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INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL DISORDERS AND CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN CHINA

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ABSTRACT:

This presentation will provide a brief overview of interdisciplinary perspectives on mental disorders and an introduction to major categories of mental illness. It will then introduce pressing issues related to mental health in China. In particular, the effects of rural to urban migration and the one child policy on family members' mental health will be examined from a developmental and contextual perspective on mental health.

BIO:

Dr. Bowen is a full professor at the College of Social Work at Ohio State University. Until this year she was a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Bowen's research focuses on how the social environment (e.g., school, family, community) influences the academic performance of American students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Most of her research takes place in elementary and middle schools. She also provides consultation and training to educators to help them better meet the needs of students from diverse backgrounds. Dr. Bowen is also an expert in the statistical method called structural equation modeling. She provides training to social work researchers and PhD students on the method. In the past she has studied children with serious mental disorders in the state of North Carolina and taught a course on mental health to social work masters students. For the past two years, Dr. Bowen has taught at the International Summer School at Renmin University in Beijing.