Harnessing the inspirational power of Jackson Hole, the Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs brings together public, private, and nonprofit organizations to develop and implement innovative and practical responses to global challenges.
Dear Friends and Supporters:

The community of Jackson Hole has a growing role to play on the world stage. This opportunity was first demonstrated in 1989, when U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III and then-Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met at Jackson Lake Lodge to begin the thawing of the Cold War.

Now Jackson Hole has an opportunity for a different kind of global leadership, relating to a different kind of thawing: global warming. Beginning with a series of clean energy exchanges started in November 2003 with China’s Shanxi province – like Wyoming in the U.S., largest coal-producer in its country -- the Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs took the first steps in responding to this new global leadership challenge.

Over the past two years, JHCGA has continued this process by broadening its institutional agenda to include other issues. The pages that follow describe some of these efforts in the areas of religious pluralism, cultural diversity, and women’s empowerment. At the same time, we have continued to bring policy makers and technical experts from Wyoming and Shanxi together to explore common interests in clean coal and other areas.

This past autumn, for example, JHCGA enlisted Jackson’s Mayor Mark Barron, Wyoming Tourism and Travel Chairman Gene Bryan, and other local and state leaders in a Goodwill Mission to Shanxi province to begin organizing cooperation in tourism and related civic affairs. The 18-member delegation spent a week exchanging views with leaders in Shanxi province and visiting historic Buddhist shrines at Wutai Mountain and elsewhere throughout the province.

The question now is, how can the community best respond to these kinds of opportunities? Can a sister city relationship serve to promote common interests between Jackson and Wutai Mountain? Can Wyoming and the U.S. set an example on clean coal technologies for Shanxi province to follow? Can the first state to recognize the right of women to vote play a role in helping to empower women on the global stage?

The next two years promise to be a critical and exciting period. JHCGA looks forward to helping the community “think locally” about the consequences of these and other challenges, and to “act globally” to respond to them.

Sincerely,

David Wendt
President
The central focus of JHCGA’s “U.S.-China Clean Energy Initiative” over the past two years has been common interests between the state of Wyoming and China’s Shanxi province, the two largest coal producers in their respective countries. China surpassed the U.S. in annual carbon dioxide emissions in 2007, largely because of its reliance on coal. In fact, three-quarters of China’s rapidly expanding electric power sector and 70% of its total energy supply comes from coal.

Coal consumption in China and the U.S. combined accounts for more than 1/5 of worldwide carbon dioxide emissions from all fossil fuel sources. In addition, coal mining in China produces almost half of the world’s total emissions of coal mine methane. A greenhouse gas with more than 20 times the heat-trapping capacity of carbon dioxide, methane must be released from underground mines before they can be safely mined.

To address these urgent concerns, over the past two years JHCGA has promoted close consideration by decision-makers in Shanxi of a range of clean-coal policies and technologies. One set of technologies involves integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) and carbon capture and storage (CCS), a combination of approaches to coal conversion, power production, and emissions reduction. IGCC is a realistic power option for Shanxi, which already makes extensive use of the process of coal gasification in producing coke for steelmaking.

This technology was the subject of a September 2006 forum convened by

“The U.S. and China need to engage in productive competition that is in the interest of the planet.”

– SHI DINGHUAN
COUNSELLOR, STATE COUNCIL, PRC, SEPTEMBER 2006

Coal is often stored in the open air in China, where it constitutes a significant source of particulate emissions.

Air pollution in Taiyuan
JHCGA in Shanxi’s capital of Taiyuan in September 2006. At the conclusion of the forum, JHCGA joined with General Electric and the Shanxi provincial government in signing a Memorandum of Understanding committing all three partners to further steps in promoting IGCC. In addition, as a partner in the 21-country Methane to Markets partnership (M2M) – an initiative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -- JHCGA is exploring a joint U.S.-Chinese project for extracting, capturing, and utilizing coal mine methane in Shanxi.

Coal is also a key ingredient in the future energy security mix of the two countries. To address growing concerns over the issue of energy security in U.S.-China-European relations, JHCGA was invited to participate in a U.S.-PRC-EU “Trialogue” convened in November 2007 in Beijing by the East-West Institute and the China Institute for International Studies. JHCGA brought this three-day, off-the-record meeting of policy experts its experience in addressing coal production and utilization options in cooperation with Shanxi province. As part of a publication series resulting from the Beijing triologue, JHCGA President David Wendt will assess the role of coal in addressing energy security options in the U.S. and China.

Further addressing the theme of global climate change and environmental degradation, JHCGA and the Art Association of Jackson Hole co-sponsored an art exhibit in summer 2006. Eight local artists contributed to this exhibit, entitled, “The Fire This Time: Earth and Art in a Time of Flux.” This was JHCGA’s first effort to raise awareness within the community on global issues through the medium of artistic expression.

“We Chinese are not standing by to see the world suffer from climate change; we are part of the world.”

– MA ZHENGANG
President, China Institute of International Studies
CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

With the rise of terrorism, issues of cultural identity and religious fundamentalism have fueled insecurity and conflict. JHCGA has responded by focusing attention on the potential role of religion in bringing people together as well as dividing them, and by initiating a cultural exchange with the spiritual capital of Buddhism in China.

Sources of pluralism and conflict-resolution within Islam, and in the relations of other faiths with Islam, were a theme of two presentations co-sponsored by JHCGA in 2007. In March 2007 JHCGA joined with the International Studies program of the University of Wyoming to bring Notre Dame scholar Asma Afsaruddin to the community. Dr. Afsaruddin presented a scholarly exposition of the roots of pluralism and moderation in the history of Islam and the Koran. In August 2007 JHCGA joined with St. John’s Episcopal Church in Jackson to sponsor a series of talks by Douglas M. Johnston, President of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy. Dr. Johnston shared the success of ICRD’s efforts in faith-based diplomacy in southern Sudan, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

No cultural site in China embodies the significance of Buddhism in Chinese history and culture more than Wutai Mountain, located in northern Shanxi province. In October 2007, at the invitation of the Shanxi Provincial Tourism Administration, JHCGA organized a delegation of leaders from Jackson Hole and Wyoming to explore mutual interests in tourism with this centuries-old center of Buddhist culture and religion in China. The visit was an outgrowth of the relationship JHCGA has established through clean coal exchanges with this province.

The 18-member delegation, led by Jackson Mayor Mark Barron and Wyoming Tourism and Travel Chairman Gene Bryan, visited numerous impressive Buddhist cultural and historical sites in the province. Among these were temples and monasteries at Wutai Mountain at which the Tibetan and Han (Chinese) sects of Buddhism continue to this day to worship side-by-side. Other highlights of the visit included a visit to a middle school
and numerous discussions with provincial leaders in the areas of tourism and public health. One result of these discussions was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), outlining proposed next steps in the mutual promotion of tourism.

Jackson Hole/Wyoming Goodwill Mission to Shanxi Province
October 21-28, 2007

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“International visitors are ambassadors for their countries. They leave an invitation with those with whom they interact to visit their own countries, and that is where the real process of exchange begins.”

— Gene Bryan
Chairman of the Board, Wyoming Tourism and Travel Office, Wyoming Business Council, October 2007
GLOBA L WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

The issue of opportunities and rights for women lies at the heart of many of today’s global challenges, including economic development, democratization, education, the environment, and health. In May 2006 JHCGA joined with the Wyoming Global Leadership Exchange to bring women leaders from nine West African countries together with their counterparts in Jackson Hole to discuss the role of women in addressing these issues.

The three-day forum focused specifically on women’s leadership. The program included two days of discussions with members of the delegation, including mayors, members of parliament, law enforcement officials, educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders of non-governmental organizations. Each of these visitors shared vivid accounts of their experiences helping to mobilize support for political reform, anti-corruption efforts, and opportunities for women’s economic and educational advancement in their countries. On the third day, Wyoming First Lady Nancy Freudenthal shared her insights and passions about the paths to leadership that are open to ordinary women in their communities.

“We do have to do more to encourage women to be involved. If you believe that the top is accessible and you know in your heart what the issues are facing people in your community and you spend a little bit of time thinking about the creative opportunities, you can paint for people a picture of the life that they want to lead.”

— NANCY FREUDENTHAL
FIRST LADY, STATE OF WYOMING, MAY 2006
JHCGA also sought to raise awareness of issues of women’s rights and empowerment in the community through an art exhibit in summer 2007, at the Center for the Arts. Featuring the works of ten local, regional, and international women artists, the exhibit attested to the struggles of women to achieve dignity and security in the Middle East, West, Central and Southern Africa, and right here in our own state of Wyoming. Among the themes addressed were scenes portraying terror, intimidation, exploitation, discrimination, and vulnerability to disease, as well as more hopeful elements such as prospects for education. The exhibit, entitled, “Bucking Tradition and Culture: A Woman’s Place,” was cosponsored with the Wyoming Arts Council and the Art Association of Jackson Hole.

“When women prosper, communities thrive.”

– MICKEY BABCOCK
Director, Founder, and President, Equipoise Fund
Global Policymakers’ Seminars

Community leaders in Jackson Hole have indicated a strong interest in exchanging views with national and international policy makers. Over the past two years, JHCGA has been responding to this desire by featuring presentations by decision makers on a range of policy arenas.

Human rights and the war on terrorism were the subject of the first seminar, featuring Harold Koh, Dean of the Yale Law School and Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy and Human Rights under the Clinton administration. In Dean Koh’s view, two of the U.S.’s most effective bulwarks against terrorism are its traditions of multilateralism and human rights. Any compromise or abridgment of these traditions for the sake of short-term advantage will have consequences detrimental to the U.S.’ long-term national security interests. A former clerk to Justice Harry Blackmun, Dean Koh also provided an illuminating guide to the political landscape of current and future Supreme Court decisions.

A second set of seminars involved the de facto head of the People’s Congress of Shanxi province in China, Mr. Ji Xinfang. While visiting Jackson Hole in November 2006, Mr. Ji met with state and local legislative, administrative, and business leaders to exchange views on common policy challenges. Issues discussed included land and natural resource
use, budget and tax policy, and affordable housing. The following exchange between Mr. Ji and Jackson Mayor Bark Barron typified the spirit of the discussions: “In signing the U.S. Mayors’ Climate Change Agreement, Jackson is one step ahead of Shanxi” (Mr. Ji); “I think the important thing is that we are all on the same path” (Mayor Barron).

“\textit{We legislators represent people, so when we meet, it’s a way of bringing our whole countries together.}”

\textit{– Ji Xinfang}\newline
\textit{Executive Vice Chairman, Shanxi Provincial Peoples Congress}

Non-governmental organizations can also play an important role in policy making. This role was the subject of a third seminar with John Mroz, President of the East-West Institute (EWI). Mroz explained how, over a period of almost three decades, EWI has worked to build unofficial networks of peacemakers to help prevent or resolve conflicts. These efforts have included a series of high-level exchanges with the Soviet Union during the Cold War and, more recently, efforts to mobilize moderate Islamic groups to combat the influence of extremists in the war against terrorism. In Mroz’ view, the war against terrorism demands not only a willingness, if necessary, to put our armed forces in harm’s way; it also demands a willingness to take risks for peace.
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1/1/2006 through 12/31/2006

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