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THE FUTURE OF CHINA'S INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: THE AMERICAN CONNECTION

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ABSTRACT:

The internationalization of China's higher education is one of the great intellectual stories of our times. It has been in process since the late 19th century and has accelerated in recent decades. There is no country in the world that is experimenting as much with internationalization today as is China. As it seeks to develop world-class universities China has recruited international faculty and students and sponsored hundreds of international degree programs. It has sought to learn from the experience of other countries while also preserving core Chinese values. Duke Kunshan University is but one example of this. This talk will focus on the American connection – past, present and future. It will look at the ways in which American higher education has served as a model, as a destination for student learning and as a partner and collaborator. This education relationship is in the DNA of U.S.-China relations: there have been tensions as well as accomplishments.

The role of Chinese physicist Zhou Peiyuan in U.S. – China education relations throughout the 20th century will set the stage for this review. Partially educated in the Confucian tradition and later at St. Johns University, the University of Chicago, MIT, and Cal Tech Zhou studied with Albert Einstein, returned to China and became president of Peking University in the 1970s. In 1978 he led the Chinese negotiations with the U.S. government which established today's continuing framework of education relations. Zhou successfully negotiated full access for Chinese students to American universities and scholarships and a de-centralized program, paving the way for the very many ways in which China's higher education and U.S. higher education are joined together.

An update on the current state of U.S. –China education relations and the scope of China's internationalized education will be followed by a discussion of future prospects and challenges.

BIO:

Mary Brown Bullock is an educator, scholar and practitioner of U.S. – China relations. She served as Founding Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University from 2012 to 2015. She is president emerita of Agnes Scott College. Previous positions also include Visiting Distinguished Professor of China Studies at Emory University; Director of the Asia Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.; and Director of the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, National Academy of Science.

Mary Bullock is vice-chair of the Asia Foundation, and a director of the Henry Luce Foundation, the National Committee on U.S. – China Relations, Genuine Parts Corporation and a trustee of Agnes Scott College. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Her most recent publications include *The Oil Prince's Legacy: Rockefeller Philanthropy in China* (Stanford, 2011) and *Medical Transitions in Twentieth Century China* (co-edited, Indiana, 2014). Bullock received her Ph.D. in Chinese history from Stanford University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Agnes Scott College.

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