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## UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

***The Commemorations of Xu Guanqi in 1933***  
**Hsin-Fang Wu, Penn State**

Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
101 Old Botany, 12:15-1:15p.m.

***Venezuela: From Dictatorship to Democracy***  
**Alfredo Malaret, Penn State**

Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
108 Chambers, 4:15-5p.m.

***Poetry Without Borders***

Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
Foster Auditorium (Paterno Library)  
6:30-7:30p.m.

***Nationalism and Globalization: The Case of Scotland***  
**Dr. Alastair Renfrew, Durham University**

Thursday, November 12, 2015  
112 Katz, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

***Daring to Make a Difference: Finding Your Voice for Global Change***

**Dr. Lee Ann De Reus, Penn State**  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
111 Chambers, 6:30-8:30p.m.

***Al Maydan (directed by Karim Amer, 2013)***

Thursday, December 3, 2015  
101 Chambers, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

***Water (directed by Deepa Mehta, 2005)***

Thursday, December 3, 2015  
112 Chambers, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Career Talk for Unconventional Students

By Leah Bader

On Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Center for Global Studies and the School for International Affairs hosted a lecture featuring Michael Gaw of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission titled *"How to Become (and Remain) Gainfully Employed: A Career Talk for Unconventional Students"*.

Mr. Gaw graduated from Harvard College with a bachelor of arts in social studies and the University of Cambridge with a master of philosophy in European studies. He followed a somewhat "unconventional" education path before earning his juris doctorate from Boston College Law School. He was at Penn State to offer advice to students who find themselves similarly difficult situation - figuring out how to translate a degree and educational background into a career.

Michael Gaw has been with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC since 1990, and has represented the agency at various international meetings in Spain, France, and Germany. In his current position as an assistant director in the Division of Trading and Markets, Gaw works on issues relating to trading rules and trade reporting for equities, fixed income and



*CGS Director Sophia McClennen introduces guest speaker Michael Gaw at Monday's career talk.*

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derivative securities. Currently, he is the project manager for the SEC's implementation of new rules that require derivatives trades to be publicly disseminated, as are stock trades.

During the lecture, Gaw talked about his career path and trajectory, the challenges he faced, and how he was ultimately able to combine his interests of government, finance and foreign affairs into a career with the federal government. The lecture was followed by a Q&A session and was well-attended by students interested in careers concerning law, public interest, government, and/or foreign affairs.

## Groundbreaking Documentary, *Die Arier*, Screened at Penn State

By Rick Devry

The Center for Global Studies and German and Slavic Languages Department had the unique opportunity to host a film screening of German actress and documentarian, Mo Asumang's, groundbreaking documentary, *Die Arier*. Asumang herself was present to answer questions about the making of the film, her experiences while filming, and many cultural questions related to the topic.



*Mo Asumang, German actress, documentarian, and creator of the documentary "Die Arier."*

The film follows Asumang's quest to find the origins of the word "Aryan," and why Neo-Nazi groups use it as a way to describe their ideal bloodline. The documentary explores several modern day neo-Nazi groups in both Asumang's home of Germany and the United States. Asumang directly confronts the members of these hate groups, asking them why they do what they do, why they are full of so much hate and fear of "foreigners," and what they think the term "Aryan" means (or where it comes from). While most groups completely ignore her (and seem surprised she's at their rallies at all), the documentary does feature a meeting with Asumang and a member of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as the notorious racist Tom Metzger. Through her travels and interviews, Asumang exposes the flawed logic and reasoning of neo-Nazi hate groups, and how their central beliefs are rooted in utterly false facts.

Asumang was on hand to answer questions for the crowd of roughly 50 attendees after the screening. The questions ranged from how she filmed the documentary, her experiences with the neo-Nazi groups, and where she drew her inspiration, to discussions of the culture of hate groups in Germany and the US is, and how they can be changed. While the documentary certainly exposes a very unpleasant underbelly of the world, Asumang leaves viewers with a message of hope. In her experience, it is taking the time to talk to and understand the people who choose to hate, and ultimately feeling compassion towards them that will make the biggest steps towards change.

## Quote of the Month

History is filled with tragic examples of wars that result from diplomatic impasse. Whether in our local communities or in international relations, the skillful use of our communicative capacities to negotiate and resolve differences is the first evidence of human wisdom.

-Daisaku Ikeda

## Accomplished Scholar discusses the Globalization of China's Uyghur Problem

By Bridget Adduce

The Center for Global Studies along with the Penn State Libraries and the departments of History, Anthropology, and Asian Studies came together to sponsor a talk led by Dr. Dru C. Gladney on October 26 on globalizing China's Uyghur problem. Dr. Gladney is currently Professor of Anthropology at Pomona College in Claremont, California. He earned his Ph.D. in Social Anthropology at the University of Washington, Seattle, and also holds three M.A. degrees in religion and philosophy. His research within Turkey and China has led to several publications, one of which is the award-winning book *Muslim Chinese: Ethnic Nationalism in the People's Republic* (Harvard University Press, 1996, 1st edition 1991).

In his talk at Paterno Library's Foster Auditorium, Dr. Gladney addressed China's Western Muslim population, the Uyghur of XinJiang province, and their increasing turbulence. Due to a lack of resources for a continuously expanding population, China has forcibly expanded to many smaller nations. Xinjiang province, formerly known as Eastern Turkistan, is one of these smaller nations. As a result, the Uyghur are not only resisting the government in defense of their threatened culture, but they are also seeking refuge in nearby countries.

Gladney discussed that these issues are not a problem with religion, but rather representative of larger civil unrest towards central authority within the country. Furthermore, he concluded that the blurring of boundaries between nation, state, and religion are

part of a larger-scale issue across the globe.

As Uyghurs flee from Xinjiang, China, the issue of "separatism" in China is becoming globalized both through social media websites and Western involvement. Dr. Dru C. Gladney's research focuses not only on the causes of instability among the Uyghur population, but also on how the Chinese Muslim's struggles influence other corners of the world.

Several teachers and scholars alike gathered to hear Dr. Gladney's talk, many of which participated in the informative question and answer session at the end of the lecture. Questions such as how the remaining minority groups in China were being treated, especially with respect to the growing tourist industry, were raised.

### WHO ARE THE UYGHURS?

- They are a Turkic ethnic group living in Eastern and Central Asia.
- Most Uyghurs are Muslim; Islam forms an important part of their life and identity.
- They briefly declared independence in 1949, however, the XinJiang region was brought under the complete control of communist China later the same year.
- China's central government says Uyghur militants are waging a violent campaign for an independent state by plotting bombings, sabotage and civic unrest.

- Source: "Who Are the Uighurs?" - BBC News

#### Our Mission

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) has been designated a Title VI National Resource Center by the Department of Education. Working in collaboration with Penn State's many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, and K-12 schools in the region, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies.

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