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CHUS Related Events

CHUS sponsored two panels at this year's AAS convention in Boston – one regular panel and one round table, both very successful. The regular panel, which was chaired by YAO Ping, was entitled “Grand Illusion: Chinese Women in a Century of Revolution” and the panelists included CHENG Weikun (California State University, Chico), SHEN Yu (Indiana University Southwest), SUN Yi (University of San Diego), ZHANG Hong (University of Central Florida) and Patrick Shan (Grand Valley State University). Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, two of the participants were unable to make it.

The round table was organized by LU Hanchao to honor Professor Paul A. Cohen for his 50 years of studies of Chinese history and his dedication to the field. Paul Cohen is Professor of History Emeritus, Wellesley College and Associate of the Fairbank Center, Harvard University. William C. Kirby, Director of the Fairbank Center and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard, served as the moderator of the panel. Six historians, Robert Bickers (University of Bristol, UK), Ryan Dunch (University of Alberta), Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech), Rudolf Wagner (University of Heidelberg, Germany), Dong Wang (Gordon College), and Jeffrey Wasserstrom (University of California, Irvine), offered critical comments on Cohen's major works published over the years and his current research projects. Cohen then responded to the comments. The panel attracted a full-house audience, including many internationally renowned China scholars and virtually all former directors of the Fairbank Center, and was noticed by attendants as one of the most memorable panels at this year's AAS convention.

An Update on the first International Conference of Chinese Historians

As many CHUS members are aware, about two years ago, CHUS' former president, Professor George Wei, started planning an international conference which was scheduled to take place in the summer of 2006 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of CHUS. At the time, the East China Normal University (Huadong shida) in Shanghai indicated a strong interest in hosting the conference. Subsequently, a conference committee was jointly formed by representatives from both CHUS and NCNU and a call for papers was issued in the spring of 2006. Many CHUS members, both in China and the U.S., submitted proposals. A tentative conference program was also circulated among CHUS members in late spring. Unfortunately, things did not work out in the end for a variety of reasons. Chief among them, the NCNU failed to secure the funding for the conference.

Following that debacle, Professor Wei continued to work on behalf of CHUS in trying to find a host for the conference. This past spring, he succeeded in persuading University of Macau to sponsor the first International Conference of Chinese Historians. With the change in location and venue, CHUS issued a new call for proposals. However, as of April 15th, which was the deadline for submitting proposals, there were fewer than twenty individuals committed to coming to the conference. In light of the insufficient number of participants, the conference committee decided to postpone the conference to 2008. Now, we have just got words from Professor Wei that University of Macau has recently adopted a new fiscal policy which makes it all but impossible for the university

to support the type of conference we are planning. So, we are now back on square one and continuing to look for a new host.

CHUS will keep its members posted as information about new developments becomes available.

The Edited Volume...

As many of you know, two former CHUS' board members, LI Xiaobing and TIAN Xiansheng, have co-edited a book that includes contributions from many CHUS current members. Although many individual CHUS members have published books in English and in Chinese, this is perhaps the first time that we are featured prominently in a single volume by a university press in China. The book was scheduled to be published by People's University (Renmin daxue) in Beijing this summer, but, like our planned conference, the publication of the book was put on hold due to some unexpected difficulties with the press. Nevertheless, our thanks go to Xiaobing and Xiansheng for their continuous effort to work things out with People's University.

Publication Opportunities

The Chinese Historical Review (CHR) is calling for contributions to a special forum on "War and Memory in Modern China," tentatively scheduled to be published in 2008. The journal is looking for papers that critically reflect on the issues related, but not limited, to the China-Japan War (1937-1945), especially its interpretations and ramifications in domestic and international politics in Asia and beyond. More than 60 years have passed since the end of World War II and yet the question of Japan's wartime past continues to carry an enormous emotional weight and to engender important and sometimes contentious scholarly debates. With the new patterns of international relations looming large in the region and world, the time is right for a reexamination of the meanings of the war period and a rethinking of the ways they have been created and used. *CHR* particularly invites papers on the following topics: (1) specific aspects of the war, both military and civilian; (2) the historiographical development of studies of the war period, including questions of sources and their availability; (3) the debates within the international scholarly community over the war and its meanings, and on how such debates shed light on the role of historians in the public sphere; and (4) the war in an international context, particularly studies that deal with the way war memories have been created and dealt with in different societies inside and outside of Asia.

Please limit the length of the paper to 7,000-8,000 words. The deadline for submission is **December 31, 2007**. Papers can be sent in hardcopy to: The Chinese Historical Review, Keith 225, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15705, U.S.A., or electronically (WORD Format) to: <ch-review@iup.edu>.

The Institute of Modern History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), is proud to announce a new English publication *Journal of Modern Chinese History*, which will be jointly published by the Taylor & Francis Group. The editorial board welcomes original and solid research in the field of modern Chinese history (nineteenth and twentieth centuries), including research articles, review articles, research notes, and book

reviews, especially those reflecting the new development of scholarship in the field. Articles will be reviewed anonymously by external referees. Article manuscripts, including notes, references, and tables, should not exceed 30 pages or 8,000 words in length. Authors should provide an abstract of 200 words and keywords (no more than five). All manuscripts must be typed with 12-point fonts and double spaced. Documentation should follow the style recommended in sections 16.1 through 16.70 of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). Chinese names and places should follow Pinyin system.

Electronic submission is acceptable. Manuscripts that have been published elsewhere or that are under consideration for publication elsewhere will not be considered. Research articles should be submitted with the author's name, affiliation, address, and e-mail address on a separate page to ensure anonymity in the reviewing process. All research articles received are sent anonymously to referees who are asked to respond within 30 days. Our goal is to respond to authors within three months. All submissions and correspondence to the editors should be sent to:

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Conferences

There are a number of upcoming conferences that involve CHUS members. To begin with, the ACPSS 13th International Conference will be held between October 26 and 28, 2007 (Friday to Sunday) at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. The conference committee cordially invites submission of proposal for presentation at the conference. The theme of the conference this year is “Innovation, Development, and Harmony.” Participants are encouraged to address a general question: What innovative approaches can be utilized to solve China’s existing problems, sustain its development, and achieve the ultimate harmony? Sub-topics of the conference include, but are not limited to, the following: new models for economic development; issues related to urban and rural development, regional economic disparities, equal economic opportunity, government policy and market economy, new systems of banking and investment, technological innovation and economic efficiency, economic growth and social responsibility, etc.; diplomatic relations and international harmony; cultural heritage and identity, etc. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out no later than September 1, 2007. Full-length papers are due September 30, 2007.

Also, the **AHA 2008** annual meeting is scheduled for January 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The theme for the 2008 Annual Meeting is “Uneven Development.” AHA and affiliate events will be held in the Marriott Wardman Park (headquarters), the Omni Shoreham (co-headquarters), and the Hilton Washington. CHUS has sponsored three panels for its members. See below for details:

Session I: **Marriage, Family, and Kinship Practices in Imperial China**
Chair: Weijing Lu, University of California, San Diego
Papers: *Intermarriages and Cousin Marriages in Tang China* (Ping Yao, California State University, Los Angeles)

Tales of Filiality, Tales of Unfiliality: Cases from Song (960-1279) Anecdotal Writing (Cong Zhang, University of Virginia)

Kinship Practices Beyond Local: The Pans of Suzhou in Qing China (Yongtao Du, Washburn University)

Comment: Weijing Lu

Session II: **Discord among Fraternal Parties —China and the Socialist Bloc**
Chair: Qiang Zhai, Auburn University Montgomery
Papers: *Politics between Beijing and Hanoi: Sweet and Sour Relations in the Late 1950s and Early 1960s* (Xiaobing Li, The University of Central Oklahoma)

Hidden Anxiety during the Honeymoon---Mao Zedong, Khrushchev and Moscow Conference of 1957 (Yafeng Xia, Long Island University)

Sino-Cuban Relations in the Critical Years of the Cuban Revolution (Yinghong Cheng, Delaware State University)

Comment: Lorenz M. Luthi, McGill University

Session III: **Longing for the “Family of Nations”:** **Chinese Interpretations of Civilization and Modernity in the Late Nineteenth Century**
Chair: Alexander C. Cook, Columbia University
Papers: *Western Discourses of Sensibilities and Civilization and Modern Chinese Criminal Justice* (Li Chen, Columbia University)

A War of Words: A “Chinese” Scholar-official’s Critique of Modern Western Civilization (Chunmei Du, Princeton University)

Positioning China: Zheng Guanying’s Perception of International Law, 1870s-1890s (Guo Wu, Allegheny College)

Comment: Alexander C. Cook

CHUS member news

Morris L. Bian's article, "How Crisis Shapes Change: New Perspectives on China's Political Economy during the Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945," was published in the journal *History*

Compass, vol. 5, issue 4 (2007): 1091-1110. The journal's URL is <http://www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/history/>

CHEN Li, Ph.D Candidate in Modern Chinese History at Columbia University has been awarded the Martin Wilbur Fellowship for dissertation writeup for the 2007-2008 by the Weatherhead Institute of East Asian Studies at Columbia University. He also gave a talk at the Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association (April 19, 2007, Portland) on "Visual Arts and Modern Sensibilities: Chinese Export Paintings and Western Perception of Chinese Law and Society, 1800-1840" and at AAS (March 24, 2007, Boston) on "Revisiting the Historiography on Sino-Western Legal Disputes and Western Extraterritoriality in China: A Case Study of the 1784 Lady Hughes Case" as well as an invited talk on "Power and Politics of Western Discourses of Chinese Torture and Punishments in the 19th century" at the Law School and the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy of the State University of New York (March 7th, 2007, Buffalo).

CHIEN Cecilia (West Chester University of Pennsylvania) was recently named to the Advisory Board (China representative) of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies (MAR/AAS). She will give a paper on "The Uses of Family History in Teaching: Context, Memory, Identity," at the International Conference on Global Education in Guiyang, Guizhou Province in China this May 2007.

CONG Xiaoping was promoted to associate professor with tenure this year and her book entitled *Teachers' Schools and the Making of Modern Chinese Nation-State, 1897-1937*, was published by the University of British Columbia Press in February 2007. In addition, she also published an article entitled "Planting the Seeds for the Rural Revolution—Local Teachers' Schools and the Reemergence of Chinese Communism in the 1930s" in *Twentieth Century China* (32, 2: April 2007), which also appeared in *Twenty-First Century* (Hong Kong: 2006, no. 8) in Chinese.

GAO Yanli, Associate Professor, Peking University, has been invited to give a presentation at the World History Association (WHA) Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, June 28 - July 1, 2007.

SHAO Qin, Professor of History at The College of New Jersey, has been awarded in spring 2007 three residential fellowships for her sabbatical in 2007-08 by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC, and the School for Advanced Research on the Human Experience in Santa Fe, NM. She has accepted the Radcliffe/Harvard offer to work on a book project on housing reform in Post-Mao China.

WANG Shuo (California State University, Stanislaus) was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor this past spring. Congratulations!

WANG Qingjia Edward, Professor and Chair of History at Rowan University, has recently been named Changjiang Visiting Professor at Peking University where he will give lectures and teach seminars on historical theory and comparative historiography. His recent publications include a co-edited volume, *The Many Faces of Clio: Cross-Cultural*

Approaches to Historiography (London/New York: Berghahn Books, 2007), to which he contributed the introduction and a chapter; and an article, "Is There A Chinese Mode of Historical Thinking: A Cross-Cultural Analysis," which is to appear in *History and Theory*, 46:2 (May, 2007). As Secretary General of the [International Commission for the Theory and History of Historiography](#), he is now working with the History Dept at East China Normal University to organize an international conference on "New Orientations in Historical Study: Regional and Global History," in Shanghai during November 3-5, 2007. For more information, please contact him directly at wangq@rowan.edu.

XIA Yafeng (Long Island University) has published an article entitled "New Scholarship and Directions in the Study of the Diplomatic History of the People's Republic of China" in *Chinese Historical Review* (Vol. 14, No. 2, spring 2007). He has another article forthcoming - "The Study of Cold War International History in China - A Review of the Last Twenty Years" which will appear in *Journal of Cold War Studies* in the fall. Professor Xia has also organized a panel entitled "US-China Rapprochement and Normalization: Chinese Policies and Japanese Reaction" for **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations** annual conference to be held in Reston, Virginia in June 2007. He will present a paper entitled "Myth or Reality: China's Elite Politics and U.S.-China Relations, March 1972—December 1975" at the occasion.

XU Guangqiu's new book, *Congress and the U.S-China Relationship, 1949-1979*, was published by University of Akron Press in April 2007.

XU Xiaoqun published an article entitled "The Rule of Law without Due Process: Punishing Robbers and Bandits in Early-Twentieth-Century China" in *Modern China*, 33, 2 (April 2007):230-257. In addition, he will be presenting a paper dealing with "Urban Culture and Urban Profession: The Emergence of Amateur and Professional Chinese Spoken Drama in the 1920s-1930s" at the conference on "The City and Chinese Modernity," Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, June 28-29, 2007.

YANG Guocun was elected the Vice President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH) in April 2007. The office of the Vice President is a newly created position under the recently revised ASCH Bylaws and will be, among other matters, in charge of the two conferences the organization holds in the spring and fall of each year. Professor Yang has recently completed a one-year PIER fellowship program at Yale University and gave a presentation based on his research entitled "A Chinese Yankee: The Life and Time of Yung Wing, 1828-1912" at the ASCH Conference on "Insiders and Outsiders: Ethnicity, Immigration, and Status in Connecticut" in November 2006 at Manchester Community College.

YAO Ping received the 2006-2007 NEH Faculty Research Award to work on a book length manuscript on Tang China. She also received CHUS' Academic Excellence award in January 2007. Her co-authored textbook, *Biographies in World History*, is scheduled to be published by Houghton and Mifflin Co. in the summer of 2007. In addition, her articles, "Buddhist Mother and Their Children in Tang China (618-907)" and "Contested Virtue: The Daoist Investiture of Princesses Jinxian and Yuzhen and the Journey of Tang

Imperial Daughters,” will appear in *Nan Nü* and *Tang Studies* respectively. She is currently co-editing a 10 volume series, *Western Scholarship on Chinese History* (西方中国史研究论文集系列), with Patricia Ebrey. The first six volumes of this translation series will be published in 2008 by the Shanghai Classic Publishing House (Shanghai guji chubanshe).

Call for Membership Renewal

While membership fees are normally due at the end of May each year, the board of directors would like to remind CHUS members to renew their membership early and considered to become a lifetime CHUS member. The rates for membership fees are:

\$10	scholars in China
\$20	student & retiree
\$30	one year
\$50	two years
\$200	lifetime

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