



## Baton Exchange Cohort Alumni

### Fellows Program

(Bios at time of Cohort participation)



**Akulli, "Sam" Ksenafu** Sam is from Albania. He is working in I.T. as an Infrastructure Specialist II at The State of Ohio, Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. He is also pursuing his PhD in Education from The Ohio State University. Sam serves in teaching roles at his church, Young Timothy Christian Fellowship, where he and his wife KaYu ('12 alumna) attend. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Baton Exchange. He and KaYu live in Worthington, Ohio.



**Briggs, Christian** Christian is from Columbus, Ohio. He is pursuing his Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (with a specialization in Community Organization.) He is currently volunteering at the KIPP School, where I co-lead a group of seventh-graders and instruct them on the importance of developing character strengths. He also serves as a children's leader at the Hope City House of Prayer where he develops lesson plans, facilitates class discussions, and insures the overall health and well-being of children. He volunteered at the Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services where I taught introductory level English to immigrant enrollees. Sam's mentor is Monty Lobb, former Assistant Secretary of State of Ohio.



**Chacko, Simi** India. \*PhD Bio-Physics, cancer research. \*Master's Public Health both OSU. I am native of the southern state of Kerala, in India. I came to the United States in 2004 to do my PhD in Biophysics, on completion of which I continued to do my masters in public health (MPH). My research for my doctorate thesis was in the area of stem cell research for treating heart disease. With the research experience in the biomedical field, and having a specialization in clinical investigation from the public health program, I am hoping to see myself being part of a team that becomes a bridge between clinicians and basic scientists that will help in effective and improved designing and implementation of basic research experiments and clinical trials that will have an impact on the quality of health services delivered to people. Above all, I desire to see God use me at my workplace to be His witness through my everyday work and values while learning to strike a healthy balance between work and other areas of calling in my life. I love my family and my friends...enjoy meeting people from different backgrounds...enjoy different cuisines and looking forward to living life to the fullest!! I am transitioning out of a leadership at Indian Christian Fellowship and attend All Nations Christian Fellowship in Columbus, Ohio.



**Chen, Qiqin Chloe** Chloe is from China. Her earned her Bachelor of Science in Finance/Entrepreneurship from the University of Arizona. She was Vice President Sigma Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization. While in China, she was a Business Associate Intern at China Direct International Enterprise. She was placed as an accounting intern at Prime AE while in the cohort. Chloe's mentor is Miriam Angerer, Finance Director at Heritage Christian Church.



**Choi, Heesung** Heesung is from South Korea. He anticipates earning his Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He earned his Bachelors in Communication – Strategic Communication at The Catholic University of Daegu in Daegu, Korea as well as a

Bachelor of Business Administration. He served in Republic of Korea Air Force, 18th Fight Wing.

Some interesting things about Heesung: Won prizes at Math competitions, as well as won an award and was published for writing a traditional Korean poem back home in Korea.



**Duble, David** David is from Columbus, Ohio, USA, although he spent many years with his missionary parents and brother in Eastern Russia and Brazil (he speaks Portuguese). He earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Entrepreneurship from The Ohio State University and is seeking employment opportunities. David enjoys cross-cultural interaction, basketball, traveling, and juggling.



**Guo, (Rachel) Weixuan** China. BS Biology, The Ohio State University. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Biology. While at OSU, she accepted Christ in May 2012 through the influence of International Friendships, Inc. She now is interning with IFI and is responsible for co-leading a bible study as well as creating student outreach programming centered around faith and science. Rachel's desire is to go to graduate school at a Christian

university to earn a Master's degree in counseling. She senses a need in China for Christian family counseling and would like to go back to help broken families and people. Rachel loves cats, reading, learning, ice skating, prayer, and puzzles. Rachel's mentor is Kristan Jones, an Adjunct Professor at Franklin University in the Applied Psychology program.



**Huang, Taozhen** China. BS Public Affairs, with specialization in Non-Profit Management, The Ohio State University. Taozhen is from Chongqing, China. She started in an individual Bible study with IFI staff Michelle after her trip to Florida with IFI in December 2009. Taozhen received Jesus Christ as her Savior on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Since then, she has been serving God by volunteering at her church and co-leading Bible study group. Taozhen is an undergrad student with a

major in Public Affairs from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs in The Ohio State University. She also has a minor in Sociology and a specialization in Nonprofit Management. From her past internships in Washington, DC, and her personal passion, God has been guiding Taozhen towards the event planning industry. Taozhen is excited to know God's plan for her after graduation; she also hopes to become a professional Event Planner if God is willing. She looks forward to bringing glory to the Lord by hosting God-centered events in the nonprofit sector. Tao's mentor is Marilyn Franck, Event Planner at the Ohio Union for The Ohio State University.



**Ko, Pyung on. Pyung on** is from S. Korea. She graduated with a BS of Business Administration in Marketing from The Ohio State University. She earned an International Student Scholarship and was a Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Pyung on's interest is in media, particularly television. Prior to coming to the U.S.A., she worked attended the Korean Broadcasting System Academy, Seoul, South Korea, completing a completing a six- month TV

Director Training program. She speaks Korean, English, and Japanese. Pyung on is a media intern at International Friendships, Inc. Her mentor is Deb Gregory, a national award winning producer/director who has produced for

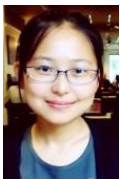
ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, Good Morning America, and Animal Planet. Her desire is to impact culture for Christ through media.



**Lin, (Josephine) Shen-Chun** came from Taiwan after working 3 years for a company that manufactures and exports thousands of engine spare parts to different clients in over 30 countries. She visited clients in Poland, Germany, France, Spain and the U.S.A. She was mainly responsible for product development, prospective customer contact and inner operation process reorganization. Josephine came to the U.S.A and earned her B.A. in Marketing from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio. She earned her B.A. in History and a Minor in Business Administration from National Taipei University, Taiwan. Josephine was awarded the Outstanding Student Prize of College of Humanities and was elected as Vice president of the Exchange Dep. and Staff of Human Resource Dep. of Taipei LC AIESEC, the biggest international student organization. She is currently pursuing her Global MBA on-line through the University of Phoenix. She currently goes to Xenos Christian Fellowship and lives in a ministry house with seven other girls.



**Lin, Raymond** Raymond is from China. He earned his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University; a Bachelor of Engineering - Electrical Engineering from South China University of Technology, Guangdong, China; and a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Engineering Management from Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX. While at Case Western, he was student President of International Friends. Raymond is fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin. He enjoys swimming and works as an engineer at LuK. His Baton Exchange mentor is Max Chau, a retired Director of Transmission Services, American Electric Power.




**Meng, Ran** China. \*Bachelor of Law, Beijing Foreign Studies Universities. Master of Labor and Human Resources at The Ohio State University. Master's in Labor and Human Resources at The Ohio State University and Minor in Minor in Statistical Data Analysis (current candidate). Earned Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of English from Beijing Foreign Studies Universities. She says that the Law major helped her with critical and logical thinking skills, shaping her work style to be highly-organized and efficient. She is goal-oriented and detail-oriented. Different work and volunteer positions have included: Assistant of Financial Product Department at China Everbright Bank, Volunteer Employee at Employment Guidance Center of Beijing Foreign Studies University, Assistant in Human Resources Department at China Huadian Corp Fulaerji General Power Plant, Assistant of the Director at Universal Love Hall Hospital, Minister at Student Union Service Department, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Court Clerk at Beijing Xicheng District Court, and Faith Hope Love House of Prayer. From her work experiences she came to the conclusion that she enjoyed HR most, and decided to make that her career. Ran is an outgoing person, but prefers communicating and associating with people naturally, rather than through networking groups. She enjoys spending time with Jesus, taking pictures, trying all kinds of new things and watching movies and TV series. Ran's Baton Exchange mentors were Joyce Stearn, VP Human Resource Shared Services, the Limited Brands and Susan Boothe, Director of Human Resources, Sequent.




**Pirosca, Estera** Estera is from Romania. She came to Columbus to intern at International Friendships in 2010. She speaks Romanian (native), Spanish and English and has a basic knowledge of Portuguese, French and Italian. Estera transferred from Romanian-American University of Bucharest in Romania to attend Southeastern Louisiana University, where she earned a B.A. in Organizational Communication and a minor in Computer Science in 2010, with honors. She was a campus leader while at SLU and brought attention through academic research to the challenges international students face and how universities can work to address them. She has been accepted into the Ohio

State University's John Glenn School of Public Policy where she will be starting her Master's program in the fall of 2011. She desires to be involved in cross-cultural consulting. Cross-cultural interactions, reading, meeting new friends, and sports are among Estera's interests. Estera's mentor is Denise Pietzsch, Executive Director of Etiquette and Protocol Image Consultants, LLC.




 **Slabaugh, Katie** (name change for security purposes) Katie came to the U.S. as a Believer from a central Asian Muslim country. She has her masters in Linguistics. She worked for International Friendships, Inc. and returned to her home country mid-way through the program to get married. She is now working in the marketplace and active in her church.




 **Thombre, Heena** Heena earned her undergraduate degree in Architecture while in India. Heena came to The Ohio State University from India to earn her Master's Degree in City Planning, and graduated in 2008. While here, she came to Christ through interactions with International Friendships, Inc.




 **Tian, Xing** Xing came to OSU from China to earn her Master's in Accounting in 2009. She received her undergraduate degree from Peking University (a.k.a. Beijing University) Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, July 2005. During and after her undergraduate experience, Xing worked in various consulting firms, including PricewaterhouseCoopers, Hewlett-Packard and Capgemini. While here, she came to Christ through interactions with International Friendships, Inc. Xing's mentor is Terracina Pavkov, who practiced tax accounting at Ernst & Young.




 **Tsang, Ka Yu** KaYu is from Hong Kong. \*BSBA International Business. My name is Ka Yu Tsang and I am from Hong Kong, China. I majored in International Business and minored in Korean at The Ohio State University and received my Bachelor degree in Spring 2011. In my junior year of college, I found my interests in studying languages through taking foreign language classes and elective classes on Linguistics. My areas of interest are historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, phonetics and Cantonese. I am hoping to go back to school for Linguistics in the near future. Currently, I am working as an intern for IFI and am excited to see how God is using this year to shape me and redirect my path. I love to read at coffee shops, go to museums and play Sudoku (on the plane). Kayu's mentor is Rhonda Peterson, Owner at Stepping Stone Transitions, LLC.



 **Tserev, Erdenetuya Tuyata** is from Mongolia. Tuyata came to Columbus to intern at International Friendships in 2010. Tuyata has Journalism degree from Olgontenger University in Mongolia (2002) and a B.S. in Communication and Bible from Kuyper College, Grand Rapids Michigan (2010). She has been a journalist, community development leader, and acting directing for Far East Broadcasting Company Mongolia. Tuyata speaks Mongolian, Russian and English. She has a desire to transform culture from a Christian worldview through community development and media in her home country. Tuyata enjoys photography, music, media and community development.



 **Xiao, Yu Jia** China. Yujia grew up in Sichuan, China. She went to middle school in Canada and high school in Boston before coming to The Ohio State University. The most

wonderful thing happened when she received Jesus Christ as her Savior on November 14, 2009. Later, God has been leading Yu Jia towards the field of accounting. He has been showing her the beauty behind accounting and business every day. After three years at college, she received her bachelor's degree in Accounting at the Ohio State University. She is currently an IFI intern who is eager to wait and see God's plans for this year. She would like to learn more about other cultures and help more international students. If God is willing, Yu Jia hopes to pass her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam this year and become a CPA in the near future.



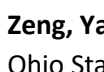
**Yoder, Dallas** is from Wooster, Ohio, USA. Dallas was in Rosedale Mennonite Missions (RMM) REACH program, living in Bangladesh as part of a short term missions team for nine months. He is currently working at FedEx (handler) and Advanced Autoparts (delivery driver), as well as going through RMM's Calibrate program in preparation for missions work in Thailand. He is part of a house church planting initiative in Columbus, Ohio called Columbus Network of

Microchurches. Dallas enjoys camping and other outdoor activities, music and photography.



**Yoder, Peter** Peter grew up in Belleville, PA. He comes from a Christian family of five with one sister and one brother. Peter grew up on a dairy farm and enjoyed this experience. He has been very involved in the family's dairy farm business from a young age. He decided to attend Penn State to earn his undergraduate degree in animal science, being spurred by a desire to learn more about the dairy industry and how to be successful. While there he was inducted into the

Agriculture Honors Society. In college, God provided him with many unique learning opportunities that he has been able to engage in. Peter says that God has really opened the door for him and caused him to have a much broader vision of what career he would like to do. Near the end of his undergraduate program, he was unexpectedly encouraged and offered a graduate school position at OSU. Currently he is pursuing a master's degree that concentrates on dairy nutrition and economics. Peter is mentored by Julian Coblenz, GM of Walnut Creek Foods.

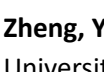
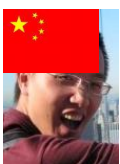


**Zeng, Yan Yan** is from Guangzhou, China. She earned her Master's degree in Accounting from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor's of Finance from Sun Yat-sen University in China. She enjoys helping people. She is an accounting intern at International Friendships, Inc.



**Zhang, Mingming** Mingming is from China. She earned her BA Foreign Language Ed.; She had a Bachelor Degree of Teaching English as a Second Language in China and came to Columbus for a Subsequent Bachelor Degree in Accounting in August 2009. She is an accounting major student of Franklin University. She is entrepreneurial in nature and desires to start a small business. Mingming's mentor is Kristan Jones, an Adjunct Professor at Franklin University in the

Applied Psychology program and Nancy Donner, a CPA at Wealthstone.



**Zheng, Yan David** He earned his B.S. Business Administration, Accounting, from The Ohio State University. He started undergraduate studies at Zhengzhou University, China. While completing his undergraduate studies, David worked in various accounting internship capacities for different non-profits, including LifeCare Alliance and Columbus Urban League. Since graduating in December,

he started working as an accounting intern for Westerville Area Resource Ministry as he attends WAM House



Leadership training. David is being mentored by WAM House mentor Mike Perez, a former District Governor of Toastmasters, a CPA, and a principal in a financial services firm. David has started preparation for the CPA exam. He is a co-leader of a bible study and is an active volunteer with International Friendships, Inc. Past student activity, some at a leadership levels, include: Dean's Leadership Academy, Phi Kappa Phi, Just A Minute, Fisher Citizenship Program, Environment Protection Organization, Fisher Forward Program, and VP of Membership for the Accounting Association. Placed at WARM as an accounting intern while in the cohort. David's mentor is Mike Perez, CPA, and Partner at CARBETTA, WILLIAMSON, PIERCE, PIQUERO & PEREZ.