

SWOSU's Lee to Present at UNICEF Workshop in China

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Dr. ChihChen Sophia Lee, MT-BC, director of the music therapy program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has been invited to feature a music therapy training workshop for mental health professionals at a workshop in Chengdu, China.

The four-day workshop on September 1-4 is sponsored by the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

The focus of Lee's presentation will be professional needs and self-care issues of mental health professionals working with street children via therapeutic musical experiences. Participants are selected from the children's shelters across China.

"It is an honor to be scholarly recognized and invited to support the vision of UNICEF, which strives to serve underprivileged children and the hope of our future despite the differences in race, gender, and political standings," Lee said.

Lee has been an active scholar at the regional, national and international levels. She has presented numerous posters and papers at the Southwestern Region of American Music Therapy Association Conferences (2003- 2007), American Music Therapy Association National Conferences (2002-2006) and World Congress for Music Therapy in Brisbane, Australia (2005). She currently serves on the Academic Program Approval Committee of the American Music Therapy Association and is parliamentarian of the Southwestern Region of American Music Therapy Association (SWAMTA).

Lee has directed the music therapy program at SWOSU since 2002. SWOSU has the only music therapy program in the state of Oklahoma and graduates since 2002 have a 100% passing rate on the National Board Certification Exam for Music Therapists.