

Afternoon Conversations Celebrating Helen T. Lin: Moderators and Conversationalists

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Ira is an Adjunct Professor of Law and a Senior Research Scholar with the U.S.-Asia Law Institute (“USALI”) at NYU School of Law. Belkin previously served as USALI’s first executive director from September 2012 to July 2019. From 2007 to 2012, Belkin served as the law and rights program officer at the Ford Foundation in Beijing. Prior to joining Ford, Belkin combined a career as an American lawyer and federal prosecutor with a deep interest in China. He served two tours at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and a year as a fellow at the Yale Law School China Law Center. Before working in China, Belkin spent 16 years as a federal prosecutor in Providence, R.I., where he was chief of the criminal division, and in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was deputy chief of the general crimes unit. Prior to studying law, Belkin taught Chinese language at Middlebury College. In addition to his J.D. from New York University School of Law, Belkin has a master’s degree in Chinese studies from Seton Hall University and a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Albany.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, Second and Fourth Year Chinese, 1973 and 1974, and then worked as a first year language teacher for Mrs. Lin in 1975 and 1976, and continued teaching at Middlebury until 1979.

One thing: The greatest gift a teacher can give someone is her belief in that person’s ability to succeed.

Cynthia Brokaw, *Chen Family Professor of China Studies Professor of History and Chair of Department of East Asian Studies*

Cynthia is a historian of early modern China, with a focus on social history and the history of the book. Her first book, *The Ledgers of Merit and Demerit: Social Change and Moral Order in Late Imperial China* (Princeton University Press), examined the role of popular religious beliefs in the formation of elite social ideologies of the late Ming and Qing. *Commerce in Culture: The Sibao Book Trade in the Qing and Republican Periods* (Harvard University Asia Center), which is based on extensive field and archival work in Fujian province, studies a rural book publishing industry active in producing and distributing popular texts throughout south China. She has also co-edited several essay collections on early modern and modern Chinese book history. She has taught at Brown since 2009.

Timothy (Tim) Brook, *Republic of China Chair, Department of History, University of British Columbia*

After studying at the University of Toronto, Tim spent two years at Peking and Fudan universities in the mid-1970s. He graduated from Harvard University in 1984, and taught at Toronto, Stanford, and Oxford before settling at UBC. A historian of China since the 13th century, he writes on politics, society, culture, and China’s engagements with the world. He has published twelve books, most of which have been translated into Chinese and other languages. Among his more popular titles are *The Confusions of Pleasure*, *Vermeer’s Hat*, *Mr. Selden’s Map of China*, and most recently, *Great State: China and the World*. Editor or co-editor of another nine titles, he also served as editor-in-chief of Harvard University Press’s six-volume history of imperial China, a bestseller in China.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973 and 1974, and in 1982 had the privilege of teaching two courses for Mrs. Lin at Wellesley College while writing my dissertation.

One thing: Whatever you're doing, just keep going!

Katharine Burnett, *Founding Director, Global Tea Initiative for the Study of Tea Culture and Science; Advisor, Graduate Program in Art History; Associate Professor, Chinese Art History, Department of Art and Art History, University of California, Davis*

Katharine's publications include *Dimensions of Originality: Essays on Seventeenth-Century Chinese Art Theory and Criticism*, and *Shaping Chinese Art History: Pang Yuanji and His Painting Collection*. In her junior year at Wellesley, she "discovered" China. In her senior year, she took every course available on China including Chinese, and then did whatever Helen Lin instructed her to do thereafter (Middlebury intensive Chinese language course; living in Taiwan to absorb the language and culture, etc.). Two years as the Wellesley College intern at the National Palace Museum overlapped with two years at the Taipei Art Guild, before she returned to the US for grad school. Katharine has added the study of tea culture to her repertoire, and serves as Founding Director of the Global Tea Initiative for the Study of Tea Culture and Science at UC Davis.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1977 - 1978 and then Middlebury for intensive Chinese, 1978, but not with Helen Lin there.

One thing: One thing I learned from Helen Lin: the phrase, 一個大他都不知道。 The sociological importance of this basic phrase came to me later, but I think about it a lot.

Kerin Cantwell, *Director and Managing Attorney, Southern California Edison Company*

Kerin graduated from Wellesley College in 1985 with a degree in Chinese Studies, where she was honored to be the initial recipient of the Chun-ren Tai Awards for Written and Spoken Chinese, an award that Helen T. Lin established in memory of her father. She spent a year of college studying in Beijing and Shanghai. Kerin graduated from Harvard Law School in 1989 and moved back to her home town of Los Angeles to begin her legal career, but found her way back to China by 1994, where she worked on energy infrastructure project finance in China as an associate and then partner of the New York-based law firm Chadbourne & Parke. Kerin represented developers of renewable energy projects in private practice as a partner at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld and Dechert LLP in LA before becoming in-house counsel at Southern California Edison Company. At SCE, Kerin continues to work in renewable energy and tries to keep her Chinese skills current by trying as many excellent restaurants as possible in the San Gabriel Valley.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1981 - 1985

One thing: One thing I learned from MuLaohu that has stayed with me is if a teacher or leader sets extraordinarily high expectations for people, they can be motivated to stretch to meet those expectations.

Cynthia Chennault, *Emerita, Chinese Literature, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Florida*

Cynthia studied Chinese with Mrs. Lin at Wellesley, where she majored in English Literature. She earned a Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Stanford. Her

research focuses upon Chinese lyrical poetry and social history during the Six Dynasties and early Tang periods. Her latest publication is "The World of Poetry," *The Cambridge History of China*, vol. 2, *The Six Dynasties, 220-589*, ed. Albert E. Dien and Keith N. Knapp (2019), 623-661. Her article "Lofty Gates or Solitary Impoverishment? Xie Family Members of the Southern Dynasties," *T'oung Pao* 85.2 (1999): 249-327, was recently translated to Chinese for inclusion in *Xifang xuezhe Zhongguo zhonggu guizuzhi lunji* [Collected Essays by Western Scholars on Early Medieval China's Aristocracy], ed. Fan Zhaofei (Sanlian shudian, 2018), 56-124. During the years 2000-2010, she edited the journal *Early Medieval China*. Before her retirement from UF in 2018, her language teaching included modern and classical Chinese.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1967 – 1969. I also participated in a Chinese play that Ms. Lin had staged in Boston.

One thing: The most important "lesson for life" that Ms. Lin imparted to me was to dedicate myself fully to the job. How did she do this? Beyond the hours of class meetings that were officially on the schedule, Ms. Lin insisted that our small third-year class meet her for an additional session (in the evening) each week. Her investment of time to improve our proficiency insured that we prepared our lessons very seriously. I can't claim ever requiring an extra hour of attendance to any course I taught. Not sure our university administration would even have allowed it. But I did always try to prepare myself well, and went beyond my regular office hours to spend more time with students who needed the help.

Mary Jane Clark, Chinese art historian, museum administrator, art appraiser

MJ earned her B.A. at Wellesley, studied classical Chinese at Middlebury summer program, earned M.A. and M.Phil. at Yale. She worked at National Palace Museum (Taipei), Smithsonian Institution (DC), Guggenheim Museum (NY & Bilbao), and Ashmolean Museum (Oxford). She taught Chinese art and archaeology at Yale (Saybrook College), Dartmouth College, and University of New Mexico. For the past decade, MJ has worked full-time as an art consultant and independent fine arts appraiser.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1969 - 1971

Merritt (Terry) Cooke, Founding Director, China Partnership of Gr.Philadelphia

Terry Cooke is founder of the China Partnership of Greater Philadelphia (CPGP), a 501(c)3 non-profit platform fostering collaboration between the U.S. Mid-Atlantic and China in sustainable and resilient urban infrastructures. In July 2014, CPGP, its City of Philadelphia public partner, and the TEDA Eco-Center in Tianjin were bi-nationally recognized by Sec. Kerry and his PRC counterpart with a three-year U.S.-China EcoPartnership award (photo). In 2010, Terry was appointed as a Public Policy Scholar with the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C., researching technology, policy and investment aspects of U.S.-China clean energy. His book *Sustaining U.S.-China Cooperation in Clean Energy* was published by the Wilson's Center in September 2012. Previously from 2006-8, Terry served as Director for Asian Corporate Partnership at the World Economic Forum, host of the Davos Annual Meeting and the 'Summer Davos' in China. In 2003, Terry retired with the rank of Counselor as a career-member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Commercial Service. During his 15 year career, Terry was the U.S. Government's senior commercial officer in Taipei and Berlin, deputy senior commercial officer in Tokyo and commercial officer in Shanghai. Terry received his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology

from the UC Berkeley (UCB) in 1985, his MA from UCB in 1981 and his BA from Princeton University in 1976. He speaks Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, French, German and limited Hindi/Nepali.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: As a second-year Mandarin student at the Middlebury Summer Language Program during the summer of 1975

One thing: I signed up for first year Mandarin in the fall of 1974 because an Asian Studies course I had planned to take was cancelled at the last moment. Expected to take first-year Mandarin for a single semester ... just to get a feel for how the language worked. After an academic year with Perry Link and a summer with Helen Lin, I realized I was not studying a language but was fully immersed in a civilization and a culture of norms, expectations and standards. Twelve months morphed into my professional life.

Rick Gladstone, *Editor and writer, International Desk, The New York Times*

Rick has worked as an editor and writer on the International Desk of The New York Times since 1997, on both the Business and International desks, including at the United Nations bureau. He previously worked at The Associated Press as a reporter and editor for 17 years, first in the San Francisco bureau, followed by Portland, Ore., the AP Foreign Desk in New York, the AP bureau in Beijing, and the AP Business Desk in New York. Rick attended the University of Michigan, where he was an Asian Studies major and began studying Chinese a few years before the United States and China normalized relations in 1979. He attended Middlebury Chinese School in the summers of 1976 and 1978, and the University of California Graduate School of Journalism in 1979 and 1980. He met his future wife, Peggy Chan, at Middlebury. They live and work in New York City, where they raised two sons.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1976

One thing: Love and fear are great motivators to succeed, and failure is not an option. I'll always remember Mrs. Lin as 母老虎

James M. Hargett (Chinese name: 何瞻), *The University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of East Asian Studies*

Jim Hargett was born in Connecticut, where he attended both high school and college. After military service he enrolled in graduate school at Indiana University, where he earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Chinese language and literature. He has taught Chinese language in several intensive language programs, both in the United States (Middlebury College) and in China (Princeton-in-Beijing). Since the 1990s he has taught at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Hargett's main research interest is pre-modern Chinese prose literature, especially as it relates to place, and has published several articles and books in this subject area, most recently *Jade Mountains and Cinnabar Pools: The History of Travel Literature in Imperial China* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2019).

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973 and 1974

One thing: What I remember most vividly about Mrs. Lin is how well she ran the Chinese Summer School. Her style of leadership influenced me in numerous, powerful ways that remain with me to this day.

Kristine Harris, 賀瑞晴 Associate Professor & Deputy Chair, Department of History, State University of New York New Paltz

Kristine is Associate Professor and Deputy Chair of the Department of History, and a member of the Asian Studies Program, at the State University of New York, New Paltz. A China specialist with a research focus on twentieth-century film and media, visual culture, and gender studies, Kristine has also served twice as Visiting Associate Professor of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago. Her publications have appeared in the *Harvard New Literary History of Modern China*, the *Oxford Handbook of Chinese Cinemas*, *History in Images: Pictures and Public Space in Modern China*, and *The New Woman International: Representations in Photography and Film from the 1870s through the 1960s*, among others.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1982 - 1986. She also came to Beijing in 1984 when I was in the Wellesley-CET summer study abroad program there.

One thing: Mrs. Lin was a true inspiration to me -- in her energy and passion for Chinese language, the textbooks she wrote, and her genuine care for all her students. She was a teacher who demanded the best of her students, yet also helped us feel that the challenges were all manageable and rewarding.

Gail Hershatter, Distinguished Professor of History, University of California, Santa Cruz
Gail is a former President of the Association for Asian Studies. Her works include *The Workers of Tianjin* (1986, Chinese translation 2016), *Personal Voices: China Women in the 1980s* (1988, with Emily Honig), *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution in Twentieth-Century Shanghai* (1997, Chinese translation 2003), *Women in China's Long Twentieth Century* (2004), *The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past* (2011; Chinese translation 2017) and *Women and China's Revolutions* (2019).

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973 (2nd year) and 1976 (5th year)

One thing: Helen Lin taught me to dive into Chinese texts that were beyond my level of competence, and learn to take them apart one piece at a time. Her fearlessness was contagious.

Carma Hinton, Documentary Filmmaker & Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Visual Culture and Chinese Studies at George Mason University

Carma is an art historian and a filmmaker. She received her Ph.D. in Art History from Harvard University. Together with Richard Gordon, she has directed many documentary films about China, including *Small Happiness*, *All Under Heaven*, *To Taste a Hundred Herbs*, *Abode of Illusion: The Life and Art of Chang Dai-chien*, *The Gate of Heavenly Peace*, and *Morning Sun*. She has won two Peabody Awards, the American Historical Association's John E. O'Connor Film Award, the International Critics Prize and the Best Social and Political Documentary at the Banff Television Festival, among others. She is currently working on a book about Chinese scrolls depicting the theme of demon quelling. Carma Hinton was born in Beijing, and Chinese is her first language and culture.

Worked with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley & Middlebury, 1976-1979

One thing: Helen was an inspiration to me and showed me how to be a good teacher. She blended fun with hard work in creating an environment of total immersion in Chinese for her students. Vivid in my mind is the way in which she referred to herself in the third person,

calling herself Laohu (老虎), putting the emphasis on the first syllable, in second tone, and letting the second syllable drift off, as a native of Beijing always did. She pushed her students with tiger-like force to study hard, but she was also at the center of countless joyous gatherings, at Danmohu (淡抹湖, Lake Dunmore) and Goudui (狗队, Dog Team Tavern), a charming Vermont eatery famous for its niangao (粘糕, sticky buns), among many other places, all with Chinese names bestowed by the Laohu, regardless of their location.

Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe, *United States Department of State (Ret.)*. Retired as Senior Economic Analyst and Deputy Director, Office of Economic Policy, Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Now working at State as a Senior Management Consultant, Freedom of Information Requests.

The daughter of American missionaries to China, Priscilla has had a lifelong interest in Chinese culture, history, and development. She came to Wellesley for the chance to study with Lin TaiTai. At Wellesley, she majored in East Asian Studies and History, studied Chinese language for 3.5 years, and wrote her Senior Honors Thesis on Mei-ling Soong (Mme. Chiang Kai-shek). After a year's study in Taiwan, she moved to Washington, DC to pursue an MA in International Affairs and Economics at the Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University. Upon obtaining her degree, she found her life's work at the US Department of State where she served as a civil servant for 35 years. During her career she worked in increasingly senior positions as an economist, refugee program analyst, and deputy director of the Department's Office of Economic Analysis. Her policy and intelligence analyses routinely informed the highest levels of the Department and the US government. In travels to East Asia and Africa she helped inform field staff while gaining invaluable insights to share with officials in Washington. She spoke truths about China and East Asia, some of them unwelcome, to administrations of both parties. Since retiring from full time work in 2013, she has worked part-time responding to Freedom of Information requests with the twin goals of protecting sensitive material while transparently providing all information possible.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1972 – 1976 (studied with Mrs. Lin for three years, but for the fourth year took one semester of Classical Chinese with a different instructor)

One thing: Mrs. Lin certainly imparted the importance of hard, consistent study - you couldn't learn Chinese without it. But she also demystified China, so that it became a living, human place that I could enter. I have become a Sino-optimist after a lifetime observing the Chinese people's resilience in the face of fearsome challenges.

Cornelius (Neil) C. Kubler (顧百里), *Stanfield Professor of Asian Studies, Dept. of Asian Studies, Williams College*

Neil founded and for many years chaired the Department of Asian Studies at Williams College. Previously he was Mandarin, Cantonese, and Japanese Language Training Supervisor and Chair of the Department of Asian & African Languages at the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, and served for 6 years as Director of the AIT Chinese Language & Area Studies School in Taipei. He served from 2014-16 as American Co-Director of Hopkins-Nanjing Center and has directed intensive Chinese language training programs in the U.S., China, and Taiwan. He has been active in Chinese language test development and is author or coauthor of over 60 articles and 32 books on Chinese language pedagogy and linguistics.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973

One thing: I learned what true dedication to teaching means and also the specific technique of having students prepare short speeches and then recording and going over them with a fine-toothed comb so as to reduce errors in pronunciation, grammar, word choice, discourse structure, etc.

Kwan Kew Lai, MD, DMD, FACP, Harvard Medical Faculty Physician, Infectious Disease Physician, Disaster Relief Volunteer

Kwan Kew, an infectious disease specialist, has volunteered her medical services all over the world. In 2004, after volunteering during the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami, she left her position as a Professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and worked part-time as a clinician, while dedicating her time to humanitarian work. Lai volunteered in the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Vietnam, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, and Nigeria and provided earthquake relief in Haiti, Nepal, drought and famine relief in Kenya and the Somalian border, hurricane relief in the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. She worked with refugees of the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Syria and the Rohingya, in war-torn Libya and Yemen. She treated Ebola patients in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Lai [blogged extensively](#) about her experiences. Her book debut, *Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak* was published in 2018. *Into the African Bush and Out of Academia: A Doctor's Memoir* is slated to come out later this year. Originally from Penang, Malaysia, Lai came to the United States after receiving a scholarship to attend Wellesley. "Without that open door I would not have gone on to become a doctor," Lai wrote in her [Doctors Without Borders bio](#). Lai has received numerous awards for her work, which include being a three-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award. In 2017, Wellesley College awarded her the Distinguished Alumna Award and in 2019, Chicago Medical School, the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1972 and 1973

One thing: In one of my classes, Mrs. Lin reminisced about the time when her family had to flee during the Chinese Communist Revolution and how hungry they were. This memory sticks to me whenever I care for the refugees who are scattered all over the world.

Steve Markscheid, Chairman, Still Waters Green Technology

Stephen Markscheid is Chairman of Still Waters Green Technology, a UK based renewable energy developer. He serves as independent non-executive director of six publicly listed companies: Fanhua, Inc., Jinko Solar Inc., Ener-Core Inc., ZZ Capital International Ltd., Hexindai, and TTK Symphony. Steve is also a trustee of Princeton-in-Asia. From 1998-2006, Steve worked for GE Capital. During his time with GE, Steve led GE Capital's business development activities in China and Asia Pacific, primarily acquisitions and direct investments. Prior to GE, Steve worked with the Boston Consulting Group throughout Asia. Steve was a banker for ten years in London, Chicago, New York, Hong Kong and Beijing with Chase Manhattan Bank and First National Bank of Chicago. Steve began his career with the US-China Business Council, in Washington D.C. and Beijing. Steve earned a BA in East Asian Studies from Princeton University in 1976, an MA in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University in 1980, and an MBA from Columbia University in 1991, where he was class valedictorian. He lives in suburban Chicago with his wife and three children.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973 and 1974; 1975(would visit seeking refuge from 1st year Japanese)

One thing: What did I learn from Mrs. Lin? Wisdom of the ages (and sages!) but, keeping it current, applying ancient wisdom to current issues - which is what officials ALWAYS did throughout Chinese history. It was tail end of cultural revolution; we had to compose essays in classical Chinese criticizing Lin Piao!

Peter C. Perdue, Professor of History, Yale University

A professor of history at Yale, Peter focuses on East Asian environmental and frontier history. He is the author of *Exhausting the Earth: State and Peasant in Hunan, 1500-1850 A.D.* (1987), *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia* (2005), and the coeditor of two books on empires: *Imperial Formations*, (2007) and *Shared Histories of Modernity: China, India, and the Ottoman Empire*, (2008). He has co-authored *Global Connections: Politics, Exchange, and Social Life in World History* (2015), and *Asia Inside Out*, three volumes on inter-Asian connections (2015 - 2019). He has just published in Chinese a series of lectures on environmental history, entitled *Environmental History: Its Origins and Prospects* (万物并作：中西方环境史的起源与展望) (2019), and an introduction to Charles Toogood Downing, *The Fan-Qui in China: Everyday Life in Nineteenth-Century China* (2020). He has also produced websites on visualizingcultures.mit.edu. His current research focuses on Chinese frontiers, Chinese environmental history, the history of tea, and the year 1900 in world history.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: I never actually studied with Helen Lin, but she was a formidable force at the Middlebury Summer language school when I was there.

One thing: To learn Chinese well, you must put yourself in an environment where you never speak English, even with your friends or partners. She enforced the "Middlebury pledge" with rigorous discipline and charm.

Sarah A. Queen, Professor of History, Connecticut College

Sarah is the author of *From Chronicle to Canon: the Hermeneutics of the "Spring and Autumn according to Tung Chung-shu*; co-author and translator, with John S. Major, Andrew Seth Meyer, and Harold D. Roth of *The "Huainanzi": A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Government in Early Han China* and *The Essential "Huainanzi,"* the co-editor with Michael Puett, of *The "Huainanzi" and Textual Production in Early China*, and the co-editor with Paul van Els, *Between History and Philosophy: Anecdotes in Early China*,

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Wellesley, 1976 - 1980

One thing: When it comes to teaching, inspiration is everything!

Philip (Phil) Rosenzweig (罗森维), Professor, IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland

Phil studied Economics at UC Santa Barbara (1976) and earned an MBA from UCLA (1980), then worked for six years at Hewlett-Packard. After a PhD. from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (1990), he spent six years on the faculty of Harvard Business School. Since 1996, Phil has been professor at IMD, a business school in Switzerland. His professional interests include management of complex organizations, especially across national lines, and critical thinking in business, which led to his best-known book, *The Halo Effect* (2007), translated into

14 languages. For six years, he directed IMD's Executive MBA program, and from 2015-2017 was founding director of the Dual-EMBA with Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, based in Beijing. Phil has spent considerable time in Europe, India, and Africa, and visited China numerous times since 2002, where "my rudimentary Chinese has been put to good use." He and his wife Laura have two children, Tom and Caroline.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1973

One thing: I appreciated Mrs. Lin's rigorous standards and her dedication to students, exemplified in extra sessions that she liked to call "instant grammar," or 立即文法 (*lijì wénfǎ*).

Jim Shapiro, Co-founder Headsail Ventures

Jim is a co-founder of Headsail Ventures, a consulting firm dedicated to generating investment ideas and scalable investment platforms in the de-carbonization/renewables/sustainability space for pension funds and other long-term investors. He is also a Senior Advisor to CDI Global M&A. Until August 2018, Jim led the North American regional office for Tata Sons, the holding company of the \$100 billion Tata Group. In this role he oversaw government affairs, media relations, academic partnerships, sustainability and business development. Prior to joining the Tata group, Mr. Shapiro worked as head of business development at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), as an investment banker with Galileo Global Advisors focused on cross-border M&A between Asia and the United States, and in senior management positions at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), including managing the NYSE's Asia business. Mr. Shapiro earned an MA and M.Phil in Economics from Yale University and a BA from Harvard University.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1976 (Second Year).

One thing: Learning a language is not only about mastering the words and grammar, but also about appreciating and learning to love the culture. I can still sing many of the songs I learned that summer in the Chinese chorus.

Mark Sidel, Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison and consultant for Asia at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)

Mark started going to China in September, 1972. In addition to teaching and working in a law firm in Beijing, he served on the team that established the Ford Foundation office in China, beginning at the end of 1987. He later directed Ford's programs in Vietnam, and directed a program to support philanthropy and the nonprofit sector at the Ford office in New Delhi. In recent years he has written and spoken on the challenges facing civil society and is writing a book for Brookings Press on China's policies toward the overseas NGO and foundation community in the Xi Jinping era.

Studied with Mrs. Lin: Middlebury, 1976

One thing: I remember with great respect Professor Lin's commitment to her students and her rigor in running the Chinese language program.

Andrew (Andy) Strominger, Gwill E. York Professor of Physics and director of the Center for the Fundamental Laws of Nature, Harvard University

Using a variety of approaches, Andy's research has endeavored to shed light on unsolved problems including the unification of forces and particles, the origin of the universe and the quantum structure of black holes and event horizons. His recent research has focused on

universal aspects of black holes and horizons, which do not depend on detailed microphysical assumptions. A new conformal symmetry of rapidly spinning black holes was discovered and used to explain how they holographically store quantum information. Andy and coworkers found a mathematically precise mathematical relation between the Navier-Stokes and Einstein equations, demonstrating that horizons evolve as incompressible fluids and providing a bridge between fluid dynamics and general relativity. Very recent efforts have addressed the quantum structure of the cosmological horizons which likely surround us.

R. Bin Wong, *Distinguished Professor of History, Former Director of the UCLA Asia Institute, University of California, Los Angeles*

Before coming to UCLA in 2004, Bin served as Director of the Center for Asian Studies at UC Irvine where he was also Chancellor's Professor of History and Economics. At UCLA he is responsible for fostering collaborations with a strong Asian component across campus, nationally, and internationally. These include new inter-disciplinary initiatives spanning research, graduate training, and class room curricula in K-16 settings. Wong's own research has examined Chinese patterns of political, economic and social change, especially since the eighteenth century, both within Asian regional contexts and compared with more familiar European patterns, as part of the larger scholarly efforts under way to make world history speak to contemporary conditions of globalization. Among his books, *China Transformed: Historical Change and the Limits of European Experience* (Cornell University Press, 1997) is the best known in its English and Chinese editions. Wong has also written or co-authored more than eighty articles published in North America, East Asia and Europe, published in Chinese, English, French, German and Japanese in journals that reach diverse audiences within and beyond academia. His most recent book, co-authored with Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, is *Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe* (Harvard University Press, 2011); Chinese, French and Japanese translations are being made. He has been a visiting professor and researcher at institutions in China, France, Japan, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. Since 2009 he has been a Distinguished Guest Professor at the Fudan University Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences.