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I President's Annual Report

Dr. Zhiguo Yang

Happy New Year!

Thanks to the skills, dedication, and commitment of our Board Directors Dandan, Danke, Mao, and Xiaojia and thanks to the support from all CHUS members, our organization continued to grow in 2019 both in terms of its membership and in terms of its visibility and prestige in the academia worldwide. As each Board Director and Xiaobing, Editor of *The Chinese Historical Review*, will highlight in her/his report, our organization has been in good shape in every possible way. Actually, 2019 was a remarkable year for CHUS.

And the annual CHUS business meeting held in New York City on January 4, 2020 is a testimony to that. As a long CHUS tradition, a business meeting has been held every year as part of the AHA annual conference to provide an opportunity for CHUS board directors and president to report the state of affairs for our organization to the CHUS members. Although only a small fraction of CHUS attendees of the 2020 AHA conference showed up in this year's business meeting, among the 15 members who were there, nine of them joined the organization in the 1990s and are now senior scholars in CHUS as well as in the academic units they serve, and the other six members have joined CHUS recently and are younger scholars with a burgeoning career and a bright future awaiting them. Together, they represent the different age groups in CHUS and the interconnectedness between them, a hallmark and a source of strength for our organization that was founded in 1987. Collectively, we are 33 years old and are marching toward the middle age and maturity.

These 15 CHUS members also witnessed the announcement of the 2019 CHUS award for Distinguished Service to CHUS made by Dr. Liu Liyan and the announcement of the 2019 CHUS award for Academic Excellence made by Dr. Sun Yi. Representing the award selection committees they served in making these announcements, Dr. Liu and Dr. Sun were joined by everybody else in congratulating Dr. Fan Shuhua and Dr. Fang Qiang, who shared the Distinguished Service Award, and Dr. Li Xiaobing, recipient of the Academic Excellence Award.

Moving forward, the Board Directors and myself wish to share with our members our operation plan for 2020, so that we can work together toward its realization—

- Membership recruitment and updating. Dandan, CHUS Secretary and Organization Director, has done an outstanding job in reaching out to the prospective members and serving the existing members. In 2020, she will continue to spearhead our effort to keep the vitality of CHUS as an academic organization by recruiting new members worldwide, but we also want to ask your help to make that effort a success. In the meantime, Dandan will soon contact the current CHUS members to update their membership information.
- Co-sponsoring an international history conference with Henan University. After being appointed distinguished professor of history by Henan University, Dr. George Wei

approached the school's College of History and Culture and secured a tentative agreement from its leadership to co-sponsor an international history conference with CHUS in May 2020. Although the College still needs to get the funding and its sponsorship approved by the administrators at the university level and beyond, we have reasons to believe that the approval may just be a matter of time. However, as a result of the outbreak of coronavirus epidemic in China, holding our conference in Henan has become less certain now than it was in December 2019 when the proposal was first made. If we cannot meet in Henan, we may consider either postponing the conference to 2021 or moving it to Shue Yan (树仁) University in Hong Kong that just appointed George chair of its history department. Congratulations, George, on both positions and appointments!

- Visit to Taiwan. The most recent CHUS visit to Taiwan by the invitation of the Grand Alliance for China's Reunification under the Three Principles of the People occurred in May 2017 and we plan to form another CHUS delegation to visit Taiwan again either in 2020 or in 2021. A request has been sent to Professor Ge Yongguang, Chairman of the Grand Alliance, who responded to it by telling us that the outcome of the recent Taiwan election would worsen the financial foes of the Grand Alliance, but he would keep our request in his mind. He also told us that as soon as it becomes realistic for a CHUS delegation to visit Taiwan, he will reach out and let us know.
- CHUS elections. The year of 2020 is an election year and it is never too early to think about how you or someone you want to recommend can serve CHUS by becoming a board director or by becoming the next CHUS president leading the organization in 2021-23. We will create election committees and hold CHUS elections in the second half of the year and we want to thank you, in advance, for your involvement and participation in the elections.
- And, of course, the CHUS panels in the 2021 AHA conference in Seattle. Danke has already sent the call for panels to which some CHUS members have responded with exciting panel ideas. As happened in the past, we expect to see inspiring and successful panels by CHUS both as an AHA affiliated organization and as a closely-knit scholarly community for Chinese historians and the historians of Chinese history all over the world.

See you again in Seattle in January 2021!

II Annual report on the 2020 AHA annual meeting

Dr. Danke Li

The 2020 AHA annual conference was held in New York City, January 3-5. Five high quality CHUS panels were included in the conference: 1. Remapping the Political and Cultural Landscape of (Early) Modern Asia. 2. Modern China's Multiple Transformations from Tradition to Modernity. 3. Second World War in China seen from Inside and Out. 4. Case Studies: New Interpretations on Sino-American Relations. 5. Leadership and Localities: Chinese Transnational Radicalism and Revolution in the Republican Period. All panels were well attended and received.

III CHUS 2019 Awards Recipients

2019 CHUS Academic Excellence Award Recipient:

Dr. Xiaobing Li, Professor and Chair of the Department of History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma.

2019 CHUS Distinguished Service Award Recipient:

Dr. Shuhua Fan, Professor of History and Asian Studies at the University of Scranton.

Dr. Qiang Fang, Professor of History at University of Minnesota Duluth.

IV 2019 CHUS Financial Report

Dr. Xiaojia Hou

Balance Summary

As of 12/23/2018, US Bank Account \$14857
PayPal Account \$554

As of 12/28/2019 US Bank Account \$20,242
PayPal Account \$1857

Net Income in 2019: \$6688

Itemized Analysis

Income from *Chinese Historical Review* including Royalty and refunds: \$4,642

Income from membership fee: \$2692

Total Income: \$7334

Expense

US Bank charges: \$84

AHA Fee: \$300

Members' expenses: \$143

Web host: \$119

Total Expense: \$646

Net Income: \$6688

V. 2019 Chinese Historical Review Editor's Report

Dr. Xiaobing Li,

Editor, The Chinese Historical Review

My name is Xiaobing Li, professor of History at the University of Central Oklahoma. The CHUS Directors Board has appointed me as the new editor of *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR).

Before I explain the forthcoming changes to our journal, I want to express my thanks to Dr. Lu Hanchao for his 15-year service as the editor of CHR. Under his leadership, CHR has garnered an international reputation for publishing excellent scholarship on Chinese history. I would also like to thank Dr. Alan Baumler, for his hard work as book review editor for over 20 years, and Ms. LaDonna Bowen for her great effort as editorial assistant at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Currently, CHR identifies itself as the professional history journal that offers new and original insights on prominent historical issues in China and in the Asian region with a particular focus on new scholarship.

With a smooth transition in 2019-2020, we will continue to work with current CHUS Board of Directors and Routledge editors at Taylor & Francis Group for successful publication of the journal. We will continue to publish original research on the history of China in every period, China's historical relations with the world, the historical experience of the overseas Chinese, as well as comparative and transnational studies of history and social sciences. Its Forum section features interviews with leading scholars on issues concerning history and the historical profession. Its Book Reviews section introduces recent historical scholarship published in English, Chinese, and other languages.

Meanwhile, in 2020, we are going to make two modifications to fit the characteristics of the journal and make it a major academic outlet for historians both in the West and in China. To this end, first, we will add an archival section to provide the information on newly available archives in China relevant to the on-going historical debate. Second, we will open the door to the Ph.D. students, who have engaged in academic scholarship and may make their contribution to the current literature in their fields.

With CHUS Board's and members' support, I firmly believe we can carry on the legacy of the previous editors and make our new contribution to the success of our journal!

Please check out our journal at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ytcr20#.VroJtU-ofQI>

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VI. Call for Papers: *Chinese Historical Review*

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2 Issues per Year

The Chinese Historical Review (CHR) is a fully refereed and vigorously edited transnational journal of history with issues appearing in March and November each year. The journal is included in the following services: Bibliography of Asian Studies, European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH), and Scopus.

The journal publishes original research on the history of China in every period, China's historical relations with the world, the historical experiences of the overseas Chinese, as well as comparative studies of history. The journal is abstracted and indexed by Bibliography of Asian Studies and Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.

The journal is published by Routledge of Taylor & Francis Group on behalf of Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). The current editor-in chief is Professor Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma). Please send manuscripts and inquiries via email to bli@uco.edu

VII. 2021AHA Annual Meeting Call for Proposals

The 2021 AHA annual meeting will be held in January 7-10, 2021 in Seattle, Washington State Convention Center.

The CHUS will sponsor panels (not individual papers) at this meeting and invites proposals for panels at 2021 AHA annual meeting. Panels can follow one of the following formats: 1) three or four papers, chair, and commentator, or 2) a roundtable with a chair and participants.

The deadline for your submission of panel proposals to CHUS is April 10, 2020. The CHUS encourages members to organize panels. All of the panelists must be CHUS members. None CHUS members can participate as panelists with a conference fee of \$40 for each panelist. None CHUS members who serve as chair and discussant are free of charge.

Proposals must be submitted in their completed form (that is, with full information concerning all participants and their presentations, including panel abstract, panelist's abstract, mailing address, email address, phone number, and institutional affiliation). Panels without full information will not be considered. Please see the attached sample proposal.

In order to uphold the academic integrity and professionalism of CHUS, it is required that all individuals, members and non-members alike, who participate as panelists, discussants, or chairs in CHUS-organized panels at AHA annual meetings must fulfill their obligations of submitting papers and attending the conference. If special circumstances, such as illnesses or other emergencies, prevent panel participants from attending the meeting, the absentee must inform the panel organizer and the CHUS coordinator about the absence in advance. If the absentee is a panelist, he/she must submit his/her paper to the panel organizer and arrange for someone in the panel to read the paper on his/her behalf. If the absentee is a chair or discussant, he/she must ask another panelist to take over his/her responsibility. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in a 3-year suspension from CHUS-organized AHA panels.

Please e-mail your panel proposal in word document to Dr. Danke Li, Organizational Coordinator of the CHUS at dli@fairfield.edu.

VIII. CHUS Membership

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

As a CHUS member, you will enjoy various benefits: Participating in CHUS-sponsored panels at the AHA's annual conferences and CHUS-sponsored international trips to Asia 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.

Current Membership Rates: \$60/year, \$100/2 years, \$150/3 years for regular members; \$30/year or \$50/2 years for students and retired scholars; \$200/year for contributing members (This new category is designed for outside donors who are not professional historians. They will enjoy the defined privileges such as receiving the journal and newsletters but do not have full privileges of other members in organizational electoral rights, awards, service, and other academic participation).

Please remember to renew your membership on time, and also help advertise CHUS to any potential new members. For questions and recruitment suggestions, please contact **Dr. Dandan Chen** (chenda@farmingdale.edu). Please send your application form to **Dr. Dandan Chen**, and mail your payment to **Dr. Xiaojia Hou** (please see below).

Three Ways to Pay Membership Dues:

1. **Mail Check** (Payable to CHUS) to Dr. Xiaojia Hou (Mailing address: Dr. Xiaojia Hou, 1162 Culligan Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95120, USA).
2. **PayPal Account (preferred):** Please pay to xiaojia.hou@sjsu.edu.
3. **Wechat Wallet Transfer:** Transfer your membership fees to Dr. Dandan Chen's wechat wallet (Dr. Chen's Wechat ID: dandanstrong).

Steps to Register for Free Online Access to *Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) at the Website of Taylor & Francis <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>. Just in case you have not registered for online access to *CHR*, here are the steps.

- As a current member of the Chinese Historians in the United States you are entitled to online access to the society journal *Chinese Historical Review* via a voucher for 2016.
- If you are a new user to Taylor & Francis Online, please firstly register an account by visiting www.tandfonline.com <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>.

- Once you have submitted your registration form, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you registered with containing a validation link to activate your account.

Unfortunately these emails can be caught in spam filters, please check this and add @tandfonline.com <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>> to your safe senders list.

- Once you are registered/if you already have an account, please sign in and then click on the link below (this will activate the access onto your account).
- Voucher: <http://www.tandfonline.com/token/YTCR2017/YTCR2017>.
- Please click 'My Account' next to your recognized name at the top of the screen.
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IX CHUS Member News

Dr. Cai, Liang, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, has published two articles “Confucians, Social Networks, and Bureaucracy: Donghai 東海 Men and Models for Success in the Western Han China (206 BCE–9 CE)”, *Early China*, 42(2019), 237-271; “Western Han Dynasty,” in *Routledge Handbook of Imperial Chinese History* edited by Victor Cunrui Xiong & Kenneth J. Hammond, Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY: Routledge, 2019. pp. 25-38.

Dr. Fan, Shuhua, Professor of History and Asian Studies at the University of Scranton, received a Summer 2019 Faculty Development Grant from the University of Scranton to conduct supplementary research and develop her conference paper titled "The Knight Brother at Niuzhuang: Foreign Life at Mid-Nineteenth Century Chinese Treaty Ports" in the summer and fall of 2019.

Dr. Fan has been making preparations since last fall for Scranton Chinese School's 2020 Chinese New Year (CNY) Festival and its 10th anniversary celebration, which is to be held in early February. She founded in 2010 this weekend Chinese language school, the first one in northeastern PA, as a community service project to serve both Asian and non-Asian families in the region. Parents praised that the school's annual CNY Festival has become a Scranton tradition that cannot be missed in the region, and an invaluable opportunity for kids to experience Chinese tradition and culture.

Dr. Fan presented a paper titled "International Debate about Francis Knight's Educational Scheme to Introduce Chinese Instruction at Harvard, 1877-1882," at a panel under the title of "Modern China's Multiple Transformations from Tradition to Modernity," at the AHA Annual Conference, Jan. 3-6, 2020, New York City, NY.

Dr. Shan, Patrick Fuliang, Professor of History at Grand Valley State University, published an article titled “Assessing Li Dazhao’s Role in the New Cultural Movement,” in *A Century of Student Movements in China: The Mountain Movers, 1919-2019*, Rowman Littlefield and Lexington Books, 2020, pp. 3-22.

Dr. Song, Jingyi, Professor of History at SUNY College at Old Westbury, recently wrote her new book, “Denver’s Chinatown 1875-1900: Gone But Not Forgotten.” The book, published by Brill, is a culmination of her research, and personal experiences, and covers the complexities of race, class, immigration, politics, and economic policies that influenced early Chinese settlers in Denver.

Dr. Song also chaired a panel at the 2020 AHA Annual Meeting and presented a research paper entitled, “Burlingame Treaty of 1868.”

Dr. Wang, Di, Distinguished Professor and Head of the History Department at University of Macau, has received the Best Book Award for 2019 from the Urban History Association for his book *The Teahouse under Socialism: The Decline and Renewal of Public Life in Chengdu, 1950-2000* (Cornell University Press, 2018).

Dr. Xu, Guangqiu, visiting professor at Jinan University in Guangzhou, published a book chapter, “The Fulbright Program in China,” in *The Legacy of J. William Fulbright : Policy, Power, and Ideology* (The University Press of Kentucky, 2019), edited by Alessandro Brogi, Giles Scott-Smith, and David J. Snyder.

Dr. Yang, Lei, Assistant Professor at Carleton College, has an article scheduled for publication in *Monumenta Serica Monumenta Serica--Journal of Oriental Studies* 68.1. The article is titled “How versus What: Changes in Narrative Speed from Zuo zhuan and Shiji to Hanshu.” This article examines narrative speed in early Chinese historical works. With a focus on Shiji (Records of the Historian), it compares accounts of the same historical events in Shiji, Zuo zhuan (Zuo Commentary), and Hanshu (History of the Former Han). While much scholarship to date primarily interprets Shiji through a biographical lens, the effects of the structure of these narrative histories have been mostly overlooked. Comparing the narrative speed of the respective descriptions of the Tian lineage’s usurpation of the state of Qi and the rise of Empress Lü, I argue that the painstaking portrayal of the accumulation of changes in Shiji contrasts with the fragmentary narratives of Zuo zhuan and Hanshu. These structural differences indicate the divergent functions of the histories: Shiji prioritizes an interwoven and logical process of events, rather than isolated outcomes for moral teaching as commonly seen in Zuo zhuan and Hanshu.

Dr. Yi, Guolin, Assistant Professor at the Department of History and Political Science of Arkansas Tech University, has been appointed the Graduate Program Director and the Book Review Editor of *World History Bulletin*.