



# Drake's RaySociety 2018 China Seminar

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**May 21 - June 6, 2018: Travel Seminar | Exploring China's Past, Present & Future**

**Online application period:** December 15-January 7 (more info on application process TBA)

Pre-trip orientation and lectures (dates TBA)

**Seminar Co-Leaders (see page 8 for bios):**

- David Skidmore, Professor of Political Science and Director (on leave) of the Principal Center for Global Citizenship, Drake University
- Peiqin Zhou, Professor of Sociology, Nanjing University

**The Principal Center for Global Citizenship at Drake University:**

Supported by the generosity of the Principal Financial Group, the Principal Center for Global Citizenship at Drake University serves as a forum for exploring the cultural, political, and economic changes that accompany globalization. The center thus helps to fulfill Drake's commitment, as embodied in its mission statement, to prepare students for responsible global citizenship. The activities and programs sponsored by the center invite members of the Drake community to reflect and act upon their roles as citizens of particular countries and as citizens of the world.

**RaySociety:**

Associated with Drake University and named after one of Iowa's most beloved Governors and his family, the RaySociety is a lifelong learning program targeted to adults in the Greater Des Moines community and beyond.

**China Language Institute (CLI):**

Each year, the Chinese Language Institute (CLI) partners with a select number of schools and organizations to create one-of-a-kind, fully customizable study experiences around the world. With careful guidance from CLI's team of American and international educators, Drake University's RaySociety participants will gain invaluable insight into China's rich heritage and modern ascension.

CLI provides three core services: (1) assistance in developing your program itinerary; (2) comprehensive pre-departure assistance ([www.studycli.org/drakechina18](http://www.studycli.org/drakechina18)); and (3) facilitation of all logistical provisions (e.g., domestic and international airfare, buses, hotel accommodations, restaurant recommendations and bookings, activity planning, and Chinese and American CLI program leaders).

Please note that while the spirit of the below schedule will remain unchanged, certain aspects — in consultation with Drake faculty leaders — are subject to be updated. Feel free to contact us if you have questions, requests, and/or suggestions throughout the program planning and implementation process.

*Our team looks forward to welcoming Drake's RaySociety to China in 2018!*



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## May 21 - May 26: Beijing | Exploring China's Heritage in the Capital

### Day 1 | Monday, May 21 (*Des Moines to Beijing*)

All Day Fly from the USA to Beijing

### Day 2 | Tuesday, May 22 (*Beijing*)

**Afternoon** Arrive in Beijing and check into the hotel  
*While traveling by private coach into Beijing, engage in a comprehensive orientation session to understand and conceptualize the journey ahead.*

**Evening** Commence with a group welcome dinner at a famed Peking Duck restaurant

### Day 3 | Wednesday, May 23 (*Beijing*)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Lecture on Chinese culture by Peiqin Zhou

**Noon** Group lunch at a local family's home inside a traditional Beijing hutong

**Afternoon** Tour a Qing Dynasty-era hutong on rickshaws, then ascend the Beijing Drum Tower and relax near Houhai

**Evening** Free time for shopping and dinner on your own in the Wangfujing district

### Day 4 | Thursday, May 24 (*Beijing*)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Visit University of International Business and Economics for guest lecture by Professor Wang Bo on China's energy and environmental policies

**Noon** Group lunch and discussion with Chinese students from UIBE

**Afternoon** Tour the US Embassy in Beijing and meet American diplomats representing the US in China

**Evening** Free time for small group dinners on your own

### Day 5 | Friday, May 25 (*Beijing*)

**Early Morning** Breakfast at hotel followed by early morning taiji class at a local park

**Late Morning** Visit the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu  
*Enjoy a scenic chairlift ride to the top of this iconic structure, or choose to hike up. Take time to stroll along the stone walkways before descending via chairlift or toboggan ride back down.*

**Noon** Group lunch near the Great Wall

**Afternoon/Evening** Reflection session and free time for small group dinners on your own

### Day 6 | Saturday, May 26 (*Beijing*)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Explore Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City



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*The Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest palace complex in the world. It served as the home of Chinese emperors for 500 years throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties.*

<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch near the Forbidden City
<b>Afternoon</b>	Discover the Temple of Heaven
<b>Evening</b>	Free time for small group dinners followed by Peking Opera at Liyuan Theatre as an optional activity

## May 27 - May 28: Shanghai | Introduction to China's Modern Ascension

### Day 7 | Sunday, May 27 (Beijing to Shanghai)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Fly nonstop from Beijing to Shanghai (~2 hours); check into the hotel
<b>Noon</b>	Free time for small group lunches and stroll in People's Park
<b>Early Afternoon</b>	Visit the Shanghai Museum
<b>Late Afternoon</b>	Explore the Propaganda Poster Art Centre and tour the French Concession <i>The Propaganda Poster Art Centre is one of a kind. The Mao-era propaganda collection has been assembled over the past 20-plus years by Mr. Yang Pei Ming and is perhaps the world's most extensive collection.</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Enjoy a boat cruise and group dinner on the Huangpu River with a view of the Bund

### Day 8 | Monday, May 28 (Shanghai)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Visit Fudan University for presentations by Professor Ren Junfeng on Chinese political culture and Professor Wu Xinbo on U.S.-China relations
<b>Afternoon</b>	Free time to explore and enjoy small group lunches
<b>Evening</b>	Group dinner before attending the world famous Shanghai Acrobatic Show

## May 29 - June 1: Nanjing | History Along the Yangtze River

### Day 9 | Tuesday, May 29 (Shanghai to Nanjing)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Board a bullet train from Shanghai to Nanjing (~2 hours); check into the hotel <i>Situated along the southern bank of the Yangtze River, Nanjing has been claimed as China's capital during various dynastic periods. Come explore this magnificent city of culture, education, history and politics.</i>
<b>Noon</b>	Free time for small group lunches on your own
<b>Afternoon</b>	Visit the Nanjing Massacre Museum and Memorial Hall <i>Remember Nanjing's history while understanding the impact on its community and the world during this moving and informative experience</i>



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**Evening** Free time for small group dinners on your own

## Day 10 | Wednesday, May 30 (Nanjing)

**Early Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
**Late Morning** Visit Nanjing University for presentation by Professor Derui Yang on Chinese religious traditions  
**Early Afternoon** Group lunch on Nanjing University campus  
**Late Afternoon** Presentation by Professor Peiqin Zhou on social media in China followed by reflection session  
**Evening** Free time to explore the city and small group dinners on your own

## Day 11 | Thursday, May 31 (Nanjing)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Stroll around Xuanwu Lake  
*Take time to savor gorgeous views of Nanjing's intricate waterways and urban landscape. Meander along pathways and bridges around the lake as well as across its five islands.*  
**Noon** Group lunch at Nanjing Impressions Restaurant (Nanjing Dapaidang)  
**Afternoon** Visit a Maternal Care Center  
**Evening** Free time for small group dinners on your own and exploring the city

## Day 12 | Friday, June 1 (Nanjing)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Discussion with investigative journalist Haitao Liu from Jiangsu Broadcast Corporation  
**Noon** Small group lunches  
**Afternoon** Optional small group activities: visit Fuzimiao Confucius Temple, shop for antiques at Chaotiangong market, or participate in a calligraphy class  
**Evening** Free time for small group dinners on your own and shopping

## June 2 - June 5: Hong Kong | A Cultural Bridge Between the East and West

### Day 13 | Saturday, June 2 (Nanjing to Hong Kong)

**Morning** Breakfast at hotel  
Fly nonstop from Nanjing to Hong Kong (~3 hours); check into the hotel  
Small group lunches on your own  
**Afternoon** Welcome to Hong Kong! Embark on a guided walking tour of the jade market, goldfish street, bird street and flower street  
**Evening** Group dinner followed by free time to explore on your own



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## Day 14 | Sunday, June 3 (Hong Kong)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Board the Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car to the Tian Tan Buddha and Po Lin Monastery
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch and walking tour of Tai O fishing village followed by a ferry ride to Hong Kong
<b>Afternoon/Evening</b>	Free time enjoy small group dinners on your own

## Day 15 | Monday, June 4 (Hong Kong)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Board the tram to the top of Victoria Peak for breathtaking views of the Hong Kong skyline
<b>Noon</b>	Group lunch at the peak
<b>Afternoon/Evening</b>	Free time and small group dinners on your own
<b>Late Evening</b>	Attend candlelight vigil events in Victoria Park

## Day 16 | Tuesday, June 5 (Hong Kong)

<b>Morning</b>	Breakfast at hotel Roundtable discussion with former Legislative Council member Cyd Ho and reflection session
<b>Noon</b>	Small group lunches on your own
<b>Afternoon</b>	Pack bags and free time to relax
<b>Evening</b>	Ferry ride to Lamma Island and enjoy a group farewell seafood dinner

## Day 17 | Wednesday, June 6 (Hong Kong to Des Moines)

<b>All Day</b>	Fly back to the USA
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*Please see the following page for additional information.*



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## PROGRAM FEE

Option 1: The per participant program fee for Drake's RaySociety 2018 China Seminar, including, but not limited to, all services and activities listed above and round-trip international airfare, is as follows:

<b>15-19 participants</b>	6,120 USD
<b>20+ participants</b>	5,950 USD

Option 2: For participants who choose to arrange their own international flights, the program fee, including, but not limited to, all services and activities listed above without round-trip international airfare, is as follows:

<b>15-19 (No int'l airfare)</b>	4,710 USD
<b>20+ (No int'l airfare)</b>	4,540 USD

Option 3: For participants who prefer private accommodations, the program fee, including but not limited to, all services and activities listed above and round-trip international airfare, is as follows:

<b>15-19 (Private room)</b>	7,060 USD
<b>20+ (Private room)</b>	6,890 USD

Option 4: For participants who choose to arrange their own international flights and prefer private accommodations, the program fee, including, but not limited to, all services and activities listed above without round-trip international airfare, is as follows:

<b>15-19 (Private room &amp; No int'l airfare)</b>	5,650 USD
<b>20+ (Private room &amp; No int'l airfare)</b>	5,480 USD



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## PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- ❖ All activities and site visits listed in the program itinerary
- ❖ Round-trip international airfare (Options 1 and 3) (Des Moines to Beijing; Hong Kong to Des Moines)
- ❖ 24-hour assistance from CLI's international and local team ([www.studycli.org/team](http://www.studycli.org/team))
- ❖ Full-time trip director, who will travel with and co-lead the group for the duration of the program
- ❖ One to two meals per day, including breakfast daily
- ❖ All relevant learning materials (text materials, reading handouts, notebooks, pens)
- ❖ All domestic group transportation (including airport pick-up and drop-off)
- ❖ All tips for drivers, local guides, restaurant attendants, etc.
- ❖ High quality housing accommodations (Options 1 and 3 two participants per room; Options 2 and 4 one participant per room; chaperones one per room)
- ❖ All in-country program fees and international airfare for one chaperone per ten paying participants, pro-rated

## PROGRAM FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ❖ Passport and visa fees
- ❖ Recommended health checkup and shots
- ❖ Recommended travel insurance
- ❖ Cost of recommended book: Evan Osnos, Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China
- ❖ Individual meals (as indicated in the schedule, a limited number of full group meals are included in the program fee)

## ITEMS TO NOTE:

- ❖ To-Do-List for participants: [www.studycli.org/drakechina18](http://www.studycli.org/drakechina18)
- ❖ Trip is contingent upon approval by Drake risk assessment committee and upon enrollment of at least fifteen participants.
- ❖ Participants will be required to take out trip health insurance with CISI (price included in program fee).
- ❖ Participants will be required to sign standard liability waiver form with application.
- ❖ Participants must register with U.S. Embassy.
- ❖ Drake will assist in arranging visas through Perry International (<https://perryvisa.com>) of Chicago 1-2 months ahead before program start date.
- ❖ CLI will reserve 3-4 star hotels.



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## Faculty Co-Leader Biographies:

**David Skidmore** is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa (USA). He received his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University and taught at Hamilton College and the University of Notre Dame before arriving at Drake in 1989. During the 1996-97 academic year, he taught at the Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China and, in the summer of 2017, at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He also served as a Fulbright Scholar based at the University of Hong Kong in 2010-2011. Skidmore accompanied a Drake/RaySociety seminar to China in 2005 and led a Drake student travel seminar to China in May/June of 2015. He has also participated in Drake travel seminars to Mexico, Nicaragua and Egypt.

Skidmore serves as Director of the Principal Center for Global Citizenship and the Nelson Institute for Diplomacy and International Affairs, both at Drake University. His research and teaching interests lie in the areas of international political economy, American foreign policy and international relations theory. Skidmore is author, co-author or editor of six books including a monograph titled *The Unilateralist Temptation in American Foreign Policy* (Routledge, 2011), and has published numerous articles or chapters in various academic journals and books. His editorial writing has appeared in *Salon*, *Fortune*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the *Des Moines Register*. He recently published a co-authored textbook titled *International Political Economy: The Struggle for Power and Wealth in a Globalizing World* (Routledge, 2017).

**Peiqin Zhou** is an associate professor and deputy chair in the Department of Sociology in the School of Social and Behavioral Study at Nanjing University in the People's Republic of China. She previously spent two years at Drake University; once as a Fulbright Scholar and once as a visiting Global Practitioner-in-Residence in the Department for the Study of Culture and Society. She received her doctorate in mass communication from the University of Alabama and her master's degree in journalism and bachelor's degree in Chinese linguistics and literature from Nanjing University. Her research specialties are mass media and society. She has published in the *Journal of Advertising*, *Journal of Communication*, *China Media Research* and *Film Art*.

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