



## **2014 Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation for CHINA**

Loews Madison Hotel  
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Washington DC 20005

*June 29 – July 1*

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**Sunday, June 29, 2014**

**Getting to Know Everyone**

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12:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Registration</b> <i>Check in at the registration desk to receive Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) materials, then feel free to congregate informally with fellow Fulbrighters.</i>	<i>Montpelier Foyer</i>
3:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Matthew McMahon Branch Chief, East Asia and Pacific Fulbright Program Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<b>Staff and Alumni Introductions</b>	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
4:30pm – 5:15pm	<b>Group Activity</b>	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
5:30pm – 7:00pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: Subject</b> David Wertime Senior Editor, Foreign Policy Magazine	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
	<b><u>Off-the-Record</u></b>	
7:00pm – 8:30pm	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> <i>Cash bar available</i>	<i>Montpelier</i>



**Monday, June 30, 2014**

**Living in China**

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7:30am – 8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b>	<i>Montpelier</i>
8:30am – 9:30am	<b>U.S.-China Relations/Foreign Policy</b> Kin Moy Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
	<b><i>Off-the-Record</i></b>	
9:30am – 10:15am	<b>Grant Administration (US Side Logistics)</b> Scholars –Sophia Yang Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)	<i>Dolley Madison Upper</i>
	Students –Jonathan Akeley Institute of International Education (IIE), New York	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
10:15am – 10:30pm	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>	<i>Montpelier Foyer</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Alumni Panel Overview: Preparing to live in China</b> Lecturers Mary Sue Backus, Jonathan Stoltz, and Amy Werbel	<i>Dolley Madison Upper</i>
	Researchers Sakura Christmas, Stephen Pan, Jonathan Richter, Allie Surina, and Steven Zhang	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<b>Luncheon</b>	<i>Montpelier</i>
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<b>Panel Session: Health and Safety Abroad</b> Casey Miller, Allie Surina and Mary Sue Backus	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
2:30pm –3:00pm	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>	<i>Montpelier Foyer</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	<b>Regional Breakout Group Discussions led by Alumni</b> <i>Refer to <b>green</b> sheet for your alumni facilitator.</i>	
	Mary Sue Backus, 2012-13 U.S. Scholar Law, University of Oklahoma	<i>Dolley Madison Upper</i>
	Jonathan Stoltz, 2012-13 U.S. Scholar Philosophy, University of St. Thomas	<i>Mt. Vernon A</i>
	Amy Werbel, 2011-12 U.S. Scholar American Studies, SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology	<i>Mt. Vernon B</i>



Sakura Christmas, 2012-13, U.S. Student History, Harvard University *Dolley Madison Ballroom*

Stephen Pan, 2012-13, U.S. Student Public Health, University of Texas *Hamilton A*

Jonathan Richter, 2012-13, U.S. Student Ethnomusicology, University of Hawai'i *Hamilton B*

Allie Surina, 2012-13, U.S. Student Education, Western Kentucky University *Adams A*

Steven Zhang, 2012-13, U.S. Student Environmental Science, Olin College of Engineering *Adams B*

4:30pm – 5:00pm **CLEA Information/Q&A** *Dolley Madison Ballroom*  
*Mandatory for participating US Students*

5: 45pm **Hotel Lobby**  
*Meet in the Hotel Lobby for bus transport promptly at 5:45pm.*  
*Wear your name tags to the reception.*  
*Business Attire*

6:30pm – 8:00pm **Chinese Embassy Reception**  
*Residence of Professor Fang MaoTian, Minister Counselor for Education*  
*Embassy of the People's Republic of China*  
*2600 Tilden Street NW, Washington DC*



7:30am – 8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Please check out of your hotel room before our first session begins. The hotel will hold your luggage until the conclusion of the PDO.</i>	<i>Montpelier</i>
8:30am – 10:00am	<b>Grant Administration (China Side Logistics)</b> Lecturers – Nathan Keltner U.S. Embassy, Beijing	<i>Dolley Madison Upper</i>
	Researchers – Janet Upton Institute of International Education (IIE), Beijing	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
10:00am – 10:15pm	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>	<i>Montpelier Foyer</i>
10:15am – 12:00pm	<b>Alumni Panel Overview: the Fulbright Teaching or Research Experience</b> Lecturers Researchers	<i>Dolley Madison Upper Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Luncheon</b>	<i>Montpelier</i>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Disciplinary or Topic-Focused Breakout Group Discussions</b> <i>Refer to <b>green</b> sheet for your alumni facilitator.</i>	
	Mary Sue Backus, 2012-13 U.S. Scholar	<i>Dolley Madison Upper</i>
	Jonathan Stoltz, 2012-13 U.S. Scholar	<i>Mt. Vernon A</i>
	Amy Werbel, 2011-12 U.S. Scholar	<i>Mt. Vernon B</i>
	Sakura Christmas, 2012-13, U.S. Student	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
	Stephen Pan, 2012-13, U.S. Student	<i>Hamilton A</i>
	Jonathan Richter, 2012-13, U.S. Student	<i>Hamilton B</i>
	Allie Surina, 2012-13, U.S. Student	<i>Adams A</i>
	Steven Zhang, 2012-13, U.S. Student	<i>Adams B</i>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Victoria Augustine Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>
3:30pm	<b>Consultations</b> <i>Staff will be available until 5:00pm to answer individual questions.</i>	<i>Dolley Madison Ballroom</i>

