



# CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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CHINESE & JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAM

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### 2009 Autumn Moon Festival

The 2009 Autumn Moon Festival will be held on October 2 (Friday) at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of Christopher Center. The event is open to the public. However, you must email [Jessica.moy@valpo.edu](mailto:Jessica.moy@valpo.edu) to register.

This annual event features a variety of shows by Chinese students and US students who are studying Chinese. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the moon cakes, Chinese-style snacks, and above all, celebrate one of the most colorful traditional Chinese holidays!

#### Best known Autumn Moon Poem

苏轼 (Su Shi or Su Dongpo, 1037-1101)

但愿人长久，千里共婵娟。

(We wish each other a long life so as to share the beauty of this graceful moonlight, even though we are miles apart.)

### 2010 VU Summer in China Program



Participants of the 09 Program on the Great Wall of China

Since 2002, nearly 170 VU students have participated in the annual, five-and-half-week VU Summer China Program. Students took courses taught by VU faculty members, did internships in a dozen local institutions, and travelled to various places.

The 2010 Program is now open for application. If interested, please contact Dr. Lin for an application form or download it from the CJSP website. The resident director of the 2010 program is Dr. Chuck Schaefer (History). He will teach a course on the 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History. Professor Paul Trapp (CBA) will teach an online course on globalization. There will be a variety of internship courses for graduate and undergraduate students to choose from. **The deadline to apply is November 15, 2009.**

### 2010 Summer Advanced Chinese Program

21 students from all over the country took part in the 2009 VU Summer Advanced Chinese Program. Among them, seven are newly admitted MACS (Master of Arts in Chinese Studies) students. They spent two months in Hangzhou undergoing a curriculum that is rigorous, immersive, and stimulating. The annual SACP is partially funded by the US Department of Education where participants received up to \$1,250 travel allowance and discount tuition. To qualify, one must have studied at least two years of college-level Chinese. If you are interested in the 2010 SACP, please contact Jamie Haney ([Jamie.haney@valpo.edu](mailto:Jamie.haney@valpo.edu)).



Shaking hands before debate, June 2009

### Busy Start for Fall 2009

Fall semester is barely one month old, but it has already shaped into a busy one for CJSP faculty and students who are on campus or abroad. Here are some of their stories:

#### Colloquium in Chinese and Japanese Studies

On September 4, CJSP held the first CJS Colloquium at Confucius Institute (CIVU). Approximately 40 CJS majors, MACS students, and CJS faculty took part in the event. After self-introductions, Brittany Partin presented her senior paper, "Forcing Tigers to Submit: How China Uses Power to Influence its Neighbor's Actions" (see picture below). The participants also gathered at CIVU's front lawn and enjoyed a well-prepared picnic, thanks to Harry Cassin, to start the year. The next CJS Colloquium will be held on October 2 in the Union's Brown and Gold Room. Dr. Pati (Theology) will present on "Concept of Body and Space in Martial Arts tradition of South India."



### Second Great Lake Confucius Institute Music Festival

A 20-member Zhejiang Butterfly Performing Troupe toured VU and northwest Indiana from September 10 to 20. They performed six concerts including a concert in the VUCA on September 12 with 220 attendees and a gala concert on September 19 with over 200 local high school musicians. The high school students played along with the visiting Chinese musicians and members of the VU Chamber Orchestra.

The music festival was sponsored by CIVU. Numerous CJS majors/minors, MACS students, and Chinese students assisted the events of the festival. **Thank You!** Please contact Prof. Meng ([Jianyun.meng@valpo.edu](mailto:Jianyun.meng@valpo.edu)) for more information about CIVU activities.



200 local high school musicians took part in the gala concert on 9/19

### Potluck Party Sponsored by VUCSSA

On September 11, over 100 VU students, faculty, and staff took part in the potluck party (*see picture below*) sponsored by VU's Chinese Students and Scholars Association (VUCSSA) and CJS program. More than 30 Chinese and American students came to show off their cuisine skills by bringing in home-cooked dishes.

This fall, VU welcomed over 160 graduate and undergraduate students from China, setting a record in school history. VUCSSA's mission is to serve the needs of the students from China and promote cultural integration and understanding among VU students. The current president of VUCSSA is Mingan Miao (ICP). If you want to get involved with activities sponsored by VUCSSA, email [Mingan.Miao@valpo.edu](mailto:Mingan.Miao@valpo.edu).



### 2010 Fall Hangzhou Study Program

Each fall, VU students have the option of studying in China for a semester in our Hangzhou Fall Study Program. In addition to Chinese language studies, students can also take 1-2 VU courses and have plenty of time to explore local culture by traveling and participating in various local activities. If you are interested in the 2010 Hangzhou Fall Study Program, please contact Julie Maddox (x5333, [Julie.Maddox@valpo.edu](mailto:Julie.Maddox@valpo.edu)).



(L to R from Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China): Carolyn Heider; Prof. George Heider; Amanda Urban; James Feinstein (Luther College); Jaye Hobart (Luther College); Kelly Rediehs; and Danita Cook.

### Other CJSP News

#### **Language Tutoring Program in Full Swing**

An important feature of the CJSP is that it offers required drills or tutoring sessions for all the students who are enrolled in various Chinese and Japanese language classes. Ms. Nao Taylor is the Japanese drill instructor. Wuyan Dai, Mingan Miao, Lizhi Qiu, Wenjie Shen, Jiaojie Yan, and Qianyun Wu are the Chinese tutors.

#### **South Indian Classic Music Concert**

With CJSP's sponsorship, Professor Raman (Economics) organized a violin concert by four well-known Indian musicians on September 24 in the VUCA. Approximately 90 VU students, faculty, and people from the local community came to enjoy the wonderful performance.

#### **Chinese and Japanese Studies Administrative Committee**

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