# USF Confucius Institute Events in September 2012 **Everyone is invited!**

# Stories from Western China's Xinjiang and Tibetan Areas



Thursday, September 20, 2012 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Patel Center Auditorium, CGS** 

CI Lecture #13 since September 2010 (First of the 2012-13 Academic Year



Kun Shi with a Uyghur in Xinjiang

"Stories from Western China" is based on a field

research project by Kun Shi, Director of the USF Confucius Institute. In June 2012 Mr. Shi visited the Xinjiang and Tibetan areas where he spent several

weeks conducting research on the regional customs. Known for their fascinating cultures and environments, Tibet and Xinjiang are among the most interesting places in China. This lecture will focus on basic information about the peoples in these two regions and provide a brief summary of the socio-political challenges facing them today. Mr. Shi will engage the audience in dialogues that will help the audience better understand the peoples in Western China.

## **Guest Speaker**

Kun Shi is the Director of the USF Confucius Institute. He has a graduate degree in anthropology from Ohio State University. Previously, he was the director of the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship Program. Additionally, he served in various capacities including program evaluator of the Ohio Legislative Office of Education Oversight (2000-2005) and development director of the Asian American Community Services in central Ohio (1996-1999). He has taught in

universities in Ohio and China, conducted field research in East Asia and Scandinavia, and published in Chinese and English in the areas of cultural anthropology and Chinese language education.

Chengdu, Wuhan

Chongging

Guangzho

# **Upcoming Events**

· Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Sunday, September 30, 2012 7:00-8:30 PM • MSC Ballroom Moon cakes and tea will be served. Co-hosted by the USF-CI, CSSA, CAAT, CCLC and INTO USF.

## · China: Past and Present

Continuing Education class for senior citizens takes place October-November on Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Course taught by Kun Shi. (Register with USF OLLI at www.usfseniors.org)

 CI Lecture on US-China Relations by Henry Levine, former US Consulate General in Shanghai. Wendnesday, November 14, 2012 Time and Place TBD

#### **USF Confucius Institute**

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