

April 24, 2007

Dear Carleton friends,

Thank you for your request for more information about Carleton's Alumni Adventure weekend at Asilomar. Our program, *China: Tradition and Transformation*, promises to provide you with a true liberal arts weekend.

Our faculty:

- **Lyman Van Slyke '51** – an expert in modern Chinese history and the Yangtze River. He is a professor of Chinese history, emeritus at Stanford and served as the Bernstein Distinguished Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at Carleton in 2001.
- **Burt Levin P'87,'88**, - the SIT Investment Visiting Professor of Asian Policy at Carleton College. Levin served in the U. S. State Department for more than 35 years, most of that time in Asia, and served as ambassador to Burma.
- **Katie Ryor**, Associate Professor of Art History and chair of the art and art history department – an expert in Chinese art.
- **Brigid Vance '00** - has traveled to China to teach English and studied advanced Chinese in Beijing. She has earned an MA in East Asian studies from Stanford and is pursuing a doctorate in Chinese history at Princeton.
- **Gao Hong Dice**, Adjunct Instructor in Chinese Musical Instruments at Carleton College, graduated with honors from the Central Conservatory of Music, China's premier music school. An award-winning musician, Dice has performed throughout the world

These experts will lead us in discussions of history, politics, art, culture and music. Evening entertainment will also include some films chosen by our faculty. Much time will be allowed for discussions and conversations with faculty as well.

A tentative schedule and registration form are enclosed. Please complete the registration form and return as soon as possible as there has been much interest in this weekend and our space is limited.

Asilomar is nestled along the shoreline of California's famed Monterey Peninsula, and is a tranquil ocean front retreat cradled by forests and white sand beaches. Designed by acclaimed architect Julia Morgan and embracing the Arts & Crafts architectural style, the Asilomar conference center harmonizes with its natural surroundings and has played host to thousands of visitors since its founding in 1913. The area is rich with history, scenic beauty and serenity and you will want to find time to stroll the board walks. More information about Asilomar including directions can be found at [www.visitasilomar.com](http://www.visitasilomar.com).

We are delighted you might be joining us for what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling weekend. If you have any questions, please call me at 800-729-2586 (email: [mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu](mailto:mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu)).

Sincerely,

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