“Wanted: Adventurous teacher to work with 100 amazing students in the most beautiful place in the world.” This was the job advertisement that drew KELLY WARD ’12, to begin teaching English to underserved teenagers from remote nomadic areas in Western China. In her presentation, she will introduce the Tibetan community she lives and works in as a microcosm through which to explore the ever-changing landscape of education in China and the challenges facing Chinese and Tibetan teens today.

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