal of SDSN is exactly the same as the mission of collective sharing civilization.
National Committee on United States - China Relations Visit, May 7, 2018.

The Huamin delegation visited National Committee on United States - China Relations (NCUSCR). President Stephen Orlins and Vice President Jan Berris of NCUSCR overviewed the development of US-China relationship in the past 40 years and discussed the current US-China relationship with Dr. Dezhi Lu and the Huamin delegation.

Symposium on Capital and Collective Sharing, Rutgers University, New Jersey, May 8, 2018

The symposium, hosted by the Huamin Research Center at Rutgers University, drew more than 50 faculty and students from universities in New Jersey. Chancellor Debasish Dutta of Rutgers New Brunswick, praised the release of the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy. President Nevin Kessler of the Rutgers University Foundation delivered a speech on the effects of philanthropy in higher education. Dean Cathryn Potter of the School of Social Work highlighted the contributions of Dr. Lu to social work education in China and beyond. Dr. Lu overviewed the Capital and Collective Sharing Trilogy. Dr. Guosheng Deng of Tsinghua University introduced the development of philanthropy in China and discussed the importance of collective sharing for China. Richard L. Edwards, Chancellor Emeritus and University Professor, Rutgers University -- New Brunswick, praised Dr. Lu for his contribution on the development of philanthropy in China and beyond.
Foundation Center Visit, New York, May 8, 2018

The Huamin delegation visited Foundation Center. President Bradford Smith of the Foundation Center introduced the history and development of the Center to the Huamin delegation. Dr. Dezhi Lu, Chairperson of China Foundation Center (CFC), thanked President Smith for his support on the development of CFC in the past seven years. Both discussed current challenges faced by foundations in China and the United States.
**Visiting Scholar Interviews**

An Interview with Congcong Zhang,  
A Visiting Scholar at Huamin Research Center, Rutgers University  

Yuhan Wei, Huamin Research Center

Congcong Zhang was a Visiting Scholar at the Huamin Research Center in the School of Social Work at Rutgers University, from September 2017 to June 2018. Congcong Zhang is a doctoral student of the School of Social Development and Public Policy at Beijing Normal University. The following interview with Congcong Zhang depicts her time as a Visiting Scholar at the Huamin Research Center.

1. Why did you choose Rutgers University as your hosting institution?
   
   I learned about Rutgers University and applied for a visit because of Professor Chien-Chung Huang. First of all, my research interest is nonprofit organization, and Professor Huang’s interest of research in recent years has also been nonprofit organizations. Our similar professional interests made me want to work with Professor Huang. Second, Professor Huang has a comprehensive understanding of both Chinese and American nonprofit organizations, which gives him an advantage in the comparative study of Chinese and American charities; this topic is exactly what I want to study. A friend of mine met Professor Huang, and she introduced me to Professor Huang. After I talked to Professor Huang, I felt that he was very approachable, and the Center’s research concentrations and work atmosphere were phenomenal, so I applied to be a Visiting Scholar at Rutgers University.

2. Please describe your research before you came to Rutgers.
   
   I am a doctoral student, specializing in public administration, at Beijing Normal University and my research interest is nonprofit organization management. Before coming to the Huamin Research Center, I had contact with many nonprofit organizations in China and helped evaluate their projects. In terms of research methods, I have always been engaged in qualitative research methods, mainly using case studies. My research focuses are evaluation of nonprofit organizations and projects, environmental nonprofit organizations, government procurement services, and the relationship between government and social organizations.

   Before I came here, I had just finished my dissertation proposal on strategic management of nonprofit organization, which explored the resources and methods on planning nonprofit organizations. The purposes of my visit to the Huamin Research Center were to understand: 1) how American nonprofit organizations set up developmental strategies; 2) the differences and similarities between the nonprofit organizations and enterprises in the set-up of strategic planning; and 3) the current progress of research on nonprofit strategic management.

3. How has your research progressed, and what have you learned at Rutgers?
   
   I am currently working on multiple research projects with Professor Huang. With Professor Huang’s help, the research progress is relatively smooth. This semester we have completed one article, and three other articles are in process. We will present these articles in Hong Kong, Netherlands, and Beijing. I’ve learned a lot from working with Professor Huang. I was able to improve and expand my research ability. For example, I had not done quantitative study before, but after coming to the Huamin Research Center, Professor Huang taught me how to do quantitative research. I began to write articles in English and submitted them to SSCI journals, which is a substantial breakthrough for me. At the same time, with Professor Huang’s help, I took management courses, and I got some inspiration from the classes for my dissertation.

4. Please describe your experience at the Huamin Research Center.
   
   First, let’s talk about the experience of academic study. During the visiting period, I benefited a lot from working with Professor Huang. We met every week to discuss the progress of research. In the meetings, Professor Huang patiently answered all my questions and helped me revise my article to improve my research methods and English writing. In addition, I took two management courses that were related to my dissertation topic. I also attended some academic conferences and lectures to learn about latest research from international scholars in the nonprofit organizations field. The Huamin Research Center has provided a good research environment. Professor Huang has given me a lot of support. I really learned and gained a lot from this visiting experience. In terms of living experiences, Professor Huang and his team were very friendly and helped me adapt to life here. Everyone respects each other and
helps each other. I think it is very comfortable to do research in this big group.

5. Could you share how the experience at the Huamin Research Center has affected you?

I want to talk about the impact of this visiting experience on my academic attitude. I think Professor Huang is very professional in his work, and his high expectation of me is a positive motivational source. In addition, the visiting experience also improved my scientific research ability. Overall, these nine months of visiting are very valuable to me. I am very lucky to come to the Huamin Research Center, and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to work here with Dr. Huang.

6. What is your plan after the visit at Rutgers?

First of all, I will continue to work on several studies that have not yet been completed. Next, I will write my dissertation and prepare for graduation next year. During the visit, Professor Huang helped me broaden my vision, and I paid attention to other interesting topics such as charitable donations, policy research, etc. In the future, I will get involved in more research fields and try different research methods to study nonprofit organization in China and the United States. If “If the opportunity presents itself, I look forward to working with Professor Huang again in the research of nonprofit organizations.

7. What is your expectation for the Huamin Research Center?

The Huamin Research Center has given me a lot of help in life and academia during my visit. I have some suggestions based on my own experience. The Huamin Research Center recruits visiting scholars every year. Although their research interests may be different, I think communication between each other can broaden horizons, so I think the Huamin Research Center can hold academic salons regularly. Doctoral students, Master’s students, and visiting scholars can share their latest research. I think this kind of communication will also create opportunities for mutual understanding and cooperation among visiting scholars and students.

In my 9 months of visiting, I learned a lot at the Huamin Research Center, widened my research interests, and improved my research ability. More importantly, this experience fostered my professional attitude. I sincerely wish that the Huamin Research Center will grow to be better and better, and I hope that more domestic scholars will come here to learn and communicate with others.
An Interview with Naixin Ouyang,
A Visiting Scholar at Huamin Research Center, Rutgers University

Hoi Yee Lam, Huamin Research Center

Naixin Ouyang was a Visiting Scholar at the Huamin Research Center in the School of Social Work at Rutgers University from August 2017 to July 2018. Naixin Ouyang is a second-year doctoral student of the School of Ethics at Central South University. The following interview with Naixin Ouyang depicts her time as a Visiting Scholar at the Huamin Research Center.

1. Why did you choose Rutgers University as your hosting institution?
   I learned about Rutgers University through Dr. Dezhi Lu, the chairman of the Huamin Charity Foundation. Dr. Lu was the vice president of the Hunan Ethics Society. He gave a speech at the 2016 Hunan Ethics Society annual conference to share his views on collective sharing. The discussion portion of the conference also concentrated on the idea of Dr. Lu’s collective sharing. After that, I was interested in Dr. Lu’s collective sharing. As I continued to explore Dr. Lu’s work, I learned about the Huamin Research Center and began to think about the idea of being a Visiting Scholar in the United States. I am not only here to improve my academic ability but also to experience the foreign learning model at the same time.

2. Please describe your research before you came to Rutgers.
   I am a doctoral student at Central South University and just completed my first year of the doctoral program. The first-year doctoral program was focused on classroom learning, so I have not determined my research direction yet. There were two main purposes to my visit at the Huamin Research Center: (1) To learn deeply about the idea of collective sharing; (2) To conduct studies about the ethical issues of social work profession. The recent social work ethical study mostly focuses on social workers’ behaviors, such as interactions between social workers and their clients, but it seems more related to work ethics. I think the social work system in the United States is relatively well-organized. It has the code of ethics to regulate social workers' behavior. China’s philanthropy has rapidly developed recently. Different ethical issues will inevitably arise in the future, so I would like to conduct research in this area.

3. How has your research progressed, and what have you learned at Rutgers?
   During the year of my exchange at Rutgers University, I completed a course in the spring and fall semesters, respectively. In the fall semester, I studied the Concept Foundation of Social Welfare and Social Policy. In the spring semester, I studied Program Strategy and Planning. Currently, I work with Dr. Chien-Chung Huang and conduct research based on data from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). We used the data to analyze and discuss the relationship among collective sharing, income inequality, and level of happiness. We will be presented this study at the "Alternatives to Capitalism" panel in Society for the Advancement of Social-Economics (SASE) Research Network Conference in Kyoto, Japan, in late June.

4. How do you think the courses that you took in Rutgers University will help you academically?
   Learning in the United States this year has benefited me a lot. First of all, I have a deeper understanding of the learning and thinking differences between China and the United States. This new knowledge helped shift my own personal ideology. In class, I have learned different research methods and experienced American teaching styles. Through exchanges with professors and other students, I have gained a better understanding of the cultural differences between China and the United States. For example, students in the United States have a strong initiative, actively asking and answering questions, but Chinese students will be more passive. The classroom atmosphere in the United States can effectively stimulate students’ enthusiasm for learning and increase student participation. Throughout the course, students are more like the leaders in the classroom. Second, I thought there was a high academic pressure on doctoral students. For example, students need to read at least a hundred pages or more per week, and this is what inspired me to learn. Third, since I majored in ethics, I also participated in Rutgers’ fourth Chinese philosophy workshop. The schedule of the workshop was tight because it had six articles that needed to be reported. All the participants were very active in the discussion. There was a strong academic atmosphere, and hearing the thoughts and perspectives of others benefited me a lot.

5. Please describe your experience at the Huamin Research Center.
   First of all, I would like to thank all the staff at Huamin Research Center, especially Dr. Chien-Chung Huang and Yafan Chen. Dr. Huang has given me a lot of help both in school and life. He always cares about my current situation and always answers my academic questions. When I first came to this unfamiliar place, Yafan helped me
with many problems in life and made me feel warm. The Huamin Research Center hosts many activities. For example, when the university organizes academic activities, the center will send emails to all Visiting Scholars. The center also provides opportunities for us to participate in lectures so that we can learn from others’ research. It helps us grow academically. Second, the Huamin Research Center itself also provides opportunities for us to participate in, such as the series of events and activities last week. These experiences gave me a deeper understanding of philanthropy.

6. Could you share how the experience at the Huamin Research Center has affected you?

The Huamin Research Center has a certain degree of influence in promoting Sino-American academic exchanges. Each year, it invites visiting scholars and interns to conduct research, which provides opportunities for academic exchanges and cooperation between China and the United States. As for me, I have learned a lot from the Huamin Research Center and from Dr. Huang. He is a serious and organized scholar who is passionate about his academic field. He is a good model for me to follow. Moreover, the influence of cultural differences between China and the United States makes me feel that people can become more independent in thinking. They have their own opinions and ideas. Even if my thoughts are not right or even wrong, I am not worried about being teased or rejected; after discussing with others, I can correct and improve my viewpoints, and I feel motivated to continue learning.

7. What is your plan after your visit at Rutgers?

After returning home, I will begin to work on my thesis. Also, I am more than happy to attend and participate if Huamin Research Center has organized events in the future. I hope to maintain a long-term relationship with the Huamin Research Center and jointly promote academic exchanges between the two countries. I will also apply what I learned here to my academic research and life.

8. What are your expectations for the future of Huamin Research Center?

I hope that the development of Huamin Research Center will become better and better, that the research team will grow stronger and stronger, and that the academic level will rise to a higher level. I hope that the research center continues training more students in this field. Also, I hope more Chinese scholars and students will get the opportunity to come to the United States for exchange, especially the younger Chinese graduate and doctoral students, as well as young scholars. Most of the current visiting scholars are teachers or professors, and there is a lack of students from younger generations. Young people are the future pillars of society. If more Chinese students can experience foreign education, they are more likely to receive inspiration for a new way of thinking. They will develop their creativity.
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Yafan Chen

Yafan Chen graduated from Rutgers University with a master’s degree in social work in 2017. Her research interests include violence against children and child development. She finished her first-year master field placement at Huamin Research Center at Rutgers University, and worked as the office manager and research fellow at Huamin Research Center in 2017-2018. She was also the Assistant Director of 2018 Rutgers China Study Abroad Program. She conducted several research projects, including Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence, Peer Bullying, and Early Delinquency and Mindfulness intervention project in New Jersey. She is also a Licensed Social Worker in New Jersey and worked as an in-home therapist with children and their families.

Yuhan Wei

Yuhan Wei graduated from Peking University in 2017 with a master’s degree in Social Work. Her research interest is on child welfare. She pays particular attention to the welfare status of immigrant children in the United States. At the undergraduate stage, Wei Yuhan worked as an intern in Shenzhen Peng Xing Social Work Service Center. During her internship, she organized volunteers for parent-child activity. During the graduate phase, Wei Yuhan was an intern in the New Citizen Planning Organization and was responsible for Exploring City Project. Ms. Wei was the recipients of "Peking University--Hong Kong Polytech University Thought and Goodness Research Project", which was based on her internship experience. In 2017, she participated in the "Mindfulness Intervention for New Jersey's Immigrant Children" project.
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