“An American Family’s Chinese Dream in a Local Dreamer’s Eyes”
Cultural Preservation in Southwest China

a lecture by
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Frank He was born in Jianchuan County in a remote Himalayan village. He has always felt an intimate connection to his heritage. As a young boy, Frank first encountered westerners when visiting his aunt in Xizhou, the village where the Linden Centre is located. He tried to communicate with them, but the language barrier seemed insurmountable. Frank’s mother encouraged him to study English and explore the world outside his home of Dali. She taught him the importance of not only sharing your culture with others, but of sharing other cultures with ones own community.

Frank felt he could achieve this dream when he first heard about the Linden Centre one year after it opened, and joined the Linden team in 2009. His own growth as a person has paralleled that of the Centre. He now speaks English fluently and has become an outspoken advocate for sustainable development and preservation in China. Now visiting the USA for the first time, Frank is excited to share with the OSU community his stories about cultural preservation challenges facing China and how he and the Linden Centre are inspiring a new generation of diverse leaders.