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I. CHUS President Xiaobing Li's Open Letter to the Editors and Contributors of *Pathmakers*

Aug. 27, 2015

Dear Professors

Xi Wang
Alan Baumler
Hanchao Lu
Jin Jiang
Patrick Fuliang Shan
Ping Yao:

I was so glad to receive your email of August 25, and attached publication news and letter of royalty donation to the Chinese Historians in the U.S. (CHUS) and *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR).

As the 2015-17 CHUS President, first of all, on behalf of the 2015-17 board, I congratulate all of you as the editors and contributors on your new book, *Pathmakers: Conversations with Renowned Historians*, by Peking University Press in 2015! The wonderful conversations collection with more than a dozen of distinguished historians both in China and America have reflected the foundation and direction of today's history studies as a field. All of these historians also shared their own individual educational experience and academic achievement with the readers. It is the best Chinese-language resource for history students and teachers in China. All the readers who are interested in history should be greatly aided in their understanding of the history and historical research. Your book will be a true milestone in collaborative history!

Secondly, we really appreciate the unanimously decision made by all the editors and contributors to made a joint donation of \$1,416.15 to CHUS and *CHR*! The donation comes from the royalty you have earned from the first sale of the book, which was published in March. Our board directors, CHUS members, and journal readers will want to thank you for your generosity! Because of you, CHUS will be able to carry on our mission further and serve our members better. Because of you, *CHR* will continue to make its contribution to the history field both in China and America.

Thirdly, you have set up a model for all of us to follow. Your gift is significant and will have an immediate and positive impact at our organization. I thank you for investing in our wonderful and important association and for easing our financial burdens as we continue to support our membership service, journal publication, and other academic activities.

I take this opportunity and call our members for being part of group efforts to make CHUS a better and stronger organization. I'd like to invite you to our fundraising effort and make a donation anyway you'd like. I would also like to invite you to stay connected to CHUS. Come participate in any of our panels at the AHA at Atlanta in January. Attend our membership meeting at Saturday evening.

Please know how much your support appreciated! Thank you so much!

Best,

Xiaobing Li
2015-17 President
CHUS

Dr. Xi Wang's Letter regarding Royalty Donation to CHUS

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August 25, 2015

Dear Xiaobing,

I hope you had a productive and relaxing summer.

I am writing on behalf of the authors (*see names below*) of 开拓者: 著名历史学家访谈录 *Pathmakers: Conversations with Renowned Historians* (Peking University Press, 2015) to let you know that we have unanimously decided to make a joint donation of \$1,416.15 to *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) and Chinese Historians in the United States Inc. (CHUS). Please accept the check of the said amount payable to CHUS (enclosed).

The money comes from the royalty we have earned from the first sales of the book, which was published in March. Since all of the pieces in volume were originally published on *The Chinese Historians Review* from 2000 to 2014, we thought it only proper to give the money to the CHUS, which is the owner of *CHR*, to support its academic activities.

Best,

Wang Xi

On behalf of:

Alan Baumler (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)
Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech)
Jiang Jin (East China Normal University)
Patrick Fuliang Shan (Grand Valley State University)
Wang Xi (Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Peking University)
Ping Yao (California State University at Los Angeles)

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II. President Zhiwei Xiao's 2015 Annual Report

(Presented at the CHUS Annual Business Meeting at the AHA in NYC)

Since my last annual report which was delivered at the previous CHUS business meeting in Washington D.C. during the last AHA in 2014, it has been, to steal a line from the title of Ray Huang's famous book, "a year of no significance." As it is often the case in one's personal life, for an organization such as ours, a non-eventful year can be seen as positive or negative depending on one's perspectives, priorities of objectives, and the circumstances.

If we take an optimistic view of the past year, we have not had any major controversies, nor negative publicities. We may not have any spectacular achievements to brag about, but neither do we have any catastrophic failures to be ashamed of. Thanks to the collective efforts by the board members that include Professors Chunmei Du, Margaret Kuo, Danke Li, and Qiang Fang, and the support from CHUS members, things seemed to have gone rather smoothly in the past year.

To begin with, we successfully organized an international conference with Huadong Normal University in the summer of 2014. Many CHUS members participated in the conference and played prominent roles. In connection with the conference and through CHUS' sponsorship, a number of our colleagues were also granted visiting scholar fellowships from ECNU which allowed them to stay for an extended period to conduct research and deliver lectures.

We have also continued the tradition of promoting scholarship and service by giving the Academic Excellence and Distinguished Service Award. This year, the selection committees under the leadership of Professors Ping Yao (for Academic Excellence Award) and Liyan Liu (for Distinguished Service Award) worked diligently and tirelessly. After careful consideration, they selected Professors Liang Cai and Jiayan Zhang for this year's Academic Excellence Award and Professor Hongshan Li for the Distinguished Service Award. In addition, despite our tight budget, CHUS has continued to commit itself to giving Graduate Student Travel Award. This year, the selection committee chaired by Professor Xiaobing Li has selected Aihua Zhang as the recipient of this year's award.

Another "tradition" that we have managed to keep alive is the annual trip to Taiwan through collaboration with the Great Alliance, which, as many of you know, is a public relation branch of the Nationalist Party in Taiwan. This year, five CHUS members visited Taiwan in late November to observe the election there. During the visit, CHUS delegation visited campaign offices at several locations, met with candidates for offices from several political parties, and had conversations with government officials as well as college students on issues related to the election and relationship between Taiwan and mainland China.

During the past year, the board has continued to enforce the resolution passed under the previous board to end life-time membership so as to keep our organization financially solvent. We hoped that former life-time members would support the resolution and renew their membership.

Thanks to the hard work by the Election Committee that included Professors Xiaoping Cong (chair), George Hong, and Jiayan Zhang, late in the year, we successfully conducted the election of CHUS new board for the 2015-2017 term that will have Professor Xiaobing Li as the new President, Professors Dandan Chen and Shuhua Fan as the new directors, and Professors Qiang Fang and Danke Li continue on CHUS board for the next term. Congratulations to the new board and many thanks to the Election Committee.

Finally, an annual report can't be complete without discussing the status of *Chinese Historical Review*. As many of you know, under the capable editorship of Professors Xi Wang, Hanchao Lu and Alan Baumler, *The Chinese Historical Review* continues to enjoy its revival, rejuvenation, and transformation. Although Professor Xi Wang will step down as the chief editor, effective as of January 1st, 2015, he has made the transition of editorship from him to Professor Hanchao Lu remarkably smooth. CHUS members, the board and I personally thank Professor Wang for his dedicated work of the past decade and look forward to *CHR*'s continuous growth under Professor Lu's editorship.

Needless to say, 2014 would not have been a smooth year for CHUS without the support and dedication from its members. In particular, I want to thank Professors Chunmei Du, Margaret Kuo, Danke Li and Qiang Fang for their excellent work as board members. It has been truly an honor for me to have the opportunity working with them in the past two years. I also want to thank Professor Patrick Shan for taking care of CHUS' annual filing for the non-profit organization status, Professors Ping Yao, Xiaoyuan Liu, Qin Shao, Liyan Liu, Patrick Shan, and Xiansheng Tian for working on the award committees, Professor Hanchao Lu for agreeing to serve as the new editor for the *Chinese Historical Review*, and members of the new board for their willingness to serve us in the coming years.

Now, let me turn to some of the negative implications of "a year of no significance."

First, our membership is stagnating. Although we have recruited some new members in the past two years, mainly as result of the joint conference and the trip to Taiwan, the growth in membership is not as nearly satisfactory as we hoped. As of December 31st, 2014, we have roughly 120 members, with a few new applications still being processed. I hope the new board will come up with more effective strategies to recruit new members.

Secondly, CHUS' finance remains in precarious situation. Because the main source of CHUS' income is membership fee, even in the best case scenario we can only count on an income of about \$6,000 annually in our coffer, of which \$3,000 will go to publishing the *CHR*, roughly 900 or so to sponsoring panels at the AHA each year and a couple of hundreds to miscellaneous costs. A significant portion of our current balance came from fund raising efforts by this and the previous board in the last few years, including \$3,000 from last year.

Thirdly, speaking of fund raising, although I have taken steps to explore a variety of possibilities, and made some overtures to a number of potential donors, nothing has become materialized as of December 31, 2014. So, not much has been accomplished on this front in the past year. One of the difficulties we face is that successful fund raising is often predicated on personal connections, persistent and continuous efforts, but our two year term limit may be a hindrance to such effort.

Again, I trust the new board under the more capable leadership of Professor Li will bring improvements in this area.

Last but not least, I may not have accomplished much as CHUS President in the past two years, as a perpetual optimist always looking at the brighter side of things, I hope my mediocre record and low baseline will allow the next President and the next board to make more impressive improvements and that is where I hope to take some credits.

III. Inauguration Letter from President Xiaobing Li

March 16, 2015

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and CHUS Members,

With more than 20 papers presented and three awards given, participants of the CHUS panels at the AHA annual conference in January 2015 at New York all called it a great success. At the CHUS Membership Meeting, Professor Zhiwei Xiao, President of CHUS in 2013-2015, announced the new 2015-2017 CHUS Board of Directors as the result of the election which took place in the fall of 2014.

As the newly elected president, I'm very happy to present you the 2015-2017 CHUS Board:

Dr. Dandan Chen, Secretary, Farmingdale State College, SUNY

Dr. Danke Li, Conference Coordinator, Fairfield University

Dr. Qiang Fang, Treasurer, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Dr. Shuhua Fan, Newsletter Editor and Web Manager, University of Scranton

Dr. Xiaobing Li, President, University of Central Oklahoma

Currently, Dandan is updating the membership list and recruiting new members; Danke is organizing the CHUS panels at the 2016 AHA; Qiang Fang is managing the CHUS accounts; and Shuhua is updating our website and group email address.

We're ready to take the new responsibilities and challenge to lead our association into a new year. The future does, indeed, look bright for the CHUS. The energy, talent, and commitment that exist in our organization are second-to-none. I'll work with the new board and focus our efforts on the following areas:

First of all, we will carry on the previous board's effort to ensure financial stability by expanding membership and developing new revenues through foundations, corporate, and individual donors, grants, and projects. We'll have discussion on our membership drive, membership fee policy, and other on-going issues.

Secondly, the board will continue its strong support to *The Chinese Historical Review*, working with Dr. Hanchao Lu, executive editor of *CHR*, and the publisher to increase the subscription and reduce the costs.

Thirdly, we'll increase our contacts with other scholarly and professional associations inside and outside the U.S. We'll continue to work with the universities, institutes, and academies in Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, and Taiwan.

Fourthly, we'll continue our presentation at the AHA and ACPSS conferences and also expand our academic programs through coordinating and organizing essay collections from our members to publish CHUS books. We're planning to publish one book every year (in 2015, 2016, and 2017).

The last, but not the least, we'll maintain the excellence and visibility of the CHUS through our projects, regular newsletters, and website. The board will work with our members and defend the individual rights and interests of our members through effective advocacy or any means necessary.

I welcome your responses and suggestions to this way of formulating our priorities for the next two years. I'm excited to serve as CHUS president and am looking forward to working with you to reach our goals. Our members we serve are the tickets to our success!

Best,

Xiaobing Li
President (2015-2017)

IV. CHUS Panels at the 2015 AHA Conference in NYC (Jan. 2-5, 2015)

Panel 1: Preserving China's Human Resources: War, Everyday Resistance, and National Survival, 1937-1945

Chair and Comment: Sophia Lee (California State University, East Bay)

Panelists:

- Danke Li (Fairfield University), "War, Everyday Life, and Resistance in Wartime Chongqing, 1937-1945"
- Yihong Pan (Miami University of Ohio), "My Way of Resistance: Middle-Class Women under Japanese Occupation in China's War of Resistance against Japan, 1937-1945"
- Shuhua Fan (University of Scranton), "Preserving Chinese Scholarly Personnel: John King Fairbank and the Rescue Mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Wartime China"

Panel 2: Agency, Activism, and the Making of a New Nation: Christian Women in Republican China

Chair: Gloria Tseng (Hope College)

Comment: Peg Christoff (Stony Brook University)

Panelists:

- Dewen Zhang (Randolph-Macon College), “Christian Women and the Rise of the Popular Resistance Culture in Shanghai, 1931-1937”
- Aihua Zhang (Stony Brook University), “Converting the Christian Faith into the City’s Modern Landmarks: The Beijing Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) and Its Public Establishments, 1920s-1930s”
- Anthony E. Clark (Whitworth University), “Daughters of Reconstruction: Women and Catholic Revival in Republican Beijing”
- Xin Chen (University of Alberta), “Gendering World History: Laura White and the History of Woman’s Social Progress”

Panel 3: Transmigration and Transformation: Demographic and Cultural Changes and Exchanges (Co-Sponsors: Air Force Historical Foundation)

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

Comment: Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University of Denver)

Panelists:

- Liyan Liu (Georgetown College), “Christianity and the Transformation of Medicine in Early Twentieth Century China”
- Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), “Confucius in the Sooner State: How the Oklahoma University Confucius Institute Survived and Succeeds”
- Hongshan Li (Kent State University at Tuscarawas), “Inserting the Visible Hand: Government in Chinese Students’ Migration and Transformation in the Cold War”
- Yi Sun (University of San Diego), “Past and Present: The Flourishing Chinese American Community in San Diego”

Panel 4: Frontier Impressions, Overseas Journeys, and the Making of Identities in Modern China

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

Comment: Zhiwei Xiao (California State University, San Marcos)

Panelists:

- Jingyi Song (College at Old Westbury/State University of New York), “United, They Became Strong: The Collaboration of Chinese American Laborers in the Mainstream Labor Movement in the 1930s”
- Ke Ren (Johns Hopkins University), “Labor, Literature, and Love: The Making of a Chinese Celebrity Intellectual in Interwar Europe”
- Yajun Mo (Long Island University Post), “‘Journey to the West’: Internal Orientalism, Nation-Building, and the Photographic Frontier in Republican China”
- Dandan Chen (Farmingdale State College/State University of New York), “Return to the Frontier or Return to a Foreign Land: Eileen Chang’s Travel Writings and Discovery of Chineseness”

Panel 5: From Threat to Opportunity: U.S. Perception of China, 1950s-70s

Chair: Yafeng Xia (Long Island University Brooklyn)

Comment: Meredith L. Oyen (University of Maryland Baltimore County)

Panelists:

- Tao Wang (Yale University), “Seeking United Action: The Geneva Conference on Indochina and U.S. Policy toward China”

- Guolin Yi (Wayne State University), “Cultural Revolution in the U.S. Media”
- Mao Lin (University of Southern Mississippi), “Sino-American Rapprochement Reconsidered: Economic Diplomacy, Soft Power, and U.S.-China Relations in the 1970s”

V. Images from the 2015 CHUS Business Meeting and AHA Panels

The CHUS had its annual membership meeting on Saturday, 7:00-8:00pm, January 3, 2015 at Sheraton Conference Room C in New York City. At the meeting, Dr. Zhiwei Xiao, CHUS President (2013-2015), presented an annual report, welcomed the members of the new Board of Directors, and presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Hongshan Li.



VI. CHUS Book Projects

CHUS Essay Collection (2014): Drs. Xiaobing Li and Xiansheng Tian co-edited a CHUS essay collection titled *Evolution of Power: China's Struggle, Survival, and Success*, published by the Lexington Books in January 2014. Among the CHUS members who have contributed to the book are Drs. Qiang Fang, Zhaohui Hong, Sherman Xiaogang Lai Xiaoxiao Li Patrick Fuliang Shan, Jingyi Song, Yi Sun, Guangqiu Xu, and Pingchao Zhu.

Abstract: Evolution of Power: China's Struggle, Survival, and Success, edited by Xiaobing Li and Xiansheng Tian, brings together scholars from multiple disciplines to provide a comprehensive look at China's rapid socio-economic transformation and the dramatic changes in its political institution and culture. Investigating subjects such as party history, leadership style, personality, political movements, civil-military relations, intersection of politics and law, and democratization, this volume situates current legitimacy and constitutional debates in the context

of both the country's ideology and traditions and the wider global community. The contributors to this volume clarify key Chinese conceptual frameworks to explain previous subjects that have been confusing or neglected, offering case studies and policy analyses connected with power struggles and political crises in China. A general pattern is introduced and developed to illuminate contemporary problems with government accountability, public opposition, and political transparency. *Evolution of Power* provides essential scholarship on China's political development and growth.

CHUS Essay Collection (2015): Drs. Xiaobing Li and Patrick Fuliang Shan have edited a CHUS essay collection titled *Ethnic China: Identity, Assimilation, and Resistance* (Lexington Books, September 2015). Contributors from the CHUS include Drs. Qiang Fang, Zhaohui Hong, Xiaobing Li, Xiaoxiao Li, Xiaoyuan Liu, Patrick F. Shan, Xiansheng Tian, Guangqiu Xu, and Mei Zhou.

Abstract: There are some serious concerns and critical questions about the on-going minority protesting in China, such as Tibetan monks' self-immolations, Muslims' suicide bombings, and Uyghur large-scale demonstrations. Why are minorities such as the Uyghur dissatisfied when China is rising as a world power? What kind of struggle must they go through to maintain their identity, heritage, and rights? How does the government deal with this ethnic dissatisfaction and minority riots? And what is ethnic China's future in the 21st century? *Ethnic China* examines these issues from the perspective of Chinese-American scholars from fields such as economics, political science, criminal justice, law, anthropology, sociology, and education. The contributors introduce and explore the theory and practice of policy patterns, political systems, and social institutions by identifying key issues in Chinese government, society, and ethnic community contained within the larger framework of the international sphere. Their endeavors move beyond the existing scholarship and seek to spark new debates and propose solutions while reflecting on established schools of history, religion, linguistics, and gender studies.

CHUS's Ongoing Essay Collection (2016): Dr. Xiaobing Li is currently working with Dr. Xiansheng Tian on another CHUS essay collection tentatively titled "The Party in the City: Progress, Problems, and Prospects of China's Urbanization." Currently, they are looking for a good publisher which can offer them an advanced book contract. If any CHUS member is interested in contributing a chapter, please contact Dr. Li (bli@uco.edu). CHUS members who have committed their contributions to this volume include Drs. Qiang Fang, Zhaohui Hong, Patrick Fuliang Shan, Jingyi Song, Yi Sun, Yunqiu Zhang, and Pingchao Zhu.

Abstract: *The Party vs. the City* examines the political survival of the CCP government through its transformation or evolution during the urbanization of the 2000s. Our interdisciplinary analysis explores multi-faceted components from several different fields such as political science, civil law, and mass media, while revealing that China's urbanization has unique characteristics, transforming not only the country, but also the CCP, from a rural-based totalitarian party to a city-centered authoritarian party, from a people's party to a power interest group's party in 2002-2012. The book examines how the party restructured its relationship to a changing society and reacted to political, economic, legal, and social issues such as urban construction, housing policies, and the rights of citizens. The primary objective of this book is to describe this historical transition when the CCP maintained its forceful control of cities while the middle class

reluctantly sacrificed its rights in exchange for retaining their economic benefits. *The Party vs. the City* makes a contribution to the Chinese political and legal studies by identifying some changing characteristics of the party and suggesting an important evolution of the CCP.

CHUS Book Project (2015): 王希、卢汉超、姚平主编,《开拓者:著名历史学家访谈录》(Ground-breakers: Conversations with Renowned Historians) (北京大学出版社, 2015 年).

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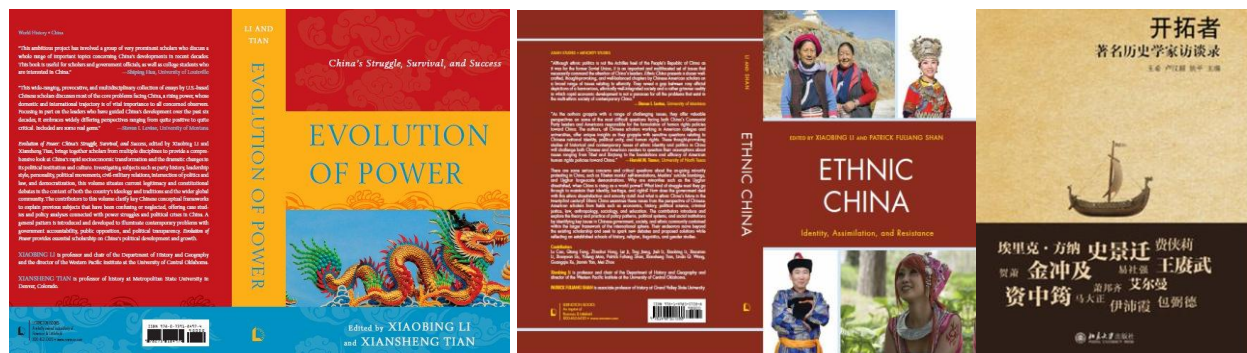
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VII. CHUS Plans for 2016: International Trip to North Korea and International Conference at Ji'nan University

North Korea Trip: President Xiaobing Li is currently working with a university in Pyongyang on the possibility of organizing a CHUS delegation to visit North Korea in the summer of 2016. The trip will possibly take place in early to late June or early July, and last for 8-10 days, visiting Pyongyang, Kaicheng, the 38th Parallel, and one or two universities. The CHUS can make our

requests, and the university in Pyongyang will try to make the arrangement for us. The cost is about \$1,000-\$1,200 per person (depending on how many in our delegation), including international flight between Beijing and Pyongyang, all the hotel (five star) stays, meals, and local transportation. China Peace International Tourism Co. will take care of our visa and other paperwork. President Li will send updates to CHUS members soon.

International Conference at Ji'nan University: Dr. Qiang Fang and President Xiaobing Li are currently working with Ji'nan University in Guangzhou, China, which may co-host an international conference with CHUS in the summer of 2016. Dr. Fang made a well-received presentation at Ji'nan University in 2014 at the invitation of Professor Liu, Chair of the History Department, while President Li was invited to the History Department in June 2015. President Li discussed during his visit with Professor Liu about a possible joint international conference to be held in early June 2016. He will continue the discussion when he attends an international meeting at Ji'nan University on December 18-22, 2015.

VIII. CHUS Membership

Member Benefits: Membership is crucial to the survival and development of the CHUS. We encourage our life-time members to renew their membership, and welcome new people to join the CHUS.

Being a CHUS member, you will enjoy various benefits: Participating in CHUS-sponsored panels at the AHA's annual conferences and CHUS-sponsored international trips and international conferences in Asia, receiving *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) and CHUS Newsletter, enjoying free online access to *CHR*, eligibility for receiving CHUS awards and Graduate Travel Grant, and other opportunities for scholarly exchanges both in and outside the United States.

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privileges of other members in organizational electoral rights, awards, service, and other academic participation).

PayPal Account: The CHUS plans to pen a Pay-Pal account soon. This will provide convenience to our members and especially to those living outside of the United States. Once Dr. Qiang Fang, the CHUS's cashier, opens the account, he will send an update and instructions to the CHUS members.

Please remember to renew your membership on time, and also help advertise for CHUS to any potential new members. For questions and recruitment suggestions, please email Dr. Dandan Chen at chenda@farmingdale.edu.

New Members

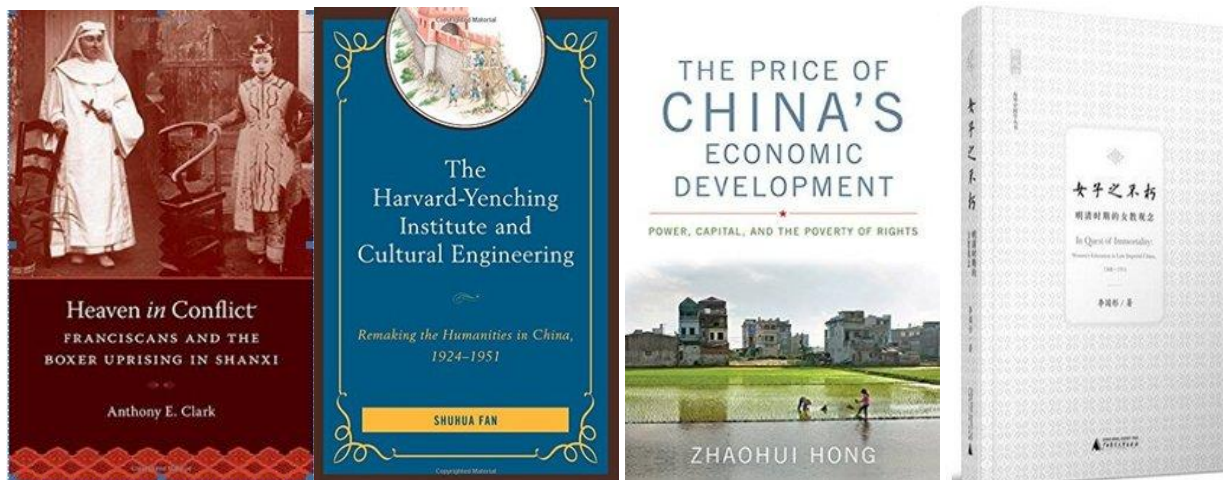
We would like to extend our heartfelt welcome to the following CHUS new members: Ling Ma, Ke Ren, Shuang Wen, and Wen Yu.

IX. CHUS Member News

Morris Bian, Professor and Chair, Department of History at Auburn University, recently published two articles -- "Redefining the Chinese Revolution: The Transformation and Evolution of Guizhou's Regional State Enterprises, 1937–1957," *Modern China*, 41:3 (May 2015): 313-350; and "Explaining the Dynamics of Change: Transformation and Evolution of China's Public Economy through War, Revolution, and Peace, 1928-2008," in *State Capitalism, Institutional Adaptation and the Chinese Miracle*, eds. Barry Naughton and Kellee S. Tsai (Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 201-222.

Liang Cai, Assistant Professor in the History Department at the University of Notre Dame, published an article titled "The Hermeneutics of Omens: The Bankruptcy of Moral Cosmology in the Western Han China (206 BCE-8 CE)," *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 25.3 (2015): 439-459. This thesis, in theory, is convincing; in actuality it is not. This paper questions the autonomous power of omen discourse. Students of Chinese intellectual history are familiar with moral cosmology developed in the Han era, a theory that alleges that *ru* use omens to admonish the emperor, and thereby to constrain and compete with his absolute political power. Focusing on the social—political conditions in which this discourse functioned, the author demonstrates that, in real politics, the enactment of omen interpretation had nothing to do with restraining the power of the throne, but evolved with bloody factional struggles. Replacing the secret knowledge of diviners and astrologers with the common cultural heritage—the classics—and transforming the mysterious otherworldly spirits into a moral agent, *ru* successfully defeated the technical specialists and became the primary operators of the omen interpretation enterprise. The theoretical innovation that contributed to *Ru* success, however, undermined their chance of building a social closure to both close off the competitions and secure their interpretative authority. As the numerous historical cases show, neither the *ru* classics nor the moral competence of the speaker can add to the social efficacy of omen explanation. Without monopolized knowledge, standardized hermeneutic rules, or institutionalized positions, omen discourse, rather than contesting political power, became its servant.

Anthony Clark, Associate Professor at Whitworth University, published one book titled *Heaven in Conflict: Franciscans and the Boxer Uprising in Shanxi* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2015), and edited one book chapter titled “Out of the Ashes: Remembrance and Reconstruction in Catholic Shanxi, 1900 to the Present,” in *Chinese Catholicism from 1900*, ed. Cindy Yik-yi Chu (New York: Palgrave, 2014). Professor Clark also made formal presentations at state, regional, national, and international professional meetings, including “China Gothic: ‘Indigenous’ Church Design in Late-Imperial Beijing” at the Society of Architectural Historians’ (SAH) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 16, 2015; “Saving the Children: Catholic Sisters and Social Reform in Republican Beijing” at the Association for Asian Studies’ (AAS) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 2015; “Paul Serruys, Stephen Durrant, and the Voices of Ancient China” at “Symposium in Honor of Stephen Durrant: Ancient China, Texts, Traditions, and Transformations,” University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, February 14, 2015; “Hagiography & Historicity: Li Wenyu’s Quanhuo ji Account of the 1900 Siege of Beitang” at the American Oriental Society (AOS) Western Branch’s 2014 Annual Meeting, Stanford University, Stanford, California, November 1, 2014; and “China’s Tale of Two Cities: Beijing, Shanghai, and a Legacy of Catholic Perseverance” for Medieval Catholicism Lecture Series, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, April 30, 2015. Professor Clark was appointed the Edward B. Lindaman Endowed Chair at Whitworth University to start July 2015.



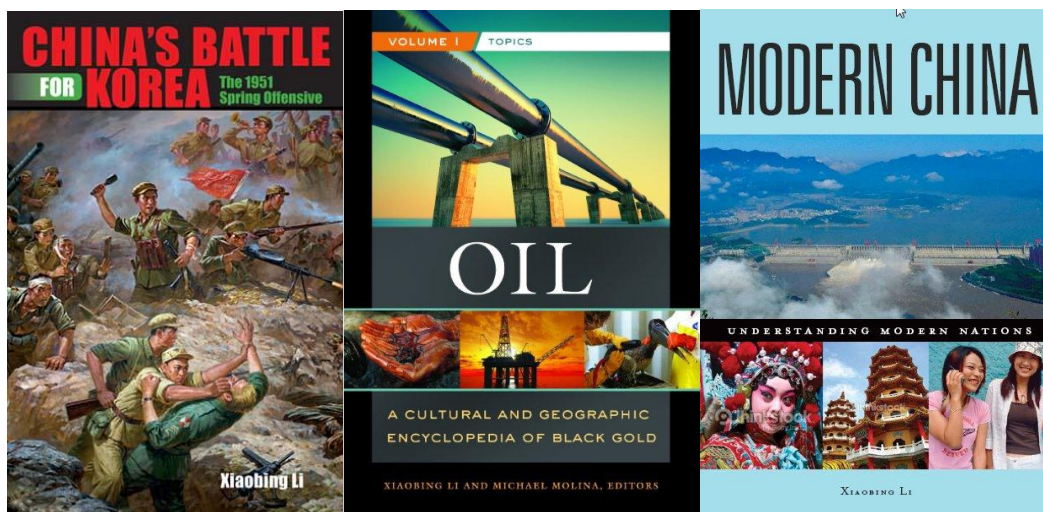
Shuhua Fan, Associate Professor of History at the University of Scranton, made two presentations -- “Preserving Chinese Scholarly Personnel: John King Fairbank and the Harvard-Yenching Institute's Rescue Mission in Wartime China” at the American Historical Association’s 2015 Annual Conference in NYC, January 2, 2015; and “Francis Knight's Scheme and the Harvard Chinese Class, 1877-1882” at “Taiwan and China in the World” International Conference sponsored by the University of Scranton’s Asian Studies Programs in Scranton, March 29, 2015. Professor Fan also received two grants -- The Harvard-Yenching Institute's Publication Grant for the publication of the Chinese edition of her book titled *The Harvard-Yenching Institute and Cultural Engineering: Remaking the Humanities in China, 1924-1951* (Lexington Books, August 2014) by Peking University Press in 2016; and the January 2015 Winter Intersession Research Grant from the University of Scranton for her project titled “The Harvard Chinese Class, 1877-1882.” At the spring faculty banquet at her university, Professor

Fan received the 2015 Award of Excellence in Advancing Global Education from the University of Scranton, which includes funding she can use to conduct a new book project tentatively titled “Empire, Commerce, Language, and Sino-American Interactions: Francis Knight, Ko (Ge) Kunhua, and the Origins of Harvard Sinology, 1877-1882” during her 2015-2016 sabbatical leave.

Zhaohui Hong, Professor of Economic History at Purdue University Calumet, published a book titled *The Price of China's Economic Development--Power, Capital, and the Poverty of Rights* by the University Press of Kentucky in June 2015.

Guotong Li, Associate Professor of History at the University of California at Long Beach, published her first book titled *In Quest of Women's Immortality: Women's Education in Late Imperial China 1368-1911* (Guangxi Normal University Press, China, 2014). While her second book manuscript, *The Reopening of Fujian Coast*, is under review at press, Professor Li started her next project on *Chinese Muslim Community in Late Imperial Quanzhou*. Professor Li presented her new research, “Local Histories in Global Perspective: A Local Elite Fellowship in the Port City Quanzhou of Seventeenth-Century China,” at East China Normal University in Shanghai. Professor Li also has a book chapter -- “The Control of Female Energies: Gender and Ethnicity in China's Southeast Coast” coming out in *Gender and Chinese History: Transformative Encounters* published by University of Washington Press. Professor Li is awarded with Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2015-2016.

Xiaobing Li, Professor and Chair of the Department of History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma, published his own book titled *China's Battle for Korea* by Indiana University Press (Bloomington, IN, June 2014). Professor Li also co-edited a two-volume encyclopedia -- *Oil: A Cultural and Geographic Encyclopedia of Black Gold*, with Michael Molina, published by ABC-CLIO (Santa Barbara, CA) in September 2014, in addition to co-editing CHUS essay collections. Professor Li's new book, *Modern China*, will be published by ABC-CLIO (Santa Barbara, CA) in November 2015.



Xiaoyuan Liu, moved from Ames, Iowa to Charlottesville, Virginia, and is now Professor of the Corcoran Department of History at the University of Virginia. Professor Liu's book 《边疆与冷战》 (Frontier and the Cold War) will be published by the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2015.

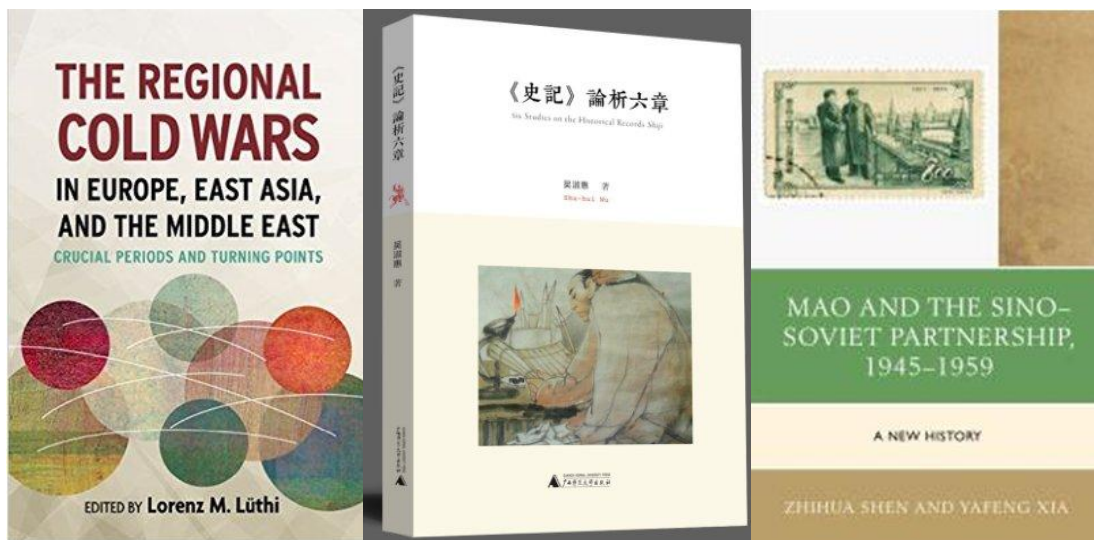
Lorenz Luthi, Associate Professor, Department of History and Classical Studies at McGill University, edited a volume -- *The Regional Cold Wars in Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East: Connections and Turning Points* (Washington D. C., Palo Alto: Woodrow Wilson Press/Stanford University Press, 2015). Professor Luthi contributed the following two chapters to this volume -- "Strategic Shifts in East Asia," pp. 223-244 and with Professor Jian Chen, "China's Turn to the World," pp. 146-169. Professor Luthi also published one article titled "China and Eastern Europe, 1956-1960," *Modern China Studies*, 22.1 (2015): 233-257, and received Mellon New Directions Fellowship (2014-2015) for professional re-training.

Hanchao Lu, Professor, School of History, Technology & Society at Georgia Institute of Technology, published an article titled "The Tastes of Chairman Mao: The Quotidian as Statecraft in the Great Leap Forward and Its Aftermath," *Modern China*, 41.5: 539-572.

Yihong Pan, Professor of History at Miami University in Ohio, published one article titled 《戰爭從來不只是男人的事業：解讀新四軍女兵回憶錄》 ("Never a Man's War: The Self-Reflections of the Women Soldiers of the New Fourth Army in the Resistance War against Japan (1937-45)") (in Chinese), 《近代中國婦女史研究》 (*Research on Women in Modern Chinese History*), 第 24 期 (Issue 24, December 2014): 83-131. (The journal is published by 中央研究院近代史所). Professor Pan also presented a paper -- "Everyday Experiences and Resistance: Analysis of Oral Narratives by Middle Class Women in the Occupied China under the Japanese Aggression" at the American Historical Association's 2015 annual meeting, January 2, 2015.

Qin Shao, Professor of History at the College of New Jersey, had a fellowship as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow in the East Asian Institute at National University of Singapore in the spring semester of 2015. Professor Shao also published one article and one book chapter -- "American Academic Freedom and Chinese Nationalism: An H-Asia Debate," *Positions: East Asian Cultures Critique* 23:1 (2015), and "Urban Violence and the Chinese State in the Post-Mao Reform," in *Community-Based Urban Violence Prevention: Innovative Approaches in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Arab Region*, eds. Kosta Mathéy and Silvia Matuk (Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Verlag, 2015), pp. 117-126. In addition, Professor Shao made five presentations: "Shanghai Despite Itself: A Perspective from Below," Public Lecture, NYU Shanghai, China, April 28, 2015; "Forensic Shanghai," Class on "Global Connection: Shanghai," NYU Shanghai, China, April 28, 2015; "A Research Note: Field Walk in Shanghai and into a Blind Spot," Shanghai Social Studies Colloquium + Pure iDea Forum, Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers, Shanghai Campus, China, April 27, 2015; "Shanghai Despite Itself: A Perspective from the Field," Royal Asiatic Society, Shanghai, China, April 25, 2015; and "The 'Future Shock' is Now: Managing Change and Manageable Change in Urban China's Physical and Social Transition," for a Panel Discussion titled "Urbanization in China," Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, October 1, 2014.

Jingyi Song, Professor in the Department of History & Philosophy at SUNY Old Westbury, took a group of students to China for a summer study abroad program. While they were in China they toured Beijing, Hong Kong, and Macao but mainly stayed on Wuyi University campus in Jiangmen, Guangdong province where the students joined some classes with Wuyi students. Lectures on Chinese history, philosophy, cultural heritage, the development of legal system, and the issues on environmental protections were provided to her students. Even though it was the 9th time she took students to China, Professor Song still felt everything was so fresh, and both she and her students witnessed and learned a lot in the rapid changes in China. Professor Song said, “It is important for us to make all effort to let our students know what have been happening in China.” Professor Song also had a chance to give lectures on her research on Chinese Americans to Zhongshan University in Guangzhou and Hua Qiao University in Xiamen. Both lectures were successful. The Universities expressed their intention to continue the lecture contact in the future.



Shuang Wen, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Middle East Institute at National University of Singapore, 2015-2017, received three grants/fellowships -- the postdoctoral research fellowship in Singapore; Bernadotte Schmitt Research Grant from the American Historical Association, USA, 2014-1; and Predoctoral Fellow, Critical Silk Road Studies, John E. Sawyer Seminars on the Comparative Study of Cultures Program, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and GU, USA, 2014-15. Dr. Wen published a translation piece (from Arabic into English) titled “The Characters of Egypt Reflected by a Chinese Arabist” (“as-Shakhṣiyyah al-Miṣriyyah fī mir’āh musta‘arab Ṣini” biqalami Bassam Xue Qingguo, published on *al-Gumhuria* on April 22, 2015), *Egyptian Gazette*, special May 14, 2015. In addition, Dr. Wen made three conference presentations -- “Different Arab Springs: The Soundscapes of Chinese Muslims in China and Egypt,” Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, USA, March 26-29, 2015; “Unexpected Encounters: Chinese and North African Laborers in the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI,” presenter and organizer of roundtable discussion “War Work: Race, Gender, and Labor in WWI,” American Historical Association annual meeting, co-sponsored by Labor and Working-Class History Association, New York, New York, USA, January 2-5, 2015; and “Two Gaps: A Brief Survey of China Studies in Egypt,” presenter and organizer of panel “China

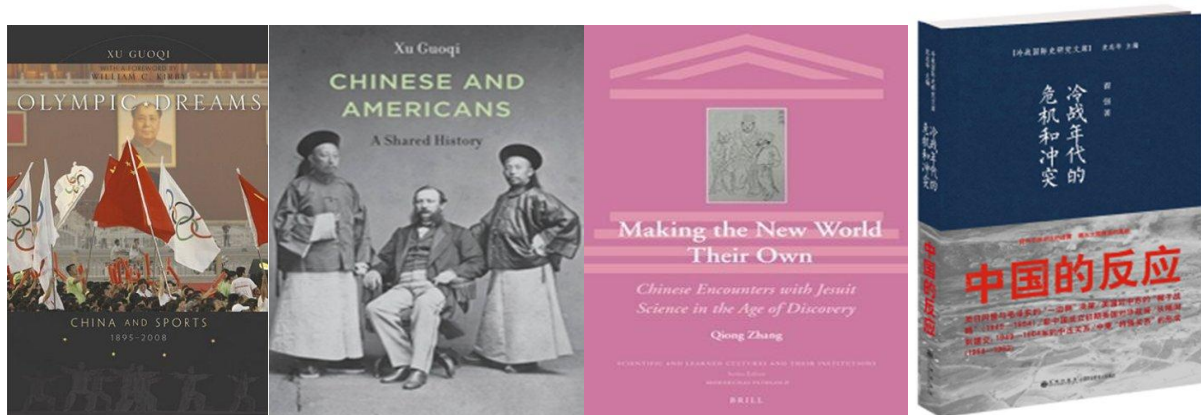
and Japan in Middle East Studies: State of the Fields,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, District of Columbia, USA, November 22-25, 2014.

Shuhui Wu, Professor of Chinese History at Mississippi State University, published a book in Chinese titled 《史記論析六章》 (Six Studies on the Historical Records *Shiji*) (广西师范大学出版, 2015). The following is an excerpt from the preface (序) of Professor Wu's book by 北京師範大學歷史學院楊燕起教授 (dated 2015/3/26): 美國密西西比州立大學歷史系吳淑惠教授所撰寫的《史記論析六章》，是一部具有獨特風格的學術著作，其誘人的理論思考，頗富創意的探索，嚴謹細密的論析，以及廣博深刻的見解，讀後會給人以強烈的感染，並使人從中獲得許多有益的啟示。... 司馬遷的民族一統觀，是備受人們關注的《史記》研究中的一個極為重要的課題。國內一般的論者大體上都是從三個方面加以論析的。一追溯重要諸侯國和邊境民族的祖先，與中原主體政權一樣，其最原始的血緣關係均是出自於黃帝族系。二秦始皇的武力征服，結束了春秋戰國以來的分裂局面，整個國家得到了重新統一。三陳涉起義，項羽滅秦，劉邦建漢，延續而至漢武帝武力征服四方少數民族地區，拓展邊境，建立專制主義中央集權，國家疆土達到了空前的規模。在這個基礎上，吳淑惠教授以其敏銳的觀察思考力，別出心裁地以“中國人”為視角，對這個問題提出了自己頗具理論價值的新穎見解。... 選擇依據重要歷史階段人物的活動，系統論述“參彼己”與“互見法”、“虛實法”共同成為司馬遷“寓論斷於序事”的三大表現手法，是吳淑惠教授著述的又一重要創獲。... 吳淑惠教授文史專業知識豐富，學術根柢雄厚，聞見廣博，思維深刻且富文字表現力，於相關專題國際國內的專業討論深度及其諸多古今著述成果，均瞭然於心，運用自如，引述清晰明確。作風細密，並具創造才能。意蘊溫雅，表述灑脫。此次著述結集問世，可以擴大國內《史記》研究者的視野，也使他們欣賞到美國學者相關研究的高度及其論術風格，對促進《史記》研究是很有幫助的，值得稱讚！《史記》是世界性的文化學術遺產，早已紮根在中華民族傳統的培植之中，影響深遠。以此，我們希望並歡迎能有更多的國際友人和文化知名人士，在世界範圍內傳播他們的《史記》研究見解與成果的時，盡可能用中文在國內來出版他們的著述，讓我們領略他們的風采，並活躍我們的學術研究氣氛，以提升整體的《史記》研究水準，共同為世界文化的交流和發展，作出有益而積極的貢獻。

Yafeng Xia, Professor of History at Long Island University in Brooklyn, and **Zhihua Shen**, Professor of History and Director of the Center for the Cold War International History Studies at East China Normal University, just published a book titled *Mao and the Sino-Soviet Partnership, 1945-1959* (Lexington Books, August 2015).

Guoqi Xu, Professor of History at the University of Hong Kong, has been appointed as a visiting professor of the University of Melbourne for the period of 2014-2017. Like last year, he will spend several weeks there this summer (Australian winter) to give a series of lectures. The Global Culture Center of the Japan Society of Boston has recently selected Professor Xu as the recipient of the Shigemitsu Fellowship for his excellent research and writing on global cultural affairs and contemporary international relations in Asia. Professor Xu's recent book *Chinese and Americans: A shared history* (Harvard University Press, 2014) will be published in Chinese by Guangxi Normal University Press in 2016. The Chinese edition of his another book *Olympic Dreams: China and Sports, 1895-2008* (Harvard University Press, 2008) will be forthcoming from Guangdong People's Press in 2016 as well. Professor Xu is currently finishing up his volume *Asia and the Great War: A Shared History* which is under contract for Oxford University Press.

Qiong Zhang, Associate Professor of History at Wake Forest University, received tenure and promotion at Wake Forest University, North Carolina in spring 2015. Professor Zhang published a book entitled *Making the New World Their Own: Chinese Encounters with Jesuit Science in the Age of Discovery* (Brill, 2015). In this book, she explores how Chinese scholars in the late Ming and early Qing came to understand that the earth is shaped as a globe. This notion arose from their encounters with Matteo Ricci, Giulio Aleni, and other Jesuits. These encounters formed a fascinating chapter in the early modern global integration of space, which unfolded as a series of mutually constitutive and competing scholarly discourses that reverberated in fields from cosmology, cartography and world geography to classical studies. Further information about this book may be found at <http://www.brill.com/products/book/making-new-world-their-own-chinese-encounters-jesuit-science-age-discovery>. Professor Zhang also made three conference presentations since the summer of 2014 -- “New Discourses on Qi as a Material Medium in Seventeenth Century China: the Case of the Fang School” as part of a panel she organized and titled “The Greater and Lesser Circulation of Scientific Concepts in Early Modern East Asia: Aristotle, Newton, and the New Lives of the Notion of Qi (Ch’i)” at the History of Science Society's annual conference in Chicago (November 6-9, 2014); “Alfonso Vagnoni and the Circulation of Aristotelian Meteorology in Seventeenth-Century China” at the Renaissance Society of America's annual conference held in Berlin, Germany (March 26-28, 2015); and “Xie Zhaozhe and his Many Wonderful Worlds: A Case Study of Late Ming Discourse of Exotica” at a panel she co-organized with Martina Siebert entitled “Strange Nature, Strange Technologies: Exploring the Inexplicable in Early Modern East Asia” at the 14th International Conference for the History of Science in East Asia held in Paris (July 6-10, 2015). In addition, Professor Zhang gave two invited lectures -- “Towards a ‘Science’ for Reading the Sky: Uses of Aristotelian Meteorology in 17th-Century China” at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin on March 31, 2015; and “Xie Zhaozhe and his Many Wonderful Worlds: Three Dimensions in the Knowledge Infrastructure of a *Bowu* Scholar” at the Institute for the History of the Natural Sciences in Chinese Academy of Science on July 17, 2015, under the auspices of the Chinese Society for the History of Science and Technology. These papers were forays into her new book project about the discourses of the weather in the late Ming and early Qing.



Qiang Zhai, Professor of History at Auburn University at Montgomery, contributed a chapter to a book titled *The Regional Cold Wars in Europe, East Asia and the Middle East: Crucial Periods and Turning Points* (Stanford University Press, 2015). Edited by Lorenz Luthi of McGill University, the book includes chapters by historians on the major regions of the world that were

drawn into the East-West conflict. Professor Zhai's chapter, titled "China's Emerging Role on the World Stage, 1953-1956," provides an in-depth examination of Beijing's participation in the 1954 Geneva Conference and the 1955 Bandung Conference as well as its intervention in the resolution of the 1956 Eastern European crisis. Professor Zhai argues that China's increasing enthusiasm in courting the emergent nations in Asia and Africa forced the United States to pay more attention to the Third World, thus contributing to the globalization of the Cold War. Professor Zhai also published a collection of research essays on the history of the Cold War titled 《冷战年代的危机和冲突：中国的反应》 (Crisis and Conflict of the Cold War Era: Response of China) (北京九州出版社, 2014), and one article titled 《国际学术界有关冷战时期美国宣传战的研究》, 《历史研究》 (2014 年第 3 期).