



# CAFSA Newsletter

Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association

Fall, 2011

## From the President



*Greetings! Welcome back in Fall, 2011!*

Thank you for your contributions and participation in the 2010-2011 CAFSA events. Considering your thoughtful comments in spring Business Meeting, CAFSA Executive Council met several times and planned an enriched year for CAFSA community.

The goals set for this academic year (2011-2012) are to enrich the CAFSA activities and provide great service to our members through a variety of programs. New features include launching a CAFSA Newsletter, developing CAFSA seminars based on members' interests and needs, and hosting social events that promote social interaction among members.

Finance has always been a challenge for non-profit organizations. CAFSA is not an exception. Membership fees and your donations are critical for the sustainability and improvement of our service and programs. As CAFSA members, please encourage non-member colleagues and friends to join the Association (**recruitment**), participate in our activities, and contribute through **donations**. Please see 2010-2011 donors on *page 3*, whose generosity helped maintain the quality of our programs. Thank you!

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I would like to thank the former President, Dr. HaiGang Zhou, his committee members, and members who volunteered for all activities in 2010-2011. They were very successful. Your efforts and dedication are sincerely appreciated.

Stay tuned for the upcoming exciting events that CAFSA will provide. CAFSA belongs to all of us. Your care and active involvement will ensure the success of this organization. Let's look forward to an equally successful year!

*Respectfully,  
Grace Huang, CAFSA President*

## Announcements: Upcoming CAFSA Events

### Fall Picnic:

**11am, Saturday, September 17, 2011**

- Location: Highland Heights Community Park pavilion
- RSVP by Monday, September 12 to [g.h.huang@csuohio.edu](mailto:g.h.huang@csuohio.edu) or 216.523.7118

For detailed information, see page 4 or <http://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/picnic2011/Potluck%20Picnic%202011%201.pdf>

### Seminar 1: Faculty Development

**12 noon, Thursday, October 13, 2011**

*In this seminar, accomplished CAFSA faculty members will share their valuable tips on teaching, research, service, and grant seeking. The seminar is designed to assist the career development of our tenure-track faculty.*

### Seminar 2: Are you ready for Tablets? Modern technology and mobile devices

**12 noon, Thursday, November 10, 2011**

*In this presentation, you will learn the mobile tablets in the market, such as Ipad, Galaxy, Xoom, and Kindle, and their applications in research, teaching and personal usage.*

## 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.

**Dr. LiLi Dong**, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2011. She won the Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award from the Fenn College of Engineering at CSU in 2009. This award recognizes her excellence in engineering education which includes outstanding classroom teaching, curriculum development, and course enhancement.

**Dr. Zhiqiang Gao**, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, is the Chief Technology Officer of a CSU spinoff company, ADRC Technologies, which recently received \$1 million investment from a venture capital firm.

**Dr. Eddie T. C. Lam**, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Graduate Sport Management Program, is the Editor-in-Chief of the Measurement in Physical Education & Exercise Science journal. He received the Measurement and Evaluation Council Honor Award from the American Association for Physical Activity & Recreation, and the Annual Faculty Technology Award from the College of Education & Human Services in 2011. He was recognized as the "Top-10 Presenter" in the Research Consortium by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Dr. Lam was invited as the Keynote Speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Sport Sciences Congress in Antalya, Turkey and a Visiting Scholar by the Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, China.

**Dr. Bibo Li**, Department of Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences is promoted as an Associate Professor in 2011. She received a \$1.8 million grant to continue research into African Trypanosomiasis, a disease that kills thousands of people in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Dr. Xiaopeng Ni**, Senior Instructional Designer, Center for E-learning, promoted international scholarly exchange in 2011. He visited China in summer, 2011. He presented at the Suzhou University on mobile learning and educational modernization and promoted mobile learning applications at several partner institutions. If anyone is interested in innovative teaching or research projects, you may contact him to develop collaborative projects related to mobile devices (e.g. iPad, iPhone, or Android).

## 2011 CAFSA Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award

This year, there are two recipients. Both are recognized for their significant scholarly productivity, impact and contributions to their professional communities. For more information, visit the following website: [https://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/award\\_winners.html](https://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/award_winners.html)

- **Dr. Eddie T. C. Lam, Associate Professor, Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance**
- **Dr. Aimin Zhou, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry**

Congratulations to their outstanding achievements!

**Dr. Yuping Wu**, Assistant Professor, received a \$170,145 grant from the Lerner College of Medicine at CWRU. Her collaboration with two cardiologists at the Cleveland Clinic has resulted in generation of a dozen of collaborative research articles that have been published and/or are in various stages of the revision process in top-tier science and cardiology journals, including a recent coauthored publication in *Nature*, 2011.

**Dr. Xue-Long Sun**, Associate Professor, received a \$1.25 million grant to develop anti-coagulants that are safer for stroke and heart attack victims. Dr. Sun's work could help reduce many of the dangers associated with existing drugs.

**Dr. Yan Xu**, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Chemistry, collaborating with Dr. Gates, has initiated the Articulation Agreements with Shengyang Pharmaceutical University, Guangxi Teachers Education University, and Chongqing Three Gorges University. Here is one of the news reports: <http://www.syphu.edu.cn/news/2011032201/2011032201.html>

**Dr. Aimin Zhou**, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, received a \$336,324 R15 grant from National Institute of Health (NIH).

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 Grace Huang at [g.h.huang@csuohio.edu](mailto:g.h.huang@csuohio.edu)

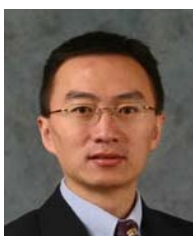
## 2011-2012 CAFSA Executive Council



### President

**Dr. Grace Huang**, Associate Professor, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Huang came from Taichung, Taiwan. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, specializing in family education and early childhood education. Her goal for 2010-11 CAFSA is to strengthen the CAFSA community, enhance collegial interactions, and increase membership.



### Vice 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.



### Secretary/Treasurer

**Dr. Yuping Wu**, Assistant 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 2011-2012 academic year.



### Associate Program Director

**Dr. Xiongyi Liu**, Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Foundations, College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Liu came from Wuhan, China in 2000 and received her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her goal for this year is to assist in planning programs and activities that can involve and benefit all CAFSA members.



### 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.

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*Highland Heights Community Park*

## About 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
- to promote the interests and address the concern of Chinese American faculty and staff members
- to increase sensitivity towards Chinese Americans in the university community
- to assist students, especially those of Chinese heritage

Every year, CAFSA offers John Chou Scholarship which is a great example of the means to the goals described above. This Scholarship Fund is being established at the Cleveland State University (CSU) to promote greater understanding between United States and China. It supports international academic exchange programs between CSU and sister universities in China or Taiwan. It provides financial support to CSU students studying in China or Taiwan, or students from China or Taiwan studying at CSU. It also supports CSU Faculty members doing research in China or Taiwan.

For detailed information, see

<http://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/>

**Membership due:****September 30, 2011**

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 YuPing Wu at:

[y.wu88@casuohio.edu](mailto:y.wu88@casuohio.edu)

Website information:

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

Membership form is included in this newsletter (p. 5). Please detach this form and submit it with your check via campus mail to YuPing Wu, Dept of Mathematics, RT1507.

**2010-2011 Donors**

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

**Dr. Lily Ng**, former Chair, Department of Chemistry has donated significant funds to support the *CAFSA Distinguished Faculty & Staff Award*. **Dr. Lih-Ching Wang**, Director of the Confucius Institute has donated substantial funds for CAFSA general fund. Below you will find the 2010-2011 donors listed alphabetically:

**George Burke, Jinlin Jia, XiongYi Liu, Lily Ng, Haifeng Qian, Bin Su, Yuping Wu, Aimin Zhou, Haigang Zhou, and the Confucius Institute.**

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 YuPing Wu at [y.wu88@casuohio.edu](mailto:y.wu88@casuohio.edu).

Please see page 5 for Donation Form.

**CAFSA Annual Picnic**

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**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Place: Highland Heights Community Park pavilion**

*Address: 5905 Wilson Mills Road,  
Highland Heights, OH 44143*

**RSVP by September 12 (Monday) to**

Grace Huang @ [g.h.huang@csuohio.edu](mailto:g.h.huang@csuohio.edu) or (216) 523.7118. Please indicate the number of people who will attend.

It's time for our CAFSA annual picnic! For detailed information, please visit <http://mycsu.csuohio.edu/organizations/cafsa/picnic2011/Potluck%20Picnic%202011%201.pdf>

The Executive Council has planned a very exciting event that you don't want to miss. There will be delicious BBQ (guaranteed by YuPing Wu), exciting activities, and contests for all participants. Of course, please bring a dish to share as well! This is a family event. Don't forget to bring your families and friends.

## CSU Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association (CAFSA)

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### 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. YuPing Wu, Dept of Mathematics, RT1507**

**(216-687-4684, [y.wu88@csuohio.edu](mailto:y.wu88@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: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Membership Due</b> (\$20.00 for the 2011-2012 year) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>*Donations to CAFSA</b> (Optional)                  | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total</b> (one check payable to CAFSA)                                       | \$ _____ |