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President: Patrick Fuliang Shan
Secretary: Jiayan Zhang
Organizational Coordinator: Yafeng Xia
Treasurer: Shuo Wang
Academic Advisor and Newsletter Editor: Xiaoyuan Liu

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Editor’s Note: When the year of 2010 is entering memory and the election of a new board of directors for the CHUS is under way, it is time for the current board of directors to bid farewell to our members and the general readers of the newsletter. In the past two years we witnessed the vibrant growth of the CHUS and enjoyed enthusiastic support from our members. Our members’ devotion to the profession of historical studies has made the CHUS an ever stronger organization. It is indeed a privilege to have served this distinguished group. The board’s annual report prepared by Dr. Patrick Shan highlights the CHUS activities in the past year. The board however wants to add a note of THANK YOU to Patrick for his effective leadership throughout his tenure and, especially, his herculean effort to solve the long standing problem of the tax status of the CHUS. Patrick has given the CHUS nothing but undivided devotion. Now, in offering our best wishes for the year of 2011 to all our readers and in greeting what promises to be a dynamic new leadership—the in-coming board of directors, this issue gives you the CHUS in the second half of 2010.
The CHUS Board Annual Report (2010)

The year 2010 has been a fruitful one for the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). The board and CHUS members worked closely together to guarantee the success of our operations. On behalf of the CHUS board, I want to take this opportunity to express gratitude to all who have dedicated themselves to our organization. I also want to congratulate our members for their many publications in the past year. Their accomplishments testify to the scholarship we have contributed to the field of Chinese studies. I would now like to highlight the work of the board and the major activities of the CHUS over the past year.

1. Professor Jiayan Zhang, our secretary, has diligently recruited new members and seen to seniors’ membership renewal. In 2010, the CHUS recruited sixteen new members, among whom one is an undergraduate student, three are PhD candidates, and twelve are professors. Over the year, six PhD candidates and eighteen professors renewed their membership and fourteen of them (one a PhD candidate) became lifetime members.

2. Professor Yafeng Xia, our organizational coordinator, effectively communicated with the AHA and guaranteed the acceptance of our panels at the AHA conference. We sponsored nine panels for the AHA annual conference held in San Diego, California, January 7-10, 2010. Our panels attracted a respectable number of audience members. In the summer of 2010, the AHA approved six CHUS panels for the present 2011 conference in Boston.

3. For the upcoming AAS conference in Hawaii in April 2011, CHUS members organized two panels. Professor Xia communicated with the AAS at length until the AAS gave its official approval to these panels as part of their “meetings in conjunction.”

4. Professor Shuo Wang, our treasurer, continues to carefully manage our accounts. In the past year, total income was $3,466.89 (membership fees of $3,462 plus interest of $4.89); our total expenses were $3,585.53 (journal publication, including printing and postage, $2,230.53; AHA conference panel fees $895; tax exempt status application fee $400; and other expenses including CHUS registration, $20; and two plaques for award winners, $40).

5. Professor Xiaoyuan Liu gathered news from CHUS members and edited two highly informative issues of the Newsletter (summer and winter issues 2010), which highlight our members’ academic activities, numerous publications, and other scholarly activities.

6. From July 31 to August 12, 2010, the CHUS sent its fifth delegation to Taiwan upon the invitation of the Grand Alliance of Chinese Unification. Eleven CHUS members made up the delegation.

7. Thanks to the editors of our journal, Professor Xi Wang, Professor Hanchao Lu and Professor Alan Baumler, along with support from the CHUS board, two issues of The Chinese Historical Review (Spring 2010 and Fall 2010) were published. Our former president Professor Ping Yao generously devoted time to working with the printing house in California to guarantee the journal’s publication on schedule.

8. In the summer, the Election Committee was organized with Professor Xiaobing Li as chair, assisted by Professor Jingyi Song and Xianshend Tian. The Election Committee has worked smoothly in overseeing the CHUS election of the next board of directors (2011-2013). The new board members who were elected are Xiaoping Cong, Yinghong Cheng, Danke Li, and Xi Lian. Professor Cong (president-elect) will introduce all the board members in her inauguration address.

9. This year the Evaluation Committee included Professors Qiang Zhai (chair), Huaiyin Li, and Hongshan Li. The committee received fourteen scholarly works (six books and eight articles) for consideration for the award. The committee members devoted many weeks
to the reading of these works. Indeed, it was difficult to reach a decision as every submission was an excellent piece of scholarship. After careful deliberation, the committee members chose Professor Xi Lian as the winner of the 2010 CHUS Academic Excellence Award for his book * Redeemed by Fire: The Rise of Popular Christianity in Modern China* (Yale University Press, 2010). Professors Hanchao Lu received “honorable mention” for his books *The Birth of a Republic: Francis Stafford’s Photographs of China’s 1911 Revolution and Beyond* (University of Washington Press, 2010) and *A Man of Two Worlds: The Life of Sir Robert Hart, 1835-1911* (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2009), (《中国第一客卿：鹭宾·赫德传》, 上海社会科学院 出版社, 2009年), and his article “Small-Town China: A Historical Perspective on Rural-Urban Relations,” in Martin King Whyte, ed., *One Country, Two Societies: Rural-Urban Inequality in Contemporary China* (Harvard University Press, 2010). Professor Xiaoyuan Liu also received “honorable mention” for his book *Recast All Under Heaven: Revolution, War, Diplomacy, and Frontier China in the 20th Century* (Continuum, 2010). For the 2010 CHUS Distinguished Service Award, the committee chose Professor Xiaobing Li as the winner for his long-term and significant contributions to our organization.

10. The CHUS board tried a few times to raise funds from corporations and foundations, but these efforts did not bear results.

11. The CHUS board has worked very hard to solve the problems in regard to our registration, tax identification, and tax exempt status. Our activities may be summarized as follows:

(1). On February 16, the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) approved our application for a new tax identification number (EIN), with which we were instructed to proceed to apply for a new tax exempt status. In the previous year, the CHUS had tried to reactivate the old tax exempt status but without success. We were told to acquire a new EIN and apply for a new tax exempt status;
(2). On April 1, 2010, the CHUS filed its first tax return (990N: e-Postcard). The CHUS, like all other non-profit organizations, is not required to pay tax, but must file a tax return every year, as required by a law passed by Congress in 2006. The 2010 filing was a success. Once again, the CHUS has filed its tax return on January 3, 2011.
(3). On August 17, the CHUS applied to renew its registration with the State of Michigan and filed its first annual report to the state government. Both annual requirements were approved;
(4). On August 27, the CHUS sent its amendments (Form 515) to the state of Michigan, as required by the IRS, for its application of a tax exempt status which was approved on August 31, 2010;
(5). After more than one year’s persistent work and many filings (including Form 1023, Form 8734, and many other additional documents and financial data), the CHUS application for a new tax exempt status was approved on September 21, 2010 by the IRS, by which the CHUS is qualified to receive tax deductible gifts, donations and other funds.

The approval of our tax exempt status is a success for the CHUS. However, the U.S. law requires us to do the following:

(1). The CHUS must file tax returns between January 1 and April 15 each year, which can be done online (990N: e-Postcard) as long as our income does not exceed $25,000. If it is over $25,000, we have to file Form 990-EZ or other forms. If we do not file 990N or 990EZ, we will lose our tax exempt status in three consecutive years;
(2). Every five years, the IRS will review our tax exempt status to see if we are qualified
for extension of this privilege; this requires the filing of relevant forms and data in order for the IRS to make its decision;
(3). As Congress or the IRS may adopt new policies or new laws at any time, the CHUS must closely monitor new federal laws or policies regarding non-profit organizations in order to respond properly;
(4). The CHUS must report its annual activities to the State of Michigan every August in order to fulfill its obligations as a Michigan non-profit organization; relevant forms must be filled and mailed to its Lansing office. CHUS registration as a non-profit organization with Michigan must be renewed annually by paying $20 (subject to change); if we do not renew our registration in three consecutive years, we would automatically be “disorganized;” furthermore, the CHUS must study new laws or new policies of Michigan and respond properly in order to keep a good standing with the state government;
(5). The CHUS has to handle documents issued by either the state or federal government at any time.

With all above mentioned requirements, it would be ideal for the CHUS to find a volunteer lawyer as our legal advisor and helper to assist in handling our paperwork. Anyone who can find a lawyer should inform the CHUS board.

In the past year, the CHUS board members (Xiaoyuan Liu, Shuo Wang, Yafeng Xia, Jiayan Zhang and Patrick Fuliang Shan) have worked together as committed teammates. Our collaboration and solidarity has worked, we trust, to ensure the smooth running of CHUS business and operations. The support from CHUS members has been vital to our success. As this upcoming election has led to the formation of a new board, I wish the new team the best in the years to come. I am confident that the new board will carry on our long tradition and that they will dedicate themselves to our beloved organization.

In closing I sincerely wish all CHUS members a happy, healthy and productive year ahead!

Patrick Fuliang Shan
(President of the CHUS)

CHUS PANELS

CHUS Panels for the 2011 AAS Annual Conference Meetings-in-Conjunction
Room 307 A, Hawaii Convention Center, April 1, 2011, Friday

Panel One: Defenders and Contenders of Self-Identity and Legitimacy in Chinese Historiography (307 A, Hawaii Convention Center, April 1, Friday, 7:15pm-9:15pm)

Chair and Discussant: David Wright (University of Calgary)

Papers:

Shu-hui Wu (Mississippi State University), “Perception of the ‘Foreign’ in the Shiji, Hanshu, and Gongyang Ideology.”
Yihong Pan (Miami University), “The Tuyuhun Kingdom (ca. 310-663): Its Dynamism in the Regional System.”
Luo Bingliang (Beijing Normal University), “Why Did Yuan Historians View Xixia as a
Vassal State in the Dynastic Annals of the Liao, the Song, and the Jin?"  
Anthony E. Clark (Whitworth University), “Remapping Antiquity: China and the Jesuit Figurists.”


Chair: Charles Hayford (Independent Scholar)  
Discussant: Brigit Linder (City University of Hong Kong)

Papers:

Rob Carbonneau (Passionist Historical Archives), “‘The Velvet Glove is Wearing Thinner and Thinner with the Mailed Fist Much in Evidence’: American Catholic Missionaries Witness Liberation in West Hunan, 1949 to 1950.”
E. Bruce Reynolds (San Jose State University), “Engulfed by the Storm: Lucius C. Porter and the Doomed Effort to Save Yenching University.”

NEW MEMBERS

Students:

Xin Fan, Indiana University-Bloomington  
Charles Kraus, Hiram College  
En Li, Washington University in Saint Louis  
Nianshen Song, University of Chicago

Professors:

Jennine Chandler, Siena College  
Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University  
Anthony Clark, Whitworth University  
Lu Liu, Ithaca College,  
Bingliang Luo, Beijing Normal University  
Ning Ma, Tufts University  
Steve Miles, Washington University in Saint Louis  
Zhange Ni, Virginia Tech  
Chingling Wo, Sonoma State University  
David Wright, University of Calgary  
Liangwu Yin, Mount Union College  
Enhua Zhang, University of Massachusetts Amherst
MEMBER NEWS

CHEN, Li (陈利), Assistant Professor of Chinese History at the University of Toronto, is Program Director of Global Asia Studies in 2010-2011. His most recent publication includes “Review of Carol G. S. Tan, British Rule in China: Law and Justice in Weihaiwei, 1898–1930 (London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill, 2008),” Law and History Review 28, No. 2 (2010), pp. 573-575. A forthcoming article, “Universalism and Equal Sovereignty as Contested Myths of International Law in the Sino-Western Encounter,” will be published in Journal of the History of International Law / Revue d'histoire du droit international, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2011). He is one of the authors of a multinational team-project, Official Handbooks and Anthologies of Imperial China: A Descriptive and Critical Bibliography, led by Professor Pierre-Etienne Will of the College de France (book forthcoming). In 2010, his invited talks and presentations include “Moral Geography and Politics of Universalism of International Law in Early Modern Sino-British Relations” at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (April), “Emotions, International Politics & the Second Opium War 1856-1860” at the University of Toronto Jackman Humanities Institute (May), “Legal Culture and the Way (Dao) of Legal Specialists in Late Imperial China” at the Critical China Reading Group of the University of Toronto (October), and “Colonial Encounters and a Hierarchy of Legal Cultures” at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History in Philadelphia (November).

LI, Xiaobing’s new book, Civil Liberties in China, was published by ABC-CLIO in August 2010. The book examines civil liberties in China today, covering the topics of constitutional rights of citizens, rights of the criminally accused, the court and legal systems, and judicial conflicts between government regulation and personal freedoms.

LING, Huping, Professor of History at Truman State University, has been the executive editor of Journal of Asian American Studies. In the past three years she published three books, Asian American History and Cultures: An Encyclopedia (Two volumes), M.E. Sharpe, 2010, Asian America: Forming New Communities, Expanding Boundaries, Rutgers University Press, 2009, and Emerging Voices: Experiences of Underrepresented Asian Americans, Rutgers University Press, 2008.


XU, Guangqiu’s new book, *American Doctors in Canton and Modernization in China, 1835-1935*, will be published by Transaction Publishers, Rutgers University in March 2011. The book studies how American medical missionaries established China’s first hospital, first medical school, first medical college for women, and first mental hospital in Canton, and how such institutions impacted China’s modernization. The book argues that Western medicine helped turn Canton into a cradle of revolution and reform in modern China.

YANG, Guocun, Professor of History at Manchester Community College, was elected chair of the Department of Social Sciences, which includes nearly 30 full-time and part-time faculty members. As President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH), he helped organize two annual ASCH conferences. This year, the April conference was held at the Little Theater of Manchester and focused on “Silk, Battleship, Twain, and Preservation.” The November conference was held at the University of Connecticut–Torrington Campus, featuring “Studies in Connecticut Biography.” Forty speakers presented papers at these meetings.

YAO, Ping has the following information to share. Shanghai University Press has published an anthology of essays presented at the International Conference on “Historical Studies in Retrospect: Reflection and Future Prospect.” The conference was held in June 2008, cosponsored by CHUS and the Department of History of Shanghai University. The volume is entitled *Chinese Thought and Chinese Society* (Zhongguo de sixiang yu shehui: Lishi yanjiu de huigu tansuo yu zhanwang  中国的思想与社会——历史研究的回顾、探索与展望, ISBN: 9787811186536), co-edited by Professor TAO Feiya 陶飞亚 of Shanghai University and Professor Yao Ping 姚平, then CHUS president, and supported by a grant from the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission (Shanghai shi jiaoyu weiyuanhui 上海市教育委员会). Twelve CHUS members contributed to the volume, including Professors CHEN Jinxing 陈锦骍, GAO Zheng 高峥, GAO Yanli 高艳丽, LI Guotong 李国彤, NI Ting 倪婷, SUN Yi 孙绮, WANG Xi 王希, WEI Chuxiong 魏楚雄, XIAO Zhiwei 萧知纬, YAO Ping, ZHANG Hong 张泓, and ZHANG Jiayan 张家炎. The essays cover a range of diverse topics and also contain reflections on the field of Chinese history in the United States. Most notable with regard to CHUS, Professor Wang Xi wrote an extensive essay on the growth of CHUS’s journal, *Chinese Historical Review* (Zai Meiguo chuangban xueshu qikan: Guanyu CHR chengzhang jingli de huigu 在美国创办学术期刊——关于 CHR 成长经历的回顾). Supported by charts and figures, the essay recounts four periods of CHR’s history: conception and early development (1987-1992), standardization and professionalization (1992-1996), struggle for survival (1997-2003), and revival (2004- ). Furthermore, the essay predicts that CHR will play an important role in the scholarly exchange between China and the United States.

YAO Ping received the 2009-2010 California State University Los Angeles Outstanding Professor Award for her scholarly work and teaching performance. Recently, she gave three public lectures on women’s history and prosopography in Peking University, Shanghai University, and Loyola Marymount University. In addition, she published two articles, “Four Decades Engagement with Chinese History: Conversations with Professor Patricia Ebrey,” *Chinese Historical Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1(Spring 2010), pp. 96-109; “Women in Portraits: An Overview of Surviving Epitaphs from Ancient and Medieval China,” in Clara Wing-chung Ho, ed., *Overt and Covert Treasures: Essays on the Sources for Chinese Women’s History* (Hong Kong Chinese University Press, 2010).
ZHANG, Qiong published an article, “Matteo Ricci's World Maps in Late Ming Discourse of Exotica,” Horizons: Seoul Journal of Humanities Vol. 1, No. 2 (December 2010).

CHUS DELEGATION TO TAIWAN 2010

(Editor's note: the chronology and photos below were provided by Patrick Shan)

In July, 2010, the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS) organized its fifth scholarly delegation to visit Taiwan upon an invitation by the Grand Alliance of Chinese Unification. The visitation took place between July 31 and August 12, 2010. The delegates included eleven CHUS members, alphabetically, Yinghong Cheng (Delaware State University), Huaiyin Li (University of Texas at Austin), Xi Lian (Hanover College), Yihong Pan (Miami University in Ohio), Guo Quan Seng (University of Chicago), Patrick Fuliang Shan (Grand Valley State University), Nianshen Song (University of Chicago), Yuanchong Wang (Cornell University), Helen Xiaoyan Wu (University of Toronto), Liangwu Yin (Mount Union College), and Renqiu Yu (SUNY-Purchase College). The delegation was led by Patrick Fuliang Shan and Huaiyin Li. Thanks to the careful arrangements by Mr. Haoran Ma and Ms. Yu-hsin Lee, two representatives of the Grand Alliance, the delegation visited historical sites, beautiful sceneries, well-known scholars, noted personages, famous museums, and prestigious universities. The following is a chronology of the delegation’s activities and selected photos of these activities. The Chinese names are Romanized with pinyin unless they have conventional spelling or spell differently in name cards provided.

July 31: The delegation arrived in Taipei and rested for the day to recover from jetlag.

August 2: *Visited the Government Information Office, watched a video on Taiwan, and held a discussion with Mr. Hsiao-li Hsu and his assistants; *discussion with Professor Jiann-fa Yan at the DPP office; *visited the Longshan Temple; *discussion with Yun-kuang Kuo, at the KMT office; *talked with famous historian Professor Shou-nan Wang.

August 3: *Visited the Taipei City Archives and met with Mr. Chih-tsung Weng and other scholars; *visited National Taiwan Normal University and met with Professors Shih-ping Fan, Yan-hui Chen and Kuan-hsiung Wang; *visited Academia Sinica and attended a seminar with scholars at Modern Chinese History Institute, including Drs. Keqiang Huang, Mayli Lin, Li Chang, Yung-fa Chen, Hong-juan Chu, Chi-hsiung Chang and others; *visited the Hu Shih Memorial Hall.

August 4: *Visited the Legislative Yuan and met with Director of Department of Secretariat Ms. Lee-Jane Chuang and her assistants; *visited the Museum of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica; *visited the Lin Yutang House; *visited the Soochow University and Qian Mu’s former residence; *visited the vicinity of the Office of the President and the Political Victims Monument; *attended a seminar with Arthur S. Ding, Secretary General of Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies; *had a meeting with Dr. Pin-kung Chiang, the chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation; *visited the Museum of Military Dependents’ Village in Taoyuan County and met some old veterans who remembered their personal experiences; *arrived in Yuchi Town near the Sun-Moon Lake;

August 5: *Visited the National Palace Museum; *visited the National Museum of History and met with Pauline Kao, the deputy director and her assistants; *attended a seminar with Arthur S. Ding, Secretary General of Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies; *had a meeting with Dr. Pin-kung Chiang, the chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation; *visited the Museum of Military Dependents’ Village in Taoyuan County and met some old veterans who remembered their personal experiences; *arrived in Yuchi Town near the Sun-Moon Lake;

August 6: *Toured the Sun-Moon Lake and nearby sites such as the Thao tribe and the Syuangguang Buddhist Temple; *visited the Wenwu Temple; *visited Ji Ji Town and the Old
Railway Station built during the Japanese colonial rule; *visited the Daoist Temple Wuchang Palace; *arrived in Kaohsiung to visit the former Dagou British Consulate; *visited the National Sun Yat-sen University;

August 9: *Arrived in Tainan and met with Li-cheng Lu, director of the National Museum of Taiwan History; *visited the Anping Dutch Fortress and the Zheng Chenggong Statue;

August 10: *Visited the KMT Party Archives; *had a meeting with Te-shun Liu, deputy minister of Mainland Affairs Council of the Executive Yuan and his assistants Chang-shui Lu and Chang Chang; *visited Chiang Kai-shek's Mausoleum at Cihu and Chiang Ching-kuo's Mausoleum;

August 11: *Visited the Chihlee Institute of Technology and met Professors Cheng-Hsu Wang, Shi Zheqiong and others; *visited the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall; *visited Taipei 101; *had a meeting with Director Kao of the Grand Alliance and Yu-sheng Chang of the Pacific Cultural Foundation.

August 12-13: The delegation departed from Taiwan.

PHOTOS OF THE CHUS DELEGATION TO TAIWAN

With a former Nationalist veteran, a native of Shandong, at the Veteran Village Museum.
Visiting the Legislative Yuan.

Meeting with Dr. Jiang Bingkun (Pin-kung Chiang).
Meeting with Director Kao of the Grand Alliance and Yu-sheng Chang of the Pacific Cultural Foundation.

Visiting the Chilee College
At the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Taipei