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Greetings from the New President

April 27, 2013

Dear Colleagues and CHUS Members,

On behalf of the new board, I wish to thank all of you for trusting me to be the president of CHUS and for offering the new board members a chance to serve our organization for the next two years. I also wish to thank Dr. Xiaoping CONG and the previous board for their hard work during the past two years and for their collegial and selfless efforts to help the new board with the leadership transition process.

Please allow me to introduce to you the newly-elected board members and the division of labor among us: Dr. Chunmei Du (Western Kentucky University) will be the new secretary and membership director; Dr. Qiang Fang (University of Minnesota, Duluth) the treasurer; Dr. Margaret Kuo (California State University, Long Beach) the newsletter editor and website manager; and Dr. Danke Li (Fairfield University), who has been serving as the organizational coordinator on the previous board for the past two years will continue to serve in the same capacity for one more term. I am extremely privileged to have this group of talented colleagues working with me for the next two years and CHUS is blessed to have their dedicated service.

In keeping with CHUS' mission statement, the new board will continue the tradition of serving members, promoting historical scholarship and academic exchange, and developing CHUS into a vibrant academic community. To that end, in addition to continuing to sponsor panels for members at the AHA's annual conference and working with the editorial board of *The Chinese Historical Review* to ensure the continuous publication of the journal, the new board will launch a number of new initiatives that focus on membership expansion, website management, and international conferences and exchange programs with China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan.

Needless to say, the board's success in achieving these goals will in part depend on the support and cooperation of CHUS' members. We will count on that support and cooperation and hope the collective wisdom of CHUS' members and the high ideals embodied in our organization's mission will carry us forward.

Once again, thank you all for your trust and support and I wish everyone a successful conclusion of the academic year.

Sincerely,
Zhiwei Xiao

Note from the President: Macau Conference Summer 2015?

CHUS is currently exploring the possibility of jointly sponsoring an academic conference in the summer of 2015 with the University of Macau. Since our co-host will need to apply for funding for the event, we need to gather a rough estimate of the number of people who may be interested in attending. Please send an email to zxiao@csusm.edu if you would be interested in participating and write in the subject line of your email "Macau conference."

CHUS at the AHA—Make Plans to Join CHUS at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014!

Please plan on attending the next annual meeting of the American Historical Association, in Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014! CHUS is an affiliated society of the AHA and holds a number of important activities in conjunction with the annual meeting. For more information about the AHA annual meeting, please see: <http://historians.org/annual/2014/index.cfm>

CHUS Annual Membership Meeting. In keeping with tradition, CHUS will hold its annual membership meeting at the AHA conference, January 4, 2014, (Saturday evening). The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to get to know the board and for the board to address issues of concern to the members. It will also be a great place to learn about future CHUS conferences and other activities. All members are welcome to attend!

CHUS-Sponsored Panels at the AHA. CHUS members have organized eight formal panels as part of the AHA program, which means that there should be at least 40 or so CHUS members at the conference. Take a look at the roster of interesting 2014 AHA panels organized through CHUS and make plans to join fellow scholars at the annual meeting:

1. "Practice of Empire: Sovereignty and State Legitimacy in Late Imperial and Republican China," organized by Li Chen.
2. "Elusive Nation Building: Different Voices from Twentieth-Century China," organized by Mao Lin.
3. "Bridging the Cultures Between the East and West," organized by Liyan Liu.
4. "The Road to Sino-American Rapprochement Revisited: An International Perspective," organized by Guolin Yi.
5. "Evolution of Powers: China's Struggle, Survival, and Success," organized by Pingchao Zhu.
6. "Margaret Sanger in China: The Emergence and Trajectory of Birth Control Movement in China, 1920s-1940s," organized by Miao Feng.
7. "The Gender in Construction: Shifting Boundaries between Family, State, and Society in Twentieth-Century China," organized by Xiaoping Cong.
8. "Women and War in East Asia, 1898-1945," organized by Danke Li.

Letter from the Editor of *The Chinese Historical Review*

The Chinese Historical Review has begun the second year of its partnership with Maney Publishing. The first year of the partnership proved very successful. Worldwide distribution in print and online has brought an unprecedented visibility to the journal. Feedback received from old and new readers confirms that the journal has evolved to a new and more professional level in content and form.

We are please to announce our Spring 2013 issue (Vol. 20, No. 1), published in May, a special symposium on “Christianity and China,” featuring four original research papers by both established and emerging scholars that address various aspects of Christianity and its ramifications in early modern and modern Chinese history. We are particularly grateful to Prof. Xi Lian for his profound intellectual insights and impeccable organizational skills. We do hope CHUS members enjoy this symposium. In case your hard copy has not reached you yet, here are the highlights:

Symposium on Christianity and China (<i>CHR</i> , May 2013)
“Introduction: A New Journey in the Study of Christianity in China,” by Xi Lian
“Reflections on Protestantism and Modern China: Problems of Periodization,” by Daniel H. Bays
“Chinese Christian Virgins and Catholic Communities of Women in Northeast China,” by Ji Li
“The Church as a Protector: Anti-Christian Cases and Resource Conflicts in Post-Boxer Chaozhou,” by Joseph Tse-Hei Lee
“‘Wants Learn Cut, Finish People’: American Missionary Medical Education for Chinese Women and Cultural Imperialism in the Missionary Enterprise, 1890s-1920,” by Connie Shemo
“Cultural Christians” and the Search for Civil Society in Contemporary China, by Xi Lian

The issue also includes Alan Baumler’s interview with R. Keith Schoppa, a highly-regarded China specialist and a prolific author on China. In “From Texas to Zhejiang: The Intellectual Journey of a China Scholar,” Prof. Schoppa generously shares how he became a China historian and how he envisioned and produced his impressive body of scholarship.

Our Fall 2013 issue (Vol. 20, No. 2), scheduled to appear in print in October, will bring out another symposium, this time, on “Family in Chinese History.” This symposium was organized by Prof. Cong Ellen Zhang of the University of Virginia, with the advice and consultation of Prof. Ping Yao, a member of *CHR* editorial board. The four original research articles in the symposium examine issues of family in various periods of Chinese history. Again, this is a new frontier that we try to take a leading role to explore, very much like we did with the

Christianity symposium and the frontier symposium (which was organized by Prof. Patrick Fuliang Shan and published in 2012).

As readers might realize, *CHR*'s recent and upcoming symposia have been organized by CHUS members. We reiterate this point not just to show our appreciation to our fellow members – Profs. Patrick Fuliang Shan, Xi Lian, and Cong Ellen Zhang – but to stress that constant and enthusiastic support of members is vital to the success of the journal. As always, we welcome ideas, suggestions, and critiques from the CHUS community about how we can improve the journal. We want to extend our invitations once again to all CHUS members to submit your best original research results to the journal. We will get them peer-reviewed, edited, and published.

Respectfully,
Xi Wang
Editor, *CHR*

CHUS Membership Information

Membership is key to the survival and development of our organization, which has played a unique role in connecting Chinese historians around the world, especially in the United States.

Our member benefits include participating in CHUS-sponsored panels at the annual AHA meeting, receiving the journal *The Chinese Historical Review* and CHUS Newsletter, eligibility for awards including the Academic Excellence and Distinguished Service Awards and the Graduate Travel Grant, as well as other scholarly and networking opportunities such as international conferences and scholarly trips.

Please renew your membership on time and help reach out to potential new members. For questions and recruitment suggestions, please email Prof. Chunmei Du at chunmei.du@wku.edu

Current Membership Rates:

Regular members: \$60/one year, \$100/ two years, or \$150/three years

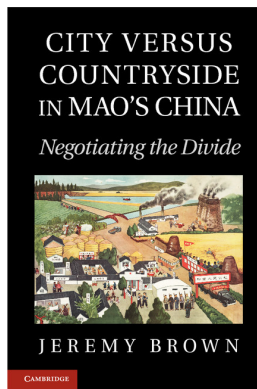
Student or retiree members: \$30/one year or \$50/two years

Contributing members: \$200/one year (new category for outside donors)

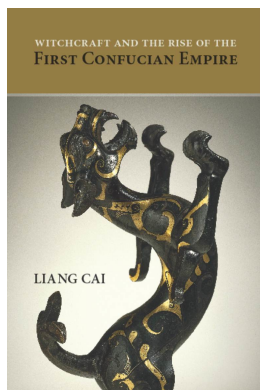
Existing lifetime members will continue enjoying their status and privileges for up to seven years. Those whose lifetime membership is over seven years should make a mandatory “honorary contribution” at \$40/year to continue their membership benefits.

MEMBER NEWS

As you can see from the impressive list of recent achievements below, our CHUS community of scholars is actively engaged in the promotion of knowledge about Chinese history around the world. Congratulations to these CHUS members—may we all be inspired by their examples to press on with our own work.



Jeremy Brown, Assistant Professor of History, Simon Fraser University, received an Honorable Mention in the Canadian Historical Association's 2013 Wallace K. Ferguson Prize competition for his book, *City Versus Countryside in Mao's China: Negotiating the Divide* (Cambridge University Press 2012). Book link: www.cambridge.org/9781107024045



Liang Cai, Assistant Professor of History, University of Arkansas, will

be publishing her book, *Witchcraft and the Rise of the First Confucian Empire* (State University of New York Press 2013). As a visiting fellow at Wolfson College at the University of Cambridge, Prof. Cai presented four talks, including:

"Witchcraft and the Rebirth of a Ruling Elite in Western Han China, 206 BCE–8CE," at the China Research Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, February 2013, and "The Muted Bureaucrats and the Combative *Ru* (Confucian) Scholars: A Comparative Reading of an Archaeologically Discovered Text 'Wei li zhi dao' 為吏之道 and Wang Chong's 'Cheng cai' 程材 in *Lun Heng* 論衡," at the Needham Research Institute, May 2013.

Cecilia Chien, Associate Professor of History, West Chester University, published "Teaching Chinese History and Culture through Film," *Education About Asia* 18:1 (Spring 2013): 32-37.

Anthony E. Clark, Associate Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies, Whitworth University, spent the 2012-13 academic year in Beijing with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities-ACLS and the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation. While in

China he completed a book manuscript on Sino-Western exchange in Shanxi and signed a contract for his forthcoming edited volume, *A Voluntary Exile: Chinese Christianity and Cultural Confluence, from 1552-Present* (forthcoming, Lehigh University Press/Rowman & Littlefield, "Studies of Missionaries and Christianity in China Book Series," General Editor, Xi Lian). He also presented three scholarly papers: "Out of the Ashes: Remembrance and Reconstruction in Catholic Shanxi, 1900-Present," LEWI Symposium on the Catholic Church in China, 1900 to the Present, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong; "Local Magistrates and Foreign Mendicants: Chinese Views of Shanxi's Franciscan Mission During the Late Qing, 1700-1900," Strangers in Distant Lands: The West in Late-Imperial China, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong; "Recovering China's Past: Missionary Photographs of Late-Imperial and Republican China in Western Archives," Hangzhou Symposium on Sinology and Sino-Foreign Relations and Cultural Exchanges, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China; and "The Image of China in Western Perspectives," Hangzhou Symposium on Sinology and Sino-Foreign Relations and Cultural Exchanges, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China.

Xiaoping Cong, Associate Professor of History, University of Houston, published "*Road to Revival: A New Move in the Making of Legitimacy for the Ruling Party in*

China," *Journal of Contemporary China* 22: 81 (May 2013): 1-18.

Jun Fang, Associate Professor of History, Huron University College, published two journal articles in the second half of 2012: "Literati Statecraft and Military Resistance during the Ming-Qing Transition: The Case of the Possibility Society (Jishe)," *Chinese Historical Review* 19:2 (Dec. 2012): 87-106 and "Lai Jixi and the Development of Chinese Education at the University of Hong Kong," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch* 52 (2012): 267-289.

Qiang Fang, Associate Professor of History, University of Minnesota, Duluth, published a book, *Chinese Complaint Systems: Natural Resistance* (Routledge 2013), and co-edited another volume with Xiaobing Li, *Modern Chinese Legal Reform: New Perspectives* (University Press of Kentucky 2013). Prof. Fang was also tenured and promoted to Associate Professor.

Margaret Kuo, Associate Professor of History, California State University, Long Beach, published "Spousal Abuse: Divorce Litigation and the Emergence of Rights Consciousness in Republican China," *Modern China* 38:5 (Sept. 2012): 523-558. Prof. Kuo also presented (with Fr. Robert Carbonneau) on "The Passionist Eye: A Photographic History of West Hunan," at the "Visualizing Asia in the Modern World" conference at Yale University, May 2013.

Danke Li, Professor of History, Fairfield University, has been promoted from Associate to Full Professor. Prof. Li published "Ecofeminist Literary Criticism in China: A Window into China's Academic Globalization," *Asian Women* 28:4 (2012): 37-58. (*Asian Women* is a Social Science Indexed and peer-review journal). Prof. Li also gave the following invited talks: "Gender and Memory: Chinese Women during the Second Sino-Japanese War in Chongqing, 1937-45," at the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, Dec. 4, 2012; "Rethinking Resistance: Ordinary Chinese Women's Experiences in Chongqing during the Second Sino-Japanese War, 1937-45," at Pomona College, Nov. 30, 2012; "Our History is Our Strength: Ordinary Chinese Women during the Second Sino-Japanese War in Chongqing, 1937-45," at Winthrop University, Feb. 1, 2013; and "Echoes of Chongqing: Women in China in WWII," at Bryant University, April, 1, 2013. In addition, Prof. Li gave the following peer-reviewed presentations: "When Xiajiang Styles met Chongqing Styles: Chongqing and Wartime Cultural Fusion," Association for Asian Studies annual conference, San Diego, March 21-24, 2013; "An Environmental NGO and Rural Reform: The Case of the Global Village of Beijing," ASIANetwork annual conference with Luoshen Wang, Nashville, April 12-14, 2013; and "The Visual as Memory: Women and Political Cartoons in China's War of Resistance against Japan," AHA annual meeting, New Orleans, Jan. 3-6, 2013.



Xiaobing Li, Chair and Professor, History and Geography Department, University of Central Oklahoma, (and Qiang Fang) edited *Modern Chinese Legal Reform: New Perspectives*, published by the University Press of Kentucky in January 2013. Among the contributors are several CHUS members: Liqun Cao, Qiang Fang, Jieli Li, Liying Li, Xiaobing Li, Xiaoxiao Li, Bin Liang, Yunqiu Zhang, and Yuchao Zhu. The book is part of the "Asia in the New Millennium," series edited by Hua Shiping. Xiaobing Li and Xiansheng Tian are also editing another volume, *Evolution of Power: China's Struggle, Survival, and Success* (under contract with Lexington Books, an imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, forthcoming late 2013). Contributors include Changfu Chang, Qiang Fang, Zhaohui Hong, Shaorong Huang, Xiaogang Lai, Jieli Li, Liying Li, Xiaobing Li, Xiaoxiao Li, Shuming Lu, Fuliang Shan, Jingyi Song, Yi Sun, Xiansheng Tian, Enbao Wang, Zhinuo Wang, Guangqiu Xu, and Pingchao Zhu.

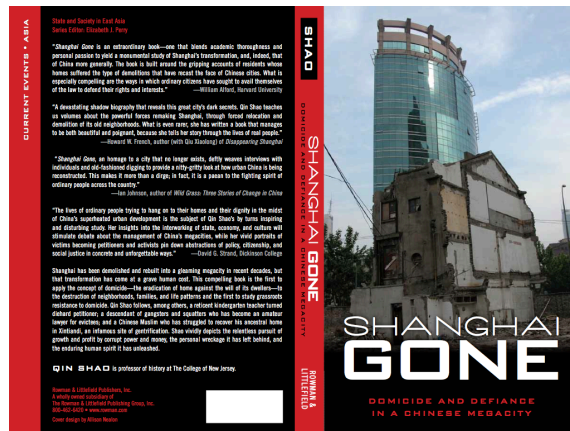
Xi Lian, Professor of History, Hanover College, guest edited a special issue of the *Chinese Historical Review* that was published in May 2013. He also contributed an article, entitled “‘Cultural Christians’ and the Search for Civil Society in Contemporary China,” to the issue. Prof. Lian recently accepted a new position as Professor of World Christianity in the Divinity School of Duke University. After August 2013, his new email address will be xliao@div.duke.edu.

Huping Ling, Professor of History, Truman State University, and Changjiang Scholar Chair Professor, published the following articles: “The New Trends in American Chinatowns: The Case of Chinese in Chicago,” *Chinatown around the World: Gilded Ghettos, Ethnopolis, and Cultural Diaspora*, Bernard Wong and Chee-Beng Tan, eds. (Brill 2013), pp. 55-94. “Negotiating Transnational Migration: Marriage and Changing Gender Roles among the Chinese Diaspora,” *Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Diaspora*, Chee-Beng Tan, ed. (Routledge 2013), pp. 227-246. “Chinese Americans in Politics,” *Outlook China* 164 (March 2012): 68-73. “The Transnational World of Chinese Entrepreneurs in Chicago, 1870s to 1940s: New Sources and Perspectives on Southern Chinese Emigration,” *Frontiers of History in China* 6:3 (2011): 370-406. “The Changing Public Image of Chinese Americans and the Rise of China,” *21st Century International Review* (March 2011): 10-15. Prof. Ling was also invited to give the following lectures: “Reconstructing

Transnational Migration Marriage Patterns—‘Taishanese Widows’ and ‘American Concubines,’” Fulbright Symposium, Hong Kong University, June 1-3, 2013. “Marriage Patterns of Overseas Chinese during the Late-19th and Early-20th Century,” Overseas Chinese and knowledge transfer, the development of infrastructure, resources, and commodities in China, by German Max Weber Foundation, Xiamen, China, May 16-17, 2013. “Rise of China and Its Meaning to Chinese America.” Distinguished Guest Speaker, 8th International Conference on Talents and Development in China, Wuhan, China, May 14, 2013. “Rise of China and Chinese in North America.” Distinguished Role Model Speaker, the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, May 15, 2012.

Helen Schneider, Associate Professor of History, Virginia Tech, edited (with Rana Mitter) a special issue of the *European Journal of East Asian Studies* on “Relief and Reconstruction in Wartime China.” She also contributed an article on “Mobilising Women: The Women’s Advisory Council, Resistance and Reconstruction during China’s War with Japan,” *European Journal of East Asian Studies* 11:2 (2012): 213-236.

Patrick Fuliang Shan, Associate Professor of History, Grand Valley State University, published “Demythologizing Politicized Myths: A New Interpretation of the Seven Gentlemen Incident,” *Frontiers of History in China* 8:1 (March 2013): 51-77.



Qin Shao, Professor of History, College of New Jersey published a book, *Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity* (Rowman & Littlefield 2013), and an article, "Citizens versus Experts: Historic Preservation in Globalizing Shanghai," *Future Anterior* 9:1 (Summer 2012): 16-31. Prof. Shao was also a Fellow-in-Residence at the International Research Institute on Work and Life Course in Global History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, Jan.-July, 2013. She made the following presentations: "Building Trust and Boundary: Field Research in Shanghai," workshop on "Field Research Method Lab: Addressing Field Research Constraints in China," London School of Economics, UK, June 6-7, 2013; "The Violence of Urban Development in Post-Mao China," workshop on "Contested Urban Spaces in Chinese Metropolises," Center for Cultural Studies on Science and Technology in China, Technique University of Berlin, Germany, May 29, 2013; "Displacement and Changes in the Meaning of Work and Life Course in Post-Mao China," International

Research Institute on Work and Life Course in Global History, Humboldt University, May 28, 2013; "The Violence of Urban Development in Contemporary China," Institute for Chinese Studies, Oxford University, UK, May 23, 2013; "Migration and Mobility in Contemporary China," joint guest lecture, Institute for Chinese Studies, Oxford University, UK, May 23, 2013; "Domicide and Urban Development in Post-Mao China," Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning, KU Leuven, Belgium, May 2, 2013; and "Domicide and the Displaced in Post-Mao Urban China," Ostasiatisches Seminar, Free University of Berlin, Germany, April 25, 2013.

Kristin Stapleton, Associate Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies, University at Buffalo, SUNY, published "Chinese Cities, 1900 to the Present" in *The Oxford Handbook of Cities in World History* (Peter Clark, ed., Oxford University Press 2013: 522-541) and "Urban Change And Modernity" in *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Chinese Studies*. (Tim Wright, ed., Oxford University Press 2013).

Guangqiu Xu, Professor of History, Friends University, was invited to deliver two presentations at the National University of Singapore: one, "Medical Missionaries in Canton: Modernization in China," at the Department of History on January 31, and the other, "Medical Missionaries in Guangzhou: Democracy in China," at the Asia Research Institute on April 11. He taught U.S. Diplomatic History and

was a Fulbright Visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore during the academic year 2012-13.

Guoqi Xu, Professor of History, University of Hong Kong, spent his sabbatical/research leave last year at Cambridge University and University College Dublin, Ireland. His recent book *Strangers on the Western Front: Chinese Workers in the Great War* (Harvard University Press 2011) was selected book of the year in 2012 by the Chinese American Librarians Association. In 2012 Prof. Xu published the following articles among several others: "The New Approach of International History and Its Practice," *Wen Shi Zhe* (Journal of Literature, History, and Philosophy) (in Chinese), No. 5 (September 2012). 新华文摘 republished it in an abridged version in its no. 1 issue (January 2013). "Prestige and Soft Power: How Beijing Benefited from the 2008 Games," in *Legacy of 2012: Understanding the Impact of Olympic Games*, a special volume published by Economist/Economist Intelligence Unit (August 2012). Prof. Xu's invited chapter on Asia and the First World War will be published early next year in Jay Winter, ed., *International History of the First World War*, by Cambridge University Press (a separate French edition will be published in late 2013). Prof. Xu's invited chapter on China and empire will be published soon in Robert Gewarth and Erez Manela, eds., *The Empires at War* by Oxford University Press. Professor Xu has recently finished a manuscript tentatively titled *Chinese and Americans: A Shared History* (under contract and

review, Harvard University Press). Prof. Xu is currently working on a book titled *Asia and the Great War* under contract, Oxford University Press.

Guocun Yang, Professor of History, Manchester Community College, and former President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH), helped organize two successful ASCH conferences on "Connecticut and New England in the War of 1812," November 3, 2012, and "Law and Orders: Connecticut's Legal and Political History," April 6, 2013. After serving two terms as ASCH president, he stepped down from the position but remains on the Board of Directors.

Guolin Yi, Department of History, Wayne State University, published "'Propaganda State' and Sino-American Rapprochement: Preparing the Chinese Public for Nixon's Visit," *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 20:1 (2013): 5-28.

Qiong Zhang, Assistant Professor of History, Wake Forest University, is on leave from June to December 2013 to take up a visiting research fellowship at the Templeton Science and Religion in Traditional East Asia Project, hosted by the Science Culture Research Center of Seoul National University, South Korea. She is completing her book manuscript entitled "Taking the New World in Stride: The Jesuit Mission and Chinese Cultural Renewal in the Seventeenth Century."