Rusk Center hosts conference on trade with China

The economic relationship between the United States and China was the focus of a two-day conference sponsored by the Dean Rusk Center – International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies in mid-April.

While the U.S. is already one of China's largest trade partners, there are still enormous opportunities and challenges as China is home to one of the world's fastest growing economies, according to C. Donald Johnson (J.D.'73), director of the Dean Rusk Center. "China's dynamic economic growth and potential demand a better understanding of the challenges that face the economic relationship between our two countries and show a need for stronger ties between Georgia businesses and China. This was the prime motivator for organizing this conference."

The conference's speakers – business, legal and policy specialists from the government, academic and private sectors – discussed investment, services, market access, agriculture, textiles, intellectual property and export controls in relation to trade between the two countries. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Theodore W. Kassinger (J.D.'78) delivered the keynote address.

The Dean Rusk Center partnered with the UGA Center for International Trade and Security, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Georgia China Alliance to organize the event.

The conference's proceedings will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law.