Through lectures and field trips to three outstanding fossil sites and several botanical/zoological gardens in spring-year-around southwest China, students will gain skills in field paleontology and knowledge of the amazing biodiversity of both ancient and modern lives, such as one of the best soft-bodied fossils from the Cambrian Chengjiang fauna (left image below), Jurassic Lufengosaurus from Lufeng Dinosaur Museum, and Neogene leaves preserved with exquisite venations in Xianfeng Coalmine. The course provides first-hand experience of excavating and collecting a wide range of fossils and enhances cross-cultural exchange during this 3 week program by having graduate students from the Kunming Institute of Botany to join the class for field trips and to visit several botanical/zoological gardens in Kunming, capital of Yunnan.

COURSES:
Biol 4867/5867: Fossil field trip to China (3 credits)
Taught in English

Course website (updated): http://faculty.etsu.edu/liuc/Summer2012.htm

DATES:
Summer Term 2012 (Session I) June 4-24, 2012

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COST:
Estimated at $3400 and includes:
- Round-trip airfare from Tri-cities to China
- Accommodations: double occupancy dorm or hotel with private bath and air conditioning
- All planned local transportation, museums, meals, and entry fees
Note: visa costs, tuition, health insurance, and personal expenses not included.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:
Undergraduates with min. 2.75 GPA are eligible for $2000 scholarship from ETSU. For other sources, check http://www.iie.org (Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program)

APPLY:
Contact the Office of International Programs and Services (http://www.etsu.edu/honors/international/exchange/default.asp) or Dr. Liu.

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