



Costs, Financial Aid and Scholarships

The program fee for this program will be approximately \$3,540. This fee is subject to change depending on enrollment and currency fluctuations.

The program fee includes:

- Housing
- Local transportation

Not included in the program fee:

Airfare (est. \$1,400), Miscellaneous expenses (est. \$100)

Most types of financial aid apply toward the program costs, and eligible students can have their aid increased for study abroad. For more information about financial aid and scholarships, please see a study abroad advisor or visit our website at

www.cwu.edu/~studyabroad

How to Apply

Application materials can be found at www.cwu.edu/~studyabroad.

Application deadline: **April 1, 2009**

\$300 program deposit due: **April 15, 2009**

Program balance due: **May 15, 2009**
(non-financial aid recipients only)

About the Faculty



Dr. Megan Matheson

Dr. Matheson is a professor of Psychology and Primate Behavior & Ecology, with over 15 years experience conducting behavioral research on a range of primate species. Her current research focuses on human impacts on primates and biodiversity.



Dr. Lori Sheeran

Dr. Sheeran is a professor of Anthropology and Primate Behavior & Ecology. She has 17 years experience studying primates in China, including gibbons and Tibetan macaques. Her recent interests include the changing roles and behaviors of old monkeys.



Dr. Steve Wagner

Dr. Wagner is a professor of Biological Sciences whose research is focused on investigating the ecological and disease factors contributing to worldwide amphibian decline. In addition, he collaborates on primate research.

For More Information

Come to an info session in International Center 101 to meet the faculty leaders and learn more.

- January 28th at 12:00 noon

- February 2nd at 5:00pm

- February 9th at 10:00am

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STUDY ABROAD SUMMER '09



China Biodiversity & Field School

Huangshan, China

July 25 - Aug. 25, 2009



Led by CWU professors:

Dr. Lori Sheeran,

Dr. Megan Matheson,

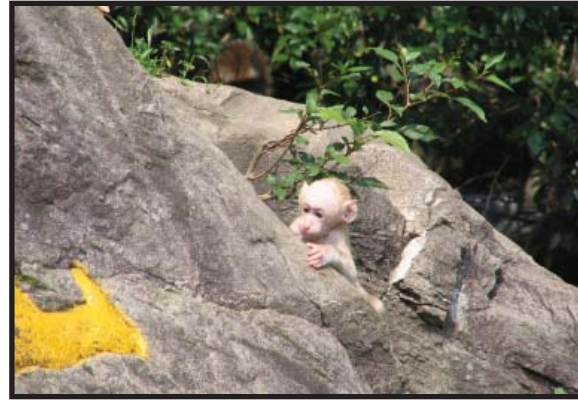
& Dr. Steve Wagner

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Huangshan, China

The Huangshan region is located in the Anhui Province of China and is recognized as a UNESCO World Natural and Cultural Heritage site. It is home to two well-habituated groups of monkeys that students can observe and research.

On this program in the Valley of the Wild Monkeys (VWM) in the Huangshan region of China, students will learn field methods while being involved in independent and collaborative research in primate behavior and herpetology, and biodiversity assessment. Students contribute toward team projects in herpetology and primatology and design their own projects. Students are encouraged to present their findings upon completion.



Travel information:

Students are responsible for securing their own passports; please be advised that passports can take several weeks to process. Passport applications and instructions can be found at the U.S. Department of State website <http://travel.state.gov/>.

Information on vaccinations can be found at www.cdc.gov, under "Travelers' Health." Students may also contact the Kittitas County Health Department at 962-7515 or <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/health/>.



Program Overview

The CWU Summer Biodiversity Conservation Field School is an intensive field-based program held in China. Students can expect to spend the majority of their time engaged in hands-on training in behavioral data collection, habitat assessment, and herpetological survey techniques. Typical field days consist of up to 10 hours at the park, which includes at least an hour for lunch and other breaks. A typical weekly schedule consists of 3-4 field days followed by 1-2 days off for rest or excursions. Coursework will begin at CWU during late June or early July. During this time, students will attend lectures, complete homework assignments, participate in field trips, and develop proposals for their independent projects (accommodation will be arranged for off-campus participants). Students will spend part of their time in China collecting data for their independent projects and part of their time collaborating in cooperative research.



Credits and Grading

All students will be enrolled concurrently in three courses:

ANTH 493 - Anthropological Field Experience: Applied Issues in Int'l Field Research
3 credits (Dr. Lori Sheeran)

BIOL 493 - Field Practicum: International Biodiversity Research
3 credits (taught by Dr. Steven Wagner)

PSYC 493 - Field Research: Design & Analysis for Observational Field Research
3 credits (taught by Dr. Megan Matheson)

(There are no overload fees associated with taking this course.)

Program highlights:

- Research design & proposal development
- Behavioral data collection
- Data collection in the field setting
- Habitat sampling & description
- Laws & ethics concerning research with endangered species
- Intro. to Chinese Lang. & Culture

