Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCCE) in Shanghai, China

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Work Responsibilities

• New Urbanization Council Paper

• As part of an 8-10 person team, developed policy recommendations and drafted a paper on how to foster culture within cities that will eventually be presented to the China Academy of Governance

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- Brainstormed structure and content ideas for the paper from scratch
- Researched case studies extensively
- Consulted with multiple experts from various fields (university professors, film directors, authors) and received feedback on progress

• Website Development

- Made content updates and structural improvements to the official JUCCCE website
- Created mockups of curriculum pages to be implemented in the future

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Typical day at JUCCE

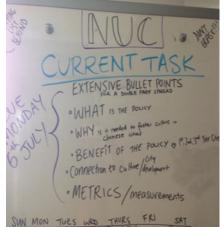
- Arrive at work around 9:30AM, after grabbing a quick breakfast at a local store
- Research, brainstorming sessions, editing of the paper in the morning
- Lunch around 1PM in the office
 - The interns took turns cooking lunch for everyone
 - Went food shopping from the local wet market and cooked with a team of 3 interns (on a rotation every 4-5 days)
- Meetings with team/supervisor/experts in the afternoon to discuss progress and future direction
- Leave office around 5:30/6PM
- Occasionally went out to dinner with interns at nearby restaurants

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Most Rewarding Aspect/Experience

- On the work front, it was really exciting when we finally established the basic framework of the urbanization paper after much brainstorming sessions and numerous revisions. It was great to see the paper starting to come together.
 - Furthermore, working together on a project as a team helped me improve my teamwork and communication skills
- On the personal/social front, I made great friends with the fellow interns at the office who are all very highly motivated and wonderful people!



Fun with fellow interns!











Impact of my work

- Our starting efforts on the New Urbanization Council paper has laid the groundwork for continued improvement by future interns, and the end product will ultimately influence key political decision making across China's cities
- The website with my changes/updates has already been published for an international audience

Travel and Cultural Immersion









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Impact of the experience on my academic and personal growth

- Working on the New Urbanization Council project gave me a glimpse into the intricacies of urban planning and policies. If possible, I would like to take a class in the urban studies program in the future back at Princeton.
- I am now more aware about what life in China is like and understand how their system works a bit more. Furthermore, living and traveling on my own in a place where I do not know the language has definitely made me more self-reliant and resourceful.

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