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I. CHUS BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

CHUS 2023 Business Report

Yi Sun (CHUS President 2022-24)

Upon the impending arrival of the Year of the Dragon, I would like to use this occasion to wish our CHUS colleagues and friends a Happy, Healthy, and Successful New Year!

I would like to, first and foremost, congratulate Professor Qin Shao for having been elected as the new president of CHUS, along with Professors Dan Du, Xiaoxiao Li, Mao Lin, and Qiong Zhang who won the reelection to their respective Board positions. I am sure that, under Professor Shao's leadership and with the continued commitment and hard work of the Board members, CHUS will experience more remarkable growth and development in the coming years.

As the immediate past president of CHUS, I want to express my deepest gratitude to my fellow board members for their dedication to the organization, their ability to get things done effectively and efficiently, and their indispensable support to me during the past two years. We worked to fulfill our individual and collective duties and responsibilities with a sense of purpose and spirit of service. In addition to holding zoom meetings, we communicated regularly and frequently to stay in close contact with one another, put forward new ideas, and respond to certain situations in a timely manner. The Board carried out all its plans set forth at the beginning of 2023 except for completing the CHUS Bylaw revision, which will be continued by the new Board of Directors.

Building on last year's success, Qiong Zhang's tireless efforts yielded an unprecedented twelve sponsored or co-sponsored panels and roundtables at the 2024 AHA in San Francisco as well as expanded second Book Launch that featured sixteen books authored by thirteen CHUS members. Mao Lin worked diligently to stay on top of all matters related to membership and took the initiative in writing two important documents -- the James Gao Memorial Fund Regulations and the rationale for establishing the CHUS Engagement Program. Xiaoxiao Li exercised careful oversight of both the regular CHUS account and the James Gao Memorial Fund by keeping close track of the organization's revenue and expenditure. Dan Du was not only highly effective in publishing the biannual issues of the newsletter, managing the website, and facilitating the History Matters series but also went above and beyond the normal call of duty in promoting CHUS events and its members' publications on social media outlets. She also worked closely with Yi Ren, the Board-appointed Director of the new CHUS Engagement Program in organizing events, especially for young scholars in the early stages of their academic careers. Yi Ren deserves a huge round of applause for her painstaking effort in organizing online workshops on career building, including one on how to compile application materials, several mock interview sessions conducted by experienced CHUS members for their young colleagues, and a seminar on how to publish one's first book. As a result of the collective endeavors, CHUS membership grew by about 55% last year.

Meanwhile, we are indebted to Dr. Xiaobing Li who continues to do an incredible job as the editor of *Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) that has featured the articles of many CHUS members. His labors have also led to the doubling of the journal's page count and the creation of

two social media editors who will help us promote the journal at the publisher's expense. Likewise, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Patrick Shan, who has filed the tax returns to the IRS on behalf of CHUS and renewed its annual registration in the State of Michigan, where it was registered, for the past sixteen years – that is an invaluable service to our organization.

Additionally, my heartfelt appreciation goes to several past presidents whose continued dedication to CHUS is more than inspiring. Once again, seven of our past presidents attended the 2024 AHA-CHUS conference in San Francisco in early January, including Drs. Qiang Fang, Zhaohui Hong, Hongshan Li, Xiaobing Li, Patrick Shan, Zhiguo Yang, and Ping Yao. Their unfailing support is essential to the growth of our organization.

The Board is also immensely grateful to Professors Xiaobing Li, Patrick Shan, Shuhua Fan, Pingchao Zhu, Zhiguo Yang, Dewen Zhang, Liyan Liu, and Jingyi Song for their extraordinary service on the Election Committee, the Academic Excellence Selection Committee, and the Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee, respectively.

Committee Reports

1) Election Committee

The committee consisted of Drs. Xiaobing Li (chair), Patrick Shan, and Shuhua Fan. They brought the election process to a successful conclusion with their tremendous hard work, including soliciting nominations for the various Board positions, communicating with the nominees, sending, collecting and counting the ballots. As stated at the beginning in this report, Professor Qin Shao was elected as the new CHUS president, Mao Lin as secretary, Qiong Zhang as conference coordinator, Xiaoxiao Li as treasurer, and Dan Du as newsletter editor and website manager (for more details about the election process, please see the specific committee report in this newsletter).

2) CHUS Academic Excellence Award Selection Committee (2023)

The committee was composed of Drs. Pingchao Zhu (chair), Zhiguo Yang, and Dewen Zhang. After spending a great deal of time soliciting nominations/self-nominations and evaluating the outstanding monographs of the nominees, they decided to recommend Drs. Xiaobing Li and Xin Zhang as the two recipients of the 2023 award and recommended Drs. Zhongping Chen and Di Luo for Honorable Mention. The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the CHUS Board of Directors. We extend our deep appreciation to the three committee members for their strenuous work, along with our warm congratulations to all the awardees for their outstanding scholarly accomplishments (for more details about the process and titles of the winning publications, please see the specific committee report in this newsletter).

3) CHUS Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee

The committee was composed of Drs. Liyan Liu (chair), Jingyi Song, and Shuhua Fan. After spending many hours soliciting nominations and self-nominations and assessing the nominees' remarkable service and contributions to the organization, the committee recommended Dr.

Xiaobing Li as the recipient of the 2022 award. The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board of Directors. We extend our genuine appreciation to the three committee members for their diligence and dedication, along with our warm congratulations to Dr. Xiaobing Li (for more details about the nomination and selection process, please see the specific committee report in this newsletter).

James Gao Memorial Fund

The generous donations from James Gao's family and friends, as well as those of a number of CHUS members, to the James Gao Memorial Fund are instrumental in enabling us to celebrate the legacy of James whose contributions to CHUS were exemplary. We report that, in 2023, the Board decided to fund the proposals of Dr. Xiaobing Li who displayed James' scholarly works along with a poster highlighting his life and career at two academic conferences last year -- the Chinese Military History Society (CMHS) Conference in San Diego during late March and the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences (ACPSS) Conference in Seattle during late October. Dr. Li also organized and participated in a roundtable on James' scholarship and legacy at the ACPSS. The roundtable, participated by several other CHUS members -- Professors Qiang Fang, Xiaojia Hou, Patrick Shan, and Yi Sun, was very well received.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of our CHUS members for your abiding trust, encouragement, and support during the past two years. It was truly an honor to serve the organization, and I will continue to contribute to its cause in whatever way I can.

With profound gratitude and best wishes to all,

Yi Sun

The 2023 Annual Report of CHUS Secretary
Mao Lin

The Secretary of CHUS is primarily responsible for managing CHUS membership. During 2023, I focused on several activities aimed at managing and growing CHUS membership. Together with other board members, I updated CHUS members' contact information, revised their member status, and created new membership lists which are accessible to all board directors.

I also updated CHUS membership on a regular basis, including reminding members of renewing their memberships. I worked with the publisher of *Chinese Historical Review*, providing them with membership lists so that CHUS members could receive the journal in a timely manner. According to the publisher, CHUS members have online access all the contents of the *Chinese Historical Review*. Members can use their email addresses registered with CHUS to gain access.

CHUS board directors worked diligently to recruit new members and retain existing members. By the end of 2023, we have 93 active members, a 55% increase from last year. Meanwhile, we maintain contact with some ex-members of CHUS, many of whom expressed the desire to rejoin CHUS.

CHUS 2023 Financial Report
Xiaoxiao Li

Balance Summary

Starting Balance:

As of December 13, 2022

Chase Bank Checking Account: \$28,833.22

Chase Bank Savings Account (James Gao Fund): \$21,780.84

Total: \$50,614.06

Ending Balance:

As of December 8, 2023

Chase Bank Checking Account: \$37,715.36

Chase Bank Savings Account (James Gao Fund): \$18651.41

Total: \$56,366.77

Expenditures between December 13, 2022 to December 8, 2023

Checking Account:

1/18/2023: \$2100.00 (paid to Routledge Taylor & Francis Group for The Chinese Historical Review)

Bank fee: \$60.00 (publishing company's wiring fees)

CHUS Domain: \$27.99 (Cong Xiaoping for CHUS domain)

AHA Conference: \$1128.00 (for AHA 2023 Annual Conference CHUS panels facility)

CHUS registration: \$20.00 (registered at Michigan State)

Zhu Pingchao: \$200.00 (CHUS Excellence Awards)

Gao Yunxiang: \$200.00 (CHUS Excellence Awards)

Sub-total: \$3,735.99

Savings Account (James Gao's Fund):

Wang Xi mailing cost: \$368.00 (reimbursed for Wang Xi's cost for mailing out the book in James Gao's honor in China)

Paid to Xiaobing Li: \$655.62 (expenses for round table and promotion of books in James Gao's honor)

Paid to Yi Sun: \$277.11 (expenses for round table and promotion of books in James Gao's honor)

Paid to Xiaobing Li: \$2030.02 ((expenses for round table and promotion of books in James Gao's honor)

Sub-total: \$3,330.75

Total: \$7066.74

Revenues:

Checking Account:

Checking Account: \$3759.77 (royalty payment by Routledge Taylor & Francis Group for The Chinese Historical Review) *

Checking Account: \$4760.00 (CHUS membership fees)

Wang Xi+ book royalty donation: \$2852.00

Total: \$11371.77

*Actual amount received by CHUS is \$3729.77, \$30.00 less than the said royalty payment. This \$30.00 difference should be the transfer cost.

Note:

1. The royalty payment has increased from 2021's \$2625.00 to 2022's \$3759.77.
2. Wang Xi and other book contributors donated \$2852.00 to CHUS.
3. CHUS membership fees decreased from \$5410.00 to \$4760.00, a \$650.00 less compared to 2022.
4. Net increase of \$5752.71 from 2022.

Report on the CHUS Program at the 2024 AHA (San Francisco, January 4-7)

Qiong Zhang

CHUS formally introduced a dual-track program at the 2024 AHA, offering two kinds of sponsorships to CHUS members who organize conference sessions for the AHA annual meetings: 1) co-sponsorship with the AHA program committee, and 2) solo CHUS sponsorship. The latter is the only kind of sponsorship that CHUS had offered previously.

CHUS (co-)sponsored altogether 12 sessions at the 2024 AHA, including one roundtable discussion and 11 paper panels. Five of the 12 sessions were co-sponsored and had altogether 25 participants in them, while the remaining 7 were CHUS solo sessions with 32 participants in all. CHUS welcomed many newcomers as well as old-timers into its program this year.

Representing a broad range of historical fields and topics, our twelve sessions also resonate with each other in their themes and/or perspectives. Besides the four panels which were originally constructed as two sets, one focusing on labor history (organized by Prof. YANG Zhiguo) and the other on Xi Jinping Administration (organized by Prof. Patrick Fuliang Shan, based on Profs. LI Xiaobing and FANG Qiang's forthcoming edited volume), two other panels also intersected in their studies of Sino-American relationships at the subnational level, as people-to-people relations formed through the two countries' private citizens' everyday encounters, commercial exchanges, and shared love for food, sports, tea, and theatre, among other things. Several panels scrutinized the spaces (such as the courtyard), materiality, rhythm, and memories of daily life. Gendered analysis and global/transnational perspectives also connected many of our panels as well. Our sessions were typically very well attended and received. On behalf of the CHUS Board, I would like to thank all our session organizers, participants, and attendees for their incredible talent, hard work, and enthusiastic support, which made this conference program a phenomenal success.

The three social events of CHUS held during the 2024 AHA – the Book Launch, Business Meeting, and Self-Funded Group Dinner – offered opportunities for collective celebration and reflection as well as merry-making and community building among new and old CHUS members and non-member friends and colleagues.

For further information on the 12 sessions of the CHUS Program at the 2024 AHA, see:
<http://www.chinesehistorians.org/the-chus-program-at-the-2024-aha-san-francisco-january-4-7-2024/>

For some of the photos taken at these conference sessions and social events, see:
<http://www.chinesehistorians.org/2024-chus-aha-gallery/>

Below is a list of the books showcased at the CHUS Book Launch event:

CHEN Jian (authored)

1. 《怎忍青史盡成灰：文革政治史批判筆記》. 牛津大學出版社Oxford University Press (Chinese Edition), 2021.

2. *Zhou Enlai: A Life*. Belknap Press: An Imprint of Harvard University Press. (forthcoming in May 2024).

CHEN Zhongping. *Transpacific Reform and Revolution: The Chinese in North America, 1898-1918*. Stanford University Press, 2023.

FENG Miao. 《近代中国大众教育的兴起》 (The Rise of Mass Education in Modern China). 社会科学文献出版社, 2023.

HONG Zhaohui. 《左右之间 两级之上：适度经济学思想导论》. 香港城市大学出版社, 2021.

HU Sihui 胡斯慧. 《佳美的脚踪：宋美龄与她的时代》. 民国历史文化学社有限公司, 2023.

KANG Xiaofei

Enchanted Revolution: Ghosts, Shamans, and Gender Politics in Chinese Communist Propaganda, 1942-1953 (Oxford University Press), 2023.

LI En. *Betting on the Civil Service Examinations: The Lottery in Late Qiong China*. Harvard East Asian Monographs, 2023.

LI Hongshan. *Fighting on the Cultural Front: US.-China Relations in the Cold War*. A Nancy Bernkopf Tucker and Warren I Cohen Book on American-East Asian Relations. Columbia University Press, 2024.

LI Huaiyin. *The Master in Bondage: Factory Workers in China, 1949-2019*. Stanford University Press, 2023.

LI Xiaobing. *China's New Navy: The Evolution of PLAN from the People's Revolution to a 21st Century Cold War*. The Navy Institute Press, 2023.

LUO Di. *Beyond Citizenship, Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China, 1900-1945*. Brill, 2022.

Transnational Studies of Twentieth Century China, a special-theme issue of *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, vol. 30, no. 2. (October 2023), edited by Dr. Qiong Zhang and Dr. Yi Sun, featuring the following articles by CHUS members:

1. KONG Xuening. "Herlinda Chew: Identity, Agency, and a Chinese-Mexican Woman's Transnational Journeys of Self Discovery, ca. 1900-1930s," 95-114;
2. ZHANG Aihua. "The Making of Modern Female Citizens in Republican China: The Beijing YWCA's Literacy Education and Anti-Binü Campaigns in the 1920s," 115-131.
3. Ni, Julia Haoran. "Between Accommodation and Seduction: American Cold Refreshments Advertising and Urban Chinese Women in Shaping a Hybridized Modernity, 1930-1949." 133-152;

4. MA Yiming. “Workers Shall Be the Masters of Philosophy: Dialectical Materialism, Praxis, and the Reception of Joseph Dietzgen in the People’s Republic of China,” 153-171.

5. DONG Yaowen. “Translating the Socialist Dream: Ilya Ehrenburg and Competing Visions of Soviet Revisionism in China,” 173-192.

YAO Ping (co-authored/co-edited):

1. 《追怀生命：中国历史上的墓志铭》，伊沛霞、姚平、张聪主编。上海古籍出版社，2021。
2. 《中古探微：伊沛霞中国史研究》姚平、张聪、程晓文、易素梅、段晓琳编。上海古籍出版社，2023。
3. *Chinese Autobiographical Writing: An Anthology of Personal Accounts*, edited by Patricia Buckley Ebrey, Cong Ellen Zhang, and Ping Yao. University of Washington Press, 2023.

ZHANG Xin. *The Global in the Local: A Century of War, Commerce, and Technology in China.* Harvard University Press, 2023.

2023 CHUS Communication Report

Dan Du

As the Web Manager & Newsletter Editor, my work includes editing CHUS newsletters, promoting the lectures organized by CHUS, and managing CHUS social media accounts, primarily CHUS website, X (formerly known as Twitter), and Facebook.

In 2023, I compiled and edited two CHUS newsletters, i.e. the Winter 2022 and Summer 2023 issues.

President Yi Sun organized three “History Matters” Series lectures in 2023: Dr. Huaiyin Li’s “The Master in Bondage: Factory Workers in China, 1949-2019,” on April 1, Dr. Xin Zhang’s “探索知识的边界：学术人士的使命与挑战” on June 24, and Drs. Chen Zhongping and Zhang Aihua’s “Trans-Pacific Networks: Revolution, Religion, and Trans-cultural Communication (革命与宗教：一场跨太平洋的历史文化交流)” on October 7. I designed flyers, provided technological support, and publicized these events on CHUS social media accounts.

Maintaining CHUS social media accounts is thus an important component of my job. In 2023, I re-structured CHUS website by merging similar web pages (for instance, all CHUS events are the subsets of “Conferences and Events,” while photos taken at AHA conferences are under “Gallery” section), adding new features to the website (now we have an e-bookshelf on the “Welcome to CHUS” page to showcase CHUS members’ publications), removing unnecessary or redundant information (such as condensing the information on the “Welcome to CHUS” page), and updating the details on the website (like *CHR* editor’s information, CHUS Bylaws page, and new images for the “Gallery” page).

I have been updating CHUS Twitter account at least five days a week, thanks to the support of the CHUS Engagement Program. After Engagement members—Yi Ren, Haoren Ni, and Lejiu Sun—gathered news, announcements, and events, I selected, edited, and tweeted the most important ones. The number of our followers increased from 82 in early 2023 to 128 by January 5, 2024. The 56 percent increase within a year suggests that CHUS Twitter is growing to be a resourceful platform that attracts followers interested in the most recent academic information.

CHUS Facebook account was not active as Twitter in 2023, as I only promoted CHUS events on Facebook. I will improve CHUS Facebook page in 2024.

CHUS Website

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CHUS Bylaws ▾ Gallery ▾ Links

Our Statement of Purpose

The Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS) was founded in 1987 by the first generation of Chinese students and visiting scholars who had come to the U.S. to study history during China's opening-up era. As an affiliated society of the American Historical Association (AHA), CHUS has grown into an academic organization consisting of more than 150 historians from the academia in the U.S., China, and the rest of the globe. With a mission to promote scholarly exchange among its members as well as among colleagues anywhere in the world and to contribute to the advancement of studies of and education in Chinese history, Asian history, world history, and the history of US-China relations, CHUS welcomes anyone with the same interest and pursuit to join us for professional support, intellectual inspiration, and camaraderie.

President
Yi Sun

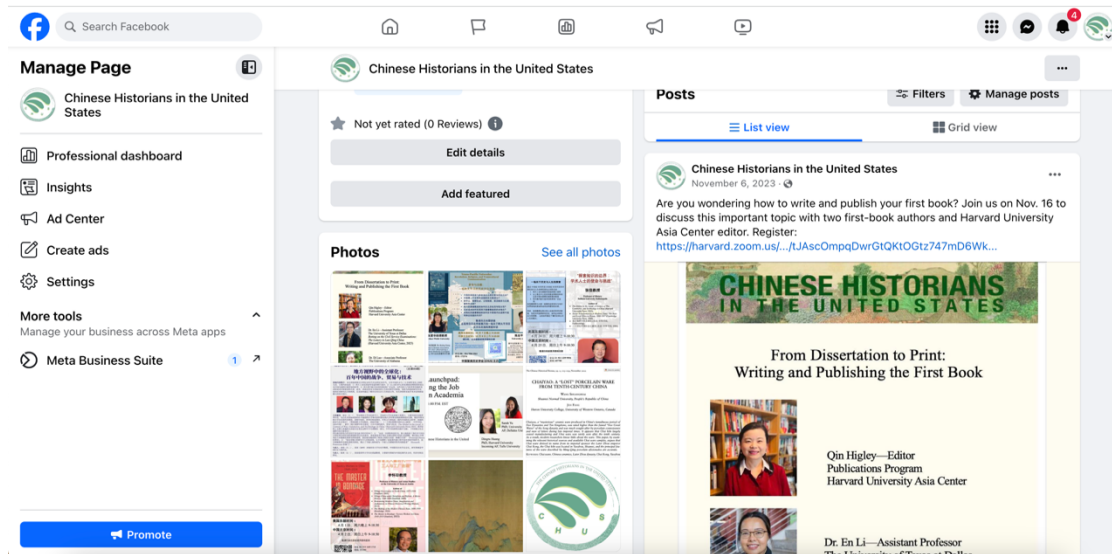
CHUS Members' Publications



CHUS Twitter (Now X)



CHUS Facebook



CHUS Engagement Program Report

Yi Ren

The Engagement Program of CHUS was established in February 2023 with the primary goal of aiding the growth of student groups or emerging scholars in their research, teaching, and service initiatives and enhancing CHUS's influence among young academics. In the ten months since its inception, we primarily organized and hosted three online events.

The first event, "Career Launchpad: Navigating the Job Market in Academia," was held online on April 14, 2023. In this event, three young scholars who recently secured Tenured-Track positions shared their job-hunting experiences with fresh doctoral graduates or ABD students.

The Second event, "CHUS Academic Ascent: Mock Interview Series," was organized in late September to early October, arranging 5 sessions of mock interviews. Around 20 senior scholars signed up to help those currently or soon-to-be job hunting by conducting mock interviews, aiding them in enhancing their interview skills. Professors Yi Sun and Dan Du held a wrap-up session on October 16 for all participants, discussing common issues observed during the mock interviews.

The final event of the year, "From Dissertation to Print: Writing and Publishing the First Book," took place online on November 16. It featured two recent CHUS members who published their first academic monograph and an editor from Harvard University Asia Center, sharing their experiences and knowledge on publishing a first academic book. All three events were well-received by many young students and friends.

In addition to the three online events, members of the Engagement Program, including Haoran Ni, Lejiu Sun, and myself, routinely collected information on online lectures, seminars, and other events, which Professor Dan Du then posted on the CHUS Twitter account. We hope that in the new year, with the support of all members of the CHUS, the Engagement Program can continue to organize several more beneficial activities for young scholars in the field.

II. CHUS COMMITTEES' REPORTS

2023 Election Committee Report

Dear Professor Yi Sun and the CHUS Board Directors:

We hope this email finds you having a relaxed weekend!

As the 2023 CHUS Election Committee members, we are very glad to report to you and the board that we have completed our committee work from July to December 2023, and that the new 2024-2026 CHUS Board has been elected!

After you and the board established the 2023 CHUS Election Committee in early July 2023, we began our work by drafting the call for nomination in mid-July. By the deadline of October 15, the committee had received nominations for all the board positions.

Then, we contacted the nominees and collected their biographical information. The committee prepared the ballot and emailed it out to all the CHUS members on November 1.

By the election deadline on December 1, the committee received 18 ballots from the CHUS members, almost all voting yes to the candidates: Qin Shao as president, Mao Lin as secretary, Qiong Zhang as conference coordinator, Xiaoxiao Li as treasurer, and Dan Du as newsletter editor and website manager.

All the electronic votes are available in case anyone has questions.

We really appreciate the opportunity to serve on the 2023 CHUS Election Committee for our organization.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Shuhua Fan
Patrick Fuliang Shan
Xiaobing Li (Chair)
2023 CHUS Election Committee

2023 CHUS Committee for Academic Excellence

November 22, 2023

To: The CHUS Board

From: 2023 CHUS Committee on Academic Excellence Award

Dr. Zhiguo Yang

Dr. Dewen Zhang

Dr. Pingchao Zhu (Chair)

Re: Recommendation for CHUS Academic Excellence Award

Dear CHUS Board Members:

For the review and selection process of the 2023 CHUS Academic Excellence Award, the three members on the committee (the Committee henceforth) sent out one call for nomination/self-nomination and received a total of four nominations, including three nominations and one self-nomination. They are listed below in alphabetic order:

1. *The Monograph*

- 1) **Dr. Chen, Zhongping:** Department of History, University of Victoria, Canada (Self-nomination)

Transpacific Reform and Revolution: The Chinese in North America, 1898—1918 (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, July 2023)

- 2) **Dr. Li, Xiaobing:** Department of History at University of Central Oklahoma (Nomination)

China's New Navy: The Evolution of PLAN from the People's Revolution to a 21st Century Cold War (The Navy Institute Press, July 2023)

- 3) **Dr. Luo, Di:** Department of History, University of Alabama (nomination)

Beyond Citizenship, Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China, 1900-1945 (Brill, September 2022) (the book was also nominated for 2021 award due to the publication month)

- 4) **Dr. Zhang, Xin:** Department of History at Indiana University, Indianapolis (Nomination)

The Global in the Local: A Century of War, Commerce, and Technology in China (Harvard University Press, April 2023)

There is no nomination/self-nomination for the journal article sub-category this year.

The Committee verified the publication details for all four books as well as the update of each candidate's CHUS membership.

The three members of the Committee began the review process, following the end of the deadline for nomination/self-nomination (Oct. 1, 2023) through reading the monographs and evaluating respective scholarly contributions to academic community and general public. The Committee wants to recognize the scholarly commitment of all four nominated/self-nominated CHUS members, appreciate their research efforts in professional development, and applaud their valuable contributions to the respective fields of study.

2. The Recommendation for Award

After careful evaluations and thoughtful deliberations of all four publications, the Committee is hereby recommending the following two books for the 2023 CHUS Academic Excellence Award which come with \$200 monetary prize for each award (the list is in alphabetic order):

- 1) Dr. Xiaobing Li's *China's New Navy: The Evolution of PLAN from the People's Revolution to a 21st Century Cold War* (The Navy Institute Press, July 2023) can be seen as a pioneering scholarship in English on the historical development of the Chinese navy, therefore, its major contribution to the military history in general is far reaching. Loaded with valuable historical sources (especially newly available Chinese records and sources), individual interviews, personal stories, and convincing argument, *China's New Navy* explicitly details the important turning points of Chinese naval history in combat experience, ideological transformation, new reform and strategy, and military technological modernization.

Li's lucrative study of the growth and expansion of the Chinese modern Navy has provided a insightful perspective for scholars and policymakers alike to investigate naval operations and strategic planning among allies and opponents. Additionally, the authors' in-depth exploration of the military confrontation in the Taiwan Strait over the past few decades reflects the political prospects and military concerns on both sides of the strait.

- 2) Dr. Xin Zhang's *The Global in the Local: A Century of War, Commerce, and Technology in China* (Harvard University Press, April 2023) is an ambitious work which skillfully remakes a new history by examining the impact of "macro" history of a much-studied Opium War through the "micro" window of a local port, Zhengjiang, along the Yangzi River open to foreign trade by treaty.

The shrewd research methodology of the book deserves special attention. A well-written masterpiece, the book adopts a cross-sectional research approach bestowing a reinterpretation of an interplayed history where "the power of globalization is deeply intertwined with, and often shaped by, local specifics." This unique research method has provided a valuable new direction for scholars of Chinese history to follow. As the title of the book suggests, the inquiries build upon a convincing dialogue between the study of the early globalization with the focus on the aftermath of the Opium War at transnational level, and the responses of local community to negotiate a process of transregional transformation. Through the local window of Zhengjiang, Zhang retells a different history of science, economy, as well as imperialistic experiences.

3. Recommendation for Honorable Mention

The Committee recommends **Honorable Mention** (with no monetary prize) to the monographs by Dr. Zhongping Chen and Dr. Di Luo to recognize their respective scholarly contributions.

- 1) Prof. Zhongping Chen's *Transpacific Reform and Revolution: The Chinese in North America, 1898—1918* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, July 2023) focuses on the “network” activities carried out by major reformists, especially Kang Youwei and Sun Yat-sen, among other activists, in North America to win overseas support and raise funds for their revolutionary reform movements during the last years of the Qing Dynasty. The research makes good use of various historical records, communications, and collections from a few merchant associations in Chinatown, including informational Canadian sources.
- 2) Prof. Di Luo's *Beyond Citizenship: Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China, 1900–1945* (Brill Academic Publishers, September 2022) offers a clear picture of the state-sponsored literacy movement during the first half of the 20th century. The case studies are well-presented to illustrate the purposes, programs, as well as the government efforts and intellectual participation in the early state building process in the new republic of China.

Sincerely,
2023 CHUS Committee for Academic Excellence Award

2023 CHUS Service Award Report

Dear President Sun and esteemed CHUS Board members,

We hope this message finds you well. We appreciate your confidence in entrusting us with the responsibility of organizing a committee to assess this year's candidates for the CHUS Distinguished Service Award. This committee was organized according to the CHUS by-laws in the summer of 2023 after the board appointed us to do so. Subsequently, the call for the nomination was sent via CHUS email network with the deadline set on November 1, 2023.

The committee consisted of three CHUS members: Dr. Jingyi Song (SUNY Old Westbury) (jingyisong5@gmail.com), Dr. Shuhua Fan (University of Scranton) (shuhua.fan@scranton.edu) and Dr. Liyan Liu (Georgetown College, chair) (liyan_liu@georgetowncollege.edu).

The committee had received three nominations with the following three nominees listed in an alphabetical order: Dr. Xiaobing Li, Dr. Yi Ren, and Dr. Yi Sun. All three committee members received each of those nominations at the same time. Dr. Liyan Liu, the chair, then sent an email to each of those nominators to express our sincere thanks on behalf of the committee. She also sent an email to each of the three nominees for confirmation of his/her acceptance of the nomination on behalf of the committee. Dr. Yi Sun declined the nomination. We expressed our appreciation to her for her modesty as well as her excellent leadership of our organization, but we also respected her wish.

As a committee, we three believe that all of the nominees have made notable contributions to our organization and indeed deserve our special recognition. Needless to say, it was a very difficult decision to make.

After careful discussion, the committee members voted and selected the winner from the list. Dr. Xiaobing Li is recommended for this year's Distinguished Service Award. The rationale is that he has served our organization for a long time and has indeed made great contributions to the CHUS.

In addition to serving as the former CHUS President and chairing numerous committees, Professor Xiaobing Li has diligently served as the sole editor of *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) for over four years. Demonstrating exceptional dedication to this esteemed scholarly, peer-reviewed journal, he independently manages the entire process—from receiving papers and finding peer-reviewers to contacting authors and liaising with the publisher. His outstanding commitment is particularly noteworthy, considering the typically substantial responsibilities associated with running a journal, which are often handled by a company or a group of scholars.

Simultaneously, we express our deep appreciation for Dr. Yi Ren's significant contributions as the current Community Engagement Director. While she remains in her role, we foresee ample opportunities for her to become a future recipient of this service award.

Henceforth, as this year's committee members, we now formally submit our recommendation to the CHUS Board for the approval bestowing this year's distinguished service award upon Dr. Xiaobing Li.

We look forward to receiving your approval.

Best regards,

Sincerely, Jingyi Song (jingyisong5@gmail.com)

Shuhua Fan (shuhua.fan@scranton.edu)

Liyan Liu (liyan_liu@georgetowncollege.edu)

III. NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO CHUS DONORS

The CHUS Board 2024-26 would like to express a deep appreciation for each of the individuals who made the donations to CHUS as the editors and authors of 《在美国教历史：从书桌到讲台》，published by Beijing University Press in 2022.

Wang Xi and Yao Ping donated their royalties as editors. The following 22 authors donated their royalties as authors: 李丹柯, 张信, 陈勇, 程洪, 洪朝辉, 卢汉超, 孙琦, 许光秋, 邵勤, 王晴佳, 田宪生, 魏楚雄, 张琼, 徐国琦, 姚平, 王笛, 单富良, 李怀印, 夏亚峰, 许曼, 陈丹丹, 范鑫. In addition, eight of the authors used their royalties to purchase copies of the book and donated them to the libraries of 27 universities across China, in the name of CHUS. They are: 朱立平, 李小兵, 王希, 杨志国, 丛小平, 陈利, 方强, and 高峥 (the Board will contact高峥's family to thank them).

We also would like to extend our thanks to the donors who prefer to remain anonymous. Your generosity is invaluable in supporting and expanding CHUS' many programs and strengthening this organization. Indeed, CHUS has been built on the devotion of its members since its founding in 1987. Thank you!

IV. CHUS LECTURES

CHUS held a “History Matters Series” Lecture in the latter half of 2023. Dr. Zhongping Chen and Dr. Aihua Zhang presented their new books at the joint-talk, titled “Trans-Pacific Networks: Revolution, Religion, and Trans-cultural Communication (革命与宗教：一场跨太平洋的历史文化交流),” on October 7, 2023.

History Matters Series

Trans-Pacific Networks: Revolution, Religion, and Transcultural Communication
革命与宗教：一场跨太平洋的历史文化交流

• 中国的保皇派与革命派在北美有着怎样的互动？
• 中国第一个女性政治组织在北美成立？
• 孙中山、秘密社会、立宪制度、政治暗杀与北美有何关联？
• 西方的基督教组织如何在北活动员年轻女性？
• 北京成员如何实现西方基督教组织的本地化？
• 本地化的基督教组织如何在中国现代化进程中起到举足轻重的作用？

敬请关注本期讲座
这是两位历史学家展开的一场关于跨太平洋历史文化交流的深刻对话

美国东部时间：10月7日晚上 9-10:30
中国北京时间：10月8日上午 9-10:30
请扫码、点击链接或使用密码注册

<https://charlotte-edu.zoom.us/joining/register/1cpcOygaqkvHNXn200KBK8xt8Qx6FJRNE>
会议 ID: 934 7584 2561
密码: 172574

张爱华助理教授
Gardner-Webb University
著作包括新著 *The Beijing Young Women's Christian Association, 1927-1937: Materializing a Gendered Modernity* (Lexington Books, 2021) 以及多篇学术文章

陈忠平教授
University of Victoria
著作包括新著 *Transpacific Reform and Revolution: The Chinese in North America, 1898-1918* (Stanford University Press, 2023), 《商会与近代中国的社团网络革命》(江苏人民出版社, 2023)、西本专著以及 60 余篇学术文章

中国留美历史学会 (CHUS) 主办

The CHUS Engagement Program also held another event, “From Dissertation to Print: Writing and Publishing the First Book,” offered by editor of Harvard University Asia Center, Qin Higley, and two authors, Dr. En Li and Dr. Di Luo, on November 16, 2023. Program Director, Dr. Yi Ren, planned and hosted this successful event.

CHINESE HISTORIANS IN THE UNITED STATES

From Dissertation to Print: Writing and Publishing the First Book

Qin Higley—Editor
Publications Program
Harvard University Asia Center

Dr. En Li—Assistant Professor
The University of Texas at Dallas
Betting on the Civil Service Examinations: The Lottery in Late Qing China (Harvard University Asia Center, 2023)

Dr. Di Luo—Associate Professor
The University of Alabama
Beyond Citizenship: Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China, 1900-1945 (Brill, 2022)

When: Nov. 16, 2023, 12:30-2:30 P.M. EST
Where: Zoom, please register in advance

V. CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS FOR CHUS PROGRAM AT THE 2025 AHA (Jan. 3-6, New York City)

The CHUS board is seeking proposals of FULLY ORGANIZED roundtables or paper panels for the 2025 AHA. CHUS will be offering the following two kinds of sponsorships at the AHA, and each type has a *different submission procedure, deadline, and AHA- and CHUS-membership (or CHUS conference registration fee) requirement*. Below are the details:

1. **Co-sponsorship of a session with the AHA program committee:**

Definition: A session that CHUS co-sponsors with the AHA must be first vetted by the CHUS Board and then submitted to the AHA Program Committee. It will be evaluated by the AHA Program Committee like a regular AHA session, but having a CHUS co-sponsorship will enhance its likelihood of being accepted by the AHA Program Committee.

Membership requirements: **AHA membership** is required of all US-BASED historians participating in a session with CHUS-AHA co-sponsorship. (This also means that NON-US based historians or scholars from disciplines *other than* history are exempted from the AHA membership requirement). In addition, the *organizer* and *at least 2/3 of the paper presenters* (or speakers if roundtable) of a CHUS-AHA co-sponsored session must be **active CHUS members**.

CHUS membership or CHUS conference registration fee requirement: so long as the proposed session fulfills the CHUS membership percentage requirement specified above, the non-CHUS members in the session do not need to become CHUS members or pay a CHUS conference registration fee, although they are highly encouraged to join CHUS for the membership benefits it offers.

Proposal submission procedure and deadlines for co-sponsored sessions:

If you are interested in proposing a session for AHA-CHUS co-sponsorship, please 1) submit your session proposal to Qiong Zhang (at zhangq@wfu.edu) for vetting by the CHUS BOARD no later than **Saturday Feb 10, 2024**, and then 2) submit your finalized session proposal directly to the AHA program committee by its deadline of **Thursday February 15, 2024** at: <https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/proposals/call-for-proposals>

AGAIN: for a session proposed for an AHA and CHUS co-sponsorship, **you are responsible for submitting your own session proposal to the AHA Program Committee**, just like any other regular AHA session proposal. **PLEASE prepare your proposal based on the requirements laid out in the instructions at the above AHA portal.** While filling out the AHA online session proposal submission form at this website, please indicate that your session will be co-sponsored by CHUS; there is a line near the beginning of the proposal form asking for this information. **Doing so would greatly enhance the chance of your proposal being accepted by the AHA**, as the committee will know that there is already a substantial audience for your session.

If your session has been approved by the CHUS Board for co-sponsorship but not accepted by the AHA Program Committee, your session will be automatically converted into a CHUS solo-sponsored session.

2. CHUS solo-sponsorship:

Definition: A session sponsored by CHUS alone is counted as part of the AHA affiliate program. It is primarily vetted by the CHUS Board and secondarily by the AHA Program Committee. Only a short session abstract (90 words of text plus a weblink) will be carried in the AHA online program; visitors to the AHA program page for your session will be able to follow the weblink at the end of your short session abstract to find your full program description on our CHUS conference website.

AHA Membership and Conference Registration Fee requirements: AHA membership is NOT required if you only participate in a CHUS solo-sponsored session whether or not you are a US-based historian. However, all participants in a session taking place at the premise of the AHA, including all CHUS solo-sponsored sessions, are required to register for the AHA meetings and pay the registration fee.

CHUS membership or CHUS conference registration fee requirements:

In theory, active CHUS membership is required of *all* non-student *paper presenters or roundtable participants* in sessions with solo CHUS sponsorship, but ***non-CHUS members are also very welcome to participate in such sessions provided that they pay a CHUS conference registration fee of \$40*** to help CHUS cover the expenses it pays to the AHA for the use of the conference room and other associated AHA services and to the conference hosting hotels for A/V rentals. This requirement must be met by **mid-May** (the exact deadline will be announced in the CHUS Board's letter of session acceptance issued in early May). (This CHUS Conference fee is NOT to be confused with the AHA Conference Registration Fee; the latter is charged to all participants in all sessions taking place at the AHA.

To avoid any confusion on this issue, please allow me to highlight two points here again: 1) *students* presenting in a CHUS solo-sponsored session are *exempted* from this active CHUS membership (or CHUS Conference fee) requirement, though they are highly encouraged to join CHUS for the wide-ranging membership benefits it offers, especially to those at the early stage of their careers; 2) Those serving on CHUS solo-sponsored sessions *only as Chair and/or Discussants* are also *exempted* from this membership or registration fee requirement.

Information on how to join CHUS and the variety of benefits that a CHUS membership offers may be found here:

<http://www.chinesehistorians.org/membership/>

What to include in a proposal for a CHUS solo-sponsored session and when and how to submit it:

What to include on your CHUS solo-sponsored session proposal:

- 1) Name and contact information of the session organizer
- 2) The title of the proposed session
- 3) A short session abstract of up to 90 words
- 4) A longer (200-300 word) session abstract
- 5) For paper panels: please also provide the titles and names of presenters of individual papers and a 200-300-word abstract for each paper;
- 6) Names, current institutional affiliations (if none, please use “independent scholar”), and email addresses of all individuals on the session, including chair, discussant, and all roundtable participants or paper presenters.
- 7) Indication of whether your session requires an A/V (projector). (Note: CHUS will not be able to rent the audio system component of an A/V, which is charged separately from the projector.)

When and how to submit your session proposal:

Please email your session proposals to Qiong Zhang (at zhangq@wfu.edu) for vetting by the CHUS Board no later than **Sunday April 21, 2024**. The CHUS Board will announce its decision in early May.

Guidelines for ALL session proposals with either type of sponsorship:

1. Session Format: Proposed sessions can follow either of two formats:
 - 1) A paper panel, generally consisting of three or four presenters, a chair, and a discussant. It is recommended that sessions with four presenters *go without a discussant* to make adequate room for interaction with the audience. While presenters may also chair the same panel in which they present, *they should NOT be both a presenter and a discussant in the same panel*.
 - 2) A roundtable, consisting of a chair and 3-6 participants. The chair in a roundtable may also serve as a participant. Structurally, a roundtable should be sufficiently different from a paper session, in that it should devote at least half of the session time to conversations among participants and between the participants and the audience.
2. Regarding possibilities of participation in multiple roles in a session and/or in more than one session:
 - 1) CHUS has a rule limiting the purely service roles (i.e., serving only as chair and/or discussant) to *no more than one session per person*. If you chair a session in which you also present a paper, that does not count as a "purely service role".
 - 2) CHUS rules do not allow a participant to both present a paper and serve as a discussant in the same panel; it is perfectly fine if you chair a session in which you are a presenter/speaker or a discussant.
 - 3) Currently CHUS does not have a rule limiting how many sessions in which you may present a paper (in a paper panel) and/or serve as a speaker (in a roundtable). If we are beginning to have too many individuals presenting in more than

two sessions, impacting the diversity of the CHUS program as a whole, the CHUS Board may consider implementing a rule.

CHUS POLICIES regarding NO SHOW for all participants accepted into the finalized CHUS program:

It is paramount that our panelists uphold the academic integrity and professional standards of CHUS. Please be reminded that CHUS does not have the technical resources to hold a session via teleconferencing at the AHA, so only individuals who are able to participate in the AHA onsite should be included in a proposed session. *Once a panel has been accepted into our AHA program, which will be finalized by mid-May, all individuals, members and non-members alike, who participate in it as panelists, discussants, or chairs must fulfill their obligations as stated in the proposal and attend the conference.* In the event that an illness or other emergencies prevents a panel participant from attending the meeting, the absentee must inform their panel organizers and the CHUS conference coordinator (**Qiong Zhang, zhangq@wfu.edu**) of their situations at the earliest possible time and make arrangements for a co-panelist or some other conference attendee to deliver their papers or comments or chair their panels on their behalf. **Failure to do so will result in a 3-year suspension from CHUS-organized AHA panels.**

CHUS Marketplace (a Google Doc) for those looking to organize a session or join one that is being formed: [NOTE: *the link to this Google Doc has been redacted from this newsletter to protect the private information shared by members on this document. Please contact me at zhangq@wfu.edu if you need the link.* Thank you!]

While we can only accept proposals of fully formed sessions, we have set up the above Marketplace to facilitate information exchange among our members/friends looking for co-panelists. If you are interested in organizing a CHUS-sponsored or co-sponsored session for the 2025 AHA in New York and are looking for more panelists, a chair, or a discussant; if you have a paper to present and are looking to join a suitable panel: please check out this MARKETPLACE Google Doc! **CHUS members who are available to serve as a chair or discussant are also welcome to enter your names on the Google Doc!**

Please be aware, though, that this is just a Marketplace: it facilitates you finding each other, but CHUS will NOT pair you up and organize sessions for you. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to follow up with potential co-panelists you find on this Google Doc, develop your session proposals, and *meet the respective session proposal deadlines* stated above.

Thank you all for your kind attention. If you need clarifications or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving your session proposals for the CHUS-AHA co-sponsorship by **Saturday February 10, 2024** or for CHUS solo-sponsorship by **Sunday April 21, 2024.**

Wishing you all a pleasant spring semester,
Zhang Qiong, on behalf of the CHUS Board, 2024-2026

VI. CALL FOR PAPERS: CHINESE HISTORICAL REVIEW

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The journal is published by the Chinese Historians in the United States, INC. (CHUS), which was established in 1987 and is now an affiliated society of the American Historical Association (AHA) and the Association of Asian Studies (AAS). The journal began its publication in 1987 under the title *The Historians*. In 1989 it was registered with the Library of Congress and began its publication as a refereed journal of history under the title *The Chinese Historians* (ISSN 1043-643X) until 2000. It adopted the current title when it resumed regular publication in 2004.

The past and current sponsors of the publication of the journal include: The Henry Luce Foundation, CHUS Membership Fund, State University of New York-Geneseo, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Lake Forest College, and various institutional and individual subscribers.

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 INSTRUCTION, 2022-2024

Member Benefits: Membership is crucial to the survival and development of CHUS. We encourage our lifetime members to renew their membership, and welcome new people to join 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. Mao Lin** (mlin@georgiasouthern.edu). Please send your application form to **Dr. Lin**, and mail your payment to **Dr. Xiaoxiao Li** (please see below).

Two Ways to Pay Membership Dues:

1. Mail check (Payable to CHUS) to:

Dr. Xiaoxiao Li
2201 NW 157th Terrace
Edmond, OK 73013
USA

2. Zelle Account (preferred payment method): pay to xli3@uco.edu

When you make the payment, please include your name and contact information, especially your preferred email address.

CHUS members enjoy free online access to Chinese Historical Review at the Website of Taylor & Francis (<http://www.tandfonline.com>). Please visit the website and follow the instructions to sign up.

Member Benefits—Free Online Access to CHR: All CHUS members should have access to the journal by signing up on Taylor & Francis online.

Steps to Register for an Online Account:

1. If you are a new user to Taylor & Francis Online, please firstly register an account by visiting www.tandfonline.com<<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>.

2. 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.
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VIII. CHUS MEMBER NEWS

Lin Du, Ph.D. Candidate & Teaching Fellow at UCLA and Associate Editor in Digital Humanities, *AI Ethics Journal* (AIEJ), published “Probing Historical Image Contexts: Enhancing Visual Archive Retrieval through Computer Vision” in the *ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage*. This article explores the use of computer vision to analyze historical images within digital visual archives, enhancing the retrieval of contextual information. The findings and methodologies discussed in the paper could be of significant interest to those working in the intersection of technology and historical studies.

Probing Historical Image Contexts: Enhancing Visual Archive Retrieval through Computer Vision

LIN DU, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles
BRANDON LE, Department of Computer Science, University of California, Los Angeles
EDOUARDO HONIG, Department of Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles

This study examines the longstanding need and challenge of providing contextual analysis of historical images stored in digital visual archives and the accessibility of retrieving contextual information from these historical archives. Contextual analysis is essential for disciplines such as history and art history, as it allows for the contextualization of artwork and historical sources with historical narratives, which, in turn, enhances understanding of the artistic or political expression in the contents of cultural products. To address this challenge, a novel approach is proposed utilizing computer vision to trace the circulation and dissemination of historical photographs in their original contexts. This method involves first using YOLO v7 to crop historical images from pictorial magazines, then training machine learning models on the cropped printed images plus another large dataset of original historical photographs, and comparing the similarity of images between the datasets of printed images and original photographs. To ensure accuracy of image similarities between the two subsets with distinct image qualities, an ensemble of three machine learning models—Vision Transformer, EfficientNetV2, and Swin Transformer—was developed. Through this system, contexts in the circulation of historical photographs were discovered and new insights regarding the editing strategies of propaganda magazines in East Asia during WWII were uncovered. These outcomes offer supporting evidence for previous research in the history and art historical disciplines, and demonstrate the potential of computer vision for uncovering new information from digital visual archives. Our model achieves a 77.8% top-15 retrieval accuracy on our evaluation dataset.

CCS Concepts: • Applied computing → Media arts • Computing methodologies → Visual content-based indexing and retrieval; • Information systems → Similarity measures;

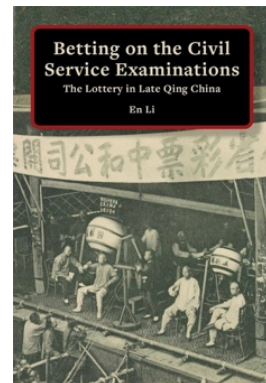
This study introduces a novel approach in digital humanities, showcasing how computer vision can significantly aid historians to do visual archival research. We focus on the Jinchaji Pictorial, a WWII-era Chinese publication, to demonstrate how technology can unearth new insights from historical images. By comparing original photographs with their edited magazine versions, we reveal editorial strategies and narrative constructions in historical Chinese media. This methodology offers historians a new lens to view and interpret visual archives, bridging traditional research with digital innovation. Our work highlights the untapped potential of digital tools in enhancing the understanding of historical narratives, especially in the context of Chinese history.

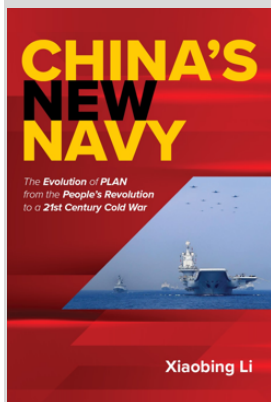


Dr. Shuhua Fan, Professor of History at the University of Scranton, received a winter intersession research grant from her university to finish an article titled “Confucius Institutes in the Xi Jinping Era: From Peak to Demise in the United States,” to be included in Drs. Xiaobing Li and Qiang Fang, eds., *China Under Xi Jinping: A New Assessment* (Leiden University Press, forthcoming in 2024).

Dr. En Li, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Texas at Dallas, published her first book, *Betting on the Civil Service Examinations: The Lottery in Late Qing China* (Harvard University Asia Center, 2023).

Dr. Li started the new position as assistant professor in Modern East Asian History at the University of Texas at Dallas in Fall 2023.



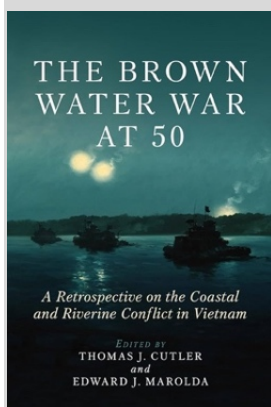


Dr. Xiaobing Li, Professor of History and the Don Betz Endowed Chair in International Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma, published a book in September 2023: *China's New Navy: The Evolution of PLAN from the People's Revolution to a 21st Century Cold War* (Annapolis, MD: Naval Institute Press, 2023).

Dr. Li also published "China's Support to the Vietnamese Communists," in *The Brown Water War at 50: A Retrospective on the Coastal and Riverine Conflict in Vietnam*, eds. Culter and Marolda (Annapolis, MD: Naval Institute Press, 2023) and "Chinese Military History Research in the Past Forty Years," *Journal of War and Society* 42 (Issue 2, 2023).

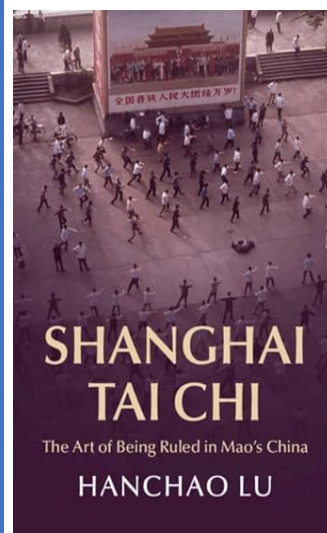
Dr. Li was invited with Drs. Yang Zhiguo and Fang Qiang to lecture at Ji'nan University, Guangzhou, June 6-19. As one of the keynote speakers, Li presented "Japan's Occupation of China: Impact, Memory, and Geopolitics" at the annual National Museum of the Pacific War Symposium on September 15-16. He talked about his new book at the Naval Institute on September 20-21. He also lectured on the Korean War at Air War College on October 11-12.

Dr. Li participated the "James Gao's Scholarship and Academic Achievements Roundtable," chaired by Dr. Sun Yi and joined by Drs. Hou Xiaojia, Patrick F. Shan, and Fang Qiang, at ACPSS annual conference at Pacific Lutheran University on October 21-23, 2023. The roundtable panelists also displayed books and articles authored by James Z. Gao at the conference.

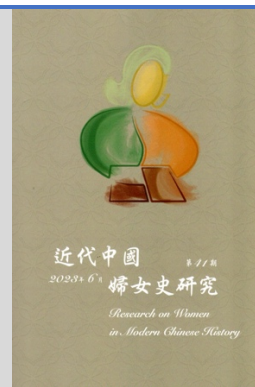
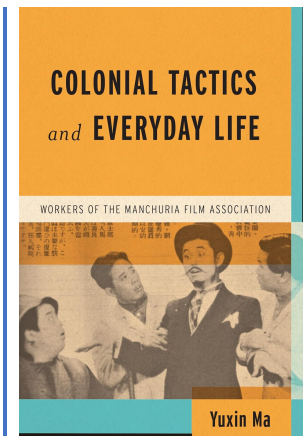


Dr. Hanchao Lu, Professor of History at Georgia Institute of Technology, has published a monograph, *Shanghai Tai Chi: The Art of being Ruled in Mao's China* (Cambridge University Press, 2023).

Shanghai Tai Chi offers a masterful portrait of daily urban life under socialism in a rich social and political history of one of the world's most complex cities. Hanchao Lu explores the lives of people from all areas of society - from capitalists and bourgeois intellectuals to women and youth. Utilizing the metaphor of Tai Chi, he reveals how people in Shanghai experienced and adapted to a new Maoist political culture from 1949. Exploring the multifaceted complexity of everyday life and material culture in Mao's China, Lu addresses the survival of old bourgeois lifestyles under the new proletarian dictatorship, the achievements of intellectuals in an age of anti-intellectualism, the pleasure that urban youth derived from reading taboo literature, the emergence of women's liberation and the politics of greening and horticulture. This captivating, epitomizing, and vivid history transports readers to history as lived on Shanghai's streets and back alleyways.



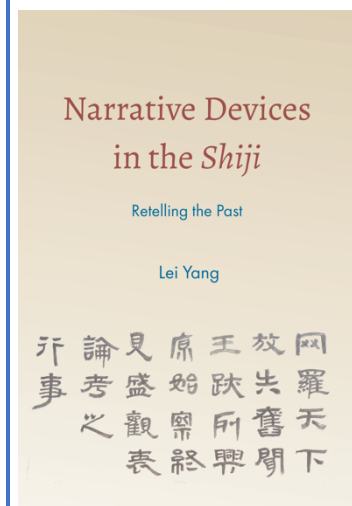
Dr. Yuxin Ma, Professor of East Asian History at the University of Louisville, published a monograph, titled *Colonial Tactics and Everyday Life: Workers of the Manchuria Film Association* (University of Wisconsin Press in 2023).

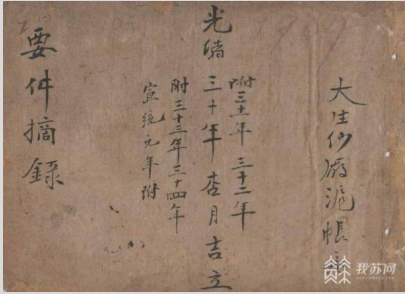


Julia Haoran Ni, PhD candidate of History at the University of Kansas, published “‘Unqualified’ and ‘Licentious’ *Nü Xiaozhang* in Republican China: Sexism toward Professional Women in School Leadership Positions,” *Research on Women in Modern Chinese History* (THCI), no. 41 (June 2023): 125-178.

Dr. Lei Yang, Assistant Professor of Chinese at the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, Carleton College, published *Narrative Devices in the Shiji: Retelling the Past* (New York: State University of New York Press, 2024).

Narrative Devices in the Shiji: Retelling the Past offers the first systematic analysis of narratives in early Chinese historical writings from 400 BCE to 100 CE, with a focus on the *Shiji* (Records of the Historian), a vast collection of historical accounts completed by Sima Qian (145–86 BCE). For centuries, the dominant approach to the *Shiji* has been to infer Sima's intentions from his biographical experiences and subsequently project them back into the text. This has caused the import of the work to be overshadowed by Sima's tragedy of castration, and has minimized the question of how narrative as a form affects the text's interpretation. Lei Yang fills the gap by exploring how Sima manipulated the *Shiji*'s narrative structure to represent the past. Drawing on Gérard Genette's narratological theories, the book examines how sequences of events build causality, what is slowed down and sped up to manage information control, and how the text provides multiple perspectives on the same events. Redefining the *Shiji*'s place as a turning point in Chinese textual history, *Narrative Devices in the Shiji* sheds light on the evolution of early Chinese historiography. As an interdisciplinary dialogue between Chinese texts and the Western theories, it opens the *Shiji* to new interpretations and provides a novel framework for Chinese historical writings.

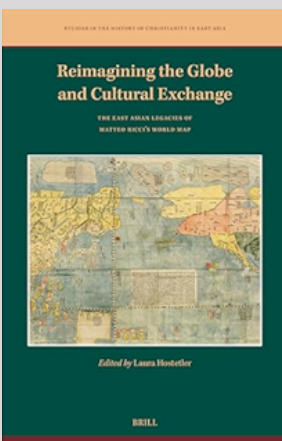
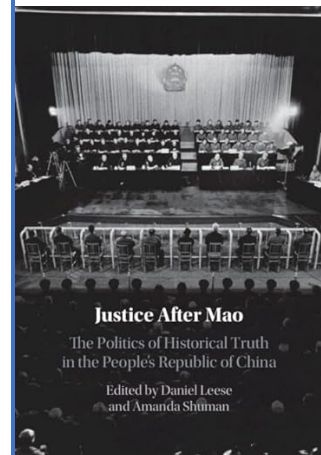




Dr. Qin Shao, Professor of History at the College of New Jersey, presented her research, “Nantong Modernity: from Institutions to Exhibitions” at the 7th International Symposium on Zhang Jian, November 3-5, 2023, Nantong, China.

Dr. Zhaojin Zeng, Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy, and Geography at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, contributed a chapter, titled “Between Revolution and Law: Merchant Families’ Struggles for Property Rights and Justice under Mao and Deng, 1949–1984,” in Daniel Leese and Amanda Shuman ed., *Justice After Mao: The Politics of Historical Truth in the People's Republic of China* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023), 23-44.

This book presents ground-breaking, original research that examines the question of historical justice in post-Mao China when the Communist Party attempted to redress political victims' grievances and financial losses occurring under Mao. The volume explores complex questions of property restitution, state-local interactions, and the pursuit of truth and justice. Chapters also reveal how various actors remember the period in the present. The post-Mao period provides a lens through which to view strategies for coping with a violent past under state socialism, highlighting how selectively applied approaches now associated with the concept of transitional justice may even serve to strengthen rather than subvert authoritarian rule.



Dr. Qiong Zhang, Associate Professor of History at Wake Forest University, published an article titled, “Parallels, Engagement, and Integration: The Ricci Maps and Their Afterlives in Ming-Qing China as a Case Study of Intertwined Global Early Modernity.” It appeared as chapter 4 in a peer-reviewed edited volume, *Reimagining the Globe and Cultural Exchange: The East Asian Legacies of Matteo Ricci's World Map*, edited by Laura Hostetler, 95-136. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill. January 25, 2024. The Open-Access edition of this entire volume is available at: <https://brill.com/edcollbook-oa/title/68461>