

CAP Newsletter

Chinese American Professors and Professionals of Pennsylvania

CAP NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Meeting on January 30, 2016

CAP members had the 2016 spring meeting and lunch gathering on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Jumbo Buffet Chinese restaurant in Harrisburg.

The meeting was called to order around 12:30 pm by Dr. Yuefeng Xie. First, Award Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Duanping Liao and Mr. You Zhou announced the 2016 Annual CAP Award recipients:

2016 CAP Senior Faculty Award:

- ❖ Dr. Yuefeng Xie
- ❖ Dr. Lihua Xu

2016 CAP Senior Professional Award:

- ❖ Dr. Enyang Guo
- ❖ Dr. Ran Liu

2016 CAP Junior Faculty Award:

- ❖ Ms. Shuai Shao

Congratulations to their achievements!



*Pictured from left to right:
Mr. Zhou You, Dr. Yuefeng Xie, Dr. Enyang Guo,
Dr. Ran Liu, Ms. Shuai Shao and Dr. Duanping Liao*

After the award ceremony, the meeting attendees discussed and voted to change our association name to be:

In English: Chinese American Professors and Professionals of Pennsylvania

In Chinese: 美国宾州华人教授暨专业人士协会

The board members had unanimously approved the above name change.



The meeting went on with CAP officers reporting the work they had done in the past year, including a summary of activities, financial report, webpage development and maintenance and newsletter.

In the end, members discussed tentative plans for the association in 2016:

- ❖ Membership recruitment
- ❖ Seminar on tax filing
- ❖ Seminar on Zika virus and travelling preparation for South America
- ❖ Picnic or reception for member social
- ❖ Make efforts to help Penn State Harrisburg be included in the list of Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

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Meeting on September 19, 2015

The 2015 CAP fall lunch meeting was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Jumbo Buffet Chinese restaurant in Harrisburg.

The meeting included two panel discussions:

❖ Hosting International Visiting Scholars

Panel members Ms. Anna Marshall, Dr. Huixue Ren, Dr. Yuefeng Xie and other CAP members who attended the meeting discussed effective ways in hosting international visiting scholars and students, including mutual benefits and challenges.

❖ Travel Tips

Dr. Fang Tian and Dr. Yen-Chih Chen shared their travel saving tips for both business and personal travels.

Hiking Trip to Mt Gretna



Some CAP members, friends and family enjoyed a hiking trip to Mt Gretna on May 16, 2015, which was organized by Dr. Yuefeng Xie. This was a joint activity with Central Pennsylvania Chinese Association (CPCA). About 20 hikers met first at the Governor Dick Environmental Center, then walked the trails in Clarence Schock Memorial Park and climbed up to the

observation tower to get a view of five counties, including Lebanon, Lancaster, Dauphin, Schuylkill, and Berks!

Website of CAP

<https://sites.google.com/site/capofcentralpa/>

WeChat Group of CAP

CAP created a WeChat group for better and faster communication among members. We invite you to join our WeChat group if you use WeChat. Please scan the following barcode to join us:



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New Members

Please welcome the following new members!



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Featured Member of the Issue



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Dr. Qiang-ling Yao (姚强岭) currently is a visiting scholar in Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs at Penn State University, Harrisburg. His supervisor is Professor Yuefeng Xie (解跃峰). Dr. Yao is an associate professor at China University of Mining and Technology. He majored in Mining Engineering and received his B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees all from the China University of Mining and Technology in Xuzhou. Dr. Yao's research interests include water treatment, coal mine ground pressure control and water-rock interaction. His research has been published in *Arabian Journal of Geosciences*, *Journal of China University of Mining and Technology* et al.

Member News

Dr. Yohchia Chen to Give Lectures to Universities in South Korea and China



Dr. Chen (陈幼佳) is on a sabbatical leave during the spring semester. Part of his scholarly activities is to

visit Seoul National University (South Korea) by giving a short course on wind resistant design in entire April and to deliver an invited lecture on seismically induced earth pressures during an international conference to be held at Chongqing University (China) in mid-May.

Dr. Chen is currently hosting three international scholars: Dr. Yuanzhen Liu, Dr. Wenjing Wang, and Dr. Jinfeng Jiao, all from Taiyuan University of Technology (China).

Dr. Jennifer Pomeroy Joined York College of Pennsylvania



Dr. Pomeroy (胡咏梅), joined Department of History and Political Science at York College of Pennsylvania in May 2015 as an assistant professor of Geography.

Dr. Pomeroy received her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland in 2012. Her research interests primarily lie on geographic aspects of global (climate) change, environmental land use planning, GIS/remote sensing applications, and urbanization in China/East Asia/Asia. Dr. Pomeroy has taught variety of geography courses spanning human, physical, and geo-spatial methods and techniques at several institutions. She also serves as Chair of Honors Committee of Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group (RDPSG) and Secretary of Asian Geography Specialty Group (AGSG) of American Association of Geographer (AAG). She is also a member of Pennsylvania Geographic Society (PGS). Her contact information is:

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Dr. Jennifer Pomeroy Presented at International Conference in Indonesia



Dr. Pomeroy (胡咏梅), assistant professor of Geography at York College of Pennsylvania, presented a paper titled “A Woman’s Place: Examining Perceptions on Urban Social Space in India” on January 6,

2016 at the 13th International Asian Urbanization Conference hosted by Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The conference is themed by Rapid Urbanization and Sustainable Development in Asia this year and it was a joint effort with the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA), a non-profit research organization whose primary purpose is to promote the study of urbanization and urban growth and to organize Asian Urbanization Conference biennially. Dr. Pomeroy also chaired the sub-theme session 6: Socio-Economic Impacts of Urbanization.

Mr. Peng Chen Joined GHD



Mr. Chen (陈鹏) joined GHD as a water and wastewater project engineer in August 2015. GHD is a global professional firm

providing services in the fields of water, energy and resources, environment, property

and buildings, and transportation. Prior to GHD, he was a senior staff engineer at T&M Associates, Inc., a regional consulting firm headquartered in Middletown, NJ. Mr. Chen continues his work focus on water and wastewater system study and design. His new contact information is:

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Dr. Yuefeng Xie Served on Dissertation Defense Committees in Barcelona, Spain



Dr. Xie (解跃峰), Professor of Environmental Engineering at Penn State Harrisburg, served on two PhD dissertation defense committees at Autonomous University

of Barcelona, Spain in November 2015. The two dissertations are “Development of Reagent-less Processes for Water Decontamination: Tuning of temperature and redox parameters to remove toxic oxyanions” by Ms. Liu He and “Contribution to Lithiasic Process Knowledge: Characterization of physiological aspect and novel material to determine key inhibitors” by Mr. Tong Liu. Both Ms. He and Mr. Liu successfully defended their dissertations and now we can call them Dr. He and Dr. Liu.

Dr. Xie also co-edited a book, Recent Advances in Disinfection By-Products (Editors: Tanju Karanfil, Bill Mitch, Paul Westerhoff, and Yuefeng Xie). This book

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has been published by American Chemical Society in September 2015.

Dr. Yuefeng Xie Organized US-China Technical Exchange Meeting

Dr. Xie (解跃峰), organized a technical exchange meeting on November 14, 2015 at Penn State Harrisburg. A group of Chinese professors and design engineers from Tsinghua University, Shandong Jianzhu University, Shandong Branch of China Urban Construction Design & Research Institute, and Shandong Huacheng Urban Construction Design Engineering Co. Ltd exchanged technical skills and knowledge with a group of professors and professionals who are currently working in the water/environmental industries in the US. The topics discussed at the meeting were water/wastewater system design standards, study design and construction experiences, and potential research projects.

The technical exchange meeting aimed to encourage and enhance collaborations between US-China professors/professionals.

Other CAP members attended the meeting were: Dr. Yen-Chih Chen (陈彦志), Mr. Peng Chen (陈鹏), and Dr. Ran Liu (刘冉).

CAP Member Benefits

1. Apply for Chinese Visa for your entire family WITHOUT going to the embassy in person. And no regular processing fees that are charged by the travel agency. Detailed procedures of obtaining Visa from Chinese Embassy via CAP are attached. Please contact Dr. Qiang Bu

(qxb1@psu.edu) and Dr. Jianming Hu (juh13@psu.edu) for more information.

2. Wayne's Auto Sales, Repair and Body Shop: \$5 off for a regular inspection. 10% off labor on any repairs and body work. Address: 1000B South 21st Street, Harrisburg PA 17104. Phone: (717) 236-6244
3. Jumbo Buffet Chinese restaurant: 15% discount. Address: 2810 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Phone: (717) 558-8212

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Lin Guo (郭林)

Procedures of obtaining Visa from Chinese Embassy via CAP

1. CAP will apply China tourist visa for CAP paid members directly from the Chinese Consulate General of New York free of charge. This service is provided every two months on the following collection date: June 15, August 15, October 15, December 15, February 15, and April 15. Please have your Visa application package submitted to your CAP representative at least one day before the above collection date.

Currently, Hershey Medical Center based CAP members should submit your entire Visa Application package to Dr. Jianming Hu, 1126 Chadwick Circle, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

CAP members not in Hershey Medical Center should submit your entire Visa Application package to Dr. Qiang Bu, 2228 Flintlock Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

2. Please complete the Visa Applications from and attach photos according to Chinese Embassy instructions.

Please pay special attention to the materials needed for a tourist visa:

<http://newyork.china-consulate.org/chn/lryw/lzjxx/sbqz/sqqzsn/>

Visa Application form can be downloaded from:

<http://newyork.china-consulate.org/chn/lzj/tbzl/sqbg/qzbg/t840493.htm>

3. Please obtain **total amount** in the form of Money Order or Cashier's Check, made payable to Chinese Consulate General. The visa application fee is \$140 per person.
4. Please make a \$40 check **payable CAP-Zhoude Shao**. This is the shipping fees to send to and receive from your visa application materials and passports. These fees are calculated based on per family per application cycle basis regardless of the number of visa application. If your application is not complete, and you need to supply additional information, you will have to pay \$40 of shipping fees again.
5. Please submit the following to your CAP representative:
 - All above items, including the application form, photos, Money Order and Check.
 - A copy of your CAP membership card.
 - A copy of this form with your signature.

I fully understand that CAP provides this free service for its members. By sign this form, I _____ (print your name) agree to waive CAP any liabilities, including loss of application material by the carrier.

Print your name above

Date

Signature of applicant