

The Rockefellers and China



Time: 7-8pm, Wednesday 22 April 2015

Venue: 1103, conference center

Speaker: Mary Brown Bullock, Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University

Mary Bullock will discuss the findings from her recent book *The Oil Prince's Legacy: Rockefeller Philanthropy in China*. China was the primary foreign beneficiary of the various Rockefeller philanthropies during the first half of the twentieth century and six generations of Rockefellers have made China a priority in their cultural, scientific and social life. Why was China of such interest to this prominent American family? What difference did their interest – and money – make to American perceptions of China? What was the legacy of the Rockefeller enterprise in China itself and why is that relevant to the future of Duke Kunshan University?

Mary Brown Bullock graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Agnes Scott College and received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Chinese history from Stanford University. Dr. Bullock is a noted expert on Chinese history, a member of the board of trustees for the Asia Foundation and the Council on Foreign Relations, chair of the China Medical Board of New York and serves on the boards of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, the Henry Luce Foundation, Asia Foundation, and Harvard-Yenching Institute. Recently, Dr. Bullock completed terms as chair of the Women's College Coalition and the National Association of Independent Colleges, and as a director of the American Council of Education. As of fall 2006, Dr. Bullock became a policy fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

She is the author of *An American Transplant: The Rockefeller Foundation and Peking Union Medical College* and *The Oil Prince's Legacy: Rockefeller Philanthropy in China*. The book *Oil Prince's Legacy* is now in its third printing and will be translated and published in China in 2014.

As President of Agnes Scott College from 1995 until 2006, Dr. Bullock implemented a strategic plan which increased the faculty and student body and transformed the historic campus. In September 2012, Dr. Bullock was named founding Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan

University.