ISU receives continued funding for the American Cultural Center at Henan Normal University

Linda Serra Hagedorn (Associate Dean CHS), Rebecca Tang (Assistant Professor AESHM), and Arne Hallam (Associate Dean CLAS) received notice that their work at the American Cultural Center at Henan Normal University in Xinxiang China will receive an additional year of support from the U.S. Department of State and the American Embassy in Beijing. Their project entitled: Expanding the “Bald Eagle-Panda” Series in the American Cultural Center Network was granted an additional $50,000 to be shared with Henan Normal.

One of the main activities supported by the grant will be the Bald Eagle-Panda international online conference. This year will be the second of a planned annual event. This year’s conference will involve at least six other American Cultural Centers throughout China and their American partner universities. It is the goal of the project to strengthen interactions between Chinese and American university students; and consequently promotes the mutual understanding and friendship between the U.S. and China.

ISU Granted Second American Cultural Center

Hagedorn, Tang, and Hallam will also begin a new American Cultural Center at Harbin University of Science and Technology located in the far northeastern corner of China. This project is entitled “The American Cultural Center in the Borderland of Northeastern China – Heilongjiang Province” will be funded by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. This two-year partnership will support 1) setting up physical spaces, facilities, equipment and other resources; 2) planning diverse events and activities for a broad range of audiences; 3) on-campus and virtual workshops, in-class communications, and a summer camp; 4) instituting an American culture e-cloud; 5) implementation of a sustainability plan. The main goal of the Center is to provide diverse programs and information sources to HUST students and faculty at all levels as well as the Heilongjiang Provincial general public. It is anticipated that the center will result in increased interest and appreciation for the diversity of American culture and society and a strengthened relationship between Heilongjiang and the U.S.