



Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development Welcomes new colleagues and friends from China

Delegates from one of the top universities in China, based in Shanghai, traveled over 7,000 miles to celebrate a new partnership between Georgetown University's Center for Child and Human Development (GUCCHD) and East China Normal University (ECNU) (<http://www.ecnu.edu.cn/english/>).

This partnership will promote international collaboration in the fields of early childhood education and education for children with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Yu Lizhong, President of ECNU and Dr. Howard Federoff, executive vice president for health sciences, spoke at the signing ceremony.

This relationship began in 2004 when Dr. Toby Long, a professor at GUCCHD, was invited by Dr. Zhou Jing, Dean of the School of Pre-school Education and Special Education to lecture to graduate students and practicing teachers. Since then, Dr. Long and Dr. Phyllis Magrab, Executive Director of GUCCHD, developed an affiliation agreement with ECNU.

Georgetown joins good company -- ECNU has already established partnerships with other universities in the U.S., including New York University (<http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/shanghai/>), University at Albany (http://www.albany.edu/news/releases/2006/0506/eastchina_partnership.shtml), and many others.

The benefits of this partnership are many – chief among them, that Dr. Xueyun Su, (see article on page 6, In Her Own Words) a professor at ECNU, has joined GUCCHD under the China Scholarship Council – Georgetown University Fellowship Program. During her year at the GUCCHD Dr. Su participated in a variety of activities including the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities training program, funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/training/projects.asp?program=9>) ; research on issues related to teacher training and exercise for individuals with disabilities; and creating web based learning opportunities.

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“The partnership with ECNU that Dr. Long has facilitated is a wonderful opportunity not only for the two universities but ultimately for young children with disabilities in China,” said Phyllis Magrab, director of the Center for Child and Human Development. “Collaborating with ECNU to train teachers and service providers to design and implement inclusionary practices is a very exciting opportunity”.

Dr. Xueyun Su has a PhD in Special Education and was awarded one of a very few CSC Fellowships. Hosting Xueyun is a great honor for the CCHD. The CSC Fellowship is highly competitive. Most of the fellowships are awarded to faculty from the basic sciences. Awarding one to a social scientist is a tribute to not only Dr. Su for her expertise but to the GUCCHD an internationally recognized center for excellence serving individuals with developmental and other disabilities.

Link to original Chinese version of ECNU web site:

www.ecnu.edu.cn

LINKS

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Unesco report on ECNU partnerships

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