

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

People to People Exchanges in US-China Relations *Forgotten Past, Fateful Future*

In advance of the upcoming U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues (S&ED) and High Level Consultation on People to People Exchanges (CPE), **Project Pengyou**, **JHU-SAIS China** and the **Committee of 100** are co-hosting a speakers forum exploring the evolution of U.S.-China bridge-building since America's founding. This forum offers insight into both the historical, social, and political backdrop of Sino-American relations as well as the current issues as seen from Washington today. U.S.-China relations are a complex mix of multilateral diplomacy, intensified rivalry, and intertwined economies, making it critical to harness the unprecedented opportunities and challenges involved in people to people exchanges.

Time: Sunday, June 21, 2015 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Local Time

Location: **Johns Hopkins University, SAIS**, Kenney Auditorium, 1740 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, DC 20036

Co-Hosts: **Project Pengyou, JHU-SAIS China, & Committee of 100**

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Agenda:

1:00 PM WELCOME

Holly Chang, President, Golden Bridges Foundation; Acting Executive Director, Committee of 100; Chief Pengyou, Project Pengyou

1:05 PM FATEFUL TIES: A HISTORY OF AMERICA'S PREOCCUPATION WITH CHINA

Gordon H. Chang, PhD, Professor, Author, Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford University

1:50 PM STORY OF WONG CHIN FOO: JUSTICE FOR AMERICA'S CHINESE

Scott D. Seligman, Historian, Author, Retired China executive

2:15 PM STUDENTS AS BRIDGE-BUILDERS: YOUNG AMERICANS IN CHINA, 1979-2015

Madelyn Ross, Director, Hopkins Nanjing Center Washington D.C., Associate Director, Johns Hopkins University SAIS China

2:40 PM US-CHINA TODAY: PERSPECTIVES FROM CAPITOL HILL

TBD

3:10 PM CHINA AND AMERICA IN THE 2016 FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Jeremy Wu, PhD, Co-Chair Washington D.C. & Board Member, Committee of 100

3:30 PM THE GREAT LOL OF CHINA – NEXT-GENERATION BRIDGE-BUILDING

Jesse Appell, intercultural comedian, performer

4:00 PM RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

CO-ORGANIZERS

PROJECT PENGYOU



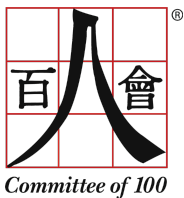
The Project Pengyou initiative is a program of the Golden Bridges Foundation. In 2011, Golden Bridges was invited by the U.S. Department of State to build a global network of Americans with firsthand China experience. Conceived as the alumni network for the President's 100,000 Strong Initiative, Project Pengyou is seeded by funds from the Ford Foundation and provides transformative leadership training to mobilize next-generation leaders to launch campus chapters of U.S.-China bridges-builders across the country. The initiative also maintains a dynamic online network and resource hub curating China-related jobs, events and exchange programs. Learn more: ProjectPengyou.org

SAIS CHINA



A division of The Johns Hopkins University, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC, is a global institution offering students a truly international perspective on today's critical issues. SAIS China, the umbrella for all of SAIS activities involving China, is anchored by the China Studies Program in DC. The program features a superb faculty with considerable experience both within and outside academe, from work in government and multilateral organizations to NGOs and foundations. Courses range from Chinese leadership and foreign policy, economic and political reform, and human rights and law, to China's environment, military, and growing involvement in Africa and beyond. SAIS China also encompasses The Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, the preeminent and longest-running educational collaboration between the US and the PRC. In partnership with Nanjing University, the Center's graduate programs offer students the opportunity to learn from top Chinese and international scholars in a bilingual and bicultural environment in China. SAIS students also have the opportunity to spend a year at Tsinghua University taking courses in English toward a dual MA degree from SAIS and Tsinghua. SAIS China offers unparalleled training for future leaders and thinkers who will address China's evolving role in the world. Learn more: <https://www.sais-jhu.edu/content/china-studies#overview>

COMMITTEE OF 100



The Committee of 100 is a leadership organization of prominent Chinese Americans who leverage their collective influence and resources to promote the full inclusion of Chinese Americans in the United States and advance U.S.-China relations. C-100 members are pioneers in their field and include: Leroy Chiao, NASA Space Commander; Jerry Yang, co-founder of Yahoo!; Michelle Kwan, figure skating champion and Envoy for U.S. Public Diplomacy; and I.M. Pei, master architect and co-founder of C-100. Learn more: committee100.org

SPEAKERS

HOLLY CHANG

**President, Golden Bridges Foundation | Project Pengyou
Acting Executive Director, Committee of 100**



Holly Chang is concurrently serving as the Acting Executive Director of the Committee of 100 and President of the Golden Bridges Foundation, which houses the Project Pengyou initiative. As a Chinese-American social entrepreneur, she has served hundreds of nonprofits in China as an international bridge-builder supporting diverse projects in climate change, education, health and philanthropy. Ms. Chang began her career as a civil engineer at the United Parcel Service working on cutting-edge and fast-tracked engineering projects budgeted over \$1 billion. She entered college at the age of 16 graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a dual Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering and Psychology from the University of Kentucky, and an MBA with a China focus from Bellarmine University.

GORDON H. CHANG, PHD

**Professor, Author, Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at
Stanford University**



Dr. Gordon H. Chang is Director of the Center for East Asian Studies and a professor of American history at Stanford University. His academic interests lie in the connection between race and ethnicity in America, and American foreign relations. He has written on Asian-American history and US–East Asian interactions, and he also researches the fields of U.S. diplomacy, the U.S.-Soviet cold war, modern China and international security. Chang is the author of *Friends and Enemies: The United States, China and the Soviet Union, 1948-1972* (1990), *Morning Glory, Evening Shadow: Yamato Ichihashi and His Wartime Writing, 1942-1945* (1997), *Asian Americans and Politics: An Exploration* (2001), *Chinese American Voices: From the Gold Rush to the Present* (2006), *Asian American Art: A History, 1850-1970* (2008), and *Fateful Ties: A History of America's Preoccupation with China* (2015).

SCOTT SELIGMAN

Historian, Author, Business Executive (retired) & Career “China hand”



Scott D. Seligman is a writer, a historian, a retired corporate executive and a career “China hand.” He lived in Taiwan, Hong Kong and China for eight years and has worked as a legislative assistant to a member of the U.S. Congress, lobbied the Chinese government on behalf of American business, managed a multinational public relations agency in China, served as spokesperson for a Fortune 50 company and taught English in Taiwan and Chinese in Washington, DC. He is the author of *The First Chinese American: The Remarkable Life of Wong Chin Foo*, *Three Tough Chimamen*, *Chinese Business Etiquette and Dealing With the Chinese* and co-author of the best-selling *Cultural Revolution Cookbook* and *Now You're Talking Mandarin Chinese*. He holds an undergraduate degree in history from Princeton University and a master's degree from Harvard University.

MADELYN ROSS

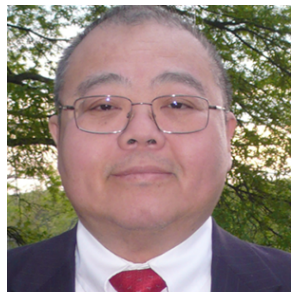
Director, Hopkins Nanjing Center Washington D.C., Associate Director, Johns Hopkins University SAIS China



Madelyn Ross joined SAIS in early 2015 as Washington Director of the Hopkins Nanjing Center and Associate Director of SAIS China. She came to SAIS from George Mason University, where she was Director of China Initiatives and the Global Consortium in the Office of Global Strategy. Her work at Mason focused on developing strong partnerships and programs that increased student mobility. She also spent nine years at The US-China Business Council, as editor of The China Business Review and Executive Director of The China Business Forum. Ms. Ross was one of the first American students to study in China following normalization of US-China relations. She did graduate work in Chinese at Fudan University in Shanghai in 1979-1980 and has studied and worked in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Taipei. She holds an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University and a B.A. in East Asian Studies from Princeton University..

JEREMY WU

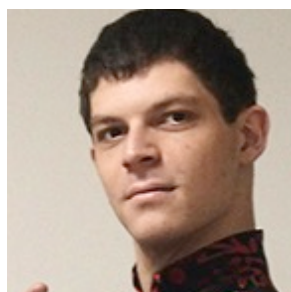
Co-Chair, Washington D.C., Board Member, Committee of 100



Dr. Jeremy S. Wu is currently the Washington D.C. Regional Co-Chair of the Committee of 100, the Director of the Big Data Innovation Center at East China Normal University and an adjunct professor at George Washington University. Dr. Wu is retired from the Federal government, last serving as Senior Adviser to the Census Bureau. He received the U.S. Department of Commerce 2010 Group Gold Medal Award, the highest form of recognition of scientific innovation in the bureau, for leading the development and implementation of OnTheMap, an interactive mapping application to display where U.S. workers live and work. Previously, Dr. Wu served as the Departmental Civil Rights Director and later Acting Chief Statistician under Secretary Norman Mineta at the U.S. Department of Transportation. He also served as the National Ombudsman under Secretary Bill Richardson in the U.S. Department of Energy. Jeremy started his career in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving as the Chief Statistician for Marketing and Regulatory Programs and later as Deputy Director of Civil Rights. At USDA, he participated in the decade-long research and negotiation with China on U.S. wheat exports, leading to China lifting its wheat trade embargo in 1999. Jeremy served three terms as the Chair of the Asian American Government Executives Network. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Statistics from the George Washington University.

JESSE APPELL

Intercultural Comedian, Performer



Jesse Appell, a graduate of Brandies University and recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship, has studied Chinese comedy and performance in Beijing with a mission to foster cultural understanding between the two countries through laughter. His performances and commentary have been featured in TEDx, PBS, NPR, BBC, PRI, and *The Economist* as well as Chinese platforms such as CCTV, BTV, and CRI. In 2012, *Global Times* listed him as one of the "People of the Year". He is the founder of LaughBeijing.com, a platform to further comedic exchange through videos, blogs, and stand up performances, and is the creative force behind Great LOL of China, a video series curated by the Asia Society.