Dr. Rudy Santore, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, was invited to visit East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) in Shanghai, China as an international scholar. This was his first time in China and he greatly enjoyed seeing the city and experiencing the food and culture of Shanghai. During his visit he gave a seminar, lectured to MBA students, met with economics faculty and Dean of the business school, and explored the feasibility of running future "joint" experiments using their students and computer lab.

His seminar talk, “Whistleblowers, Amnesty, and Managerial Fraud: An Experimental Investigation,” was attended by faculty and graduate students from the Department of Economics. This research project combines theory and experiments to examine the effects of increasing transparency and accountability within managerial teams, as well as granting amnesty to whistleblowers, on the incentive to commit fraud. Professor Santore also gave a two hour managerial economics lecture to MBA students. His lecture addressed the implications of asymmetric non-verifiable information on product markets and incentive schemes.

In addition to giving talks, Professor Santore toured two ECUST business school computer labs with Professor Ying Li, director of the labs. Professors Li and Santore tested software used for economics experiments on the lab computers and were successful in connecting them to a server in the United States. This test verified the technical feasibility of real time cross continental economics experiments using UT and ECUST subjects. Santore discussed some ideas for research projects with Haifeng Yan, Dean of the Business school, and Yan offered support for future collaborations.
When not engaged in academic activities Professor Santore, accompanied by his wife and son, experienced many of Shanghai’s tourist attractions thanks to his host, Professor Youping Li (University of Tennessee Ph.D., 2011). Professor Li received his doctorate from the economics department at UT and is now a professor at ECUST. Professor Santore visited the Bund and was amazed by the fascinating, unique architecture of the buildings across the Huangpu River in the Pu Dong section of the city, most of which were lit in the evening. On another day he visited the Oriental Pearl Tower, which features a rotating restaurant and glass-floored observation level. Professor Santore’s son, a young paleontologist in the making, loved the new Shanghai Natural History Museum, which featured the latest Chinese dinosaur finds. In addition to the modern attractions, Professor Li provided a glimpse into Shanghai’s history by taking Professor Santore to the Old Town, including the ancient City God’s temple and beautiful Yu Garden.