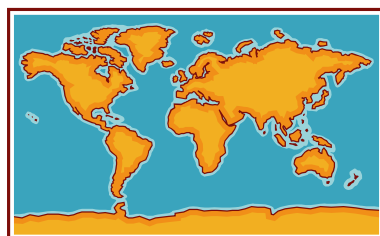


# Cultural Connections Fall '09

<b>Ancient Chinese Palaces</b>	<b><i>Xiameng Liu</i></b>	<b>Sept. 11</b>	The long history of imperial rule in China has left behind ancient palaces that have endured through the centuries. Take a look at the places that once housed emperors, and their royal families, and learn about the grand architecture that still stand today including the world's largest royal palace, and the world's longest corridor.
<b>The Geography of Ghana</b>	<b><i>Christopher Boamah-Mensah</i></b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>	Ghana, a country located in western Africa is made up of 10 regions. This presentation will provide a geographical perspective of this culturally rich African nation. A discussion of Ghana's neighbors and their mutual relationships will round out this presentation.
<b>Alpine Skiing in Canada and around the World</b>	<b><i>Viktor Hlas</i></b>	<b>Sept. 25</b>	A popular sport in various mountainous regions of the world, Alpine skiing has a long history. In this presentation you will learn about the origins of modern Alpine skiing and the various ways in which it manifests itself around the world. A specific emphasis will be placed on Alpine skiing in Canada.
<b>Cultural Festivals in Mauritius</b>	<b><i>Varouna Appiah</i></b>	<b>Oct. 2</b>	Mauritius has a rich history saturated with art and culture. Being a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious country, it has inherited great cultural traditions from Europe, Asia and Africa. These traditions have been celebrated by its people since the start of the island's two and a half century history.
<b>Film: "Women of Cyprus" by Vassiliki Katrivano</b>	<b><i>Tegiye Birey</i></b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>	A documentary film which focuses on women's view of Cyprus' political situation. A discussion facilitated by two women of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot descent will follow the screening.
<b>Bulgarian Music-Traditional Rhythm versus Modern Songs</b>	<b><i>Stefan Apostolov</i></b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>	Bulgarian music is part of the Balkan tradition, and has its own distinctive sound. Traditional Bulgarian music is known internationally due to the breakout success of the woman's choir Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares. However, Bulgarian modern music is quickly replacing traditional Bulgarian songs. Come learn about the competition between these two completely different genres of music.
<b>Top 10 Best Scenic Places in China</b>	<b><i>Xuehui Li</i></b>	<b>Oct. 23</b>	The diverse regional, geographical and cultural nature of China manifests itself in the identification of various scenic locations worthy of visiting and revering. Following an introduction of the various types of scenic locations all over China a more in depth discussion of the 10 most visited will be provided. Relying primarily on powerful and stunning images, this presentation is sure to awe and inspire.
<b>Brazil's Amazon and the Dangers of Deforestation</b>	<b><i>Amanda Pimentel Sena</i></b>	<b>Oct. 30</b>	Known as the world's largest tropical rainforest, the Amazon possesses an enormous richness in its diversity of fauna and flora, being the home of everything from the world's superfood, the acai berry to a wide array of animals including the giant leaf frog. However, this abundance of diversity has become increasingly threatened by rapid deforestation. This presentation will examine the huge variety of species presently being threatened as well as the causes and consequences of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon.
<b>Tian Jin, One of China's Largest Cities</b>	<b><i>Peng Zheng</i></b>	<b>Nov.6</b>	Learn about the history of Tian Jin from its establishment to modern times. Get an introduction to its geography: the river, various bridges, and the harbour. Learn about Tian Jin's role in China's growing economy as the new special region of China, following ShangHai and ShenZhen. Finally, you will get a glimpse of the city's customs through a tour of its extensive collection of folk art.
<b>A Virtual Tour of Korea</b>	<b><i>Sa Rah Sheen</i></b>	<b>Nov.13</b>	Take a virtual tour of one of Asia's best known countries. You will be introduced to famous Korean historical buildings, places, and must-see tourist spots. Once you are enticed by the splendor Korea has to offer, learn a few Korean sentences that will be invaluable when you visit this must-see Asian destination.

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