Dear Friend,

A conference and reunion of Middlebury College alumni who studied Mandarin with us during the academic year (regardless of major) will be held from Friday, October 28, through Sunday, October 30, 2016. We will toast all of you and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese department.

Online registration is now open at this site. Registration will remain open until 4:30 PM, Monday, October 10.

Please note: to secure housing at the Bread Loaf campus and sign up for meals, all conference/reunion participants must register themselves and their families and/or guests by 4:30 PM, Monday, October 10. Payment is requested at the time of registration.

Questions about navigating online registration may be directed to the Alumni office: alumni@middlebury.edu.

Events begin at 4:00 PM on Friday the 28th and conclude at 11:30 AM on Sunday the 30th. We very much hope you can join for some or all of the weekend—arrive when you can and stay as long as you can. The cost is $185.00 per person, which includes all meals, from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast, and two nights’ lodging at the Bread Loaf
Inn (a la carte pricing is available for those able to attend for only part of the weekend). Families and guests are more than welcome. Children are welcome, but we regret that we are not able to provide child care. No charge for meals for children under 5; meals for children 6 to 11 discounted 50%. For other pricing details, please see the registration site.

Friday’s events (4:00 PM panel, 6:00 PM reception, 6:30 dinner) will be held on the main campus in Middlebury; the rest of the conference/reunion will be held at Bread Loaf.

We will organize alumni into panels of four to six people who will share their expertise and experience with conference/reunion attendees, Chinese department faculty, and current students. We are very interested in what you are doing and very much want to hear from you regardless of whether or not you are using Chinese in your career.

There will be much time for catching up with old friends and meeting new friends at meals and receptions and during the free time that will allow you to explore and enjoy the newly renovated and winterized Bread Loaf Inn and its surroundings.

If you would like to participate on a panel, email Truscott Professor Emeritus of Chinese John Berninghausen, who will be organizing conference activities: berningh@middlebury.edu.

Other questions may be sent to me: moran@middlebury.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

The draft schedule follows. All times and locations listed below should be regarded as tentative. The final schedule will be posted here by Friday, October 21st.

For all of us in the department, best,
Tom Moran
Chair, Greenberg-Starr Department of Chinese Language and Literature

(Photo above by Anthea Viragh 赵逸, class of 2016.5)

**Friday, October 28:**

1:00-3:15 PM: Bread Loaf Inn reception desk open for check-in.

4:00-5:30 PM: McCardell Bicentennial Hall 220 - Alumni Panel Discussion

5:45-6:30 PM: Kirk Alumni Center - Reception

6:35-8:00 PM: Kirk Alumni Center - Buffet Dinner

8:00-10:00 PM: Bread Loaf Inn reception desk open for check-in (packets with room assignments and keys will be left for those arriving after 10 PM).
Saturday, October 29:

7:30-8:30 AM: Bread Loaf Inn Dining Room - Breakfast (coffee and tea will be available starting at 6:30 AM)

8:45 AM-12 PM: Bread Loaf Campus, Little Theater - Alumni Panels and Open Discussion

12:15-1:30 PM: Bread Loaf Inn Dining Room - Lunch

2:00-3:45 PM: Bread Loaf Campus, Little Theater - Alumni Panels and Open Discussion

3:45-6:00 PM: Free time

6:00-6:45 PM: Bread Loaf Campus Little Theater - Reception

7:00-9:00 PM: Bread Loaf Inn Dining Room - Banquet

Sunday, October 30:

7:30-9:00 AM: Bread Loaf Inn Dining Room - Breakfast (coffee and tea will be available starting at 6:30 AM)

9:15-11:45 AM: Bread Loaf Campus - Concluding Alumni Panels and Open Discussion