

PIER-East Asian Studies 2010 Summer Institute for Educators

“ETHNICITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN SILK ROAD REGIONS OF WESTERN CHINA”

CHINA FIELD STUDY

PART I: July 10-29, 2010; Program fee: \$2,500 (Gansu, Qinghai and Sichuan Provinces)

PART II: July 29-August 7, 2010; Program fee: \$1,000 (Lhasa Extension)



Map shows China's ethnic groups by geographic concentration (Copyright 2009 - AP News)

You are cordially invited to participate in the PIER-East Asian Studies Summer Institute for Educators on "Ethnicity and Social Change in Silk Road Regions of Western China." Educators who wish to participate in the international field study portion of the program (PART I or PARTS I & II) are strongly encouraged to participate in the New Haven portion of the Institute for building adequate background knowledge of the region.

The China field study has been divided into TWO PARTS. After arriving in Beijing on July 11, the group will travel westward so the field study can begin on July 12 in Lanzhou, the capital of Gansu Province. PART I of the field study will explore the diverse landscapes and ethnic cultures in Gansu, Qinghai, and Sichuan Provinces (July 12-29, 2010). Highlights on the itinerary will include visits to the Northwest University for Nationalities, Qinghai Lake, Tu nationality village, active Buddhist temples and monasteries, Thangka painting workshops, grasslands, Mt. Emei (highest of the Four Sacred

Buddhist Mountains of China), and the Giant Buddha at Leshan. PART II of the field study is an extension trip into Tibet, which will include visits to palaces, museums, tombs, and monasteries in the cities of Lhasa, Tsetang, Gyantse, and Shigatse (July 29-August 7, 2010). The field study (PARTS I & II) will also include presentations by university faculty, who will be traveling with the group as instructors, as well as more experiential learning, including city tours and visits to other local attractions.

Teachers are able to apply to participate in PART I or PARTS I & II. It is NOT possible to apply ONLY to participate in PART II.

Please carefully review the attached registration form, complete, sign and send appropriate portions back to Abbey Newman (mailing address is at the end of the application).

Preference will be given to applicants who are currently employed teachers who have shown concrete plans to utilize the field study experience in their own classrooms. Preference will also be given to applicants who attend the New Haven portion of the Summer Institute.

Teachers who participate in the China Field Study will be expected to keep diaries of ethnographic entries, actively participate in lectures and discussions groups with faculty instructors, and develop lesson plans/curricular units/conference presentations that will be posted as part of an outreach section of a public website devoted to Silk Road studies.

Please note that the PIER-EAS Summer Institute and Field Study for Educators is made possible with the support of the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University and its Title VI NRC Grant from the United States Department of Education. Program fees have been generously subsidized.

COMPLETED APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 15, 2010

Applications received after this date MAY NOT be considered for acceptance.

**Participants will be notified of their acceptance
into the field study by May 1, 2010.**

Summer Institute Application- Field Study Portion

Part I. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. Name/ Address/ Phone/ Email

Name: Address: Phone: Email:

B. Please complete the PIER Common Application located at:

<http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>

(Be sure to submit the completed PIER Common Application form with your Field Study Application.)

C. Have you participated in past PIER programs? (Yes/No)

If yes, which one(s)?

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If yes, how have you incorporated Summer Institute content into your classroom teaching? How have PIER programs helped your professional development?

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Part II. TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

A. Do you have a US passport valid through August 8, 2011? (Yes/No)

If yes, passport number is:

B. Will you be traveling on a passport issued by another country? If yes, please complete the box below.

Country:
Passport number:
Expiration Date:

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PHOTO PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Part III. PROGRAM AND PROGRAM FEES

I AM APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHINA FIELD STUDY (PLACE AND "X" IN THE BOX OF ONE OF THE OPTIONS LISTED BELOW):

PART I (July 10-29, 2010 – Gansu, Qinghai and Sichuan Provinces)

OR

PARTS I & II (July 10-August 7, 2010 – Gansu, Qinghai, Sichuan, Tibet)

CHINA FIELD STUDY PROGRAM FEES

PART I (July 10-29, 2010) Program fee: \$2,500* (Gansu, Qinghai and Sichuan Provinces)

PART II (July 29-August 7, 2010) Additional Program fee: \$1,000* (Lhasa Extension)

Program Costs : **PART I = \$2,500*** **PARTS I & II = \$3,500***

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SINGLE ROOM ON THE TRIP (at an additional cost*) *yes or no*

* Please see last page for an estimated total cost of the program. **Single accommodation supplement is an additional \$300 (PART I) and an additional \$200 (PART II).**

<u>Program fee includes:</u>	<u>Expenses <i>NOT</i> covered:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging nights of July 11-29, 2010 (PART I) and July 11-August 7, 2010 (PART I & II) • Almost all meals • Roundtrip economy flight to and from Beijing, China (US carrier); domestic Chinese flights • Chinese visa (single-entry) • Ground transportation within China for group activities • Airport transportation from New Haven to NYC area airport for group flight • Airport transportation in China for group flights • All program activities and related fees • Trip leaders, faculty instructors and guides • Gratuities for program-related events and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation from NYC area airport (or other home airport) at end of trip • Some meals (e.g., free-time lunch or dinner) • Personal expenses like snacks, room service, laundry, entertainment, souvenirs, optional gratuities • Single-room accommodation supplement

Travel Commitments and Expectations:

- Be sure you have a passport that is valid for at least six months from the end date of the program.
- Make sure that your health insurance offers coverage abroad.
- Fully participate in the pre-departure orientation at Yale University (which will take place during the New Haven portion of the Summer Institute). An orientation packet will be provided to participants upon receipt of your deposit, with more information on what to bring, etc.
- Bring a camera and a journal, and be prepared to make good use of both!
- Understand cultural differences in various Chinese contexts and be considerate of cultural and political sensitivities.
- Be an active participant in the group context and respect the group’s interests and itinerary. You must be ready to meet with the group at all times between July 10 and 29 (PART I) and July 10 and August 7 (PARTS I & II).
- Actively collect materials and engage in discussions to develop lesson plans or conference presentations.
- Complete Field Study evaluation forms before the end of the trip (required for CEUs).
- Upon return to the United States, complete a lesson plan/curricular unit/conference presentation that will be posted as part of an outreach section of a public website devoted to Silk Road studies.

Part IV. HEALTH INFORMATION

This information is required in case of emergency. Confidentiality is assured.

Please provide the following emergency information on emergency contacts:

NAME:
RELATIONSHIP:
ADDRESS:
PHONE (home):
PHONE (work):

NAME:
RELATIONSHIP:
ADDRESS:
PHONE (home):
PHONE (work):

Health care provider:

NAME:
PHONE:
Health Insurance Company Name and Policy # (*Please confirm that your coverage extends outside the U.S.*)

Medications and Allergies:

Are you currently taking any medications? (If yes, please list them)

Do you have any allergies? (*To medications, food, insects, etc.*)? (If yes, please list them)

Have you been treated for a medical problem in the past 5 years? (If yes, please list them)

(please sign above or include e-signature)

I understand that I am traveling to China, as part of the Yale/PIER field study trip, am responsible for my health and well being, and I have taken the necessary health examinations and precautions to guarantee, to the best of my knowledge, a healthy participation from my part.

Part V. APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR THE FIELD STUDY

Please answer each question concisely and completely. If you would like to attach separate pages for your answers, please do so.

1) What do you hope to gain from this learning experience in China? How will you incorporate your knowledge into your classroom teaching/ work experience? (Feel free to include a specific lesson plan proposal as a separate attachment.)

2) Do you have experience traveling abroad? To Asia? To China? If so, please describe your travel experiences.

3) What do you expect from this field study?

4) Describe an experience that has challenged your preconceived notions about another culture. What did you learn from the experience?

5) Have you ever been involved in *group travel* before? If so, what did you like and dislike about it? If not, what are some of the positive and negative aspects you foresee?

6) What is your level of flexibility? For example, if and when the trip itinerary changes abroad, how would you adapt to these changes?

7) Do you speak a foreign language? If so, what is your level of fluency? (Please note that you do NOT have to speak Chinese to take part in this field study although some basic conversational skills will certainly add to the experience.)

8) Please list your memberships in professional, community, volunteer, or non-profit organizations.

9) Do you have any health issues that might affect your level of participation in group activities? For example: Is your mobility limited? Do you have food allergies or a very specific diet that you must follow? Do you have problems in extreme heat or cold? Are you currently taking any medications? ***Can you walk approximately 5 miles each day?*** This field study will involve a great deal of walking and much of it will take place in HIGH ALTITUDES. Please note if you have had any issues with altitude sickness in the past.

10) Are you interested in presenting the lessons that you produce? This may include a presentation through PIER, or at another conference, such as COLT or CCSS.

Other requirements:

- Letter of reference from supervisor (1 page)
- Letter of reference from colleague (1 page)
- Current CV and/or résumé if available
- In some cases, a brief phone interview may be required. You will be contacted if this is necessary.

Part VI. PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE FIELD STUDY

Once you have been **accepted** as a member of this field study, please submit a nonrefundable **\$500 deposit** with your completed registration form **by May 1, 2010** in order to secure a spot on the trip. You will be notified of your remaining balance upon receipt of the registration form. You will be required to submit the remaining balance by **June 1, 2010**.

Please make your deposit check out to Yale University.

Mail your deposit check and your registration form to Abbey Newman at the mailing address below:

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the trip!

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Information at a Glance:

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- ✓ April 15, 2010- Completed application due
- ✓ May 1, 2010- Applicants notified of acceptance
- ✓ After May 1, 2010- Everyone will be informed of the group flight leaving from NYC area. (Group flight will be on a US carrier and will be chosen based on flight times and price.)
- ✓ May 1, 2010- \$500 deposit due (+ \$300/\$500 for those requiring a single supplement for lodging)
- ✓ June 1, 2010- China Field Study program fee balance due
- ✓ July 6-9, 2010- Summer Institute (New Haven portion), which will include a pre-departure meeting (either during a lunch break or after 5pm)
- ✓ July 10-29, 2010 (PART I participants) OR July 10-August 8, 2010 (PARTS I & II participants)- (including travel days) Field Study in China
- ✓ July 22, 2010 (PART I participants)/August 8, 2010 (PARTS I & II participants)- Evaluation forms due (required for CEUs)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Completed PIER common application for New Haven portion of institute
 - <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>
- ✓ Completed PIER-East Asian Studies application for field study
 - <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes.htm>
- ✓ Copy of passport (can be scanned and emailed or mailed)
- ✓ Supervisor reference letter (1 page)
- ✓ Colleague reference letter (1 page)
- ✓ Résumé or CV (1 page)

APPROXIMATE TOTAL COSTS

- ✓ Program fee (\$2,500 - \$3,500)
- ✓ Single accommodation supplement (\$300 - \$500) - *optional*
- ✓ Spending money for some meals, incidentals, and souvenirs (\$400 - \$800)**

**** ROUGH ESTIMATE - Some people will spend significantly more and others will spend very little. For budgeting, keep your own spending habits in mind. There will be opportunities for purchasing crafts and souvenirs throughout the Field Study.**