

## **China is focus of global roundtable program at AU**

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The public as well as the Alfred University community is invited to a free program on China, scheduled 7-9 p.m. Wednesday (March 14) in the Knight Club. The monthly Global Awareness Roundtable is designed to introduce the community to a variety of cultures from around the world, said Dr. Cecilia Beach, assistant professor of French in AU's Division of Modern Languages, which sponsors the program. Offering their perspective on China will be: Luo Shengchun, a Beijing resident enrolled at AU for a master's degree in ceramic engineering. In the United States, she uses the name Sophie. Currently her husband, a lawyer, and daughter are visiting her from China. Zhang Qi, a graduate student currently taking courses in the Management Information Systems program in AU's College of Business. Carla Coch, an Alfred Station resident who has traveled to China twice -- once for two months in 1998 to teach conversational English at the Jingdezhen Ceramics Institute at the ancient site of imperial porcelain production; and once to teach the same subject at the China University of Geophysics, and at an English-intensive middle school, both in Wuhan. Coch, who organized the event with Beach, noted that AU has a strong connection with ceramic art departments in Jingdezhen and in Shanghai. The next Global Awareness Roundtable, scheduled from 7-9 p.m. April 4 in the Knight Club, will look at Madagascar. Anyone interested in giving one of the Roundtables may e-mail Cecilia Beach, [fbeach@alfred.edu](mailto:fbeach@alfred.edu), or call (607) 871-2883.