

February 4th (Thu) – luncheon: "A Special Relationship: The United States and China" by Dr. John Dobson

The presentation will examine American relations with China beginning with the first commercial contact in 1782. By the close of the nineteenth century, the United States believed it had developed a special relationship with China. Subsequent events such as the Open Door Policy, U.S. recognition of the revolutionary government after 1911, and diplomatic initiatives through the 1930s reinforced that belief. The Communist revolution in 1949 shattered that illusion, but more recent developments have built on the historical ties between the two countries.

John Dobson is emeritus professor of history at Oklahoma State University and Iowa State University. He has taught at Iowa State University, the University of Maryland, University College, Dublin (Ireland), the University of Glasgow (Scotland), and Oklahoma State University where he also served as dean of the college of arts and sciences. His research has focused on topics in political, business, and diplomatic history, and he has published seven scholarly books including most recently *Belligerents, Brinkmanship and the Big Stick* (2009), a historical encyclopedia of American diplomatic concepts. He also served as a US Foreign Service Officer in the 1960s and has visited many countries including China.

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Place: ABC Chinese Restaurant

Cost: \$17/person

Menu: Pot stickers, Soft Noodles, Salty Shrimp, Tangerine Beef, Crispy Duck, Garlic Eggplant, Rice, Tea.

Seating is limited

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