

Global Awareness Roundtable features presentation on China

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Carla Coch, Wayne Higby and Bonnie Ye will launch this semester's Global Awareness Roundtables with presentations on the People's Republic of China. The Roundtable is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, on the Alfred University campus. Coch, an area resident who previously taught English as a Second Language to AU's international students, has traveled extensively in China, conducting interviews and doing research for "Dao Qi ~ Spirit and Vessel," a biography of Shi Yuren, a master teacher and artist, and seven artists who were among his first generation of students. Higby, professor of ceramic art in the School of Art & Design, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, has been a frequent visitor to mainland China for more than 15 years. In addition to lecturing and exhibiting his work, Higby has established exchange programs for Alfred art students with several institutions in China. In recognition of his efforts, Higby received the rare honor of being named an honorary citizen of Jingdezhen, the ancient center for porcelain in China. A senior marketing major in the College of Business Bonnie Ye grew up in China and graduated from the High School of Economics and Finance. She resides with her mother, Yu Lin Ye, in Flushing, NY. Upcoming Global Awareness Roundtables and their topics include: "Gay Culture," presented by members of Spectrum, Oct. 18, and "Britain," presented by Dr. Emrys Westacott, associate professor of philosophy; Dr. Alexis Clare, professor of glass science; and Dr. Michael McDonough, associate professor of English and director of the Communications Studies program. All three are natives of Great Britain. Both will take place at 7 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.