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Editor’s Note: The newsletter editor continues to enjoy the privilege of being the first to see the most recent achievements of our members. This issue shows the continual and vigorous expansion of our organization and the energetic scholarly activities of our members done individually and collectively. The academic records shown in the Member News section are of very high caliber. Especially notable is that our members are contributing to the 21st-century scholarships across the Pacific and in other regions of the world. These records make all of us proud to be part of the CHUS. Some careful readers may have noticed a "jump" of the volume number. A mistake with the Roman numerals was made a few issues early, and hence the correction.
Dear CHUS Members,

On behalf of the CHUS board I wish to express gratitude to all CHUS members for their support of this great scholarly organization over the past year. As we stand upon the threshold of 2010, I am honored to report to the CHUS community on our 2009 activities. Allow me to elaborate on several aspects of our work.

1. Membership recruitment:
The recruitment of new members has been one of our top priorities. After the AHA conference in New York, Professor Jiayan Zhang, our secretary, invested much time and effort searching more than one thousand American universities for potential members, following which we emailed invitations to those professors who teach Chinese history to become members. At the same time, we sought to persuade our long time members to become lifetime members. As of mid-December, we had recruited 26 new members for this year, 14 of whom are professors and 12 are Ph.D candidates. There were 19 membership renewals, 17 of them as life members (see the newsletter for names).

2. CHUS conference panels:
In the past year, Professor Yafeng Xia, our organizational coordinator, worked effectively with the American Historical Association (AHA) to put together nine panels for the 2010 AHA annual conference in San Diego. This is the largest number of panels we have presented at the AHA and testifies to our contribution to American academic life. In the fall, Professor Xia put together five panels and submitted them to the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) for its annual conference in Philadelphia in March 2010.

3. The CHUS account:
Thanks to the persistent efforts of Professor Shuo Wang, our treasurer, our account has been relocated to California. According to her report, our income in 2009 was $4821.44 (mainly membership fees and a small amount of interest). Our expenses for 2009 amounted to $5163.58. This figure is comprised of the 2008 AHA panel fee of $375; 2009 AHA panel fee of $590; our contribution to publishing the Spring issue of the CHR ($1500); the printing fee of the Fall issue of the CHR ($1874.25); postage to mail out the Fall issue ($748.33); and a mailing fee ($56) from the previous board and registration fee ($20) from the current board.

4. CHUS Newsletters:
Professor Xiaoyuan Liu, our academic advisor and newsletter editor, gave his excellent services to our two newsletters for the year (Vol. XV, No. 58, Summer 2009, and Vol. XX, No. 59, Winter 2009; the volume number being corrected). CHUS members responded enthusiastically to Professor Liu’s call for submissions. The two newsletters are full of information concerning our academic achievements, publications, promotions, AHA panels, important events, and other related topics. Photos and book covers further enrich the newsletters.

5. The publication of The Chinese Historical Review:
Thanks to the continuing dedication of Professors Xi Wang, Alan Baumler and Hanchao Lu, our three distinguished editors, the two issues of The Chinese Historical Review came out as scheduled in April and October. With their hard work, the journal enjoys a high international reputation. It is indeed the banner of the CHUS as a distinctive scholarly organization.

6. Taiwan Trip:
In February 2009 I began working on a CHUS Delegation to Taiwan. The host in Taiwan, Datongmeng (the Grand Alliance of Chinese Unification), is enthusiastic to invite CHUS members to visit. Quite a few members were initially interested, but by early summer the number was still insufficient, and the
delegation did not materialize, much to the disappointment of our Taiwan host. However, we will continue our efforts and hope to send a delegation in 2010.

7. Fundraising:
We have worked on application packages to many foundations. With the board’s approval, I contacted, among others, The Ford Foundation, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, Luce Foundation, US-China Policy Foundation, Anna Chennault Foundation, Chinese Heritage Foundation, Jack Chan Foundation, The Andrew Mellon Foundation, Joan Kroc Foundation, Li Foundation, and China Cultural Foundation. I phoned many other foundations and was told they had no money available. The impact of the current economic crisis is disheartening, but we did receive $1000 in July from The Chinese Heritage Foundation toward publishing our journal.

8. The registration issue:
When the Chinese Heritage Foundation made the above grant, it asked for our tax exempt status, which led to an unexpected series of problems. According to federal regulations on non-profit organizations, we require to keep our registration in good standing with a state government, to hold a Tax ID, and to obtain a tax exempt status. Unfortunately, in the course of the changeover of boards, these expired, so our registration in Massachusetts became invalid and our tax exempt status was terminated. With board approval I registered the CHUS with the state of Michigan, effective August 24, 2009. The registration must be renewed annually.

With help and encouragement from the board and former presidents, I have been working to restore our tax exempt status. In the past several months, I sent many letters and documentary packages to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and consulted with the IRS frequently by phone. Nevertheless, in December the IRS stated that our tax exempt status was terminated and that we must apply for a new Tax ID by filing Form SS-4, and a new tax exempt status by filing Form 1023 with $400 application fee. Without any choice, I began the procedure by mailing out Form SS-4 on December 18 to apply for a new Tax ID. The whole process will take many months, perhaps even a year, before completion.

9. The Award for Academic Excellence and The Award for Distinguished Service:
On June 17, 2009, the board approved establishment of the Evaluation Committee, with Professors Xiaobing Li, Liyan Liu and Xiansheng Tian as its members, Professor Li serving as chair. The committee received and appraised nominations and recommendations. After much careful deliberation, the committee selected Professor Huaiyin Li (University of Texas at Austin) as recipient of the Award for Academic Excellence for his recent book, Village China Under Socialism and Reform: A Micro-History, 1948-2008 (Stanford University Press, 2009), and Professor Ping Yao (California State University, Los Angeles) as recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service for the many fine years she has committed to the CHUS. The board was most pleased to approve these recommendations in December.

Looking forward to the next year, I see the following tasks ahead of us: settling the tax exempt status issue; fundraising for the CHUS; seeking support for the production of our journal, which is very costly to the CHUS; and organizing a Taiwan delegation. In addition we must continue to recruit new members, continue organizing panels for the AHA and AAS, and continue with our publications. We will also be setting up the 2010 Election Committee to handle election of the new board for 2011-2013.

Over the past year, it has been my privilege to work with board members Professors Jiayan Zhang, Yafeng Xia, Shuo Wang and Xiaoyuan Liu. They are not only talented and prolific scholars, but generous and dedicated colleagues who have played vital roles in making the CHUS so successful. I look forward to another year working with them in 2010.

Finally, I wish to thank once again all CHUS members for their support and to wish them an excellent new year ahead.

Patrick Fuliang Shan
CHUS AWARDS

After a careful deliberation, the Awards Evaluation Committee, consisting of Professors Xiaobing Li, Liyan Liu, and Xiansheng Tian, made a recommendation to the Board of Directors about the recipients of the awards for 2009. The Board of Directors endorsed the recommendation and congratulates heartedly to Professor Ping Yao on her Distinguished Service to CHUS Award, and to Professor Huaiyin Li on his Academic Excellence Award. Professors Ping Yao and Huaiyi Li will receive their awards at the CHUS meeting during the 2010 AHA annual conference.

CHUS SPONSORED PANELS AT THE AHA CONFERENCE OF 2010

The Chinese Historians in the United States [CHUS], an affiliate organization of the American Historical Association [AHA], sponsors nine panels for the upcoming AHA conference to be held in San Diego, January 7-10. All these panels are listed in the AHA program.

China's Influence in Southeast Asia during the Cold War and its Reflections in Today's History Education

Thursday, January 7, 2010: 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Di Wang, Texas A&M University

Papers:
Making Cosmopolitan Malay-Chinese Citizens: Han Suyin and her Pedagogy of Intercultural Harmony
Guo Quan Seng, University of Chicago

Red Guards in the Jungle: Chinese Students and the Vietnam War, 1966
Xiao Bing Li, University of Central Oklahoma

The Chinese Cultural Revolution in the "Singapore Story"
Yinghong Cheng, Delaware State University

"Hundred-Year Humiliation": China's History Education and Nationalism in Recent Years
Xiansheng Tian, Metropolitan State College

Comment: Yi Sun, University of San Diego

Hidden Treasure: Literature as Historical Source

Friday, January 8, 2010: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Annie Y. Hor, California State University at Stanislaus
Papers:
*Ambiguous Identities: A Study of the Chaozhou Society through the "Lychee Mirror"
Guotong Li, California State University at Long Beach

"Singing in Harmony": Marital Love of Wang Zhaoyuan, 1763–1851
Weijing Lu, University of California at San Diego

*Hong lou Meng and Its Value as Primary Sources in Manchu Studies*
Shuo Wang, California State University at Stanislaus

*Dramatic Storytelling, Visual and Sound References, and Emotional Values on Historical Victimization and Individual Survival in To Live*
Hongwei Lu, University of Redlands

Comment: Susan Louise Mann, University of California at Davis

**Domestic and Foreign Policy during the Cultural Revolution**

Friday, January 8, 2010: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Yinghong Cheng, Delaware State University

Papers:
*The Mysterious Death of a Party Secretary: Did the Sino-Soviet Split Kill Wan Xiaotang?*
Jeremy Brown, Simon Fraser University

*Roaming through the Cultural Revolution: Revolutionary Networking and Foreign Influences on Xiaoyaopai Culture, 1966–68*
Jenny Huangfu, University of California at San Diego

*Mao's China and U.S. Recognition: The Forgotten Marxist-Leninist Perspective, 1944–72*
Jingbin Wang, Elizabeth City State University

*The Palestinian Revolutionary Avant-Garde in Mao's Cultural Revolution Foreign Policy*
Lorenz Luthi, McGill University

Comment: Alexander C. Cook, University of California at Berkeley

**Unfinished Journey: Shaping and Reshaping Chinese American Identity**

Saturday, January 9, 2010: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Jingyi Song, The College at Old Westbury (State University of New York)

Papers:
*Slow Transformation in the Sooner State: New Experiences of Chinese Immigrants in Oklahoma City, 1950s–90s*
Xiao Bing Li, University of Central Oklahoma
Chicagoland Chinese: Transnational Migration and Community, 1870s–1940s
Huping Ling, Truman State University

The Protecting Diaoyu Movement in 1970s America and the Making of a New Chinese Identity
Jinxing Chen, Edgewood College

Exercise Your Franchise 1—The Rise of the Chinese American Political Organization in New York City in the 1930s
Jingyi Song, The College at Old Westbury (State University of New York)

Bridging the Two Cultures: The New Chinese Schools and the Making of Chinese American Identity
Hongshan Li, Kent State University

Comment: Xiansheng Tian, Metropolitan State College

The Political Economy of Chinese Development and Western Relations: 1940–80
Saturday, January 9, 2010: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Guocun Yang, Manchester Community College (replaced by Jingyi Song, The College at Old Westbury, State University of New York)

Papers:
Doing Business with China: Trade and Sino-American Relations, 1966–74
Mao Lin, University of Georgia

China at the Crossroad: Plural Visions of Socialism in the Chinese Civil War Period
Agnes Liu, New York University

The Origins and Consequences of China’s Entry into the World Bank
Patrick Allan Sharma, University of California at Los Angeles

Isolating the Enemy: The Bandung Conference and Sino-American Relations
Tao Wang, Georgetown University

Comment: Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University (replaced by Huaiyin Li, University of Texas at Austin)

Dissemination of Western Knowledge and Ideology in Late Imperial and Modern China
Saturday, January 9, 2010: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Ping Yao, California State University at Los Angeles

Papers:
Reinventing the Ideal of "Scholar-Physician": A Seventeenth-Century Chinese Doctor's
Engagement with Western Learning
Qiong Zhang, Wake Forest University

Missionary Explorer-Scholars and the Museums in North and Southwestern China, 1914–49
Hsiao-pei Yen, Harvard University

Reading Rooms, Book Stores, and Chinese Anarcho-Communists, 1919–20
Guo Wu, Allegheny College

Comment: Rebecca Nedostup, Boston College

Construction and Reconstruction of Chinese Concepts of Self-Identity and Others at Four Historical Moments

Saturday, January 9, 2010: 2:30 PM-4:30 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup B

Chair: Anthony E. Clark, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

Papers:
Concepts of Self-Identity and "The Others" in the Shiji
Shu-hui Wu, Mississippi State University

Perception of Ethnicity in the Making of Tang's Frontier and Foreign Policies
Yihong Pan, Miami University

Recreating Chinese Culture: The Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Christian Colleges in China, 1945–49
Shuhua Fan, University of Scranton

Encountering World Revolution and Wars in Mao's China: The Power of Pictorial Books
Danke Li, Fairfield University

Comment: Hans van Ess, University of Munich

Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2010: 4:45 PM-6:00 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup B

Control, Discipline, and Order in Modern China

Sunday, January 10, 2010: 8:30 AM-10:30 AM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Paul Pickowicz, University of California at San Diego

Papers:
Discipline, Resistance, and "Face": The Case of the Huagong (Overseas Chinese Workers) in World War One France
Paul Bailey, University of Edinburgh
Changing Representations about the Local Folk in Beijing, c. Fourteenth–Twentieth Centuries
Yamin Xu, Le Moyne College

Bigamy, Law, and Customary Rituals in Early Twentieth Century Beijing
Zhao Ma, Washington University in St. Louis

"Repaying Blood Debt": Criminal Justice in Mao's China, 1949–68
Klaus Muehlhahn, Indiana University

Comment: Johanna Ransmeier, McGill University

Whither China: Intellectual Discourses on the Problems of the Urban and the Rural in 1910–40s China

Sunday, January 10, 2010: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Hyatt, America's Cup A

Chair: Ping Yao, California State University at Los Angeles

Papers:
Discovery of the "Rural": Urban Intellectuals and the Rural Question in 1920–30 China
Dandan Chen, Harvard University

Philosophy, Experience, and Social Consciousness in 1930s Urban China: A Case Study of Ai Siqi and His Masses' Philosophy
Miao Feng, New York University

Mobilizing Rural Women for the War: CCP Propaganda, Women, and the Nation, 1937–45
Dewen Zhang, Stony Brook University

Comment: Ping Yao, California State University at Los Angeles

NEW MEMBERS OF 2009

Ph.D. candidates/students:

CHEN Dandan, Harvard University
FENG Miao, New York University
LIU Xiaoyi, The University of Arizona
LIU Zhuo, New York University
SENG Guo Quan, University of Chicago
Patrick Sharma, UCLA
WANG Tao, Georgetown University
WANG Yan, University of California, Davis
WANG Yuancong, Cornell University
ZHANG Dewen, SUNY at Stony Brook
ZHENG Huangfu, UCSD
ZHOU Taomo, Cornell University
Professors:

Professor Jeremy Brown, Simon Fraser University
Professor KUO Huei-ying, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Professor LI Danke, Fairfield University
Professor LI Guotong, California State University Long Beach
Professor LIU Hsiang-wang, University of Northern Colorado at Greeley
Professor Lorenz Luthi, McGill University
Professor MA Zhao, SUNY-Fredonia
Professor PAN Yihong, Miami University
Professor Helen Schneider, Virginia Tech
Professor TENG Hueybin, the University of the South
Professor WANG Jingbin, Elizabeth City State University
Professor WANG Wensheng, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Professor WU Henlen Xiaoyan, University of Toronto
Professor YANG Haosheng, Miami University

MEMBER NEWS

BIAN, Morris L., Associate Professor of History at Auburn University, was the sole recipient of Auburn University’s 2009 Creative Research and Scholarship Award. The award recognizes the research achievements and contributions of Auburn faculty who have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works and/or creative contributions to their field. Bian’s research focuses on 20th century Chinese political, economic and institutional history. His first book, The Making of the State Enterprise System in Modern China: The Dynamics of Institutional Change (Harvard University Press, 2005) was recognized in 2006 by Choice Magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title. In 2007 the International Convention of Asian Scholars named his book one of the top ten social science books in Asian studies published worldwide during the previous two years. His current research project offers a critical reexamination of the Chinese Communist Revolution, using a case study of the transformation as well as evolution of Guizhou regional state enterprises from the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War to the formative years of the People's Republic of China.

CHEN, Jian, the Michael J. Zak Chair Professor of History for US China Relations at Cornell University, completed his term as Philippe Roman Chair in History and International Affairs at the London School of Economics and returned to teaching at Cornell University in June 2009. In the 2008-2009 academic year, with London as the base, he gave a series of public speeches and presentations at various universities and institutions in the UK, France, Germany, Austria, Norway, Portugal, and Serbia. He also held a visiting professorship at SciencesPo, Paris in June 2009. Among his recent publications are “Revolution and Crisis: The Great Leap Forward and the Radicalization of Chinese Foreign Policy,” Cold War International History Studies (Shanghai), Vol. 7 (December 2008); “Redefining 'Cold War' in America's Global Strategy: Implications of Changing US Policies toward China and East Asia, 1969-1973,” International


LI, Danke, Associate Professor of History at Fairfield University, published a book, Echoes of Chongqing: Women in Wartime China (University of Illinois Press, 2009). This collection of annotated oral histories records the personal stories of twenty Chinese women who lived in the wartime capital of Chongqing during China's War of Resistance against Japan during World War II. By presenting women's remembrances of the war, this study examines the interplay between oral history and traditional historical narrative, public discourse, and private memories. The accounts of how women coped, worked, and lived during the war years in the Chongqing region recast historical understanding of the roles played by ordinary people in wartime and give women a public voice and face that, until now, have been missing from scholarship on the war.

LI, Huaiyin, Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin, was recently selected as a member of the editorial board of Twentieth-Century China. His book, Village China under Socialism and Reform: A Micro-history, 1948-2008 (Stanford University Press, 2009), is the winner of the 2009 Cecil B. Currey Book Award of the Association of Third World Studies. The Chinese translation of his first book, Village Governance in North China, 1875-1936 (Stanford University Press, 2005), was recently published by Zhonghua Shuju. Part of his new project on political discourse and historiography in modern China will be published as an article, “Between Tradition and Revolution: Fan Wenlan and the Origins of the Marxist Historiography of Modern China,” in the forthcoming issue of Modern China.

LI, Xiaobing serves as chair of History and Geography Dept. at the University of Central Oklahoma. His new book, Voices from the Vietnam War: Stories from American, Asian, and Russian Veterans is forthcoming from the University Press of Kentucky in the spring of 2010. The oral histories of the Vietnam War currently available in English are predictably one-sided,
providing limited insight into the inner workings of the Communist nations that participated in the war. Furthermore, many of these accounts focus on combat experiences rather than the backgrounds, belief systems, and social experiences of interviewees, resulting in an incomplete historiography of the war. Professor Li’s book corrects this oversight. The twenty-two intimate stories in the book feature the experiences of American, Chinese, Russian, Korean, and North and South Vietnamese veterans, representing the views of both anti-Communist and Communist participants, including Chinese officers of the PLA, a Russian missile-training instructor, and a KGB spy. These narratives humanize and contextualize the war’s events while shedding light on aspects of the war previously unknown to Western scholars.

LIAN, Xi, Professor of History at Hanover College, is publishing a book, *Redeemed by Fire: The Rise of Popular Christianity in Modern China*, with Yale University Press (February 23, 2010). This book is the first to address the history and future of homegrown, mass Chinese Christianity. Drawing on a large collection of fresh sources—including contemporaneous accounts, diaries, memoirs, archival material, and interviews—the study traces the transformation of Protestant Christianity in twentieth-century China from a small, beleaguered “missionary” church buffeted by antiforeignism to an indigenous popular religion energized by nationalism and millenarianism.

LIU, Xiaoyuan, Professor of History at Iowa State University, participated in a highly instructive international conference on “International Relations in Wartime: Sino-Japanese War, the Fourth International Joint Research Conference,” held in Chongqing between September 6 and 9, 2009. The conference gathered more than forty specialists from Canada, China, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The conference papers and discussions were academic and constructive, but more significant than the scholarly findings was the multinational format of the conference’s “joint research” agenda. At the conference Professor Liu presented a paper titled “Reshape China: American Strategic Thinking and China’s Ethnic Frontiers in World War II.”


LUTTHI, Lorenz, Assistant Professor of History at McGill University, has won the Edgar S. Furniss Book Award for his *The Sino-Soviet Split: Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton University Press, 2008). The award is given by the Mershon Center of the Ohio University for an author’s first book that makes “an exception contribution to the study of national and international security.”
SHAN, Patrick Fuliang. Associate Professor of History at Grant Valley State University, published an article entitled “Triumph after Catastrophe: Church, State and Society in Post-Boxer China, 1900-1937,” Peace and Conflict Studies, Fall 2009, vol.16, no.2, pp. 33-50.


WEI, George C. X., Associate Professor of History and Head of the Department of History, University of Macau, has co-edited two books. Challenges to Chinese Foreign Policy: Diplomacy, Globalization, and the Next World Power (University Press of Kentucky, 2009) is a collection of essays by a group of prominent contributors who provide original assessments of China’s foreign policy from a Chinese perspective, providing greater understanding of a rising global power. Another volume is 《東方外交史之發展》 (The Development of Asian Diplomatic History) (Publication Center of the University of Macau, 2009).

TIAN, Xiansheng, Professor of History at Metropolitan State College of Denver, published a book entitled, Patrick J. Hurley and US-China Relations, 1944-1945 (University Press of the
South, Sept. 2009). The book sheds light on one of the important episodes of the US-China relationship in the 20th century and shows how that episode helped set the direction of the relations across the Pacific for years to come.

**XIA, Yafeng**, Associate Professor of History at Long Island University, has these recent publications: “Wang Jiaxiang: New China’s First Ambassador and the CCP’s First Director of International Liaison Department,” *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, Vol 16 (Fall 2009), pp. 501-19; “Shilun Nikesong zhengfu duiwai zhengce juece de jizhi, guocheng yu zhuyao renyuan” (On the Structures, Processes and Personalities in the Nixon Administration’s Foreign Policy Decision-making), *Shixue Jikan* (Collected Papers of History Studies), no. 4 (2009), pp. 91-102 (in Chinese); “‘Nikesong zhuyi’ yu Meiguo duiwai zhengce de tiaozheng” (The Nixon Doctrine and U.S. Foreign Policy Change), *Zhonggong Dangshi Yanjiu* (CCP History Studies), no. 4 (2009), pp. 46-57 (in Chinese). In September 2009, he was invited to give a talk at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars on “Negotiating with the Enemy: U.S.-China Talks during the Cold War.” In the same month he also attended an international conference on “Mental Maps of Early Cold War” held in Oxford University. His presentation was entitled “Mao’s Mental Map and World View during the Cold War” and will be published in a book, *Mental Maps in the Cold War Era*, co-edited by Steven Casey (London School of Economics) and Jonathan Wright (Oxford University) (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2010).

**XU, Guangqiu**, Professor of History at Friends University, won the 2009 Fulbright-Hays Grant, which enabled him to participate in the Fulbright Summer Seminars in Jordan and Oman for seven weeks in June and July 2009, a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

**XU, Guoqi**, Associate Professor of History at University of Hong Kong, spent the 2008-09 academic year at Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study, Harvard University to work on his two book projects. *Strangers on the Western Front: Chinese laborers in France during the Great War* is finished and will be published in 2010 by Harvard University Press. His second volume, tentatively titled, *Chinese and Americans: A Cultural History*, has entered the final research stage and is also under contract for Harvard University Press. Professor Xu is confident that he is able to wrap up this book within two years. Professor Xu’s recent book, *Olympic Dreams: China and Sports, 1895-2008* (Harvard University Press, 2008), was awarded the best book prize for 2008 from International Society of Olympic Historians. He also received the Academic Excellence Award for 2008 from the Chinese Historians in the United States. Professor Xu was instrumental in China Central TV’s 6-episode documentary on Chinese laborers in France during the First World War, which was premiered in May 2009. He is now working with the PBS in the United States to prepare a documentary on the Great War, to be produced by Carl Byker and Jay Winter. In July 2009, Professor Xu moved from Kalamasoo, Michigan to Hong Kong to teach at Department of History, the University of Hong Kong.

**YANG, Guocun**, Professor of History at Manchester Community College (MCC) and President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH), presided over the ASCH annual Fall Conference on “Connecticut at War” in the state capital of Hartford and at MCC on November 13-14, 2009. The one-day and one-half-day conference covered topics ranging from the early colonial time to the current fight against extremism and militancy worldwide affecting the lives and people of Connecticut. There were more than 40 papers and two performances,
which drew more than 200 people in attendance. ASCH invites CHUS members to join the organization and participate in its meetings. For future conference announcements, please contact Professor Yang or visit the ASCH website: http://asch.ccsu.edu/

**MEMBER PUBLICATIONS**
Patrick J. Hurley and USA-China Relations (1944-45)

XIANSHENG TIAN
CHALLENGES TO CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

Diplomacy, Globalization, and the Next World Power

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