

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE SEMINAR LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Leaders**

**David Gordon**, *History Department  
Bronx Community College/The City University of New York*

David Gordon received his B.A. from Brooklyn College, and M.A. and Ph.D. from Brown University. He has taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of California, Riverside, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and presently teaches at Bronx Community College (CUNY) and the City University Graduate Center. He also taught for two years as an exchange professor at Kaohsiung National Teachers University, Taiwan, and was a seminar director at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Paris). Professor Gordon is the author of two books and seven articles on French politics and industrialization, French and American participation in the Second World War, and the evolution of politics in Kenya. He is presently working on a study of French and American business operations in China prior to 1949. David coordinates student participation in Study Abroad at Bronx Community College, and is chair of the City University Faculty Advisory Committee for China Programs. This is David's second year as a leader of the CUNY China Study Tour.

**Glenn Shive**, *Director  
Hong Kong America Center (HKAC)*

Glenn Shive has been Director of the Hong Kong America Center (HKAC) since 2000. The Center is a non-profit consortium of universities in Hong Kong that promotes educational exchanges between Hong Kong and the United States, and between China and the United States over the bridge of Hong Kong. HKAC manages the Fulbright program for Hong Kong. Shive was a Fulbright scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1998-99 and also served as Director of the Hong Kong office of the Institute of International Education (IIE) from 1988-91. Shive received his Ph.D. in Chinese history in 1979 from Temple University in Philadelphia, his home town. Earlier he had studied in the Kantonschule of St. Gallen Switzerland, Oxford University in the UK, the Free University in Berlin, and Taiwan Normal University in Taipei. He did post-doctoral research at the John King Fairbank Center at Harvard University. Shive's most recent book is Open and Distance Education in Asia Pacific Region published in 2001 by the Open University Press of Hong Kong. Shive has written, spoken and organized conferences and workshops on education, human resources, economic development, culture and technology in Asia and the United States. He has produced and narrated documentary films in and about China. Glenn is the coordinator of the Hong Kong portion of our seminar.

**Jun Zhou**, *Managing Director*  
*Beijing Epoch Training Company, Ltd.*

Jun Zhou worked for many years for the Chinese government in the field of international education and exchange. He held positions with the State Education Commission of the PRC (the predecessor of the Ministry of Education) and served as the Vice Consul for Education in both the Houston (90-92) and New York (89-90) Consulate-General offices. He also served in several posts within the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) within the Ministry of Education. He has served as Editor-in-Chief of the English edition of the 2000 Chinese Universities and Colleges publication of the Higher Education Press and also served on the editorial boards other publications, such as China's Non-Governmental International Exchange Over the Past Twenty Years, Historical Records of China's Study-Abroad Education, Women's Education in China and Higher Education and its Role in Social and Local Development. He was named the "Outstanding Worker at the Ministry of Education and its Affiliates for 2000-2001". Zhou was educated at the Beijing Foreign Studies University and Teachers College of Columbia University, where he is currently a Ed.D. candidate. In 96-97 He was awarded a J. William Fulbright Scholarship; from September '97 to February '98 was a "visiting scholar" at the College of Staten Island and served as China Relations Coordinator for the Center for International Service. At the beginning of 2003 he left government service to begin his own education related business. He is the Co-founder and Managing Director of Beijing Epoc Training Company, Ltd. Jun Zhou is the coordinator of the mainland China portion of our seminar.

**Ann Helm**, *Director, Center for International Service and CUNY China Programs*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Ann Helm was educated in Oregon, Washington, New York and Japan. She holds a BA in Anthropology and Japanese Studies from the University of Washington and an MA in International/Comparative Education from Teacher's College of Columbia University. She has worked in the field of international education at the University of California/Berkeley, University of Iowa, Eastern Oregon State University, University of the Pacific and for the US Information Agency (now part of the US State Department). She has been active in professional organizations; received a Fulbright for a study of higher education in Germany; and received the 1997 Marita Houlihan Award for significant contributions to the field from NAFSA: Association of International Educators. She has served in her current position since 1990. The Center is unique in the CUNY system. It is a comprehensive international academic service center supporting student and faculty exchange and international programs and projects of all kinds. It has an active on-campus as well as off-campus program. It manages the College's partnerships in Ecuador, Ireland, Japan, Denmark, Italy, Spain, Greece, England, Vietnam, South Africa and China. It directs the CUNY China Programs on behalf of the City University of New York and offers its study abroad programs and faculty seminars to members of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS).

**Russell Davis**, *CUNY China Coordinator and Study Abroad Advisor*  
*Center for International Service, College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Russell Davis is originally from Oklahoma, he received his MA in Asian Studies from the University of Hawaii and he lived in China and Taiwan for 4 years and speaks Mandarin Chinese. He has worked at CSI since 1990. In addition to advising students about study abroad options around the world, Russell coordinates the CUNY Shanghai University Exchange Program for faculty and administrators, the CUNY/CCIS semester/year program at Nanjing University and the CUNY/CCIS summer/winter one-month program at Shanghai University. He also serves as Study Abroad Advisor for the CCIS programs in Thessaloniki (Greece) and the Galapagos, Guayaquil, and Quito (Ecuador).

## **Participants**

**Margaret Bérci**, *Department of Education*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Margaret has been a member of the faculty in the Department of Education at the City University of New York at College of Staten Island since September 2002. Prior to coming to the City University of New York, she gained experience at the different levels of education in Alberta, the Canadian province that has been a leader in Social Studies education reform. Dr. Bérci's passion is focused on examining the philosophical foundations of self-knowledge as it relates to the educator. This passion translates into research projects that include identifying phases of teacher development, teachers' ways of knowing and the use of narrative in the education of teacher candidates. Dr. Bérci works with students of teaching to bring philosophy to children. All of these philosophical interests, fueled by the ideas of British philosopher, R. G. Collingwood, find a home in the applied world of locating diverse and integrated methodologies for educating the Social Studies teacher. This applied world extends to an active pursuit of knowledge in the various content areas that make up the Social Studies, including history, cultural studies and political science. Her eclectic interests also includes inquiry into the similarities and the differences of how teachers are educated in diverse settings

**June Como**, *Department of Nursing*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

June Como is a faculty member in the department of Nursing at the College of Staten Island. She is a co-lecturer for Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing II in the ADN program and the instructor in Role Practicum-Adults in Acute care Settings in the MS program. Ms. Como has held various positions in clinical and leadership settings in several major metropolitan teaching facilities with a focus in critical care nursing. She has taught students as an adjunct faculty member since 1992. Ms. Como holds leadership positions in professional organizations. She is the Vice President of the Mu Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society; she is also a member of the Transcultural Nursing Society (TCNS) as well as other professional organizations. Her theoretical and clinical knowledge base in critical care nursing allowed her to be actively involved in the

design, development, and implementation of health care and nursing services to the rescue and recovery personnel stationed in Staten Island during the “9-11 incident” in New York. Currently she is active within the Medical Reserve Corps, Department of Health, and New York State Nurses Association Nurse-Response Corps as a health care practitioner for the community in the event of an emergency. Author of professional related articles and two CD-Simulations on heart failure, her interests also lie in the use of technology at the point-of-care. Personal interests include gardening, hiking, kayaking, scuba diving, blacksmithing, and reading. She lives at home with her husband of 25 years and two children, a son aged 22 and a daughter 20 who are both in college. Accepted to Teacher’s College-Columbia University of New York she has begun work on her Doctorate in Education.

**Donald “Don” Dellow, *Education Department***  
*University of South Florida*

Don is currently Interim Director of Study Abroad and Associate Professor in Higher Education at the University of South Florida, in Tampa. He has served in numerous teaching and administrative roles in both the university and community college settings, including 15 years as president of Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. Don received a B.A. in Psychology from SUNY Oswego and an M.Ed. and an Ed.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Florida. He has been involved in numerous international projects in Russia, Romania, Belize and Central America. He is interested in integrating more international travel abroad experiences in the USF higher education program which trains future leaders for community colleges and universities. Don is convinced that our community colleges and universities must do more to prepare students for a global economy.

**Judy Dellow, *English Department***  
*St Leo’s University*

Judy Dellow is currently an English Composition tutor at St Leo’s University, St. Leo’s, Florida. Previously she was Director of ESL for the Broome-Tioga BOCES Center in Binghamton, NY. Judy received a B.S. in Education from SUNY Oswego and a M.Ed. in Reading from the University of Kansas. Judy is interested in enriching her own professional knowledge of China to further enhance her work with students with whom she works. St. Leo’s University is working toward making their curricula more globally enriched, so she believes a greater personal and professional understanding of China will be very beneficial to her work. Don and Judy have two sons. Jeremy is employed as a testing technician at BAE Systems in Binghamton, with two children. Christopher is a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

**Emmanuel "Manny" Esperance, Jr., *Office of Recruitment and Admissions***  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Manny has been with the City University of New York since 1994 and has had many roles in the areas of admissions, student services and academic advisement. In his current

position as Deputy Director, he coordinates graduate admissions for the College's master degree programs, as well as assisting the Director with coordinating the undergraduate recruitment and admissions efforts. He also coordinates international recruitment and foreign credential evaluations for undergraduate and graduate applicants. Manny earned his BA in Mathematics from Brooklyn College/CUNY and MEd in Higher Education Administration from the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College/CUNY. He has also worked as an adjunct professor (mathematics) at the College of Staten Island.

### **Heather Finnegan**

*Producer/Director/Writer*

Heather Finnegan has worked as independent television producer on a variety of projects ranging from documentaries to reality television shows. She has worked for CBS, The History Channel, FX Channel, Bravo, Lifetime Television, A&E, and The Fine Living Channel. As a documentary filmmaker Finnegan has written, directed and produced numerous films, all of which are in distribution to colleges and universities. Her documentaries "School Takeover" filmed in Compton, CA and "More than Rice" filmed in China (when she was a student in the CCIS study abroad program with Nanjing University) have aired on PBS. Other short documentaries have been featured in film festivals. Finnegan has also worked on corporate, non-profit and educational videos. In Montana, she produced an adventure travel video, in London she worked on a Greenpeace documentary and in China, she produced and directed promotional videos including "Chat about China" and "Study Abroad in China" for the City University of New York.

### **Susan Fisher**, *teacher, CSI High School for International Studies*

Susan Fisher is a native New Yorker. She grew up in Rockville Centre, where she received an International Baccalaureate degree from South Side High School. She attended Skidmore College and graduated with Bachelors degrees in Biology and Psychology. While at Skidmore, Susan participated in numerous research activities, including Circadian Rhythm studies and a poster presentation and abstract on a "Rat Model for Androgenic Anabolic Steroid Abuse." After graduating she worked at the University of Albany, where she participated in two research projects, "EEG-Based Communication" and "Gene Therapy of Brain Disorders." Susan has taught middle school science in the Boston area public schools for the last two years. She is trained in F.O.S.S. (Full Option Science Systems), an intensive hands-on science curriculum. In addition to her scientific background, she is fluent in Russian, and proficient in French. Susan looks forward to forming connections with educators in China and to sharing her experience and new perspectives with her students.

### **Carlos Delgado**, *Music Department*

*Westchester Community College/The State University of New York*

Carlos Delgado is a composer whose music has been heard in concerts, festivals, and radio broadcasts in Argentina, Australia, England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan,

Romania, Venezuela, and the United States. A number of his works have been recorded by world-class artists such as Corrado Canonici, Roger Heaton, Max Midroit, Rene Mogensen, and Beate-Gabriela Schmitt, and are available on the CRI (New World Records), Living Artist, Capstone Records, and Sonoton ProViva labels. He has also developed software for musical applications, including a software synthesizer, an interactive program for live performance, and a gestural-control instrument. He teaches music at the State University of New York - Westchester Community College in New York.

**Aimee Horowitz**, *Principal, CSI High School for International Studies*

For the past five and a half years, Ms. Horowitz has served as the Assistant Principal, Social Studies, at Edward R. Murrow High School. Here she organized a Model United Nations Conference and collaborated to implement a yearlong series of Social History electives, the We The People Program, a Law Institute, the Quality of Life Research Course, and courses in Advanced Placement Human Geography and Advanced Placement Psychology. Before becoming an Assistant Principal, she taught social studies for four years at Edward R. Murrow. Using her background in law, she created and implemented curriculum in Trial Advocacy and instituted a Mock Trial Program. Ms. Horowitz is herself an alumnus of the College of Staten Island, having earned an Advanced Certificate in Supervision and Administration. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law and a BA from Brooklyn College. She has been awarded Chancellor Harold O. Levy's Hero of Education Award, the United Federation of Teachers New Teacher Award, and the Thirteen/WNET New York Human Rights 101 grant. As a recipient of two travel study grants, she has studied in both Japan and Germany. Ms. Horowitz is very proud of the work her students and staff have done to make the first year of the CSI High School for International Studies a huge success. The school has provided and experienced several international events and grown into a truly unique and powerful school with a strong culture and love of learning. The school is an excellent reflection of her vision and passion.

**Chris Livaccari**, *teacher, CSI High School for International Studies*

Chris Livaccari teaches the Chinese and Japanese languages at the College of Staten Island High School for International Studies. A former U.S. Foreign Service officer, he was the Deputy Director of the Tokyo American Center at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan from 2000- 2002, in addition to postings in Shanghai, China and Okinawa, Japan. He is a graduate of Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Chicago, where he completed doctoral coursework in modern and classical Chinese, Japanese, and Korean languages and literature. Chris and his Chinese language classes have been featured on NBC's "Today Show" and Brazil's TV Globo. He spoke on "Starting a Chinese Language Program for Zero Beginners" at the 2006 Languages Other Than English Symposium sponsored by the New York City Department of Education and was recently the recipient of the Kappa Delta Pi Teacher Classroom Grant. His essay "Of Emptiness, Nothingness, and Asymptotic Freedom" appears in the Spring 2006 issue of the literary journal AGNI.

**Richard Lufrano**, *History Department*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Richard Lufrano received his B.A. from SUNY Binghamton and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He has been teaching at CSI since 1998. He is the author of *Honorable Merchants: Commerce and Self-cultivation in Late Imperial China* (Hawai'i) and co-editor of the *Sources of Chinese Tradition, Vol II* (Columbia). He first went to China in 1981 as a student at Beijing University. He has since returned many times living in Shanghai, Nanjing, as well as Beijing. He was Resident Director of study abroad program at Fudan University in Shanghai in the summer of 1986; from 1987 to 1989 he served as the resident director of the study abroad program at Nanjing University. Both programs were sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

**Susan Sullivan**, *Education Department*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Susan Sullivan received her BA from Elmira College, her MAT from The Johns Hopkins University, and her MEd and EdD from Teachers College, Columbia University. She served as an Instructor in the Department of Romance Languages of The Johns Hopkins University for 10 years, and as a teacher and administrator in Baltimore, Maryland, Rome, Italy, and the New York City area. She is currently Chair of the Department of Education of the College of Staten Island. She was Coordinator of the Program in Educational Leadership and continues to teach graduate courses in supervision of instruction and educational leadership. She has just completed the second edition of *Supervision that Improves Instruction: Strategies and Techniques* and has also authored a staff development text *Supervision in Practice*; she has a new book at Corwin Press entitled, *Building Effective Learning Communities*. Her recent interest in Asian Studies originates in her role in helping develop the CSI High School for International Studies that opened in Fall 2005. Her long-term interest in International Studies is based on her love for travel, years spent in other countries, and her background in languages. She is fluent in Spanish, French and Italian and is trying to learn Chinese.

**Jane Marcus-Delgado**, *International Studies and Spanish Language*  
*College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

Jane Marcus-Delgado coordinates CSI's international studies program and is deputy chair of the Modern Languages Department. She holds a B.A. in English Literature and Spanish Language and Literature from the University of Chicago, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. Prior to joining the CSI faculty, she lived, worked and studied in Latin America, most recently with the InterAmerican Dialogue and previously as a project officer for the Fulbright program under LASPAU (Latin American Scholarship Program). She has taught courses in international studies at all levels, as well as classes in Spanish language, culture and civilization. Her research interests include Latin American political economy and the intersections between fiction and politics. Professor Marcus-Delgado is an active member of CSI's Modern China Studies Group.

She is the mother of a three year-old daughter and enjoys traveling, reading fiction, and following international events in her free time.

**George Emilio Sanchez**, *Department of Performing and Creative Arts  
College of Staten Island/The City University of New York*

George Emilio Sanchez received his MFA from Bard College. He has taught at the College of Staten Island since 2001. In the past 5 years he has also taught at Sarah Lawrence College and currently is a resident teaching artist for the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Since coming to CSI George Emilio has continued making original performance pieces that have been presented at various New York City venues. His last performance piece, *Milagro* (a collaboration with Patricia Hoffbauer), was performed at Dance Theater Workshop in Manhattan. His next solo performance will be presented at either La MaMa ETC or Dixon Place in Manhattan. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Lima, Peru in 1994. He is also the recipient of two New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowships in 1993 and 1997. In the fall he will become the Chair of the Performing and Creative Arts Department.

**Jennifer Zinn**, *teacher, CSI High School for International Studies*

Jenn Zinn moved to New York to join the staff at CSI High School. She spent the last 5 years working as a math teacher at the International School of the Americas (ISA), an award-winning high school in San Antonio, Texas. She has taught Calculus I and II, Pre-Calculus, Algebra I and Geometry. She also created and taught ISA's Summer PE Camp "We Run the World." She recently graduated with a Masters in Education from Trinity University. She grew up in Evergreen, Colorado and lived in Texas for 10 years. In addition to teaching she worked for the last eight years as an Assistant Coach for the Trinity University Women's Basketball Team, which won the National Championship in 2003. She lists some other interesting details as follows: her favorite color is blue; her favorite food is sushi; some of her favorite movies are *Dead Poets Society*, *The Princess Bride*; her favorite books are *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles* by Julie Edwards, *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire and *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott; her favorite bands are U2, Aerosmith, Counting Crows, Barenaked Ladies, and They Might Be Giants; her favorite state is Colorado; she is right handed. She looks forward to exploring the "sights, sounds and culture of China with colleagues."