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**Professor Ping Yao, former President of the CHUS, at AHA 2009**



**Professors Huai Y. Li, Xin Zhang, Xiaorong Han, Jiayan Zhang, Yixin Chen at AHA 2009**





**Professors Ping Yao, Tong Xu, Iona Man-cheong, Cong Zhang, Weijing Lu at AHA 2009**



**Scene of the CHUS business Meeting at AHA 2009 (Professor Patrick Fuliang Shan in the front row; Professors Xiaobing Li, Qiang Zhai, Qin Shao, Xiansheng Tian, Tong Xu in the second row)**





**Scenes from the CHUS business meeting at AHA 2009; Professor Yafeng Xia standing in the front**

## CHUS RELATED EVENTS

The election of the CHUS in December 2008 resulted in the formation of the new board of directors (2009-2011). Former President Ping Yao, Professor Xiaobing Li, Professor Qiang Zhai, and Professor Yi Sun did a wonderful job in organizing and facilitating the election. The result of the election was announced at the CHUS business meeting during the 2009 AHA conference in New York City on January 3. The new board members and their duties are the following: Patrick Fuliang Shan, president (Grand Valley State University), Jiayan Zhang, secretary (Kennesaw State University), Yafeng Xia, organizational coordinator (Long Island University), Shuo Wang, treasurer (California State University), and Xiaoyuan Liu, academic advisor and newsletter editor (Iowa State University).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Evaluation Committee for Book Award and Service Award has been formed. Professors Li Xiaobing, Liyan Liu, and Tian Xiansheng graciously agreed to serve on the committee. They will soon start the process of screening the nominees for the awards.
- A total of nine panels on a wide range of subjects have been proposed by CHUS members for the 2010 AHA conference. Detailed information about these panels, after their acceptance, will be available in the next issue of the newsletter.

## MEMBER NEWS

*Thanks to our members' enthusiastic responses to the call for contributions, in this issue we have quite exciting news to share with our readers. The information below reflects both our senior members' continued success in their professional life and our younger members' energetic contributions to the field. The information is certainly useful for colleagues of shared scholarly interests to get connected. (A personal note: I was touched by warm greetings from old and new friends sent along with their contributions. Many, many thanks for your support to the CHUS.)*

**CHEN** Li (陈利) was appointed Assistant Professor of Chinese History at the University of Toronto in July 2008 and got his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University in 2009. His article, "Law, Empire, and Historiography of Modern Sino-Western Relations: A Case Study of the *Lady Hughes* Controversy of 1784," was published as a leading article in ***Law & History Review*** (27:1) in February 2009. He organized a panel through CHUS for the AHA annual conference in January 2009, at which he presented a paper entitled "Counter-Hegemony and Cultural Imperialism: Knowledge of Chinese Law in Western Legal Reform, 1800-1900." In March 2009, he presented a paper at the annual conference of the AAS, "Empire, Cultural Translation, and Colonization of Chinese Law." He is currently revising a manuscript entitled "Law and Sensibility of Empire in the Making of Modern China, 1750-1900." He is a lifetime member of the CHUS.

**CHENG** Yinghong published a book, ***Creating the New Man: From Enlightenment Ideals to Socialist Realities*** with the "Perspectives on the Global Past Series" of University of Hawaii Press in January 2009. His article, "Liberalism in Contemporary China: Ten Years after its 'Resurface'" appeared in ***The Journal of Contemporary China***, volume 17, no. 55 (2008). At

the 2009 AAS conference he organized a panel, "Decolonization, the Cold War, and Revolution: A Board-crossing Examination of the Chinese Experience in Four Southeast Asian Countries."

**CHIEN**, Cecilia presented a paper, "Tourism in China: Development, Heritage, Environment, and the State," at the 15th Annual National Conference of the Asian Studies Development Program, Community College of Philadelphia, March 5-7, 2009. She also made a poster presentation entitled "3,000 Years of a Chinese Family" at the 8th Annual Research Day, West Chester University, April 14, 2009. She is planning to form a panel at the 2010 AAS conference in Philadelphia. Her current research agenda concerns the regional history of southeast China, which arguably laid the foundation for the development of the Yangzi River delta today. She has discovered keen interest on the part of academics, officials, and investors alike in developing historical sites of the 10th century Wuyue Kingdom as a major tourist draw. She is working on a paper for the AAS conference entitled "The Chinese Model of Tourism: A Case Study of Development of Wuyue Kingdom (907-978) Sites in the Yangzi Delta Today." This summer, she plans to combine fieldwork in the region with theoretical readings on tourism in order to create a case study of the Chinese model of tourism in the context of global tourism scholarship. She would like to collaborate with CHUS members with related interests. Please contact: Cecilia Chien, Associate Professor, History Dept, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Main Hall Room 412, West Chester, PA, 19383; email: [cchien@wcupa.edu](mailto:cchien@wcupa.edu).

**DU** Chunmei is currently a Ph.D. candidate at East Asian Studies Department of Princeton University and Adjunct Professor at Yeshiva University. She will take a tenure-track position in the History Department of Western Kentucky University in the fall of 2009. From mid-June to mid-July she is a visiting scholar at Fudan University, Shanghai.

**FAN** Shuhua will join the Department of History, University of Scranton in Pennsylvania this fall as an Assistant Professor. She will be responsible for teaching world history and subjects relating to Asia and China.

**GAO**, James Z. published a book, *Historical Dictionary of Modern China, 1800-1949* (576 pp.), with Scarecrow Press in June 2009. He is the single author of all 700 entries, plus introduction, chronology, bibliography, and appendixes. The dictionary reflects the current scholarship in the field of Chinese studies. Instead of focusing merely on the political elites of China, it presents an array of entries on significant people, women, ethnic minorities, new historical concepts, cultural and educational institutions, and economic activities. The dictionary will be distributed simultaneously in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Canada. James spent three years to complete this, in his words, "enjoyable and painstaking work." Now he returns to his project on "Market in Shanghai: Rice Consumers, Merchants and the State, 1866-1955."

**JIANG** Jin would very much like to announce the publication of her book, *Women Playing Men: Yue Opera and Social Change in Twentieth-Century Shanghai* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2009). Since 2004 she has been teaching at East China Normal University as Professor of History, and has founded two research centers at ECNU: Center for Gender and Cultural Studies, and Center for Shanghai Studies.

**LI** Huaiyin published his second book, *Village China under Socialism and Reform: A Micro-history, 1948-2008* (Stanford University Press, March 2009). He was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the History Department of the University of Texas at Austin.

**LIU** Xiaoyuan published three articles on modern transformation of Chinese territoriality and the Tibetan question and the Cold War in 2008. He enjoyed immensely giving a talk about Inner Mongolia and his experience there during the 1960s and 1970s at a workshop on the novel



**Wolf Totem** sponsored by China Institute in America, New York City, in October 2008. He is putting together a collection of his essays published in the past, entitled **Recast All under Heaven: Nationalism, Communism, and Great Powers in Frontier China** and scheduled for publication by The Continuum International Publishing Group in 2010. In the meantime he continues research for his book project, tentatively entitled *Himalayan Dominos: Tibet and China's Cold War*. Since the end of 2008 he has given talks at Nankai University, Capital Normal University, East China Normal University in China and presented papers at international conferences held at Harvard University, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, and Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**MA Zhao** is Assistant Professor at Department of History, State University of New York at Fredonia. In 2008 he won several awards from his college and also a publication grant from the National Committee of the New Qing History Project. He is starting a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis this year. His recent publications include "Runaway Wives and Their Matchmakers: Women's Network in Beijing's Courtyard Tenement, 1928-1949," in **Social and Cultural Research Occasional Paper**, published jointly by Center for Qualitative Social Research at Department of Sociology in Hong Kong Shue Yan University and East Asian Studies Program at Pace University in New York; "Wring History in a Prosperous Age: The New Qing History Project," **Late Imperial China**, 29:1 (June 2008), pp. 120-145. In the past year he made these scholarly presentations, "Women in the Neighborhoods: Serial Marriage and the Legality of Rituals in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing," "Control and discipline in modern China," Left Forum, New York, April 19, 2009; "Crime and Urban Social Order in Republican China," "Law, Society, and Culture in Asian History Seminar Series," Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY-Buffalo, March 17, 2009; "Transgressing the Boundaries: A Story of a Female Abductor in Early Twentieth-Century Beijing," Asia at Noon, Asian Studies Program, SUNY-Buffalo, April 2008; "Down the Alleyway: Courtyard Tenements and Women's Networks in 1940s Beijing," Traditional China Seminar, Columbia University, New York, March 27, 2008; "Beijing before the Olympics: Urban History and Politics," Department of History and the East Asian Program, Pace University, New York, March 27, 2008.

**SHAN**, Patrick Fuliang published an article entitled "'A Proud and Creative Jewish Community': The Harbin Diaspora, Jewish Memory and Sino-Israeli Relations" in **American Review of China Studies** (Fall 2008).

**TIAN** Xiansheng co-edited with Li Xiaobing a book, **New Historiography in the Contemporary West** (Shanghai, China: Cishu Press, 2008). This is a collection of essays by CHUS members. A number of contributors' papers, unfortunately, were blocked by the publisher.

**WANG** Di published a book, **The Teahouse: Small Business, Everyday Culture, and Public Politics in Chengdu, 1900-1950** with Stanford University Press in 2008. He also published several articles, "Mysterious Communication: The Secret Language of the Gowned Brotherhood in Nineteenth-Century Sichuan," **Late Imperial China** 29.1(June 2008): 77-103; "Teahouses, Theaters, and Popular Education: Entertainment and Leisure Politics in Late-Qing and Early Republican Chengdu," **Journal of Modern Chinese History** 2.1(June 2008): 1-21; 《中国城市的微观世界：从成都个案看中国都市文化研究的视角和方法》，《史学月刊》，no. 5 (2008): 10-13. In the past year he gave lectures on various topics at several venues in China: "Mysterious Communication: The Secret Language of the Gowned Brotherhood in Nineteenth-Century Sichuan," Department of History, Sichuan University, Chengdu, June 19, 2008; "A Dialogue on Historical Writing," Association of History in Shanghai, June 2, 2008; "New Cultural History: Theories and Methodologies," Department of History, Peking University, Beijing, May 22, 2008, the Institute of Advanced Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai, June 4, 2008, and Institute of Historical Geography, Fudan University, June 5, 2008; "New Cultural History and

Urban Popular Culture: Theories, Methodologies, and Practice,” A series talks at Department of History, Tsing-hua University, Beijing, May 17, 19, 20, 21, 2008.

**WU** Shu-hui would like to introduce herself to the CHUS community. She earned a Ph.D. in Chinese history and literature from Free University, Berlin in 1993 and is currently Associate Professor of History at Mississippi State University. She has published two books, *Die Eroberung von Qinghai unter Berücksichtigung von Tibet und Khams 1717-1727* (The Chinese Conquest of Qinghai with Reference to Tibet and Khams 1717-1727) (Wiesbaden, Germany: Harrassowitz, 1995), and *Lien Heng (1878-1936): Taiwan's Search for Identity and Tradition* (Bloomington: Indiana University, 2005). Her scholarly articles include “The Imbalance of Virtue and Power in Qing Frontier Policy: The Turfan Campaign of 1731,” *Études Mongoles et Sibériennes* (Paris, 1996), 241-264; “How the Qing Army Entered Tibet in 1728 after the Tibetan Civil War,” *Zentralasiatische Studien*, 26 (1996):122-138 (both articles were cited in Peter Purdue’s *China Marches West*); “On Taiwanese Historical Poetry: Reflections on the Shimonoseki Treaty of 1895,” *Journal of Asian History*, 32/2 (1998): 157-179; “On Chinese Sacrificial Oration (chi-wen),” *Monumenta Serica*, 50 (2002): 1-33; “Lien Heng (1878-1936) and the General History of Taiwan,” *Journal of Third World Studies*, 1, 21 (2004): 17-56. She is recipient of numerous awards. Her current research project is on the study of *Shiji* during the 18<sup>th</sup> century and has already presented two papers on the subject, “The Image of the Yellow Emperor in *Shiji*,” presented at the 218<sup>th</sup> American Oriental Society, Chicago, March 2008; “The Concept of Heaven (tian) in *Shiji*,” presented at the European Conference of Chinese Studies. Lund, Sweden, August 2008.

**XIA** Yafeng has two new publications, “Myth or Reality: Factional Politics, U.S.-China Relations, and Mao Zedong’s Psychology in His Sunset Years, 1972-1976,” *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, Vol. 15 (fall 2008), pp. 3-22 (he serves as a guest editor for the volume); “Competing for Leadership: Split or Detente in the Sino-Soviet Bloc,” *The International History Review*, Vol. XXX, No. 3 (September 2008): 545-574 (co-authored with Professor Li Danhui of Center for Cold War International History Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai).

**XU** Xiaoqun has been appointed Reader in Chinese History at Durham University in UK to start in September 2009.

**YANG** Guocun, Professor of History at Manchester Community College, was elected President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH) for a two-year term in April 2009. ASCH was founded in 1972 and has more than 300 active members. Its mission is to promote the research and understanding of Connecticut history and organize annual Spring and Fall conferences for those purposes. ASCH publishes *Connecticut History*, the only academic journal featuring Connecticut themes. This year's fall conference focuses on “Connecticut at War,” which features 40 speakers covering the period from colonial time to the war on terrorism and will take place on November 13 and 14 in the State Library in Hartford and Manchester Community College. For more information on ASCH, please visit: "<http://asch.ccsu.edu/>"><http://asch.ccsu.edu>. ASCH warmly invites historians and history enthusiasts to join the organization.

**YAO** Ping gave a public lecture, “Good Karmic Connections: Buddhist Women in Tang China,” at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, February 22, 2009. The event was cosponsored by the CSWR and Women’s Studies in Religion Program. In addition, her article, “Historicizing Great Bliss: Erotica in Tang China (618-907),” will appear in a special issue of *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, and her encyclopedia articles, “Buddhist Master Ruyuan,” “Lady Dong of the Tang Dynasty,” “Daoist Master Han Ziming,” will appear in Lily Xiao



Hong Lee, A. D. Stefanowska, and Sue Wiles, eds. ***Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Women*** (Forthcoming, M.E. Sharpe).

**ZHANG** Qiong joined the History Department of Wake Forest University in the fall of 2008. Her current research projects concern late Ming and early Qing Sino-European cultural encounters and the history of Chinese science and medicine. She has recently published two articles, "Hybridizing Scholastic Psychology with Chinese Medicine: A Seventeenth-Century Chinese Catholic's Conceptions of Xin (Mind and Heart)," ***Early Science and Medicine*** 13.4 (August 2008): 313-360, and "From 'Dragonology' to Meteorology: Aristotelian Natural Philosophy and the Beginning of the Decline of the Dragon in China," ***Early Science and Medicine*** 14.1-3 (2009): 340-368.