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In the Spring semester of 2013, students from our Higher Education and Counseling programs spent 12 days in China exploring teaching and learning at some of China’s top universities, visiting Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai. Dr. Jim Barber, Assistant Professor in the Higher Education Program, led the course, EDUC 500: Global Studies – Teaching and Learning in China, for which students received three credits and a lifetime of memories. Representatives from the Counseling program included doctoral student, Richelle Joe, and masters students, Alicia Frederickson and Katharine Sperandio. Higher Education program representatives included doctoral students, Sean Bates, Leslie Bohon, Debi Butler, and Jess Hench; and masters student, Meredith Allred. Upon their return, the students created multi-media projects to showcase their learning from this unique experience. These photographs depict some of the highlights of the trip as seen through the lens of each participant.

Meredith Allred
M.Ed. Student, Higher Education Program
Chinese people light incense and pray at a Buddhist temple in Shanghai. Skyscrapers surround the temple that provides a haven in the middle of the bustling city.
Location: Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai

Jim Barber
Faculty, Higher Education Program
The lights of central Shanghai’s business district reflect on the Huangpu River. Pictured in the center is the iconic Oriental Pearl Radio and TV Tower.
Location: Pudong District, Shanghai
Sean Bates
Ed.D. Student, Higher Education Program
Overhead sculpture in the lobby of the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Qin Shi Huang, China’s first emperor.
Location: Xi’an, Shaanxi Province

Jess Hench
Ph.D. Student, Higher Education Program
Texting Monk: The Intersection of Tradition and Technology.
Location: Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi’an

Leslie Bohon
Ph.D. Student, Higher Education Program
Some things are universal.
Place: Anywhere, everywhere
Physical Location: Temple of Heaven, Beijing

Winner of the School of Education Photo Contest
Richelle Joe  
Ph.D. Student, Counselor Education Program  
Flower at the Yuyuan Garden in Shanghai, China.  
Location: Yuyuan Garden, Shanghai

Debra-Ann Butler  
Ph.D. Student, Higher Education Program  
A bridge exiting the Summer Palace, an imperial garden in Beijing, is surrounded by ice.  
Location: Summer Palace, Beijing

Katharine Sperandio  
M.Ed. Student, Community & Addictions Counseling Program  
A cemetery fit for an emperor.  
Location: Museum of the Terracotta Warriors, Xi'an