



CAFSA Newsletter

Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association

Fall, 2012

From the President

I hope you all have had an enjoyable and productive summer!

On behalf of the executive council, thank you for your participation and contribution in 2011-2012. Your involvement has made CAFSA a strong and vibrant community at CSU.



Building on our past success, we will continue to promote cultural diversity and celebrate Chinese cultural heritage through various cultural activities this year, including an exciting Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration and our most anticipated Chinese New Year Celebration. To support University's educational and research mission, we plan to organize several CAFSA seminars where we can exchange ideas and share experiences of teaching and research.

We would also like to reach out to other institutions on and off campus, such as the Confucius Institute, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Case Western Reserve University. We believe such outreach efforts will help forge and maintain interdisciplinary and inter-organizational ties and broaden opportunities of professional development for our members.

In this new academic year, we look forward to your continued support and participation. To facilitate donation and payment of membership dues, we are setting up an online payment system. Please visit us at <http://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa> or on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/csu.cafsa>. If you are new to the CAFSA community, please contact any of our executive council members for information and assistance.

Finally, I would like to give my sincere thanks to our former President, Dr. Grace Huang, her committee members, volunteers, and donors. Your dedication and generosity helped maintain the quality of our programs. Thank you!

Please join our thriving community for another exciting year!

Warm regards,
Guowei Jian, CAFSA President

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Announcements: *Upcoming CAFSA Events*

Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration - Potluck

6 pm, Saturday, October 6th, 2012

- Location: SC311, Ballroom, Student Center, Cleveland State University
- Activity: Potluck, dance, and more ...
- Please bring a large dish to share
- **R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 28** to Guowei Jian at g.jian@csuohio.edu or 216.687.3995

For detailed information, please visit
<http://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa>

CAFSA Seminar: Collaboration with Universities in China

Faculty members in various fields will share their experiences of their collaboration with programs of Chinese universities.

Time and location of this event are to be announced soon. Stay tuned...

See other Announcements on p. 4

Harrah News of CAFSA Members and Friends:

CAFSA members and friends have been very active in teaching, scholarship, and services at the University, national and international levels. Here are some examples of our members' recent outstanding achievements and promotions:

Dr. Angelin Chang, Department of Music, was on a professional leave from CSU during academic year 2011-12. She is now back, continuing as Professor and Keyboard Area Coordinator in the Department of Music and concurrently teaching at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Angelin is a CSU Merit Recognition Award recipient. Before returning to CSU, she spent part of her sabbatical in residence at Princeton, performed and taught master classes at music festivals and participated in conferences around the US and Europe, and traveled for the first time to Madrid, Tirana and Marrakech. Recently, Angelin was elected as Vice President and a Board of Governor for The Recording Academy (GRAMMY® organization) at the Chicago Chapter, where she also chairs the Education Committee and Classical Task Force.

Dr. Grace Huang, Department of Teacher Education, former president of CAFSA, was appointed as the Associate Director of the Confucius Institute.

Dr. Eddie T. C. Lam, Department of Health and Human Performance. In April this year, he was identified as the Top-10 individual presenter (Research Consortium: 1992-2011) of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. In the past 12 months, Eddie had made six (6) research presentations and had seven (7) peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Bin Su, Department of Chemistry, filed an international patent, which was based on Dr. Su's research on preparation of amide derivatives of benzenesulfonanilide for treating cancer. The research was in collaboration with Drs. Aimin Zhou and Yan Xu.

Dr. Xue-Long Sun, Department of Chemistry, was promoted to Professor. He recently won a Major Research Instrumentation Award for \$267,219 from the National Science Foundation. With this award, Professor Sun and his colleagues Bin Su, John

Call for Interest for Sport Activities

Are you interested in playing soccer, badminton, ping-pong...? Please let us know. Sports are perfect for building friendship and community while keeping us healthy. CAFSA can help organize teams and reserve locations. If you love sports and want to participate, please contact Dr. Bin Su at b.su@csuohio.edu or 216-687-9219.

Masnovi, and Nolan Holland will acquire a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer.

Dr. Yuping Wu, Department of Mathematics, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2012.

Ms. Qizhi Zhang, Department of Modern Languages, was nominated as one of the 50 Engaging Instructors by students at CSU.

Dr. Aimin Zhou, Department of Chemistry, was promoted to Professor.

Dr. Haigang Zhou, Department of Finance, former president of CAFSA, was appointed as the Director of the Confucius Institute.

Please join us to congratulate these outstanding faculty and staff!

Call for Harrah News!

We want to share your news with the CAFSA community. Please send your news with a brief description to **Guowei Jian** at g.jian@csuohio.edu.

2012-2013 CAFSA Executive Council



President

Dr. Guowei Jian

Associate Professor, School of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Dr. Jian came from Beijing and studies organizational communication. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. His goal is to extend the outreach of CAFSA and build a stronger community of Chinese scholars and staff at CSU.



Social Director

Dr. Xiaopeng Ni

Senior Instructional Designer, Center for E-Learning

Prior to CSU, Dr. Ni received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and worked as a research associate at Michigan State University. His goal is to promote community building and development through media, activities, and collaborative projects.



Vice President

Dr. Yuping Wu

Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, College of Sciences and Health Professions

Dr. Wu received her Ph.D. in statistics from the University of South Carolina in 2006. She earned her Master's degree in Chemistry and Computer Engineering. Yuping is committed to raise more money for CAFSA in the 2012-2013 academic year.



Honorary Member

Dr. Eddie T.C. Lam

Associate Professor, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Eddie T. C. Lam is an Associate Professor and the Coordinator of Graduate Sport Management Program at Cleveland State University. He is also an Adjunct Faculty of the University of Houston where he teaches every summer. Dr. Lam is a research fellow of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Haifeng Qian

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

Haifeng came from Shijiazhuang, China and received his Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Mason University. In 2012-2013, he will assist President/Vice President of CAFSA in various activities, especially fundraising.



Associate Program Director

Dr. Bin Su

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Sciences and Health Professions

Dr. Su graduated from college of pharmacy, Peking University. He received his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University, and did his postdoctoral training at City of Hope Medical Center at LA. His goal at CAFSA is to enhance the sport activities of this community, and try to organize a soccer team of CAFSA.

Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration:

POTLUCK

Oct. 6th, 6 pm, Saturday
SC311, Ballroom, Student Center
Cleveland State University

R.S.V.P. By Sept. 28th

g.jian@csuohio.edu or 216.687.3995

Membership due:

September 30, 2012

Membership is due by September 30 to be in good standing. The membership year starts from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. For membership questions, Contact Haifeng Qian at:

h.qian@csuohio.edu

Website information:

<https://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/documents/CAFSA MembershipForm.pdf>

Membership form is included in this newsletter (p. 5). Please detach this form and submit it with your check via campus mail to Haifeng Qian, Dept. of Urban Studies, UR315.

Announcements (Cont'd)

The Confucius Institute 2012 Annual Teacher Appreciation and Confucius Birthday Celebration

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Who: students, teachers, administrators, and the public

Location: Waetjen Auditorium, CSU (Music Building)

In this event, we will celebrate Chinese language teachers' accomplishments and Confucius birthday through award ceremony and student performances. Light lunch will be provided after the performance.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 21, 2012 to Janine Handlovic at j.handlovic@csuohio.edu or 216.523.7127. We look forward to seeing you.

Piano Performances by Dr. Angelin Chang

Friday, November 16, 2012, 7:30 p.m. (Free admission)
Piano Concerto Solo with CSU Orchestra in Waetjen Auditorium

Sunday, March 24, 2013, 2:00 p.m. (Free admission)
Solo Piano Recital at the Cleveland Museum of Art

2011-2012 Donors

This year, we've received generous donations from many CAFSA members. We are very grateful for your financial contributions.

**Richard Fan (Mathematics),
Grace Huang (Teacher Education),
Guowei Jian (Communication),
Xiongyi Liu (Curricular and Foundation),
Xiaopeng Ni (eLearning),
Rongjun Sun (Sociology),
Xuelong Sun (Chemistry),
Xiang Zhou (Chemistry),
Haigang Zhou (Finance),
Yuping Wu (Mathematics),
Theresa Wang (First Integrity Financial Services)
Freda Foundation.**

We seek for your continual support and donation. Any amount of donations is welcome. Let's work together to make it happen!

For donations and questions, contact CAFSA Treasurer Haifeng Qian at h.qian@csuohio.edu.

Please see page 5 for the Donation Form.



Fall Picnic, 2011

CSU Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association (CAFSA)

(<https://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/>)

CAFSA (Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association of Cleveland State University) is a nonprofit organization. The purposes of CAFSA are to:

- facilitate academic, cultural, and social activities
- promote the interests and address the concern of Chinese American faculty and staff members
- increase sensitivity towards Chinese Americans in the university community
- assist students, especially those of Chinese heritage

Classes of Members

- A. **Regular members** shall be those members who are current or former employees at Cleveland State University, are interested in the purposes of CAFSA, and have paid for membership. They shall have all the rights of membership.
- B. **Associate members** shall be those members who are nominated by a regular member and are approved by the executive committee. They shall pay membership dues. They shall not have the right to vote or hold office. They may participate in CAFSA events and attend meetings as observers.

Membership Year

Membership is due by September 30 to be in good standing. The membership year starts from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Please send your membership application and / or donation to the CAFSA Treasurer:

Dr. Haifeng Qian, Dept. of Urban Studies, UR315

(216-687-5383, h.qian@csuohio.edu)

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Forms of CAFSA Membership and / or Donations to CAFSA

Name: _____

Position: _____

College/Department: _____ Office Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Office Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Membership Due (\$20.00 for the 2012-2013 year) \$ _____

***Donations to CAFSA** (Optional) \$ _____

Total (one check payable to CAFSA) \$ _____