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I President’s Message
Dr. Zhiguo Yang

To Our Members:

Recently, CHUS Election Committee consisted of Drs. Li Xiaobing (李小兵), Patrick Fuliang Shan (单富良), and Tian Xiansheng (田宪生) proposed to CHUS members that the selection of a new CHUS Board be postponed to December 2021, so the current Board could complete or make continued progress in the projects that it had started but had to put on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic. Not everyone the Committee reached out to responded to the proposal, but we have been informed that those CHUS members who did respond are in support of extending our term by a year. This is an opportunity to serve CHUS under unprecedented circumstances that all of us in the Board feel honored to be given and we want to thank the Committee and the CHUS community for it.

Moving forward, we will work together with all CHUS members and friends to bring the following to fruition or at least build a solid foundation for the work that the next CHUS Board will devote itself to—

1. CHUS delegation to Taiwan. We had started with Professor Ge Yongguang (葛永光), Director of the Grand Alliance for China’s Reunification under the Three Principles of People, the discussion of a plan on sending another CHUS delegation to visit Taiwan in 2020 before the pandemic pushed everything to a standstill. Whether or not we can visit Taiwan in 2021 hinges on the finance of the Grand Alliance and the pandemic situation, but Professor Ge has assured us that when circumstances become more favorable, he would try his best to make another CHUS visit to Taiwan happen.

2. CHUS conference at Henan University in Kaifeng. Thanks to Dr. George Wei (魏楚雄) who holds a Distinguished Professor of History position at Henan University, this leading institution of higher learning in Henan Province agreed to host and finance a history conference in collaboration with CHUS in January 2020. A lot had been done for the conference in May 2020, including creating panels and devising a plan to explore local cuisine such as Kaifeng water banquet (水席), before the ravaging pandemic forced the university to suspend it. Although we cannot be so certain about it, we will reconnect with Henan University with the intent to hold the planned conference in late May or early June 2021, if international travel becomes possible and more affordable by that time.

3. Renewal of CHUS membership. As it happens to everyone, sometimes we forget to renew our membership when it expires or is about to expire not because we do not want to but because we have lost track of it. To serve CHUS members to the best of our ability, beginning on November 1, 2020, we will send individualized e-mail reminders to those members whose membership will expire by January 1, 2021. In the meantime, if you wish to check your membership status, you may do so by contacting both Dr. Chen Dandan (陈丹丹 dandanchen@post.harvard.edu) and Dr. Hou Xiaojia (侯晓佳 xiaojia.hou@sjsu.edu).
4. CHUS business meeting and AHA conference panels. It has been a tradition for CHUS to hold its annual business meeting and panel presentations in AHA conference. Tradition will continue. Although the originally planned 2021 face-to-face conference in Seattle has been cancelled, the AHA is exploring virtual meetings in January 2021. Dr. Li Danke (李丹柯 DLI@fairfield.edu) has submitted CHUS panels to the conference organizers and all of them will be listed and published in AHA 2021 online conference program. Please contact Danke if you wish to make suggestions and recommendations regarding these panels that CHUS will present as an affiliated AHA organization.

With uncertainties and unprecedented challenges, the fall semester may very well prove to be a trying time for all of us. Still, as a new semester it has hope, opportunities, and even excitement embedded in it. Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy the new semester!
II Call for Nomination for the CHUS Distinguished Service Award

(Deadline: November 1, 2020)

The CHUS bestows the Distinguished Service Award every year. According to the by-laws and the CHUS tradition, this call is now sent to all CHUS members to solicit nominations.

(I). All CHUS members are eligible to nominate a colleague or himself/herself for consideration for the Distinguished Service Award;

(II). A nominator should submit a letter to the selection committee before the stated deadline and provide a clearly articulated rationale for the nomination. In the case of self-nomination, the applicant should provide a statement to highlight her/his contributions to CHUS;

(III). When nominated for the Distinguished Service Award, the candidates should confirm their acceptance of the nomination with the selection committee and assist the committee in the evaluation process;

The Selection Committee and Timeline:

The selection committee for the Distinguished Service Award this year consists of Dr. Jingyi Song (SUNY Old Westbury) (jingyisong5@gmail.com), Dr. Yunqiu Zhang (North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University) (yzhang@ncat.edu) and Dr. Liyan Liu (Georgetown College) (liyan_liu@georgetowncollege.edu).

Please send your nominations along with supporting materials to the three members via email before November 1, 2020. Then, the committee will collect more information about the nominees, deliberate over their candidacy, and then vote to decide who will be.

The committee will make its recommendation(s) to the CHUS Board soon after the deadline. The award(s) will be formally bestowed to the recipient(s) at CHUS annual meeting during AHA conference at Seattle in early January 2021. If the AHA conference is cancelled or postponed, the CHUS Board will announce the recipient(s) of the award to all CHUS members via email and CHUS Newsletter.
III Call for Nomination/Application for CHUS Academic Excellence Award

CHUS Committee for Academic Excellence Award
Chair: Pingchao Zhu, pzhu@uidaho.edu
Members: Qiong Zhang, zhangq@wfu.edu
Yi Sun, ysun@sandiego.edu

CHUS will grant an Award for Academic Excellence in the form of a certificate every year. Any well researched and influential monograph that was published after last September, either in the form of book or chapter or article, can be considered as evidence for academic excellence. All CHUS members are eligible to either nominate or self-nominate such an academic work for the Award by September 15. The Board will secure the reviews of the submitted works for the Award by November 15 and decide the finalist for the Award by December 25. If none of the nominees is qualified, the Award will not be granted. Please send your nomination to any of the committee members before or by September 15.
Dear CHUS members:

We wish all of you a safe and fruitful new school year ahead.

According to the CHUS tradition, the year 2020 should be the election year, for which the CHUS Board has organized this election committee for the purpose of conducting such an election. After we three were selected by the Board to form the committee, the three of us, the undersigned, have been deliberating over related issues.

First of all, the committee must express our gratitude on behalf of the CHUS members to the current board members for their commitment, dedication, and services to our organization in the past two years. The board members under President Zhiguo Yang’s leadership have not only obligated their duties for the CHUS routine operations, but also have arranged two international activities: one was the international conference which was supposed to be held at Henan University in Kaifeng in May 2020 and another one was the CHUS delegation to visit Taiwan in May-June of 2020. Unfortunately, both were postponed due to the impactful Covid-19 pandemic in the entire global community.

In such an extraordinary situation, the election committee had considered to delay our election by one year. An email was sent to all CHUS members on June 3, 2020 to see if this was a fine idea. As we explained, the reason for doing so was to allow the current board to continue to work on the pre-arranged international activities (international conference and delegation), because they are familiar with the contact persons in Kaifeng and Taipei and because it should be easier for both sides to continue to arrange those academic activities for the next year. If the board had been reshuffled, it would have caused confusion to the contact persons in Kaifeng and Taipei. Needless to say, the committee sincerely hoped that the next year’s international activities will succeed. In this email, we stated clearly that we would move on to hold our formal election, if our CHUS members would oppose the idea of postponement. We waited for a while and received some responses from CHUS members who supported this idea. We also found that all of the current board members have agreed to continue to serve for another extra year.

Therefore, the committee has decided to delay our election for one year. Needless to say, we are deeply indebted to the current board members for their voluntary services and we are thankful to them for their dedicated contributions. We sincerely hope that the next year’s international activities will pan out well, as we all have expected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best wishes,

Patrick Fuliang Shan
Xiangsheng Tian
Xiaobing Li (Chair)
V. Graduate Student Travel Grant Application

The CHUS calls for applications for the Graduate Student Travel Grant. It supports those graduate students whose paper has been accepted by AHA, AAS, or AAS regional/summer conference for presentation. All graduate students with a current CHUS membership are qualified for applying. The granted application will receive $500 to cover the applicant’s travel and hotel expenses.

The deadline for application: November 1, 2020

Application:

1) Applicants must submit an application letter, a one-page cv, a copy of the paper proposal that has been accepted by AHA or AAS and panel information;
2) The applicant must submit a proof of his/her valid graduate student status.

Recipients of the award should mail their travel related documents (airplane ticket, boarding pass, hotel bill, and other evidence for ground transportation) in a self-addressed envelope to the CHUS treasure for reimbursement after completion of travel.

Selection Committee and timeline:
The Selection Committee for the Graduate Student Travel Grant is chaired by Professor Xiaoping Cong (xcong@central.uh.edu) with Professors Xiaofei Kang (xkang@gwu.edu) and Mia Feng (fengmiao@cass.org.cn) serving as committee members.

The committee will make its recommendation to the board by November 16, 2020. The recipient will be informed before the AHA meeting, and the award will be announced at CHUS annual meeting during AHA conference in early January 2021.
VI. Call for Papers: *Chinese Historical Review*

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*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. 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.

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**VIII CHUS Member News**

**Dr. Clark, Anthony E.** (柯學斌), Professor of Chinese History and Chair of the History Department at Whitworth University, has published two books: *China Gothic: The Bishop of Beijing and His Cathedral* (University of Washington Press, 2020) and *China’s Catholics in an Era of Transformation: Observation of an “Outsider”* (Palgrave, 2020).

**Dr. Fan, Shuhua**, Professor of History at the University of Scranton, published the following article: "The Knight Brothers in Niuzhuang: U.S. Merchants & Foreign Life in a Small Chinese Treaty Port," *The Chinese Historical Review*, Volume 27, No. 1 (May 2020): 1-31


Dr. Li, Xiaobing, Professor of History and Don Betz Endowed Chair in International Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma, has published a book *Attack on Chosin: The Chinese Second Offensive in Korea* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2020)

Dr. Li also published several book chapters and articles:


Dr. Liu, Xiaoyuan, David Dean 21st Century Professor of Asian Studies and Professor of History at Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, has published *To the End of Revolution: The Chinese Communist Party and Tibet, 1949-1959* (Columbia University Press).

Dr. Lorenz M. Lüthi, Associate Professor at McGill University, has published *Cold Wars: East Asia, the Middle East, and Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Dr. Qin Shao, Professor of History at the College of New Jersey, has done three presentations: “Urban Transformation of Shanghai.” Guest lecture at Professor Rebecca Karl’s Class, New York University, New York City, February 27, 2020; BBC World Interview on Urban Conservation in Shanghai, December 10, 2019; “Violence and Urbanization in China.” Guest lecture at Professor Timothy White’s History Honors Class, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ, December 10, 2019.

Dr. Di Wang, Distinguished Professor and Head of the History Department at University of Macau, has published two books. 《显微镜下的成都》，上海人民出版社，2020 《从计量、叙事到文本解读: 社会史实证研究的方法转向》，社会科学文献出版社，2020

Dr. Xu, Xiaoqun, Professor of History at Christopher Newport University, has a forthcoming book *Heaven Has Eyes: A History of Chinese Law* with Oxford University Press.