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Early Chinese Students and Related Individuals at UW - Madison

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Our Mission

- Collect primary historical sources
- Digitize all historical records
- Visualize our discoveries
- *Link with other universities/colleges*

Resource Scopes

- Timeframe
  - Phase I: 1900–1949
  - Phase II: 1949–1979 (CCAS Papers)
  - Phase III: 1979–today

- Ranges of Records
  - Chinese students and their connections in Wisconsin
  - Individuals from UW–Madison visited/worked in China

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 1. International students with flags, ca. 1910. Adapted from "University of Wisconsin--Madison. Archives : 23/27"; UWDC.
Figure 2. Flora M. Carncross, B.A. '16. Adapt from "The … Badger Vol. XXXIX 1925, Part of Wisconsin Badgers"; UWDC.

Background

- First Chinese students, 1907
- Largest foreign student group, 1910-1930s
- Paul Reinsch
- 周詒春, 王造時

Figure 2 Figure 1 Figure 3

Figure 1. Paul Reinsch, Adapt from "The Badger Vol. [XXXVII] 1923, Part of Wisconsin Badgers"; UWDC.
Figure 2. Zhou, Yichun, 1909. Adapt from from The Chinese students' monthly; UW-Madison Libraries.
Figure 3. Wang, Zaoshi, "Oriental Romance Culminates at U." May 28, 1929. Adapt from "Oshkosh Northwestern".

The Sources *(What We Discovered)*

- Yearbooks/Dissertation
  - 1907-1930
  - Memorial Library
  - Students' names & identities
- Local newspapers
  - 1907-1949
  - UWDC + Memorial Library
  - Press releases + students' articles
- Manuscripts
  - Includes: diaries, work notes, etc.
  - Wisconsin Historical Society + Archives
  - *Highlights: Reinsch Papers, CCAS papers.*

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Figure 1. Adapt from "Make Bank Tax Endowment, Chinese Students Protest U.W. Dean's Remarks", March 24, 1927, The Capital Times.
Figure 2. Adapt from "China Fights for Decent Government Says Student Here" by Ti Tsun Li, Feb. 27, 1927, The Wisconsin State Journal.
Figure 3. The Petition for May Fourth Movement, 1919. Adapt from "Paul S. Reinsch papers, 1835-1924, 1963" Box 6 Folder 4; Wisconsin Historical Society.

Ongoing

- **Meeting**: Wisconsin in China, Fall 2023
- **Digital Collection**: cooperating with UWDC, WHS, Archives, etc.
- **Website**: redesigning the webpage on Wisconsin China Resource (scan QR code on next slide)
- ***Cooperation**: wishing to collaborate with you*

Thank you!

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