



Patricia Sieber, associate professor of East Asian languages and literatures and director of the Institute for Chinese Studies and East Asian Studies Center, gave the opening remarks at the China Town Hall event hosted at the Mershon Center on December 8, 2009. The China Town Hall, which featured an on-site presentation by Allan Barber, president of the Denver-Hainan Corporation, and a nationwide webcast with Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs, is the first event in the Mershon Center's seminar series on security in Asia.



I. Allen Barber II, president of the Denver-Hainan Corporation, gave a talk titled "Influencing our Future: A Dynamic Strategy to Revitalize Ohio Through Partnerships with China" as part of the China Town Hall. Barber's presentation preceded a nationwide webcast by Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs.



Barber's presentation was followed by a Q and A session with Ohio State faculty and students as well as members of the Columbus community. Audience members had a chance after Barber's presentation to submit additional questions to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations national webcast featuring Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs.



I. Allen Barber II explained the reasons behind China's "opening up" policy and addressed issues in the U.S.-China bilateral relationship during his talk, "Influencing our Future: A Dynamic Strategy to Revitalize Ohio Through Partnerships with China." Barber's presentation was part of the China Town Hall event hosted at the Mershon Center on December 8, 2009. The event featured a discussion with Barber, president of the Denver-Hainan Corporation, and a nationwide webcast with Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs.



I. Allen Barber II, president of Denver-Hainan Corporation, and Patricia Sieber, associate professor of East Asian languages and literatures and director of the Institute for Chinese Studies and East Asian Studies Center. Sieber organized Barber's visit to Ohio State on December 8, 2009 as part of the China Town Hall event, the first event in the Center's seminar series on Asian security.