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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.

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.

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.


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.


**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.