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**I. President Xiaobing Li and Board of Director's 2016 Annual Report  
(Presented at the CHUS Annual Business Meeting at the 2017 AHA in Denver)**

The CHUS 2015-2017 Board held its annual membership meeting at the AHA conference in Denver, CO, @7:00-9:00pm on Saturday (January 7, 2017) at Sheraton Hotel's Plaza Court Room 2. Dr. Xiaobing Li, President of the 2015-2017 Board, chaired the meeting and presented the board by inviting Dr. Danke Li, CHUS Conference Coordinator, and Dr. Qiang Fang, CHUS Treasurer, to give their annual reports to the members.

Dr. Danke Li reported that in 2016 six panels organized by CHUS were presented at the AHA annual conference. Professor Yi Sun, a long term member of CHUS, was interviewed and featured by the conference newsletter to showcase the diversity of the AHA annual meeting. In January 2017, two CHUS panels were presented at the annual meeting in Denver.

During the 2016 annual membership meeting, the members of our organization discussed and proposed a motion regarding rules of submitting papers and attending AHA annual conferences.

The motion was subsequently passed by CHUS members as the following: In order to uphold the academic integrity and professionalism of CHUS, it is required that all individuals, members and non-members alike, who participate as panelists, discussants, or chairs in CHUS-organized panels at AHA annual meetings, must fulfill their obligations of submitting papers and attending the conference. If special circumstances, such as illnesses or other emergencies, prevent panel participants from attending the meeting, the absentee must inform the panel organizer and the CHUS conference coordinator about the absence in advance. If the absentee is a panelist, he/she must submit his/her paper to the panel organizer and arrange for someone in the panel to read the paper on his/her behalf. If the absentee is a chair or discussant, he/she must ask another panelist to take over his/her responsibility. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in a 3-year suspension from CHUS-organized AHA panels.

Partly because of the motion, we saw a significant decrease in panel proposals for the 2017 AHA annual conference in Denver. We will need to find a way to encourage our members to participate in AHA annual meetings while upholding the academic integrity and professionalism of CHUS.

Dr. Qiang Fang provided the annual financial report as follows:

- January: \$15,717.43 (add \$1038.36; minus \$828.36 [I deposited a reimbursement check of my wife from ALTA Ltd by mistake] and \$134.12 for CHUS Rewards).
- February: \$15,238.48, minus \$13.95 (to Dr. Xiaoping Cong for CHUS Website) + \$465 (For the 2016 AHA Meeting).
- March: \$16,152.94 (\$914.46-CHR Royalties).
- April: \$16,131.79 (\$1.15 for mail postage; \$20 for analysis service charge).
- May: \$14,119.29 (\$2012.50 for *CHR* to Taylor & Francis).
- June: \$ 14,119.29 (No activity).
- July: \$14,119.29 (No activity).
- August: \$14,299.29 (Add \$100 membership fee from Dr. Xi Wang; \$100 membership fee from Dr. Zhiguo Yang; check \$20).
- October (Add \$150 -- 3-year membership fee from Dr. Jinzheng Li at Nankai University in China).

- October Balance: \$14,449.29 (adding \$150).
- November: Membership fees totaling \$710 (From Dr. Fuliang Shan: \$60; Dr. Dandan Chen: \$350 [3-year for Dr. Liyan Liu, 2-yr for Dr. Miao Feng, 2-yr for Dr. Dewen Zhang]; Dr. Philip Guingona: \$50-2-yr student; Dr. Xu Luo: \$150; Dr. Xiansheng Tian: \$100).

Then, Dr. Xiaobing Li read Dr. Shuhua Fan's report at the meeting:

Dr. Shuhua Fan has got the following work done in 2016:

- Edited Summer 2016 Issue CHUS Newsletter
  - Made efforts to include as much important information as possible.
  - Dr. Fan tried to include book cover images of CHUS members' works, including those she found online, to make the newsletter look more colorful.
  - She sent an electronic copy to CHUS members and posted one copy at the CHUS webpage.
- Collecting Data for the Winter 2016 Issue CHUS Newsletter
  - Dr. Fan sent out a call-for-submission email during the start of the winter break, and set Wednesday Jan. 25, 2017 as a deadline for submission.
  - Dr. Fan plans to finish editing the winter issue and send it to CHUS members by in late January or early Feb. 2017.
- Updated CHUS Group Email List
  - Working with President Li and the Board, Dr. Fan updated CHUS group email list. This includes adding new information sent by Dandan or other board members, or by CHUS members, and searching online for email addresses of the members whose old emails did not work either due to job change or change of emails.
  - This is still an ongoing process in order to have a complete and up-to-date group email list.
- Updated CHUS Website
  - Updated CHUS website, trying to make it up-to-date.

Then Dr. Xiaobing Li read Dr. Dandan Chen's report: In 2016, CHUS maintains the number of the members as last year and has attracted new members from mainland China. Dr. Chen has updated the list of members according to membership fee payment, and sent the list twice to the publisher of *Chinese Historical Review*.

Dr. Chen pointed out that there are some big challenges for the coming years:

- Setting up a Papal account so as members overseas can pay membership fees easily. Members in the U.S can also pay fees electronically instead of sending checks.
- Reminding life members to resume paying membership fees.

## **II. Inauguration Letter from President Qiang Fang**

Dear CHUS Members and Friends,

First let me wish all of you a very happy and productive new year!

It is my sincere and profound honor to be elected as the new president of CHUS. I very much appreciate the trust of CHUS members and the opportunity to work for this great organization.

Although I am not the best person for the position, I will do my best to serve CHUS members. I have been a treasurer under the leadership of our former presidents -- Drs. Zhiwei Xiao and Xiaobing Li in the past four years, and have learned a lot from their extraordinary passion and capacity in leading CHUS to new success. In the following two years, I will do my best to work with current and former CHUS board members, and continue the success of CHUS.

Below are the plans I hope to accomplish during my tenure as president:

1. I will continue to contact prominent Chinese higher educational institutions for joint international conferences in the next two years. So far I have already reached an agreement with Jinan University in Guangzhou for a co-sponsored international conference on modern China. If Jinan University administration approves the funding for this conference, the conference will be held in mid-June. Like previous joint conferences, CHUS members will have to pay for their own trips to Guangzhou, and Jinan University will be responsible for room and board during the conference.
2. I have also contacted Mr. Haoran Ma, the contact person of the Grand Alliance in Taiwan, for several times in hopes of continuing the long-time cooperation, and especially the trip to Taiwan this summer. Although the change of Taiwan leadership has caused some uncertainties, the Grand Alliance recently gives a green light to the trip, which will allow 10-15 CHUS members to visit Taiwan this summer. During the visit, CHUS members will meet with scholars in renowned Taiwan universities as well as government officials.
3. I will work with CHUS members to co-edit a volume on anti-corruption in modern Chinese history. During the hiatus of my conference trip to Denver this month, I have talked to a couple of academic presses for the publication of such a book, and both of them responded positively. As soon as the book proposal is done, I will send it to those publishers for a preliminary contract. Most, if not all, of the chapter contributors will be CHUS members.
4. I will also try to work with CHUS board members and any CHUS member who might have resources and experience in fundraising. The new CHUS board will also contact large national foundations such as Ford Foundation that may be able to provide financial support to CHUS.
5. I will work with other CHUS board members to reach out to more China historians in both North America and China to recruit new members. Since the biggest income of CHUS comes from membership fees, more members mean more revenue. To rejuvenate CHUS, the new CHUS board will contact more historians through direct contacts and online payment to draw historians in Chinese universities (we have some members from China). With AHA conferences and annual or biannual joint international conferences as main incentives, I hope more historians will join CHUS. Professors Xi Wang, Danke Li, and many other CHUS members have given very good suggestions in recruiting China historians, visiting historians and graduate students in the US. I want to appreciate them for their excellent and continuous help to CHUS.
6. As always, CHUS will continue to support the *Chinese Historical Review*, a nationally renowned historical journal currently being led by Professor Hanchao Lu. For a long time, *CHR* has been the biggest part of CHUS's spending. But recently Professor Lu has been

engaging the publisher to negotiate a much better deal with the promising prospect of making *CHR* a self-sustainable journal this year. If that is possible, Professor Lu will greatly improve the financial situation of CHUS.

7. Suggested by some CHUS members, the new CHUS board will soon hold a discussion on the creation of a Lifetime Scholarly Award to bestow outstanding CHUS members who have had attained international fame in their significant academic contributions and prolific publications during their long careers.

Without the innovative and altruistic support of many dedicated CHUS members and current and former board members, CHUS would not have been successful in its thirty years of existence. I too ask each CHUS member to continue your help to the new board in the next two years. Together let's make CHUS to reach a new height!

Thanks so much for all of you! Best Wishes,

Fang, Qiang

### **III. CHUS Panels at the 2017 AHA Annual Conference in Denver (Jan. 5-8, 2017)**

**Panel 1:** In and Beyond the Chinese Communities: The Rise of Civil Rights Consciousness and Activities as a Transnational Experience

**Chair:** Yi Sun (University of San Diego)

**Comment:** Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University of Denver)

**Panelists:**

- Jingyi Song (State University of New York, College at Old Westbury), "Lost and Found: Remembrance of the Pioneer Chinese in Denver."
- Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), "Between the Black and the White: Why the Chinese Came from Underground to City Street after the 1921 Tulsa Riot?"
- Xiaojia Hou (San Jose State University), "Defending the Land: Peasants' Negotiations with the CCP over the Territorial Disputes in Socialist China."
- Hongshan Li (Kent State University at Tuscarawas), "Black Rights in Reds' Eyes: China's Response to the US Civil Rights Movement in the Cold War."

**Panel 2:** Power, Law, and State Building in Republican China, 1912-49

**Chair:** Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University of Denver)

**Comment:** Harold M. Tanner (University of North Texas)

**Panelists:**

- Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), "From the Party-Army to the Party-State: Civil-Military Relations in the Early Republic Period."
- Patrick Fuliang Shan (Grand Valley State University), "Yuan Shikai and China's Transition from Empire to Republic."
- Qiang Fang (University of Minnesota Duluth), "Cornerstone or Aberration? The Building of a Communist Judiciary in Yan'an, 1937-49."
- Danke Li (Fairfield University), "From World War II to the Civil War: Women and Political Contestation in the Chongqing Region, 1944-46."

#### IV. Images from the 2017 CHUS Business Meeting/Awards Ceremonies & AHA Panels

The CHUS held its annual membership meeting @7:00-9:00pm on Saturday, January 7, 2017 in Court Room 2 at Sheraton Hotel's Plaza in Denver. At the meeting, Dr. Xiaobing Li, CHUS President (2015-2017), presented an annual report, welcomed the members of the new Board of Directors, and presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Xi Wang, and the Academic Excellence Award to Dr. Dandan Chen (Dr. Qiang Fang received the award on Dandan's behalf).



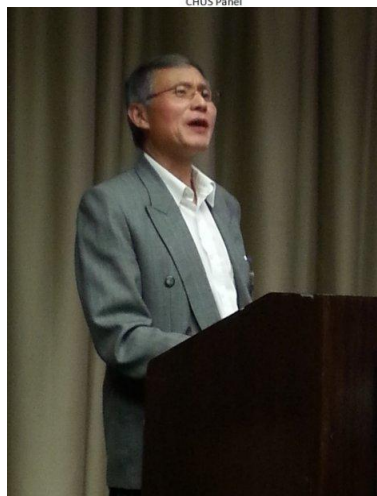
CHUS Panel



CHUS panel



A scene of a CHUS panel



Professor Danke Li presents her paper



A scene of a CHUS panel





Professor Jingyi Song presents her paper



Professor Yi Sun chairs a panel.



Professor Xianli Hu presents her paper.



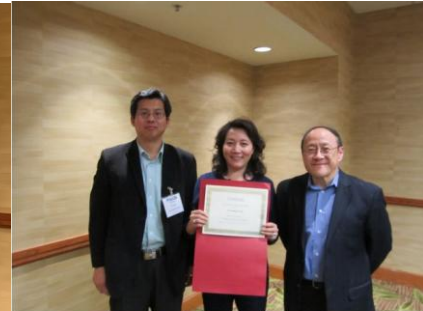
Some CHUS members at the CHUS business meeting



A scene of the CHUS Business meeting



Dr. Xi Wang receives the CHUS Award of Distinguished Service



Dr. Qiang Fang receives the CHUS Academic Excellence Award on Dr. Dandan Chen's behalf

Many thanks to Drs. Xiaobing Li, Patrick Shan, Hongshan Li, and others for taking and sharing the wonderful photos!

## V. Dr. Xi Wang's Inspiring Story

(Winner of 2016 Distinguished Service Award)

The Committee of the Distinguished Service Award (Drs. Haochao Lu, Zhiguo Yang, and Patrick Fuliang Shan) recommended the CHUS to bestow this year's award upon Dr. Xi Wang because of his indispensable and long-term dedicated contributions to the organization. A summary of Dr. Xi Wang's excellent services to the CHUS is as follow:

Dr. Xi Wang was one of the founding members of the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS), and ever since he has been an active member. He has provided his excellent services in the following areas: offering contributions to CHUS's founding and its early growth, reviving the publication of *The Chinese Historical Review (CHR)*, and promoting the CHUS in the global community, in particular in mainland China.

### **(1) Dr. Wang's contributions to the establishment and growth of the CHUS (1987-2002).**

Dr. Wang was a member of the founding group that was responsible for establishing the CHUS at Columbia University in New York City in the summer of 1987. Led by Dr. Wangling Gao, then professor of Chinese history from Renmin University and a Luce Fellow at Columbia University, the members of the group included Drs. Yan Li (University of Connecticut), Xiaofeng Tang (Syracuse University), Zheng Gao (James Z. Gao, Yale University), Yong Chen (Cornell University), and Hong Cheng (University of California at Los Angeles). Dr. Wang was responsible for designing the program, preparing documents, and making local arrangements for the founding meeting, which was attended by about seventy Chinese and American scholars and graduate students of history.

Dr. Wang served as the president of the CHUS from 1988 to 1989 and led CHUS's second board of directors, which included Drs. Xin Zhang (University of Chicago, Vice President), Chengyang Li (University of Connecticut, Treasurer), Qiang Zhai (Ohio University, Newsletter Editor), and Hong Chen (UCLA, Organization Coordinator). During this term, the board of directors made the decision to transform *Historians*, the original CHUS newsletter, into a scholarly publication and register it with the Library of Congress as *Chinese Historians* (ISSN 1043-643X). The board also decided to create a new newsletter (*Hui yuan tong xun*) for CHUS's internal communication and exchanges. Both are still in publication, with the *Chinese Historians* being replaced by the *CHR*, and the newsletter being published electronically. In 1989, by working with the Henry Luce Foundation, Dr. Wang successfully obtained a grant from the foundation that helped fund CHUS's second annual meeting, held at UCLA in the summer of 1989, and the publication of *Chinese Historians* for the next three years.

In 1991, Dr. Wang assisted Dr. Z. George Hong (Zhaohui Hong), president of the CHUS (1990-1991), in working with the Henry Luce Foundation to secure a major grant for CHUS's "China Teaching Project," which sent ten CHUS members to Chinese universities in Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou, and other cities to teach history and conduct academic exchanges in the summer of 1991. Dr. Wang wrote grant proposals and summary report for the projects, and held working meetings with the foundation. The success of the project ultimately led to Luce Foundation's decision to renew its support for the project. The grants from this project had enabled successive CHUS boards of directors to fund the publication of *Chinese Historians*.

In April 1998, Dr. Wang worked with Dr. Hongshan Li, president of the CHUS (1997-1999) and Dr. Xiaobing Li, then president of the American-Chinese Professors of Social Sciences (ACPSS), to organize a joint workshop on "Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences with Computing Technology" at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), where he secured a President's Special Project grant and other resources of institutional support. Dr. Wang designed the program and made all of the local arrangements for the two-day workshop, which featured with more than thirty original presentations and was attended by more than sixty scholars coming across the United States and even included a few scholars from universities in China.

From 2001 to 2002, Dr. Wang served as the editor of CHUS *Newsletter*. In 2005, he made a vital contribution to the bylaws of the CHUS by suggesting an insertion of a provision that would place the ownership of *CHR* in the hands of the CHUS board of directors and members.



## **(2) Dr. Wang's leadership role in reviving the publication of *The Chinese Historical Review (CHR)* (2003-2014).**

In spring 2003, Dr. Wang was invited by Dr. Di Wang, president of the CHUS (2003-2005), to take up the task of reviving the publication of *Chinese Historians*, which by then had stopped its regular publications for nearly three years. Joined by Drs. Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech) and Alan Baumler (IUP), Dr. Wang led a sweeping endeavor to renew the publication of the journal. Within the first year, the new editorial group established a new set of editorial and operational guidelines, solicited quality research papers, created a database of peer reviewers, and conducted an extensive campaign for publicity and reconnections with CHUS members, institutional subscribers, the members of editorial board, university presses and other professional journals. In the meantime, Dr. Wang worked to secure institutional support, in both financial and administrative terms, from IUP (his home institution). In hindsight, the most important decision he has made, with the support of the editorial group, was to re-register the journal with the Library of Congress under the new title *The Chinese Historical Review* (ISSN 1547-402X). He defined the scope and nature of the journal as “a biannual academic journal of historical studies devoted to publishing original and solid research concerning the history of China, China’s historical relations with the world, history of the overseas Chinese, and comparative studies of history in general.” The first issue of *CHR* was published in spring 2004. The journal’s regular publication has not been delayed or interrupted ever since then.

Under his chief editorship from 2004 to 2014, *CHR* published 22 issues (twice every year), which altogether carried, among other things, 79 original research articles, 57 forum and research note articles, and 84 book reviews, authored by scholars from North America, Asia, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. The subscription of the journal began with zero in 2004 but increased to over 250 by 2011, with some of the major academic libraries around the world being among the subscribers.

While Drs. Hanchao Lu and Alan Baumler played an important role in soliciting, in-house screening, evaluating, and editing submissions, Dr. Wang took charge of overseeing the journal’s operation and production. His routines as the chief editor included: maintaining the database of submissions, in-house screening manuscripts, making editorial decisions with editors, editing and sometimes translating manuscripts, proofreading, issue and cover designing, writing editorial introductions for most of the published issues, indexing, securing funds (from 2004 to 2011) for printing, maintaining effective communication with authors and peer reviewers, record-keeping for subscriptions, negotiating with printers, submitting annual report to the board of directors (except for the year of 2014), overseeing the process of printing and mailing (Dr. Ping Yao, who served as president of the CHUS from 2007 to 2009, assisted the work of printing and mailing from 2009 to 2011). Much of Dr. Wang’s work was done over the weekends and in many extra hours he could find after finishing his twelve hours’ teaching load per week (or six hours when he was the department chair from 2005 to 2008, or when he did transnational teaching between Peking University and IUP) from 2003 to 2014.

By 2011, with its rising reputation as a rigorously edited academic journal of Chinese history, *CHR* was approached by the UK-based Maney Publishing for entering a publication partnership. With the support and approval of the CHUS, Dr. Wang represented *CHR* to negotiate a contract of partnership with Maney, by which the CHUS would retain its ownership of the journal, *CHR* would retain its original and complete powers over the journal’s content and intellectual quality,

and Maney would be responsible for printing, marketing, and distributing the journal worldwide in electronic and print formats. The partnership went into effect in 2012 and has been operated successfully. Upon the entry of the partnership with Maney Publishing (now owned by Francis & Taylor, Inc.), Dr. Wang started his efforts to reorganize the editorial board, which now includes a wide representation of scholars in different regions and fields.

In December 2014, Dr. Wang transferred his responsibility as chief editor, together with the journal's electronic archives and two issues projected for publication, to Professor Hanchao Lu, the new chief editor, thus completing his own task that had started twelve years before.

### **(3) Dr. Wang's services for promoting the cause of the CHUS and CHR (2010-2015)**

Dr. Wang's two Chinese publications may be perceived as a special kind of service for promoting the cause of the CHUS and CHR. The first, *Discovering History in America: Reflections of Chinese Historians in the United States* (co-edited with Dr. Ping Yao, Beijing: Peking University Press, 2010), includes thirty-one deeply thought-provoking essays written by CHUS members, who shared their individual and collective experience of studying and teaching history in American colleges and universities. The book was well received not only as an honest revelation of the inner world of the first-generation of humanities students from the People's Republic of China, but also as a valuable primary source for studying the history of overseas Chinese historians and one of their organizations: the CHUS.

The second book, *Pathmakers: Conversations with Renowned Historians* (co-edited with Drs. Hanchao Lu and Ping Yao, Beijing: Peking University Press, 2015), is a Chinese version of fourteen interviews with world-renowned historians, most of which were conducted by CHR editors and CHUS members and were originally published by CHR. The award-winning book has contributed to the Chinese learning of history, and offered its precious values from CHUS members to the historians in China.

### **(4). A short biographical sketch of Dr. Xi Wang**

Dr. Wang received his Ph.D. in American history from Columbia University in 1993. He was a Du Bois Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University (1993-94). He is a professor of history at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he has been teaching 19<sup>th</sup> century United States history since 1994. He holds a Changjiang Scholar position in the History Department of Peking University, where he teaches courses on the American Civil War and the Reconstruction, U.S. Constitutional History, and African-American History. He has authored and edited six books, including *The Trial of Democracy: Black Suffrage and Northern Republicans, 1860-1910* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1997, 2012 paperback), *Principles and Compromises: The Spirit and Practice of the American Constitution, Expanded Edition* (Beijing: Peking University Press, 2014, original edited in 2000 and revised edition in 2005), and *Trans-Pacific Conversations: Doing History in a Global Age* (Beijing: The Commercial Press, 2017, forthcoming). His translations include: Eric Foner, *The Story of American Freedom* (Beijing: The Commercial Press, 2002) and Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History, Two Volumes* (Beijing: The Commercial Press, 2010). He is a member of the International Committee of Organization of American Historians.

**VI. Call for Papers: *Chinese Historical Review***  
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*The Chinese Historical Review (CHR)* is a fully refereed and vigorously edited transnational journal of history with issues appearing in March and November each year. The journal is included in the following services: Bibliography of Asian Studies, European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH), and Scopus.

The journal publishes original research on the history of China in every period, China's historical relations with the world, the historical experiences of the overseas Chinese, as well as comparative studies of history. The journal is abstracted and indexed by Bibliography of Asian Studies and Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.

The journal is published by Taylor & Francis Group on behalf of Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). The current editor-in chief is Professor Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech). Please send manuscripts and inquiries via email to Ms. LaDonna Bowen of the editorial office at [ladonna.bowen@hsoc.gatech.edu](mailto:ladonna.bowen@hsoc.gatech.edu).

**VII. CHUS Plans for Summer 2017: International Trip to Taiwan &  
Joint International Conference at Jinan University in Guangzhou**

**Summer 2017 Trip to Taiwan:** CHUS and the Grand Alliance of Taiwan will co-host a summer 2017 trip to Taiwan in late May or early June. During the stay in Taiwan, participating CHUS members will visit Taiwanese universities and meet with famous scholars and officials. The Grand Alliance will help prepare visa documents and other required documents for CHUS visitors. CHUS members will only need to pay airfare to and from Taiwan, and the Grant Alliance will help cover room and board for visitors during their visit. The deadline for application is Feb. 1. Applications and questions should be addressed to President Qiang Fang ([qfang@d.umn.edu](mailto:qfang@d.umn.edu)). President Fang will send an update to CHUS members once the Grand Alliances confirms the dates for the trip.

**Joint International Conference at Jinan University:** CHUS and Jinan University will co-host an international conference in Guangzhou, China around June 20, 2017. The conference is tentatively titled "Discovering History in China: The International Conference on the Evolution of Institution, Culture, and Thought in Modern Times." President Qiang Fang has sent a call for papers to CHUS members. The deadline for submitting paper titles and abstracts is Feb. 25. Please see below for CFP.

**Call for Papers**

**"Discovering History in China: The International Conference on  
the Evolution of Institution, Culture, and Thought in Modern Times"**

**Sponsors:** Modern China Research Center, Department of History, Jinan University, Guangzhou, and Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS).

**Date:** Around June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Place:** Jinan University, Guangzhou, China

**Themes of the Conference:** From Qing's humiliating defeat in the first Opium War through the founding of the People's Republic of China, China (both late Qing and the Republic) had endured serious cultural crisis, political disintegrations, and institutional changes. While many scholars around the world have done creative and empirical studies on this turbulent period, there are surely some areas and periods that have yet to be covered or rediscovered. Jinan University and CHUS have decided to co-sponsor an international conference on modern Chinese history. Researches on the evolution, change, or development of Chinese political, cultural, economic, legal, gender, and academic history in modern period are all welcome. Interested historians, please submit your proposals consisting of a paper title, an abstract (no more than 250 words), a one-page CV, and contact information (name, affiliation, position, mailing and email addresses).

**Paper Proposal Submission:** The deadline for submitting individual proposals is **February 25, 2017**. Accepted proposals will be notified shortly after the Jinan University administration approves the funding for the conference in the spring. The History Department of Jinan University will be responsible for lodging and food for CHUS attendees and other related fees during the conference. Submissions, queries, and expressions of interest to attend should be addressed to Dr. Qiang Fang (qfang@d.umn.edu).

## **VIII. CHUS Membership**

**Member Benefits:** Membership is crucial to the survival and development of the CHUS. We encourage our life-time members to renew their membership, and welcome new people to join the CHUS.

Being a CHUS member, you will enjoy various benefits: Participating in CHUS-sponsored panels at the AHA's annual conferences and CHUS-sponsored international trips to Asia and international conferences in Asia, receiving *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) and CHUS Newsletter, enjoying free online access to *CHR*, eligibility for receiving CHUS awards and Graduate Travel Grant, and other opportunities for scholarly exchanges both in and outside the United States.

**Current Membership Rates:** \$60/year, \$100/2 years, \$150/3 years for regular members; \$30/year or \$50/2 years for students and retired scholars; \$200/year for contributing members (This new category is designed for outside donors who are not professional historians. They will enjoy the defined privileges such as receiving the journal and newsletters but do not have full privileges of other members in organizational electoral rights, awards, service, and other academic participation).

Please remember to renew your membership on time, and also help advertise CHUS to any potential new members. For questions and recruitment suggestions, please contact Dr. Dandan Chen (chenda@farmingdale.edu).

**PayPal Account:** The CHUS will make efforts to open a PayPal account soon. This will provide convenience to our members and especially to those living outside of the United States. Once we have a PayPal account, the CHUS treasurer will send an update and instructions to the CHUS members.

**New Members:** We would like to extend our heartfelt welcome to the following CHUS new members: Mike Smith, Tian Xu, and Yi Ren.

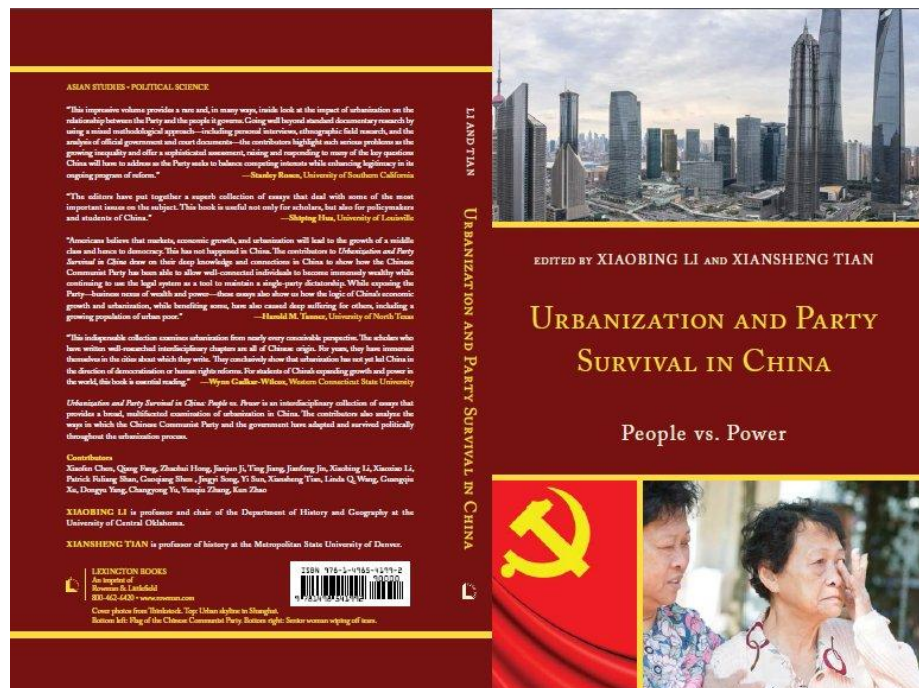
**Steps to Register for Free Online Access to *Chinese Historical Review*:** I have included in the summer 2016 issue CHUS newsletter an email from Rachel Crook, Senior Membership Account Executive, Taylor & Francis Online Customer Services <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>. Just in case you have not registered for online access to *Chinese Historical Review*, I would like to include the main contents of Rachel's email below:

- As a current member of the Chinese Historians in the United States you are entitled to online access to the society journal *Chinese Historical Review* via a voucher for 2016.
- If you are a new user to Taylor & Francis Online, please firstly register an account by visiting [www.tandfonline.com](http://www.tandfonline.com) <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>.
- Once you have submitted your registration form, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you registered with containing a validation link to activate your account. Unfortunately these emails can be caught in spam filters, please check this and add @tandfonline.com <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>> to your safe senders list.
- Once you are registered/if you already have an account, please sign in and then click on the link below (this will activate the access onto your account).
- Voucher: <http://www.tandfonline.com/token/YTCR2017/YTCR2017>.
- Please click 'My Account' next to your recognized name at the top of the screen.
- \*If you have forgotten your password, please click on "Forgot Password", and a link will be sent to you to reset your password\*
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## IX. CHUS Book Projects

**CHUS Essay Collection (2016):** *Urbanization and Party Survival in China: People vs. Power*, co-edited by Drs. Xiaobing Li and Xiansheng Tian (Lexington Books, December 2016). Many CHUS members have contributed to this essay collection, including Drs. Qiang Fang, Yi Sun, Patrick Fuliang Shan, Zhaohui Hong, Jingyi Song, Yunqiu Zhang, and Guangqiu Xu.

While the Chinese urban movement has successfully transferred surplus labor from the countryside to urban industries that urgently require free and cheap labor, numerous problems have arisen as a result of the unprecedented huge-scale process. Such conditions such as overcrowding, sub-standard housing, lack of social services, corruption, and abuse of power have often reached crisis stage. American college students often ask: How does the government control the largest urban population in the world? Why do newly developed, highly commercialized cities continue to support the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) rather than challenging the old regime? What happens when urban residents have problems with a party-controlled government?



This book, contains essays from the best scholars in their fields, and examines urban issues, including identifying residents' concerns, analyzing policy problems, and providing some answers to these pivotal questions. They address this important topic from a Chinese-American perspective through a cooperative interdisciplinary research effort among Chinese-American scholars interested in the subject. Their scholarship makes a significant contribution through multi-faceted components from different fields such as economics, political science, criminal justice, law, anthropology, sociology, and education. The authors introduce and explore the theory and practice of policy patterns, political systems, and social institutions by identifying key issues in Chinese government and society contained within the larger framework of the international sphere.

Originally from Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Tianjin, and other cities in China, these authors have



received training and advanced degrees from American universities and colleges, thus bringing uncommon perspective and conclusions by focusing on urban studies specific to China. Their endeavors move beyond the existing scholarship and seek to spark new debates and proposed solutions while reflecting on established schools of history, religion, linguistics, and gender studies. Crucial to this volume is the assessment of historical and empirical data found in these essays that place major events in the context of Chinese tradition, its culture, and national security. Using comprehensive coverage to create a broad and solid foundation of knowledge, this collection presents a better understanding of the current Chinese metropolitan climate and includes legitimate issues with city policy implementation.

**CHUS's Ongoing Essay Collection Project (2017):** Dr. Qiang Fang is currently working with Dr. Xiaobing Li on another CHUS essay collection focusing on anti-corruption in modern Chinese history. Currently they are looking for a publisher. They encourage CHUS members to contribute chapters.

## **X. CHUS Member News**

**Dr. Shuhua Fan**, Associate Professor of History and Interim Director of Asian Studies at the University of Scranton, will see the publication of the Chinese edition of her book titled *The Harvard-Yenching Institute and Cultural Engineering: Remaking the Humanities in China, 1924-1951* by Peking University Press in the spring of 2017 (English edition, Lexington Books, August 2014) .

**Dr. Jun Fang** (方骏), Professor, Department of History, Huron College at the University of Western Ontario in Canada, has published an updated edition of *Zongle de kunhuo: Mingdai de shangye yu wenhua* (《纵乐的困惑：明代的商业与文化》, Guilin: Guangxi Normal University Press, 2016), the Chinese translation of Timothy Brook's award-winning book titled *The Confusions of Pleasure: Commerce and Culture in Ming China*. The first edition of the translation was published in 2004 by Sanlian shudian in Beijing in simplified characters and Taipei's Linking in complex characters.

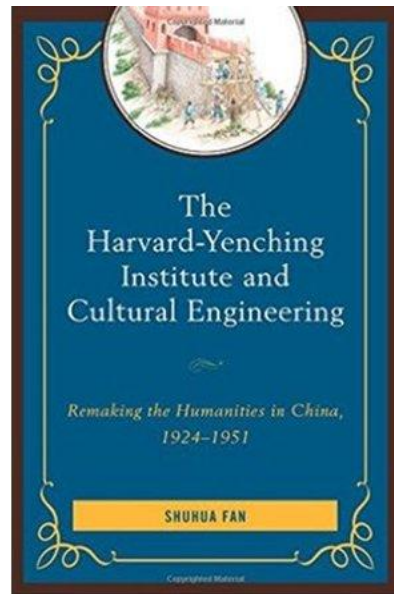
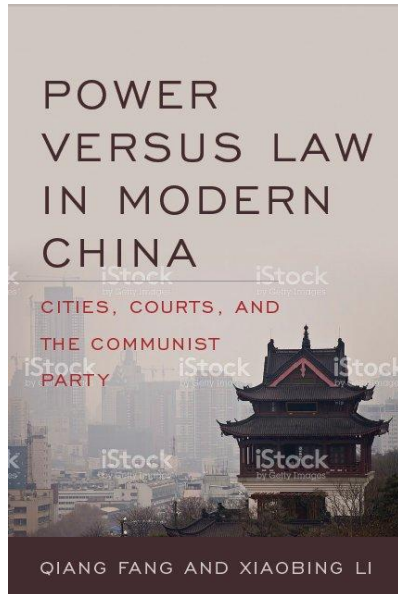
**Dr. Qiang Fang**, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Minnesota Duluth, co-authored a book with Dr. Xiaobing Li titled *Power vs. Law in Modern China: Cities, Courts, and the Communist Party* (University Press of Kentucky, forthcoming in 2017).

**Dr. Jinzheng Li** (李金铮), Professor of History, the College of History, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, has published three articles in Chinese: 《“理”、“利”、“力”：农民参军与土地改革关系考（1946—1949）：以北岳、太行和冀南区为例》，《台湾中央研究院近代史研究所集刊》第93期，2016年；《再议“新革命史”的理念与方法》，《中共党史研究》2016年第11期；《释“高利贷”：基于中国近代乡村史的考察》，《社会科学战线》2016年第9期。

**Dr. Xiaobing Li**, Professor and Chair, Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma, co-authored with Dr. Qiang Fang a book titled *Power vs. Law in Modern China: Cities, Courts, and the Communist Party* (University Press of Kentucky, forthcoming in 2017).

**Dr. Steven Pieragastini**, defended his dissertation entitled "Imperium inter Imperia: The Catholic Church in Shanghai, 1842-1957" at Brandeis University in September 2016.

**Dr. Guangqiu Xu**, Professor of History at Friends University, has been teaching as guest professor (讲座教授) at Jinan University (暨南大学) in Guangzhou and as a visiting professor at Lingnan University (岭南大学) in Hong Kong since the fall semester of 2016. He published an article titled "Medical Missionaries in Guangzhou: The Initiators of Modern Women's Rights Movement in China," *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* 22:4 (2016): 443-461.



**Dr. Guocun Yang**, Professor of History and Chair of Global Studies Department, Manchester Community College, is the founding member of the Chinese American Professors' Association in Connecticut (CAPA-CT). His work includes playing the leading role in writing CAPA-CT's bylaws in the fall of 2013, obtaining its state corporation license in 2014, and securing its IRS 501(c)3 exempt status in 2015. He was elected the organization's first treasurer. For the last eight years he has chaired the Department of Global Studies with twenty plus full-time and part-time members at Manchester Community College.

Thank you all very much for sharing the wonderful news, and congratulations on your amazing achievements! All the best wishes for a wonderful year of rooster!