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I. NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Catherine Chang
- Anne Chao
- Song Chen
- Hilde De Weerd
- Qing Fang
- Zhigong Hu
- John Mohr

- E. Bruce Reynolds
- Shanshan Yang
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II. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

President's Annual Report at member meeting in Chicago, AHA (January 6, 2012)---Xiaoping Cong

Dear CHUS members,

Happy New Year! I wish you all have a productive and promising year in 2012. The CHUS board would like to thank you for your support and trust in the past year. On behalf of the CHUS board, I am honored to submit the annual report to the CHUS community.

In the past year, the Board has accomplished the following tasks:

1. Authorizing the establishment of the partnership between the CHR and the Maney Publisher

Since early 2011 Dr. Wang Xi, the chief editor of the CHR has been negotiating a deal with the Maney and eventually by November 2011, with granted authorization, Wang Xi signed the contract with the Maney publisher. Maney is a UK-based commercial publisher and has experience of publishing academic journals. Our first term begins January 2012 covering six years of publication. According to the contract, the CHUS still holds the ownership of the CHR while the CHR will be responsible for academic quality and the members' subscription. In this partnership we transfer the part of production process and distribution to the Maney so that we will be able to lift the burden from the editors. Moreover, our journal will be available electronically online while all past issues will be digitized. It is a win-win situation that our journal will be more professional and influential in broader academic communities. Of course we are obligated to pay for the member subscription.

With the dedication of Professors Wang Xi, Lu Hanchao, and Alan Baumler, the CHR has published two issues in 2011. In 2011 *CHR* published two issues—Vol. 18, No. 1 (Spring 2011) and No. 2 (Fall 2011)—which, with a combined 229 pages (text), carried 6 research articles, 1 forum (interview) article, and 10 book reviews (for details, please see newsletter).

2. Membership recruitment and management

The recruitment of new members has been one of our top priorities. In 2011 with the effort of our secretary, Dr. Yinghong Cheng, we have recruited 12 new members. The board would like to say welcome to them. With your support we will make the CHUS much better organization in promoting our members' excellent works to a broader academic community.

At the same time, Dr. Yinghong Cheng is also working very hard on getting some inactive members reconnected. He has sent out 43 letters to those individuals, hoping to get more inactive members back. Moreover, he also spent time to clear up our membership list and mailing list by verifying the mailing address and email addresses, making sure that all our members will receive the news from the CHUS.

3. Organizing panels at AHA for 2012.

Professor Danke Li, our organizational coordinator, worked effectively with the AHA to put six panels together at Chicago AHA meeting this year. Regarding the AAS panels, we followed the previous board's decision that the CHUS will not organize AAS panels, but concentrate on the AHA because the AAS treats all affiliated organizations' panels through regular submission.

4. Status of Registration and Taxation and the CHUS Finance

The board would like to express our gratitude to our ad hoc tax officer, Professor Patrick Shan, for the time he has invested on reading through all tax documents, filing a tax report to IRS for the CHUS, and renewing the CHUS registration. With his selfless help, the CHUS continues filing as a non-profit organization and will be able to receive donation without paying tax. This year he also helped us in filing the tax report for 2011 and completing the registration.

The financial situation of the CHUS has been improved lately. For detailed information, please see Shuo Wang's report on p. 11.

5. Reforming the membership fee:

On November 3, 2011, the board sent out a proposition for discussion on our upcoming vote of raising member fees. In the proposition, I explained a number of rationales for raising the member fee in the conditions of the inflation, the cost of our journal (*CHR*), and the upcoming obligation to the Maney publisher. Our income from member fees can not cover our expense that gives no choice to do so. In the past couple of years, Professor Patrick Shan, and I would be able to raise certain amount of money, but the donation is an irregular income that we cannot depend on. Therefore, we need stable income to cover the cost our organizational operation and the financial obligation to the Maney publisher.

6. CHUS Newsletters

Our academic advisor and newsletter editor, Dr. Lian Xi, has composed two newsletters in the last year for the winter issue and summer issue. Recently, Dr. Lian Xi is making a call for the submission of the members' news, activities and achievements. Please

respond to his call so our scholars' excellent works will be known to all members of the community.

7. Awards

The board also organized an evaluation committee for the academic excellence and distinguished service awards. Thanks to Professor Li Huaiyin who served the chair of the committee and Professors Tian Xiansheng and Chen Yong who served the committee. I would like to express my gratitude to their excellent service.

Unfortunately, the academic excellence award is vacant this year due to no submission. This year's distinguished service award is given to Professor Patrick Shan for his dedication to the work of registering CHUS as a non-profit organization and filing tax report.

8. Fundraising

In order to improve the CHUS' financial situation, we adopted some measures. First is to reform the member fees so we will be able to have stable income each year. The second is to work harder in fundraising. We made a call to all members asking for their donations and some members responded to the call. By the end of 2011, we have received \$700 in total from our members of whom Cong Xiaoping, Li Danke, and Wu Shu-huei generously donated \$200 respectively and Patrick Shan donated \$100 to the CHUS. At the same time, we also received outside donations for \$4,200 of which Houston Buddha's Light International Association donated \$1,000, Galaxy Scaffolding LLC in Houston donated \$3,000, and Cal Pac Painting in Las Vegas donated \$200. In January 2012 we again received a donation from another member, Anne Chao, for \$1,000. We appreciate our members support and generosity and are very grateful to those organizations and enterprises which made a considerable donation to our academic activities.

9. Perspective

Looking forward to the upcoming year of 2012, the board has a great confidence that our organization will move toward to a much better future. At the same time, we do have several important things to work on.

First, we need to help the CHR for a smooth transformation of its production and subscription to the Maney Publisher. Once this accomplished, all our active members will be able to log in the online journal and access to all past issues for free.

Second, we also need to continue working on the member promotion and management so that the CHUS will continue growing and make the communication tunnel more effectively.

Third, we encourage our members to submit more panels to the AHA.

Fourth, we plan to build up an official website with the help of a website company in Houston. With the new website, we will be able to announce our scholars' achievement more promptly, and present our organization to a much broader academic community. (In fact, it is already working, please check: www.chinesehistorians.org)

Finally, we will continue to work on fundraising and hope to attract more resources for the development of our organization. We would like to use this opportunity to make one more call to our members. It is the generosity and support of our members that create the foundation from which the CHUS will strive and succeed. Every effort does count. Your gifts to the CHUS will make our organization's presentation at the AHA and our journal to be a high quality one. If we raise more funds, we will be able to offer travel grants for graduate students who will grow to be our future members.

Our goal is to make the CHUS more professional and more active so that CHUS will be one of the most outstanding communities for the Chinese historians in the US.

Thanks to you all.

Xiaoping Cong
President
The CHUS Board

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF *CHR* PARTNERSHIP WITH MANEY PUBLISHING

Partnership with Maney Publishing (Wang, Xi)

The Chinese Historical Review (CHR) has recently entered a business partnership with the UK-based Maney Publishing Company. By the partnership, The Chinese Historians in the United States, Inc. (CHUS) – the owner of *CHR* – grants Maney the right to publish and distribute the Journal in both printed and electronic formats worldwide, beginning in 2012. Maney will also be responsible for managing the Journal's subscription, customer service, online access and back issues.

Maney Publishing (www.maney.co.uk), formed in 1997, is a leading independent publisher of academic and professional journals. Specializing in materials science and engineering, health and life sciences, and the humanities, Maney is committed to technical and editorial innovation for the international dissemination of peer-reviewed scholarship and research and publishes extensively for learned societies, universities and professional bodies around the world. In addition to *CHR*, Maney also publishes a group of specialized journals on Chinese history, including *Ming Studies*, *T'ang Studies*, and *Twentieth-Century China*.

With the new partnership, *CHR* will continue to publish original research on the history of China in every period, China's historical relations with the world, the historical experiences of the overseas Chinese, and comparative and transnational studies of history. It will continue its Forum section that features interviews with leading scholars on issues concerning history and the historical profession. Its Book Review section will continue to introduce new historical scholarship published in English, Chinese, and other languages. The review and editing process will remain as rigorous as in the past eight years.

CHR began its publication nearly a quarter of a century ago, respectively under the titles *Historian* and *Chinese Historians*. It adopted the current title in 2004 when it resumed biannual publication, jointly edited by **Wang Xi** (Indiana University of Pennsylvania / Peking University), **Hanchao Lu** (Georgia Institute of Technology) and **Alan Baumler** (Indiana University of Pennsylvania). In the past eight years (2004-2011) *CHR* has published 8 volumes (16 issues) and has become an important journal in the field of Chinese history.

As the Journal moves into a new phase, it continues to receive support from scholars in the field. The new Editorial Board will include: **Morris L Bian**, (Auburn University, USA), **Jian Chen**, (Cornell University, USA), **Madeleine Yue Dong** (University of Washington at Seattle, USA), **Benjamin A Elman** (Princeton University, USA), **Joshua Goldstein** (University of Southern California, USA), **Christopher Isett** (University of Minnesota, USA), **Steven Levine** (University of Montana, USA), **Rana Mitter** (Oxford University, UK), **Ming-te Pan** (State University of New York at Oswego, USA), **Elizabeth J Perry** (Harvard University, USA), **Paul G Pickowicz** (University of California at San Diego, USA), **Yuri Pines** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), **Ruth Rogaski** (Vanderbilt University, USA), **Qin Shao** (The College of New Jersey, USA), **Richard J Smith** (Rice University, USA), **Jonathan D Spence** (Yale University, USA), **Joanna Waley-Cohen** (New York University, USA), **Gungwu Wang** (National University of Singapore, Singapore), **Victor Cunrui Xiong** (Western Michigan University, USA), **Yuezhi Xiong** (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China), **Guoqi Xu** (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong), **Ping Yao** (California State University, Los Angeles, USA), **Qiang Zhai** (Auburn University at Montgomery, USA).

The editors consider the CHR-Maney partnership an important turning point of the journal's life as it would help the journal move into a new level of professional production and global circulation. We sincerely invite CHUS members to continue to contribute their best scholarly work to the journal and help make the journal a proud legacy of the organization.

IV. 2011 CHUS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Professor Patrick Fuliang Shan of Grand Valley State University was the recipient of the 2011 CHUS Distinguished Service Award, announced at the CHUS business meeting at

the AHA on January 6, 2012. During the past several years, in addition to fulfilling his various responsibilities as CHUS president, Professor Shan took care of the filing of federal tax returns for CHUS, successfully reestablished CHUS's tax exemption status, and re-registered CHUS with the state of Michigan, thereby enabling CHUS to maintain its legal status. To save legal fees for CHUS, Professor Shan spent countless hours researching relevant legal documents and preparing, submitting, and resubmitting application materials---tasks that are usually performed by lawyers.



Professor Patrick Shan presented with the 2011 CHUS Distinguished Service Award by CHUS president Professor Xiaoping Cong at AHA meeting in Chicago, January 6, 2012
(Photo by Professor Jingyi Song)

V. CHUS PANELS AT AHA MEETING IN CHICAGO

The following six CHUS panels were organized and presented at the AHA meeting in Chicago, January 5-8, 2012: (1) "Teaching Modern Asian History: Themes and Sources," (2) "Social Network Analysis and Digitalizing History from Imperial to Modern Times," (3) "Knowledge, Social change, and the Network of Soft Power: China Encounters the World, 1600-2010," (4) "Constructing Chinese Communities in Urban America," (5) "Politics of Imperial Expansion and Rule: Strategies and Challenges of Governing the Frontiers of the Qing Empire in China, 1700-1911," and (6) "Marriage, Family, and Gender Construction in Republican China."



CHUS panel at AHA, January 6, 2012 (Photo by Xi Lian)

VI. MEMBER NEWS

Morris L. Bian, Associate Professor of History at Auburn University, recently published a review article entitled "Interpreting Enterprise, State, and Society: A Critical Review of the Literature in Modern Chinese Business History, 1978–2008." *Frontiers of History in China* 6:3 (September 2011): 423–462.

Yinghong Cheng, Associate Professor of History at Delaware State University, was a senior visiting research fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, May–November 2011. His recent publications include (1) "From Campus Racism to Cyberracism--Discourse of Race and Chinese Nationalism", *The China Quarterly*, 2011, vol. 207, 561-579, (2) "The Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Decline of Singapore's Left", *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, 2011, 7, 211-246, and (3) a number of articles in China's 南方周末, 炎黄春秋, 文化纵横, 社会学家茶座, 中国改革, and 凤凰周刊. Professor Cheng was also invited by *The China Quarterly* and Asia Institute, UCLA, to present a paper at the conference "From the Great Wall to the New World: China and Latin America in the 21st Century" (UCLA, April 2011). The paper he presented, entitled "The Socialist Other: Cuba in China's Ideological Discussions since the 1990s," has been accepted by *The China Quarterly* for publication in spring 2012 and inclusion in a subsequent paperback volume under the same title by Cambridge University Press.

Shuhua Fan, Associate Professor, History Department, The University of Scranton, produced two essays---"To Educate China in the Humanities and Produce China Knowledge in the United States: The Founding of the Harvard- Yenching Institute, 1924-1928" (reprinted from *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, Vol. 16. 4[2009], Theme Issue Framing China, pp. 251-283) and "Explaining the Demise of the Christian Colleges in China: A Case Study of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, 1949-1953"---for inclusion in a forthcoming new book entitled *New Perspectives on Yenching University, 1919-1952: A Liberal Education for a New China*, ed. Arthur Lewis Rosenbaum, with a preface by Charles W. Hayford (Imprint Publications, Chicago, 2012 [imprint-chicago.com/ycu.html]). She was also promoted to the rank of associate professor in the spring of 2011. In Fall 2010, she founded a weekend Chinese school---Scranton Chinese School, with classes for both children and adults---as her service project. For more information, visit www.scrantonchineseschool.org.

Xiaobing Li, Professor, Department of History and Geography, and Director of the Western Pacific Institute, the University of Central Oklahoma, published *Legal Reform in China* (co-editor with Qiang Fang, University Press of Kentucky, forthcoming 2012). His other recent publications include (1) *China at War: An Encyclopedia* (ABC-CLIO, 2011), (2) *Voices from the Vietnam War* (University Press of Kentucky, 2010), and (3) *Civil Liberties in China* (ABC-CLIO, 2010).

Huping Ling, Executive Editor, *Journal of Asian American Studies*; Professor of History, Truman State University, published *Chinese Chicago: Race, Transnational Migration, and Community Since 1870* (Stanford University Press, 2012) and *Asian American History and Cultures: An Encyclopedia*. Two volumes. (M.E. Sharpe, 2010).

Patrick Fuliang Shan, Associate Professor of History, Grand Valley State University, published an article entitled "Becoming Loyal: General Xu Shiyong and Maoist Regimentation" in *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, vol. 18, No. 2, October 2011, pp. 133-150.

Qin Shao, Professor, History Department, The College of New Jersey, was offered a residential fellowship by the International Research Center for Work and Life Cycle in Human Experience by Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, for 2012-13.

Di Wang, Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University, published the following: (1) "Tongye gonghui de gaizao yu guojia de hangye kongzhi: yi 1950-1953 nian Chengdu shi chasheye tongye gonghui de zhongzu weili" 同业公会的改造与国家的行业控制：以 1950-1953 年成都市茶社业同业公会的重组为例 (Reform of Guilds in and state control of professions: A case study of the Teahouse Guild in Chengdu during 1950-1953). *Zhongguo dangdai shi yanjiu* 中国当代史研究 (Studies of contemporary China), no. 3, 2011: 46-71; (2) *Chaguan: Chengdu de gonggong shenghuo yu weiguan shijie, 1900-1950* 茶馆：成都的公共生活与微观世界 (The Teahouse: Public life and microcosm of Chengdu, 1900-1950) (Beijing: Shehui kexue wenxian chubanshe, 2010).

This is the Chinese translation of *The Teahouse* with author's revision, expansion, and new preface, which was selected by *Nanfang Dushi Bao* 南方都市报 (*Southern Metropolis Daily*) as one of the 10 best books published in China for 2010; (3) "Chi jiangcha: Chengdu chaguan, paoge yu defang zhengzhi kongjian" 吃讲茶: 成都茶馆、袍哥与地方政治空间 (Drinking settlement tea: Teahouses, Gowned Brotherhood, and local political space in Chengdu). *Shixue yuekan* 史学月刊 (Monthly journal of history), no. 2 (2010): 105-114.

Guangqiu Xu, Professor of History, Friends University, won the 2011 OYCF-Ford Teaching Fellowship, a scholarship to support him to teach as Lecture Professor at the Xi'an International Studies University in the summer 2011. Visit <http://www.xisu.edu.cn/news/display.php?id=1274&table=news> for more information.

Guocun Yang, Professor of History and chair of Global Studies Department at Manchester Community College, was elected President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH) for a second two-year term. He supervised the American Civil War Commemoration at its 150th anniversary in April 2011 at Central Connecticut State University and organized a conference on "Women in Connecticut" in November 2011 at Manchester Community College. ASCH publishes the academic journal *Connecticut History* twice a year on topics related to the people and history of the state. He is now putting together the ASCH spring meeting in April at Woodstock Historical Society and the fall conference on "Connecticut and New England in the War of 1812" in November at Connecticut College. CHUS members are invited to submit articles to be considered for publication in *Connecticut History* and to send presentation proposals for ASCH conferences. For further information, contact him at Gyang@mcc.comnet.edu.

Ping Yao, Professor, Department of History; Director, Asian and Asian American Studies Program, California State University, Los Angeles, received a 2011-2012 Fulbright Senior Research Scholar Award. She will spend six months in Shanghai in the Spring of 2012 to complete research for her book on Tang Buddhist women. In 2011 she published two articles, "Cousin Marriages in Tang China (618-907)" (*Chinese Historical Review* 18.1 [2011]:25-55), and "Women's Epitaphs in Tang China (618-907)" (Joan Judge and Hu Ying, eds., *Beyond Exemplar Tales: Women's Biography in Chinese History*, University of California Press, 2011, 139-157). She also co-organized the international conference "Women and Gender in Chinese Religions" (June 2011, Macau, China).

Guolin Yi, Ph.D. candidate at Wayne State University, presented a paper entitled "Turning the Enemy into Your Friend: the Chinese Preparation for Rapprochement with the United States" at the conference on Public Relations of the Cold War, Cambridge University, Dec. 2011.

Xiaoqun Xu, Associate Professor, History Department, Christopher Newport University, published "Law and Courts as Negotiating Tools: Marriage and Divorce in Republican

China, 1912-1949," in Stefan B. Kirmse, ed., *One Law for All?: Western Models and Local Practices in (Post-) Imperial Contexts* (Frankfort, Germany: Campus Verlag, 2012).

VII. CHUS FINANCIAL REPORT

CHUS Financial Report (2011)

(Shuo Wang)

Happy New Year!

Here I am submitting CHUS financial report (2011) for you to review:

According to the bank statements, the fund in our CHUS account was \$9,558.40 on December 31, 2010 and \$13,792.27 on December 31, 2011. It shows a \$4,233.87 increase.

In the past year, the total income was \$5,799.86, in which \$4,600 was from donations; \$1,195 was membership fees; and \$4.86 was interests.

Our total expenses were \$1,565.98, in which \$620 was paid to AHA conference panel fees; \$119.48 was paid to Yao Ping as a reimbursement for CHR business (approved by CHUS Board); \$20 was paid to Michigan State as CHUS registration fee; and \$806.5 to cover the postage, ink, and other small items of mailing the CHR journal to Maney publisher and our members (the last time).

On behalf of CHUS, I want to thank Cong Xiaoping, Li Danke, and Wu Shu-huei generously donated \$200 respectively to CHUS in November, 2011. I also received a check of \$100 donation from our former President Patrick Shan and will make the deposit soon. The other two donation checks were from Buddhist Light International Association at amount of \$1,000 and Galaxy Scaffolding LLC at amount of \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Shuo Wang, CHUS treasurer

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The Board of Directors of Chinese Historians in the United States gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations in support of the work of CHUS:

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- Cong, Xiaoping (\$200)
- Li, Danke (\$200)
- Shan, Patrick (\$100)
- Wu, Shu-huei (\$200)

IX. EDITOR'S NOTE

Congratulations on all the accomplishments listed above, which attest once again to the scholarly energy, dedication, and productivity of CHUS members. Please forward any corrections and/or supplements to lian@hanover.edu to be included in the next issue of the newsletter. Have a prosperous and productive Year of the Dragon!