

# People to People Across the Pacific: Sharing Common Interests

October 20–21, 2023 – 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ET each day

## FRIDAY – Starting at 6 p.m. ET

Welcome – USCPFA President Diana Greer

Greetings – Chinese Embassy, D.C.

Greetings – Youxie, Beijing – Video

Welcome - Southern Region President Barbara Cobb

### China: From Mao to Now – Mr. Mike Revzin

Mike Revzin is a journalist who covered the start of China's early reforms in the 1980s and worked as an editor in Shanghai in 2008–2009. He majored in Asian Studies at the University of Southern California and was a Gannett Fellow in Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii. He is a USCPFA member of the Atlanta chapter and is the editor of USCPFA's quarterly journal, *US-China Review*.

Through travel in China and reading and writing about China, Mike Revzin has observed China over the years. He will describe the dramatic changes that have occurred in China since 1980 with anecdotes that illustrate the *before* and *after*. He believes the changes have—for the most part—improved the lives of Chinese people and made China more convenient for foreign travelers.

### Update on China's Actions to Develop a Low-Carbon Society – Dr. Ping He

Ping He is the founding president of the International Fund for China's Environment of Washington, D.C., and a leading expert on the Committee of Air Pollution Control and Low-carbon Development in the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation of Beijing. He received his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1995. Since 1996, he has managed numerous projects and programs involving environmental NGO development, technological exchanges, policy recommendations, and U.S.-China dialogues on climate and environment.

China began to develop low-carbon cities in 2010, and now includes six provinces and 36 cities in its low-carbon demonstration zones and cities. Ping He's presentation will focus on his hometown of Changsha in Hunan province.

### Kuliang Friends – Ms. Elyn MacInnis

Elyn MacInnis earned her Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University Divinity School, and spent many years in China, including 18 years as pastor of churches in Beijing and Shanghai. She is the author of *Character Reflections: Contemplating the Spiritual Wisdom in Chinese Characters*. She is now Senior Adviser and Lead Researcher of the Kuliang History and Culture Research Association. Kuliang, also called Guling, is a small mountaintop settlement on scenic Drum Mountain, outside of Fuzhou city in East China's Fujian province. From the late 1800s to 1948, traders, missionaries, and diplomats joined the people of the village in a summer settlement to avoid the heat of the lowlands. Donald MacInnis, Elyn's father-in-law, first came there to teach English (1939–40), then returned as a member of the Flying Tigers in WWII. Later he brought his family there to live, and taught at Fujian Christian University on Drum Mountain.

### Video

An examination of the Qing jade carving *White Jade Mountain with Travelers on Horseback*. Video courtesy of Norton Museum of Art.

## SATURDAY, Starting at 6 p.m. ET

### US-China Exchanges and Connections – Dr. Keisha Brown

Keisha Brown is a historian of modern China, with allied interests in race and ethnic studies, postcolonial theory, and social and cultural history in modern East Asia. Her interest in China began early—her Chinese language study in high school led to a week's visit in Beijing at age 16. She received her B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. Professor Brown teaches World History and Global Culture at Tennessee State University in Nashville. She was a 2018–2019 postdoctoral fellow at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University and was in

cohort VI of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program. In her presentation, she will tell us some of the ways she has connected with China.

### Plenary Session

Paul Morris and Bob Sanborn –

Election, Resolutions

Diana Greer – Volunteer Awards

### Common Prosperity and the Importance of Rural Education in China – Dr. Scott Rozelle

Scott Rozelle holds the Helen Farnsworth Endowed Professorship at Stanford University and is Senior Fellow in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Rozelle's research focuses on agricultural economics, development economics and the economics of poverty—with an emphasis on the economics of education and health. Rozelle is the director of the Rural Education Action Project, an organization at Stanford University that seeks to evaluate China's new education and health programs and have an impact on policy. He is also the director of Stanford's Center on China's Economy and Institutions. He will highlight the effects of rural education for China's development.

### Diversity of Chinese Cultures – Mr. Kun Shi

Kun Shi holds a master's degree in Cultural Anthropology from The Ohio State University (OSU), and worked as program evaluator for an Ohio state agency, 1999–2005. He was program director of OSU's K-12 Chinese Flagship Program from 2006 to 2010, and for the University of South Florida-World from 2010 to 2019. He has taught classes for the USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute since 2011, and was received into its Faculty Roll of Honor in 2016.

Kun Shi's presentation will focus on the diversity of China's nature (landscapes), peoples (various ethnic groups), and cultures (with regional and religious differences). With such diversity, they have developed into one civilization over 2,000+ years.