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New board will be elected at AHA 2009

The current board will complete its term by January of 2009 and wishes to thank the support from CHUS members in the past two years. An election for a new president and board members will be held at CHUS' general meeting during American Historical Association's annual conference in New York (January 2-5, 2009). A nomination and confirmation process was conducted according to the By-Laws and has produced an impressive list of candidates for the new board. Please see below for their biographical information.

SHAN Patrick Fuliang is an assistant professor in the department of history at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. He teaches Chinese history, East Asian history and world history. He attended Henan University (1978-1982) and Liaoning University (1985-1988) and earned his BA and MA in history. He earned another MA and his Ph.D. in history from McMaster University (1997-2003). He has been teaching at North Carolina State University, St. Augustine's College, McMaster University and Grand Valley State University. His current research interest focuses on Heilongjiang frontier society in the early 20th century and he has published articles in *Journal of Social History, Asian Ethnicity, American Journal of Chinese Studies, American Review of China Studies, Chinese Historical Review* and *Chinese Business History*. His writings also appeared in newspapers. His Chinese publications include a coauthored biography of General Claire Lee Chennault, several book chapters and a number of articles.

WANG Shuo received her Master's degree in Chinese history from Beijing University in 1985 and Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 2002. In the same year she joined the faculty of History Department of California State University, Stanislaus and has been teaching East Asian history at both undergraduate and graduate levels there ever since. Currently an associate professor, her research interest is on gender, ethnicity, and acculturation in Qing dynasty. Her recent publications include: "Qing Imperial Women: Empresses, Concubines, and Aisin Gioro Daughters" in Servants of the Dynasty (University of California Press, 2008); "Der Ling: Manchu Princess, Cultural Advisor, and Author" in The Human Tradition in Modern China (Rowman & Littlefield, 2008); "Remarriage and Chaste Widowhood of Manchu Women in the Qing" in New Social History (Zhejiang renmin chubanshe, China, 2006); and "Manchu Women in Transition: Gender Relations and Sexuality" in North American Conference Proceedings for Manchu Studies (Otto Harrassowitz, Germany, 2005). She is currently working on a book project, entitled Acculturation and Gender: Changes in Manchu Power in Late Imperial China.

XIA Yafeng is an associate professor of East Asian and Diplomatic history at Long Island University, Brooklyn. He is the author of *Negotiating with the Enemy: U.S.-China Talks during the Cold War, 1949-72* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006). He has also published articles in *Diplomacy & Statecraft, Journal of Cold War Studies, Chinese Historical Review,* and

International History Review among others. He is presently working on a monograph on the history of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, tentatively titled Burying the "Diplomacy of Humiliation": New China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1949-1956. Currently, he is also H-Diplo's review editor for 20th century Chinese history.

ZHANG Jiayan attended Nanjing Agricultural University where he earned his Master's degree in 1990. He received his Ph.D. from University of California, Los Angeles in 2004, worked as a Research Fellow at Nanjing Agricultural University from 1990 to 1998 and held the position of Visiting Scholar at both Wageningen University and Leiden University in the Netherlands from April 1996 to April 1997. He is currently an assistant professor of history at the Department of History and Philosophy, Kennesaw State University.

Status of the summer conference volume

In a special bulletin devoted to the First International Conference of the Chinese Historians, which we circulated among members in late July, we reported the tentative agreement between CHUS and Shanghai People's Press to publish selected papers presented during the conference. In some cases, it may also be possible for the presenters to substitute the paper they presented with an alternative work, subject to editorial approval. In any event, please be reminded that the deadline for submission is January 30th, 2009.

CHUS sponsored panels at AHA 2009

In keeping with CHUS's tradition and policy, the board has sponsored seven panels by its members at AHA 2009. For further details of these panels please go to the end of this newsletter and check out the appendix. Members are strongly encouraged to attend those panels and make the necessary travel arrangement in advance.

Member News

As always, the most delightful part of editing this newsletter is to share with members what our colleagues have accomplished recently. The record is impressive and here is what I have compiled -

CONG Xiaoping recently published a book chapter entitled "From 'Cainü' to 'Nü jiaoxi': Female Normal Schools and the Transformation of Women's Education in Late Qing China, 1895-1911," which is included in Nanxiu Qian, Grace Fong, and Richard J. Smith (eds.) *Different Worlds of Discourse: New Views of Gender and Genre in Late Qing and Early Republican China* (Brill Academic Publishers, 2008), 115-44. She also received Fulbright Scholar Grant to China, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, 2008-09 as well as American Council of Learned Society-ARHC Research Grant with the sponsorship of the National Endowment of Humanities, 2008-09.

In addition, CONG presented a paper entitled "From Old Literati to Modern Educators: Teachers' Schools and Professionalization of Education in Early 20th Century China," at Annual Conference of the AAS in April 2008, Atlanta, and another paper - "From 'Freedom of Marriage' to "Self-Determind Marriage': Women and State in the Shaan-Gan-Ning Border Region during the 1940s" – at the Biannual Conference of the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China held in June 2008 in Honolulu.

TIAN Xiansheng has been promoted to full professor in the fall of 2008 at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Congratulations, Xiansheng!

XU Guangqiu won the 2008 Best Adult Non-Fiction Book Award from the Chinese American Librarians Association for his book, *Congress and the U.S. –Chinese Relationship, 1949-1979* (The University of Akron Press, 2007, http://www.uakron.edu/news/articles/uamain_2063.php). The award honors English or Chinese language books published in North America in 2007.

In a separate competition, Xu Guangqiu also won the Overseas Young Chinese Forum Teaching Fellowship and taught at the Zhanjiang Normal University in Guangdong in the summer of 2008.

XU Guoqi's recent book *Olympic Dreams: China and sports, 1895-2008* which was published by Harvard University Press in spring 2008, has received worldwide attention. *Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, London Times Literary Supplement, Irish Times, Toronto Star, New York Review of Books, New Republic, Financial Times, China Morning Post, Far Eastern Economic Review, among many others, have all published review of the boo. <i>Newsweek, The New York Times,* and *Time* magazine cited the book in some length. In the wake of the publication of this book Xu Guoqi has been interviewed by main stream media outlets such as *The New York Times, Washington Post, BBC, Canadian Broadcast Company, and the NPR for his expertise on international politics and the Olympic Games. His articles on related topics appeared in <i>Washington Post* and *The New York Times* as well.

In August, 2008, Shanghai Sanlian Shudian published the Chinese edition of Xu Guoqi's book *China and the Great War* which was translated by Dr. Ma Jianbiao in its prestigious Sanlian collection of classics.

In September 2008 Xu Guoqi co-hosted with Weihai Municipal Archives in Shandong province a successful international conference on Chinese laborers in Europe during the First World War. The conference generated a great deal of media as well as scholarly attention to the subject in China.

During the 2008-09 academic year, Xu Guoqi will be residential fellow at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, to work on two book-length projects: Fusions of Civilizations: Chinese laborers in France during the First World War (under contract with Harvard University Press) and The Chinese and the Americans: A Cultural History.

YANG Guocun was promoted to full professor in the spring of 2008. In his capacity as the Vice President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Yang organized another conference on "East and West of the River: A Comparative Approach" which will feature 13 speakers on topics related to Connecticut history and to be held on November 1, 2008 at the University of Connecticut - Avery Point campus. He will take a sabbatical leave in the spring semester of 2009.

YAO Ping gave two talks at Harvard University: "Afterlife Marriage in Contemporary China" and "Women's Life in Tang China". The first was at the Center for the Study of World Religions (Oct. 22) and the second at the Mid-Chinese History Seminar (EALC, Nov. 2). She served as a commentator at the "Conference on Female Meditation Techniques in Late Imperial and Modern China" (UCLA, Nov. 7-9). Her article, "Contested Virtue: The Daoist Investiture of Princesses Jinxian and Yuzhen and the Journey of Tang Imperial Daughters," appeared in *T'ang Studies 22* (2007, published in March, 2008). Another article, "Good Karmic Connections: Buddhist Mothers and Their Children in Tang China (618-907)," was included in *Women, Gender, and Religions in Pre-modern China*, which is a special issue of *Nan Nü: Men, Women and Gender in China* (Vol. 10.1, 2008). Recently, she completed two translation manuscripts, 《西方中国妇女史研究论文集》 and 《西方中国宗教史研究论文集》, to be published by Shanghai guji chubanshe in 2009. She is grateful that her fellow CHUS members, professors LU Hongwei, WANG Shou, George WEI, TIAN Xiansheng, Stella XU, and ZHANG Hong, contributed translations to this series.

ZHU Pingchao received a Fulbright Lecture Award for the Fall semester of 2009. Currently, she is teaching a graduate course on Japanese and Chinese Politics and Society in the Graduate Institute for Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University in South Korea.

She has recently published an article entitled "The Civil Rights Movement and the Cold War Culture in Perspective" in *America on the World Stage: A Global Approach to U.S. History,* sponsored by the Organization of American Historians and published by University of Illinois Press, 2008.

Appendix

CHUS Sponsored Sessions at 2009 AHA Annual Meeting (January 2-5)

Mao's China Encounters the World: New Evidence and Interpretations

Friday, January 2, 2009: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Raymond Ojserkis, Long Island University at Brooklyn

Papers:

Seeking a Multi-polar World: China and de Gaulle's France Qiang Zhai, Auburn University at Montgomery

The Line Struggle between Revolution and Openness, 1960–79 Lorenz M. Luthi, McGill University

Vacillating between Detente and Revolution: Mao's Changing Psyche and Policy toward the United States, 1969–76
Yafeng Xia, Long Island University at Brooklyn

Comment: Xiaoyuan Liu, Iowa State University

Private Records, Public Records: Using Biographical Materials to Study Imperial Chinese History

Saturday, January 3, 2009: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Cong Zhang, University of Virginia

Papers:

"A Pearl in the Palm:" Rethinking the Father-Daughter Relation in the Qing Period Weijing Lu, University of California at San Diego

Filial Sons, Caring Neighbors, and Virtuous Officials: Song Portrayals of the Educated Men in Funerary Inscriptions

Cong Zhang, University of Virginia

Prosopographical Research on Gender in Tang China Ping Yao, California State University at Los Angeles

The Making of Stars: Huapu and the Emerging Entertainment Industry in the Eighteenth Century Tong Xu, College of Saint Rose

Comment: Iona Man-Cheong, State University of New York at Stony Brook

The Great Leap Famine in New Perspective: Micro-historical, Cross-Regional, and Socio-ecological Interpretations

Saturday, January 3, 2009: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Huai Y. Li, University of Texas at Austin

Papers:

Environmental Adaptation and Peasant Subsistence in Twentieth-Century Jianghan Plain: The Great Leap Famine Revisited
Jiayan Zhang, Kennesaw State University

The Big Famine in a Small Place: The Great Temple Village, Anhui, 1958–61 Xiaorong Han, Butler University

The Great Leap Forward Famine in Anhui and Jiangxi Yixin Chen, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

The Great Leap Forward in Qin Village: An Anatomy of Income Distribution under the Commune Huai Y. Li, University of Texas at Austin

Comment: Xin Zhang, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Membership meeting

Saturday, January 3, 2009: 4:45 PM-6:15 PM Sheraton New York, Liberty Suite 3

Waving Good-by to Hegemony

Sunday, January 4, 2009: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Xiansheng Tian, Metropolitan State College

Papers:

China's Withdrawal from Vietnam, 1968–70 Xiao B. Li, University of Central Oklahoma Educational Reforks and the Rise of Radicalism: A Case Study Liyan Liu, Georgetown College

Globalization: Confrontation and Cooperation
Jingyi Song, State University of New York at Old Westbury

World Heritage Sites in China and 2008 Yu Shen, Indiana University at South East

Comment: Xiansheng Tian, Metropolitan State College

Transformation and Reconstruction: Chinese Women in a Changing World

Sunday, January 4, 2009: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Shuo Wang, California State University at Stanislaus

Papers:

Gender Reconstruction in Post-Mao Urban China: The Interplay between Popular Culture and Expressions of Womanhood and Sexuality

Hong Zhang, University of Central Florida

Korean Travelers' Notes: New Sources on the Changing Identity of Women in Qing China Shuo Wang, California State University at Stanislaus

The Commoditization of Women and China's New Commercial Culture Yi Sun, University of San Diego

Transforming Cultural Identity: Chinese Women Writers and Their Parents in the 1910s and 1920s

Guotong Li, California State University at Long Beach

Comment: Annie Y. Hor, California State University at Stanislaus

Knowledge, Empire, and Modernity: New Studies of East Asian History in the Global Context, 1800–1949

Sunday, January 4, 2009: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Li Chen, University of Toronto

Papers:

Boundaries in a Global Age: Passports and the Classification of "Koreans" on the Korean-Russian

Border, 1882-1910

Alyssa Park, Columbia University

Knowing Is Half the Battle: Western Military Science and the Transformation of Tokugawa

Martial Practice

Colin Jaundrill, Columbia University

Knowledge of Chinese Law in Western Legal Reform, 1800–1900

Li Chen, University of Toronto

Social Science and Social Change: Class, Gender, and Everyday Life in Treaty-Port Tianjin, China,

1911-49

Elizabeth LaCouture, Columbia University

Comment: Fabio Lanza, University of Arizona

Detente in East Asia: U.S.-China Rapprochement and its Impact on the Korean Peninsula

Monday, January 5, 2009: 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Sheraton New York, Park Suite 4

Chair: Guocun Yang, Manchester Community College

Papers:

Controlling the Two Koreas: Sino-American Rapprochement and the Quest to Stabilize the

Korean Peninsula

Gregg A. Brazinsky, George Washington University

Opening Up: Sino-American Trade Relations from 1971 to 1974

Min Song, University of Georgia

Power, Economy, and Sino-American Relations: 1966–69

Mao Lin, University of Georgia

Sino-American Relations in the 1970s: A Chinese Perspective

Qianyu Li, Beijing University

Comment: Guocun Yang, Manchester Community College