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# From the Executive Director 主任致辞

Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you all the successes that the University of Minnesota China Center has had this past year in building bridges of exchange and strengthening connections and partnerships between the University and Greater China. Our continuing mission is to create not just opportunities for education and heightened cultural understanding, but a shared community. **In 2016-17, the China Center concentrated its efforts on nurturing these communities of students, alumni, institutions, and stakeholders—both on-campus and abroad.**

The University's China Office in Beijing played an important role in helping us achieve our success this year by providing support to prospective students, establishing educational collaborations, and **servicing thousands of Chinese alumni globally.** This past year, the China Office hosted several alumni events in Beijing and Shanghai, held information sessions at more than 40 high schools in seven cities across China, and attended six public college fairs. Additionally, they worked closely with EducationUSA (part of the U.S. Embassy in China) to consult with more than 120 high school counselors regarding degree-seeking study abroad programs.

Another one of the China Center's main goals is to **provide support to University students** studying abroad and on campus. With generous scholarships such as the China Center Scholarship, Jennie & Fred Hsiao Scholarship, Min (Amy) Xu and Michael Schumann Scholarship, the Hsiao Shaw-Lundquist Fellowship, and the China Center Graduate Scholarship, we were able to provide funding for 16 students in 2016-17. Additionally, we assisted another four students through the Chinese Government Scholarship offered by the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago and the Chinese University Exchange Program at Peking University.

The China Center proudly serves the University and local communities by hosting events that bring scholars and experts to campus. In April 2017, the sixteenth annual **Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture** welcomed James McGregor, alumnus, author, and Greater China Chairman for APCO Worldwide. Mr. McGregor gave a thought-provoking lecture on the U.S.-China relationship, the leadership strategies of President Trump and President Xi, and offered his own suggestions on the “reset of China relations” for the modern age.

The **Mingda Institute continues to serve as a core pillar of the China Center's** work to build bridges between Minnesota and China. In 2016-17, Mingda provided seven customized training programs to more than 125 Chinese scholars and emerging leaders. As Mingda continues to grow, it remains committed to its goal of promoting the world-renowned expertise of the University's faculty by creating meaningful programs.

Reflecting on all the achievements and successes in the last year, I am proud of the growth of the China Center programming and excited for what the upcoming year will bring. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to those who have played a role in helping us to build stronger connections with China in the past year, and I welcome those who are interested in being involved moving forward. **We are glad that you are part of the China Center community!**

Joan Brzezinski  
Executive Director



# To Our Chinese Friends 年终回顾

亲爱的朋友们，

很高兴向各位汇报我们在过去一年里取得的成绩。在2016-2017财政年度里，明尼苏达大学中国中心一如既往地秉承搭建美中友谊桥梁的宗旨，致力于加强明尼苏达大学与大中华地区的联系与合作。我们努力促进教育交流、提升文化理解、更倾注大量精力将明大的学生、校友、机构和校内外各界紧密联系在一起，打造一个共同的社区。

**架设明大与中国的交流平台。** 中国中心设在北京的中国代表处是明尼苏达大学在大中华地区开展各项工作的重要平台。中国代表处为申请明大的学生提供资讯、促进明大和中国地区的教育交流、并为千千万万身处全球各地的明大中国校友提供服务。在过去的一年里，中国代表处在北京和上海等地多次举办校友聚会、奔赴中国各地四十余所重点高中进行招生宣讲、并多次参加美国高校招生活动。此外，代表处还与美国驻华使馆下属的EducationUSA联手，为中国120多家高中提供赴美留学的咨询服务。

**通过奖学金与交流项目促进美中学生交流。** 得益于社会各界人士及热心校友的慷慨捐赠，中国中心的红口袋奖学金、萧氏奖学金、须敏—麦克舒曼奖学金、萧氏研究生奖学金和新设立的中国中心研究生助学金在过去的一年里资助了来自明大各校区各学院的十一位本科生和研究生前往中国大陆和港澳台地区学习、或在明尼苏达大学内完成自己的学习和研究。此外，中国中心还分别与中国驻芝加哥总领馆和北京大学合作，通过中国政府奖学金项目和中国大学交流项目资助了四位明大学生赴华交流学习。

**发挥文化优势、服务大学和社区。** 2017年4月，中国中心举办的第十六届格里芬美中友谊桥讲座有幸邀请到安可公关顾问公司（APCO Worldwide）大中华区主席麦健陆先生（James McGregor）来到明大校友中心纪念礼堂，与两百多位到场观众一起展望美中关系的未来之路。麦健陆先生1978年毕业于明大，在中国工作和生活近三十年，著有两本广受赞誉的畅销书。他在讲座中探讨了特朗普总统和习近平主席的领导战略，认为重建美中关系的时机就在当代。

**依托明大、提供专业培训。** 在2016-2017财政年度里，中国中心下设的明大培训学院为来自中国各行各业逾125名专家学者量身打造了七个培训项目。随着明大培训学院的不断发展壮大，我们也将继续依托明大深厚的学术资源，面向更广阔的市场，努力创建一流培训项目。回顾过去一年，我为中国中心的发展壮大深感自豪；展望来年，更是令人充满期待。在此我诚挚感谢中国中心的老朋友们。正因为有你们热心的支持和帮助，我们中国中心才能不断加深与中国的联系。而我也热切欢迎更多新朋友加入中国中心这个大家庭。新的一年，我们共同努力！

琼·布热津斯基女士  
中国中心主任



# Corporate and Government Relations 公司和政府关系

*On October 7, 2016, newly appointed Chinese Consul General Hong Lei visited the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities campus at the invitation of the University of Minnesota China Center and Confucius Institute.*



President Eric Kaler welcomed Chinese Consul General Hong and his delegation and talked about how he was proud of the thousands of excellent Chinese alumni and that the University welcomes almost 3,000 Chinese students annually. Consul General Hong expressed that the University of Minnesota is a top public research university in the United States and has trained many excellent Chinese alumni including academicians at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering.



Consul General Hong also spoke at a campus lecture, “Let History Be a Guidance to the Future: Jointly Building A New Type of Major Country Relationship between China and the U.S.,” to more than 250 University members and representatives of the Minnesota community. Gaoshan Li, president of the University of Minnesota Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA), also delivered a welcome speech to Consul General Hong.



During the Consul General’s visit to Minnesota, he also attended the Fourth Annual Chinese Proficiency Awards Ceremony presented by the Confucius Institute at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education.

# Scholarships and Exchanges 奖学金和交流

In 2016-17, the China Center awarded 16 scholarships totaling \$13,900 to students studying abroad in Greater China. Here, students share stories from their time abroad.



“This trip helped me realize the importance of international cooperation in addressing global climate change through sustainable urbanization. China is undertaking massive infrastructure projects related to green energy and mass transportation, projects of scale and complexity simply not found in the U.S. In that regard, I think we can learn a lot from our Chinese counterparts on how to design, operate, and sustain forward-thinking infrastructure for our own cities.”

– **Kevin Karner**  
*China Center Scholarship*



“This whole study abroad experience has not only opened my eyes to new perspectives of the world, it has also allowed me to explore the beauty of diversity as well as deepen my understanding and appreciation for my own culture. As I continue with career plans, I want to bring my work closer to the communities who lack the basic structures that they can call home, and serve individuals and families around the world who face the greatest environmental challenges and living conditions.”

– **Judy Anne De Veyra**  
*China Center Scholarship*



“Having the opportunity to live and study in China was one of the most important and amazing experiences that I have had in my life. I got to meet quite a few friends that I will carry for the rest of my life, and I gained a considerable understanding about the Eastern world. Moreover, I gained fluency in Mandarin Chinese, which I am sure is going to be a valuable asset for my professional career.”

– **Pablo Mello da Silva**  
*Chinese Government Scholarship*



“In one year, my Chinese abilities improved exponentially, and I came to understand China and its many subcultures on a much more profound level. Looking back, I realize that living in Nanjing will always be one of my fondest memories because the city itself is an amazing microcosm of everything amazing that China has to offer.”

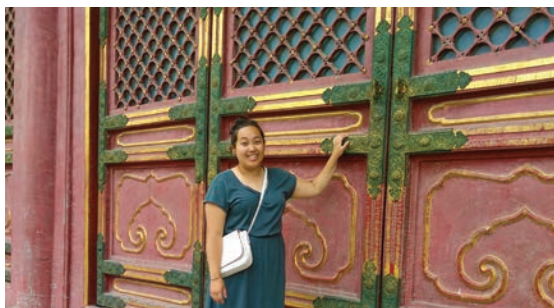
– **Cameron Carlson**  
*China Center Scholarship*



“The ability to network is the best opportunity provided by the CUEP program. Networking and my time abroad will benefit my future career because I am interested in working for the foreign service or abroad somewhere. I will continue to keep Chinese language learning as a hobby, and am considering potentially pursuing my master's degree at Peking University.”

– **Rylie Yaeger**

*Chinese University Exchange Program*



“From this experience of study abroad in China, it was breathtaking to see all the tourist spots and also meet new students and learn their ways of education. I will give anything to return to China and see all the wonders it has again. From this experience, I am considering going abroad for graduate school and also considering teaching English as a side job in China. This trip was amazing; thank you to the Hsiao Scholarship for helping me make this trip happen, and for showing me a great experience in China.”

– **Mai Che Chie Lee**

*Hsiao Scholarship*

## 2016-17 Exchange Participants

### **Chinese University Exchange Program at Peking University (CUEP)**

Rylie Yaeger

### **Chinese Government Scholarship**

Alexander Edwards - *Nankai University*

Pablo Mello da Silva - *Peking University*

Lillian Ouellette-Howitz - *Sichuan University*

## 2016-17 Scholarship Recipients

### **China Center Scholarship**

*Total award amount: \$10,400*

Jordyn Anderson

Mace Blank

Cameron Carlson

Benjamin Clark

Judy Anne De Veyra

Ellen Jones

Kevin Karner

Daniel Olson

Dee Vang

Calvin Weimerskirch

Rylie Yaeger

### **China Center Graduate Scholarship**

*Total award amount: \$2,500*

### **Hsiao Scholarship**

*Total award amount: \$3,500*

Allison Malmsten

Lincoln Priebe

Mai Che Chie Lee

Mason Williams

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# Campus Support 院系合作

## Guangxi CDC Visit in August 2016



A delegation of five representatives from the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region's Center for Disease Prevention and Control visited the University of Minnesota in August 2016 to learn from expert faculty in the Academic Health Center. Hosted by Dean Brooks Jackson, the delegates participated in small group discussions with faculty about their work to address HIV/AIDS, infectious disease, tobacco use and disease, obesity and nutrition, and liver diseases. The delegates also learned about the role of the China Center and had time to tour campus and visit some tourist destinations in the Twin Cities.

The Guangxi CDC is responsible for the prevention and control of infectious, parasitic, endemic, and non-infectious diseases, responding to public health and epidemic emergencies, management of health and epidemic information, surveillance of public health risk factors, pathogen and chemical detection and testing, health education and promotion, and technology management and guidance for the autonomous region. Located in Nanning, Guangxi CDC employs more than 500 staff and researchers.

## Chinese New Year Celebration 2017



In January 2017, the China Center welcomed guests to a gathering to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The evening was filled with mingling, enjoying authentic Chinese cuisine, and reflecting on the China Center's activities in 2016. Guests also heard remarks from Meredith McQuaid, Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs; Professor Li Li Ji, Chair of the China Center Advisory Council; and Joan Brzezinski, China Center Executive Director. The program concluded with two China Center Scholarship recipients who shared stories of their times abroad.



*Guided by the University's ten-year strategic plan "to be preeminent in solving the grand challenges of a diverse and changing world," the China Center serves as the information hub, catalyst, collaborator, and internal consultant to facilitate China initiatives driven by University colleges and departments.*

## China Health Collaborative Lunch

The China Center and the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility co-hosted a China Health Collaborations Lunch on December 15, 2016. The event brought together more than 20 faculty and staff from across ten schools and centers affiliated with the Academic Health Center (AHC), all of whom collaborate with Chinese university partners. The event allowed for information sharing about the many Chinese partnerships across the AHC units and networking across departments. There was a great energy in the room as participants learned about the variety of exchanges and collaborations with China.

## Visit from Beijing International Education Exchange

Mr. Gu Tiangang, director of Beijing International Education Exchange, visited the University of Minnesota in December 2016. During this visit Director Gu and the University of Minnesota formalized an agreement to establish academic and scholarly projects between the two institutions, to include exchange of faculty members and students, organization of joint conferences or symposia, and exchange of publications.

## Sponsorship of Campus Activities

The China Center has sponsored or cosponsored a variety of events aimed at furthering academic knowledge and cultural exchange related to China. In 2016-17, these included:

- Cosponsored the student group Global China Connections' events, including the annual Taste of China event on October 28, 2016, and China Fair on April 14, 2017 (pictured right)
- Cosponsored the lecture "Pulse Reading & Time Keeping in the Classified Canon, 1624: The Physician's Body-as-Technology in Early Modern Chinese Medicine" by Johns Hopkins University Professor Marta Hanson, sponsored by the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine program on December 8, 2016
- Cosponsored the student group Chinese Students and Scholars Association's event, the Spring Festival Gala on February 5, 2017
- Cosponsored the lecture "The Search for Solitude: China's Hermit Tradition" by Bill Porter, hosted by the Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World on March 28, 2017



# Community Engagement 社区参与

The China Center serves as a hub for sharing Chinese culture with the Minnesota community. In 2016-17, this engagement took place in a variety of ways from welcoming experts to campus for discussions on pressing U.S.-China issues to co-sponsoring local events.

## Griffin Lecture 2017

The 2017 Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture celebrated its sixteenth anniversary with a lively keynote and discussion delivered by James McGregor, University of Minnesota alumni, author, and Greater China Chairman for APCO Worldwide. Mr. McGregor presented “The Time Has Come for a Reset in U.S.-China Relations: What Will That Look Like?” to a crowd of more than 200 guests.

In his lecture, McGregor discussed the differences in the political systems of the United States and China while noting that, despite their differences, their economies and societies are deeply intertwined. McGregor offered advice to both countries saying that America must accept China’s global strong economic, political, and military presence while the Chinese leadership must begin playing by global rules.

The Griffin Lecture is endowed through a generous gift from Bob and Kim Griffin, with the goal of promoting cultural understanding and establishing connections between the United States and China.



## China Town Hall 2016



On October 18, 2016, the University of Minnesota China Center served as a local host for more than 60 guests gathered to attend CHINA Town Hall, a program of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Guests gathered for a reception, followed by the program that featured a webcast presentation by Dr. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State who played a crucial role in arranging President Nixon's 1972 visit to China. The discussion was moderated by Stephen A. Orlins, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

After the webcast, local speaker Mark Sidel, Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, presented a lecture "Civil Society and the State in China: The Role of Foreign and Domestic Groups and the Chinese Government Policies." The lecture provided relevant conversation about Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent reforms and how those changes have challenged the work of non-governmental organizations and international foundations operating in China and their impact on civil society.

This program was made possible by the generous sponsorships of Ecolab and Mall of America, as well as the support of our community partners Global Minnesota, U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, U.S.-China Business Connections, and the Chinese American Association of Minnesota.

## Community Sponsorships



The China Center is proud to sponsor events that share Chinese culture in the local community. In 2016-17, these included:

- Chinese American Academic and Professional Association of Minnesota's Annual Conference in September 2016
- Minnesota Chinese Dance Theatre's performance "Colorful Yunnan" in December 2016
- Twin Cities Chinese Dance Center's Chinese New Year performance in January 2017
- Minnesota Chinese Cultural Services Center's (MCCSC) Chinese New Year Celebration in February 2017
- Chinese American Association of Minnesota's Chinese New Year production at Northrop Auditorium and annual banquet in February 2017 (see photos above and below)



## China Office 中国代表处

The University's China Office in Beijing had another fruitful and robust year exploring, expanding, and sustaining the University's development in China, particularly in the areas of career services, alumni promotion, undergraduate program support, partnership with Chinese institutions, and assisting visiting faculty and staff.

The China Office continued to host and co-host career events to satisfy the increasing demand from graduating Chinese students and recent alumni looking for internships and career opportunities in China. The office held three large-scale events this year, providing over 200 Gophers with opportunities for internships and full-time jobs at some of the world's leading companies, including Apple, Siemens, Microsoft, IBM, JP Morgan, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Intel, Honeywell, and many others. The feedback from employers and job seekers has been ecstatic, as many of these transnational firms are eager to hire our talented alumni!

Over the past year the China Office also hosted several major alumni events in Shanghai and Beijing, supported gatherings hosted by various colleges or departments of the University, held its annual New Year alumni event in Beijing, and promoted a number of Beijing alumni chapter development and leadership meetings to discuss continued growth.

The office had another successful year supporting the University's prospective and incoming Chinese students, playing a key role in introducing students (and their parents) to the University, consulting with them on cultural and college transition, and supporting them with logistical and everyday matters. China Office staff attended six public college fairs, hosted over 40 independent information sessions at 38 high schools across seven cities in China, and presented to more than 2,000 students and parents. In addition, the China Office worked closely with EducationUSA (part of the U.S. Embassy in China) to consult with more than 120 high school counselors regarding degree-seeking study abroad programs.

The China Office also continued its efforts to promote and sustain partnerships for the University's China development with government offices, higher education institutions, and other organizations, such as Tsinghua University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Zhongshan University (Lingnan College), Beijing International Education Exchange Center (BIEE), and China Education Association of International Exchanges (CEAIE), to name a few!

The China Office continued to function as the University's internal consultant for understanding the Chinese educational market and designing



*China Office staff and University of Minnesota alumni representatives meeting with China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski and Associate Vice President and Dean Meredith McQuaid in Beijing*



its internationalization strategies for effective implementation. In this role, the office supported numerous University delegations to China, advised various units' leaders on recruitment and business development programs in China, verified relevant programs and documents, and explored programs and projects from China for strategic alignment with the University.

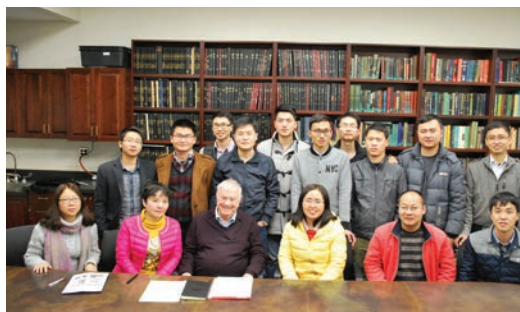
Events hosted or co-hosted by the China Office included:

- American Universities' China Association (AUCA) 2016 Oversea Talent Career Development Forum and Career Fair (Shanghai & Beijing, August 2016)
- UMN Career Development Social Hour (Shanghai & Beijing, August 2016)
- Carlson M.S. Programs Information Session (Beijing, October 2016)
- UMN Presidential Alumni Gathering (Shanghai, November 2016)
- AUCA 2017 Career Open Day in Finance & Business Sectors (Shanghai, January 2017)
- 2017 Chinese New Year UMN Alumni Gathering (Beijing, January 2017)



# Training Programs 人才培养

In 2016-17, the Mingda Institute provided seven customized training programs to more than 125 Chinese scholars and emerging leaders. The Mingda Institute fosters broader Minnesota-China connections by leveraging educational resources from the University of Minnesota and strengths of key Minnesota industries such as agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, finance, and environmental technologies. The Mingda Institute provides training on subjects including Higher Education Policy and Administration, Education Philosophy and Pedagogy, Teacher Development for K-12 Educators, and a range of other topics. Chinese visiting group members gained insights into the U.S. education and economic environment, and administrative and academic expertise.



## 2016-17 Training Programs

### Education Philosophy and Pedagogy Training

- 21 professors from Harbin Institute of Technology (November 2016)

### Higher Education Policy and Administration Training

- 14 deans and professors from Guizhou Medical University (March 2017)

### K-12 Educators Advanced School Management and Teaching Improvement Training

- 20 principals and teachers from primary/secondary schools in Guangdong Province (February 2017)

### Medtronic Hospital Administration and Medical Device

- 6 hospital leaders (orthopedic and neurosurgery) and medical professionals hosted by Medtronic
- 12 heart specialists from various hospitals in China

### Agriculture and Food

- 2 research professors in food science from Jiangnan University in Wuxi as part of a group of 19 studying Food Safety Risk Assessment

### Transportation and Urban Planning

- 33 students from three universities in China: China Southeastern University, China Northwestern University, and Nanjing Technical University



A delegation from Guizhou Medical University visited Minnesota and the University of Minnesota in March 2017. The training focus for this group was on improving teaching methods and medical school management, and provided delegates a chance to compare various systems in higher education in China and the U.S. In addition to lectures in the classroom, the group also visited many hospitals and other medical research institutions at the University of Minnesota.



The Mingda Institute hosted a group of teachers and students from Guangdong Province, organized by China Southern Normal University. They came for a three-week course in K-12 education. Their training included classroom lectures on educational methods and also included site visits to various school districts highlighting the best the Twin Cities has to offer. The group also visited some of the Chinese language immersion schools where they were delighted to hear the American students speaking Mandarin in the classroom.



## Recognizing Outstanding Chinese Alumni

Meredith McQuaid, Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs, visited Shanghai and Beijing in March 2017 to explore new initiatives, strengthen partnerships with key University partners, and recognize outstanding Chinese alumni.

An alumni event in Beijing featured presentations by distinguished University alumni Dr. Heping Li (Post-doctoral Fellowship '01-'04, Faculty in Engineering Physics at Tsinghua University), Dr. Xiaoru Yuan (Ph.D. '06, Faculty in Computer and Information Science at Peking University), and Dr. Yuxin Miao (Ph.D. '05, faculty in Precision Agriculture at China Agricultural University).

The evening concluded with a special recognition of Mr. Fu Wenjie ('02, MPA, L.L.M.) for his service as the Beijing Alumni Chapter President from 2003 to 2016 (*see photo at right*).



## UMN Alumni Chapters in the Greater China Area

**Beijing Chapter** – Executive President Fran Liu

**Shanghai Chapter** – President Jacqueline Beihua Tang

**Xi'an Chapter** – President Dr. Wenquan Tao

**Guangzhou Chapter** – President James Lam

**Shenzhen Chapter** – President Linda Wang

**Hong Kong Chapter** – President Simon Wong

**Taipei Chapter** – President Dr. Chun-Pin Lin





## Featured Chinese Alumni



**Margaret Wong**

When Margaret Wong graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1963 with a degree in teaching foreign languages, no high schools in the state taught Chinese language. Initially a teacher of French and Spanish, Margaret developed the state's first Chinese language program in 1973, and was instrumental in the development of the field of K-12 Chinese language instruction in Minnesota and across the United States. She spent 36 years as a Chinese teacher and Director of International Programs at Breck School. Margaret Wong, a member of the China Center Advisory Council, was awarded the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award on June 29, 2017.



**Dr. Heping Li**

Dr. Heping Li (Post-doctoral Fellowship in Mechanical Engineering '01-'04) won the Gold Medal at the 45th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva hosted in March 2017 with his group project "Novel ARTP Induced non-GMO Mutation Breeding Machine." Dr. Li and his team own more than 26 Chinese patents and developed a series of ARTP mutation machines that have been used to serve more than 70 academic and industrial units throughout Asia. Li is Associate Professor in the Department of Engineering Physics at Tsinghua University.



**Freeman Shen**

Freeman Shen, a 2003 graduate of the Carlson School of Management's China Executive MBA program, founded WM Motor Company, a three-year-old company, now with over \$1.5 billion in funding. The company is developing a line of products that combine electric vehicle (EV) and smart car technologies. Shen, a 20-year veteran of the automobile industry, is competing to bring this new product to market in China's competitive EV market. Previously, Shen was chairman of Volvo China and in charge of the acquisition of Volvo Car by Geely. He also has engineering degrees from South China University of Technology and the University of California-Los Angeles.

## Chinese Visiting Scholars



Consul General Hong Lei met with Chinese scholars at a networking event hosted by the China Center and International Student and Scholar Services on October 7, 2016. See p. 3 for more information about the Consul General's visit.

University of Minnesota faculty benefit greatly from collaborations with Chinese research partners and the hosting of Chinese visiting scholars. The China Center supports these efforts by providing assistance to scholars through community resources, organizing networking events, and fostering individual collaborations through institutional engagement. During 2016-17, 186 Chinese research scholars from more than 40 universities came to the University of Minnesota to work across our many colleges or departments.

### Featured Scholar: Dr. Qiaoqin Wan

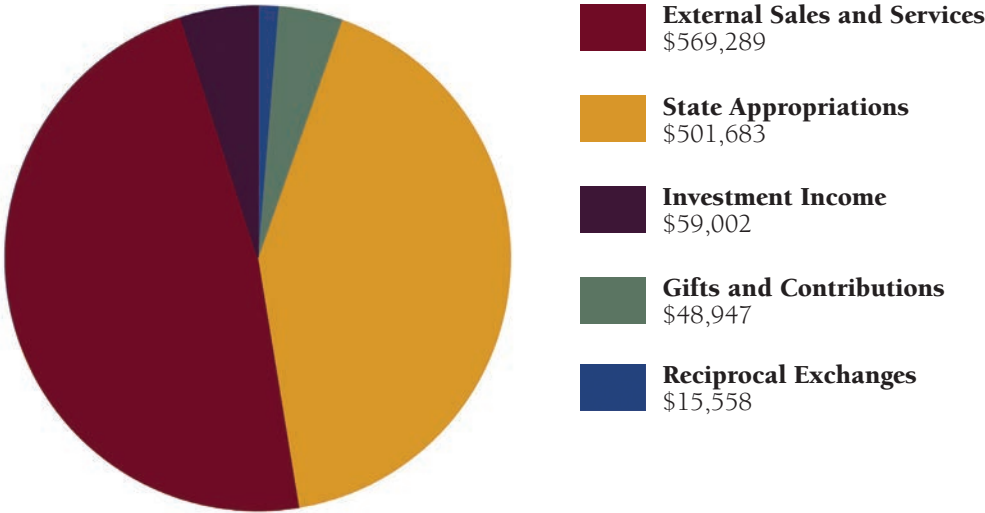


The 2016-17 academic year at the University of Minnesota (UMN) marked a unique experience in my life. As a visiting scholar hosted by the China Center and School of Nursing, I surprised myself by achieving more than what I set out to do originally. I have served as a bridge to establish

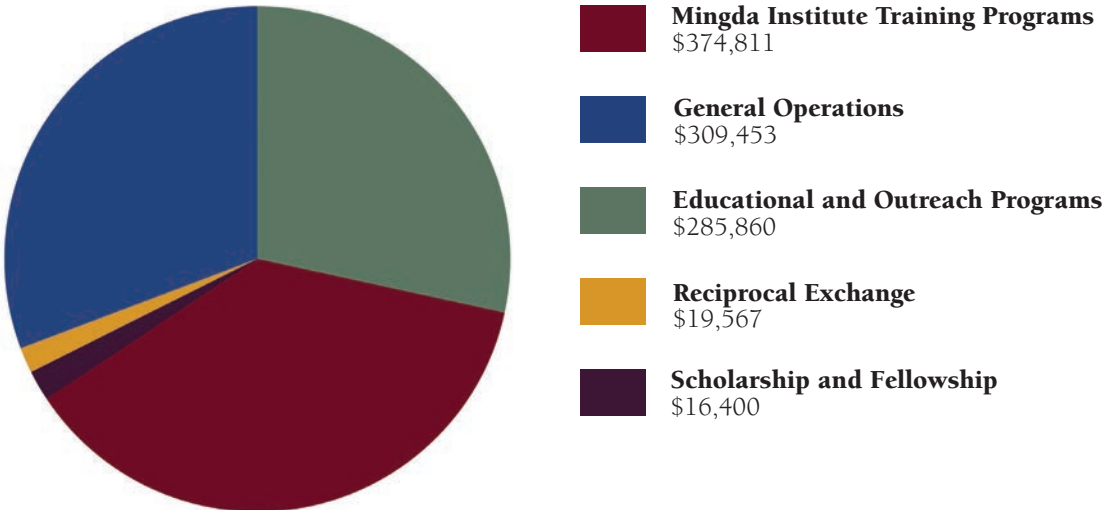
an initial institutional collaboration between UMN and Peking University Schools of Nursing, which is leading to a planned memorandum of understanding signing in May 2018. Working with my mentor, Fang Yu (Ph.D., RN, GNP-BC, FGSA, FAAN), I not only sharpened my knowledge and skills in intervention research, but also successfully obtained funding from my university to extend the FIT-AD Trial (an exercise intervention trial in Alzheimer's disease) in China. In addition, I have been immersed in Fairview hospital activities and submitted two papers for publication. I couldn't have accomplished all of this without the generous support from the China Center and UMN School of Nursing, and many individuals, including Carolyn M. Porta, Teddie Potter, Karen Monsen, Mary Tracy, Michael Petty, Dianne Willer-Sly, Kristine Talley, Jeanne Pfeiffer, just to name a few.

- Dr. Qiaoqin Wan

2016-17 China Center Revenue  
Total: \$1,006,093



2016-17 China Center Expenditures  
Total: \$1,194,481



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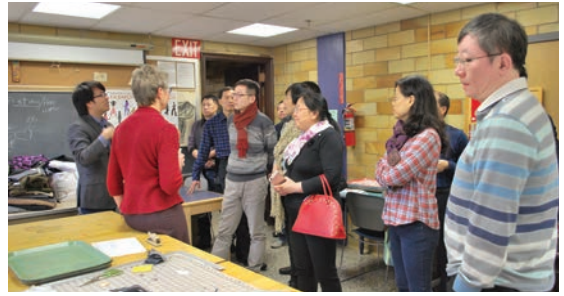


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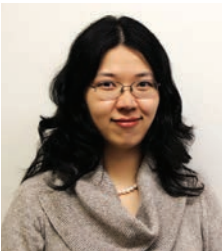
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## New Assistant Director Haiyan Wang



The China Center began a busy fall of programming with the arrival of a new assistant director, Haiyan Wang, in September 2017.

Haiyan earned a bachelor's degree in Chinese Language and Literature from Fudan University in Shanghai. She then obtained two master's degrees: one in history from Stanford University and one in global and international studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Before she joined the China Center, she was the assistant director and lecturer in the China and Asia-Pacific Studies Program at Cornell University.

With many years of experience in cross-cultural research, education, and project management, Haiyan is pleased to become part of the China Center. Along with the team, she will continue to promote U.S.-China exchange and collaboration through her expertise and passion.

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