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I CHUS BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

2022 CHUS Business Report

Yi Sun

As we are only a month and half into the Year of the Rabbit, I would like to use this occasion to wish our CHUS colleagues and friends a Happy, Healthy, and Successful Year! On behalf of the other CHUS board members – Drs. Dan Du, Xiaoxiao Li, Mao Lin, and Qiong Zhang, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to all our members for your trust and support during the past year, and for giving us the opportunity to serve our beloved organization. Personally, I want to express my most profound appreciation to my fellow board members, whose diligence, conscientiousness, and dedication are truly inspiring, and whose hard work, individually and collectively, is invaluable in strengthening our organization.

I also wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support of the past presidents of CHUS. I have often reached out to them for help and advice, which they have invariably provided with graciousness and generosity. It is noteworthy that seven of our past presidents attended the 2023 AHA-CHUS conference in Philadelphia this January, including Drs. Qiang Fang, Xiaobing Li, Hanchao Lu, Patrick Shan, Xi Wang, Zhiguo Yang, and Ping Yao. Their continued support, as well as that of many others, is indispensable to the growth of CHUS.

Additionally, we are indebted to Dr. Xiaobing Li who has done an incredible job as the editor-in-chief of the *Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) that has featured the articles of many CHUS members. His efforts have also led to the doubling of the journal's page count for future issues, thus giving more members opportunities to publish their scholarly articles. Meanwhile, Dr. Patrick Shan has filed the tax returns to the IRS on behalf of CHUS for the past fifteen years – an invaluable service to our organization. Our thanks also go to Lejiu Sun, who has spent a great deal of time drafting, revising, and finalizing the CHUS logo with a self-funded software.

During the past year, the board members have worked to fulfill our respective and collective duties and responsibilities with a sense of purpose and spirit of service. We held four zoom meetings in addition to communicating regularly and frequently to stay in close contact with one another, put forward new ideas, and respond to certain situations in a timely manner.

Qiong Zhang's tireless efforts as the conference coordinator yielded the most remarkable outcome – ten CHUS-sponsored quality panels and roundtables with many participating in a CHUS event for the first time, in addition to organizing the first-ever CHUS Book Launch event. She has already started the process of coordinating for the 2024 AHA-CHUS Conference in San Francisco. Mao Lin has worked diligently to expand and update the CHUS membership, send reminders to colleagues regarding their membership status, and ensure the timely delivery of the *Chinese Historical Review* to current and eligible members. Xiaoxiao Li has 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, making prompt payments to the CRH publisher and other payees. Shouyue Zhang, who served as the newsletter editor and website manager during the first half of 2022, did a wonderful job in facilitating the first two History

Matters talks and publishing the first issue of the newsletter last year. Dan Du, who won the special election to replace Shouyue, has put her technological savvy to the best use by enhancing CHUS's social media outreach with the establishment of its twitter account and revitalization of its Facebook page, aside from facilitating the third History Matters roundtable and publishing the second issue of the CHUS newsletter.

History Matters Series

During 2022, the Board initiated a virtual program by organizing three online activities. Dr. Guoqi Xu gave the inaugural talk on "International Sports, China, and the World" on February 19 (U.S. time), the day of the closing ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics. On April 23, Dr. Yunxiang Gao presented " 'Arise, Ye Who Refuse to be Bond Slaves:' Paul Robeson, 'The Black King of Songs' and China" with Dr. Xi Wang serving as its moderator. On October 25, Drs. Xiaobing Li, Ping Yao, and Zhaohui Hong, three prolific writers, shared with CHUS members their valuable experiences in getting their scholarly works published. All three events were well attended, with the audiences numbering somewhere between 150 to over 200.

Committee Reports

1) Special Election Committee:

Shouyue Zhang had to resign from his position due to the change of his academic plans that moved him away from the U.S.. In compliance with the state and federal regulations requiring all board members of organizations such as CHUS to have permanent US addresses, a special election was held under the oversight of a board-appointed election committee consisting of Drs. Xiaobing Li (chair), Patrick Shan, and Shuhua Fan. The hard work of the special election committee, including issuing the call for nominations and self-nominations, confirming the nominees' candidacy, collecting their biographical information and statements, sending out the ballots via email, and finally tallying the votes, led to the successful election of Dr. Dan Du, who has served as the new newsletter editor and website manager since July 2022.

2) CHUS Academic Excellence Award Selection Committee

The committee was composed of Drs. Pingchao Zhu (chair), Zhiguo Yang, and Dewen Zhang. After spending a great deal of time soliciting nominations and self-nominations and evaluating the outstanding works of the nominees, they decided to recommend Drs. Victor Seow and Yunxiang Gao as the two recipients of the 2022 award. The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the CHUS Board of Directors. We extend our wholehearted appreciation to the three committee members for their arduous efforts and dedication, along with our warm congratulations to Drs. Seow and Gao for their outstanding scholarly accomplishments.

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. Pingchao Zhu 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. Pingzhao Zhu.

To keep CHUS members informed of the selection process based on CHUS Bylaws, the reports by the three aforementioned committees will be published in this issue of *CHUS 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. With profound gratitude to the donors, we report that, in 2022, the Fund was used to support the Book Launch at the AHA-CHUS conference and fund the two Academic Excellence awards. In addition, the Fund provided a token of support to an edited volume on Sino-American relations, which is edited by Drs. Xiaobing Li and Qiang Fang and contributed to by a number of CHUS members, for its commemoration of James. The Fund also helped to defray partial postage for mailing the book *Teaching History in America*, edited by Drs. Ping Yao and Xi Wang and contributed to by thirty-one CHUS members. The book, containing a chapter of James' as well as his handwritten notes and photos, is dedicated to his memory. The Board appropriated a small amount of the Fund for an editorial service necessary to fine tune an article by James before its publication in the *Chinese Historical Review*.

More recently, in January 2023, the Board decided to fund the proposals of Dr. Xiaobing Li who will display James' scholarly works at two academic conferences – those of the Chinese Military History Society (CMHS), and Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences (ACPSS), in addition to organizing roundtable discussion on the legacy of James Gao at ACPSS.

Plans and Prospects in 2023

Looking ahead, the Board plans to take, or has taken, the following initiatives:

1. Having received the approval by the majority vote of the attending members at the CHUS Business Meeting at the AHA in Philadelphia on January 6, 2023, the Board will take on the responsibility of revising the CHUS Bylaws.
2. We will continue to organize several History Matters events
3. We will make more effective use of the CHUS social platforms and other venues, whenever possible, to promote the scholarship and other activities of CHUS members.
4. We hope to build on last year's momentum and organize quality panels and roundtables at the 2024 AHA-CHUS conference.
5. Formulate an official Regulation on the use of the James Gao Memorial Fund (please see the Regulation in this newsletter for details).
6. Establish a CHUS Engagement Program for the purpose of enhancing our outreach effort to expand our membership, better serve the interests of all CHUS members, especially those of our graduate students and young scholars. The Board has appointed Dr. Ren Yi

(lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania) as the first director of the program (please see the Statement on the Engagement Program in this newsletter for details).

2022 CHUS Secretary Report

Mao Lin

The Secretary of CHUS is primarily responsible for managing CHUS membership. During 2022, I focused on several activities aimed at managing and growing CHUS membership. Working with the data handed over by the previous Secretary, I reorganized and streamlined the membership list. 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.

CHUS board directors worked diligently to recruit new members and retain existing members. By the end of 2022, we have more than 60 active members. Meanwhile, we maintain contact with some ex-members of CHUS, many of whom expressed the desire to rejoin CHUS.

2022 CHUS Financial Report

Xiaoxiao Li

Balance Summary

Starting Balance:

As of January 31, 2022

Chase Bank Checking Account: \$24,295.00

Chase Bank Savings Account (James Gao Fund): \$22,329.17

Total: \$ 46,624.17

Ending Balance:

As of December 13, 2022

Chase Bank Checking Account: \$28,833.22 **(\$28,486.98 by 2/3/2023)**

Chase Bank Savings Account (James Gao Fund): \$21,780.84 **(-\$168.76=\$21612.08 by 2/3/2023)**

Total: \$50,614.06 (\$50099.06 by 2/3/2023)

Expenditures between January 31 to December 2, 2022

Checking Account:

2/28/2022: \$2625.00 (paid to Routledge Taylor & Francis Group for The Chinese Historical Review)

3/09/2022: \$137.80 (paid to Shan Fuliang for CHUS trophy awards 2021)

3/15/2022: \$24.99 (Cong Xiaoping for CHUS domain)

8/22/2022: \$20.00 (for CHUS internet)

9/14/2022: \$375.00 (for AHA 2023 Annual Conference CHUS panels facility)
12/01/2022: \$15.00 (domestic incoming wire fee)
12/08/2022: \$15.00 (domestic incoming wire fee)

Savings Account:

9/02/2022: \$500.00 (paid to Xiaobing Li for AHA 2023 Book Reception)
11/07/2022: \$150.00 (paid to Xiaobing Li for editing James Gao's article)
12/12/2022: \$168.76 (paid to Ping Yao for USPS mailing fee)
Total: \$4,031.55

Revenues:

Checking Account:

Checking Account: \$2779.77 (royalty payment by Routledge Taylor & Francis Group for The Chinese Historical Review) *
Checking Account: \$5410.00 (CHUS membership fees)**

Total: \$8189.77

*Actual amount received by CHUS is \$2779.77, \$25.00 less than \$2804.77. This \$25.00 should be the transfer cost.

**Including \$1080.00 from Xiaojia Hou when she closed CHUS account and mailed the rest of checks from CHUS members.

2022 CHUS Conference Report

Qiong Zhang

The first near-normal (in-person, mask-on) meeting at the AHA since the pandemic outbreak, this year's AHA saw the largest crowd of CHUS members participating. With ten sessions and three events, the CHUS program stretched across two and a half days.

The three events include the CHUS Book Launch and Business Meeting, on Friday Jan. 6 (7-8pm and 8-10pm respectively) and the dinner gathering on Saturday Jan. 7. Professor Xiaobing Li put forward the first idea for a Book Launch event as a venue to showcase publications that were dedicated to the legacy of James Gao (1948 –2021). The CHUS board decided to broaden the scope of the event by inviting all CHUS members who had published books in the previous three years and were able to travel to the AHA to showcase their new works. Professors Qiang Fang, Yunxiang Gao, Xiaobing Li, Di Luo, Victor Seow, Yi Sun, Tao Wang, Xi Wang, Ping Yao, and Guolin Yi responded to our call and briefly introduced their new books or (co)edited volumes at this event.

The ten CHUS conference sessions include seven paper panels and three roundtables, one of which was co-sponsored by the AHA. The detailed program may be viewed or downloaded at the following CHUS webpage: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/aha-2023/> On behalf of the CHUS Board, I would like to thank the organizers, chairs, speakers, and discussants of these sessions for their extraordinary efforts, which collectively made our program such a rich and stimulating intellectual feast. I was overwhelmed by the diverse fields of scholarship and pedagogy and the cutting-edge historiographical approaches represented in our program, the

urgent relevance of many of our discussions to the wider AHA community, the continuing trail-blazing endeavors of our senior CHUS members, including seven past presidents, and the exciting cohort of young faculty and graduate student participants, who demonstrated such an amazing array of intellectual interests and talents. Our sessions consistently attracted excellent attendance, counting among their audiences many general attendees of the AHA ranging from history professors, independent scholars, retirees, and even high school students. I was heartened as well by the outpouring of friendship and camaraderie seen at these sessions and during our social events, including the dinner gathering on Saturday night, as old CHUS members reconnected with one another in person after three years of relative isolation and welcomed so many new colleagues and friends into their midst. Together, our conference sessions and events reconfirmed to the wider community of historians at the AHA the high professional standards, scholarly conscience, and institutional solidarity that CHUS has aspired to uphold as an organization.

2022 CHUS Communication Report

Dan Du

My job is to edit CHUS newsletter, website, and social media. I compiled the CHUS summer newsletter in 2022, including lectures, election, conference, annual awards, and CHUS member news. CHUS members' accomplishments in research and teaching were fairly inspiring.

I created and managed CHUS official Twitter account from July 2022. The number of followers increased from a mere 8 to 70 in the second half of 2022. I also slightly updated the CHUS website and Facebook account, in terms of their content and format.

We held a CHUS-sponsored publication forum in October 2022. I made the poster, helped promote the event in social media, and managed the Zoom meeting.



II 2022 COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHUS Special Election Committee Report

We, the three members, as shown below, organized the Special Election Committee in early May 2022, upon the approval of the CHUS Board. As you all know, the purpose of this special election is to fill the vacancy of the position of the Newsletter Editor. During mid-May, the committee drafted a call for nominations. Soon after, the committee sent this call out via emails to CHUS members seeking nominations/self-nominations.

By the deadline of June 10, the committee received three nominations (alphabetically according to surnames): Dr. Dan Du, Ms. Lejiu Sun, and Dr. Dongyu Yang. The committee contacted the CHUS Secretary, Professor Mao Lin, who confirmed that all of the nominees are active members. Then, the committee contacted the three nominees and asked each of them to submit a short statement for self-introduction.

The committee sent out the ballot along with three short statements to CHUS members via email on June 13. The committee set the deadline for receiving votes on July 1. By this deadline, the committee has received 27 votes. Dr. Dan Du is elected a new member of the CHUS Board.

Finally, we are glad that this special election is now over. On our part, we will keep all the votes for three months and we would like to answer questions if there are any. More importantly, as committee members, we want to express our gratitude to the CHUS Board for trusting us, supporting us, and assisting us during this special election in the past two months. Of course, we are thankful to CHUS members for their participation in this special election.

The three members of
the CHUS Special Election Committee
(May-July 2022):

Shuhua Fan
Patrick Shan
Xiaobing Li (Chair)

2022 CHUS Academic Excellence Award Committee Report

For the 2022 CHUS Academic Excellence Award review and selection process the Committee on Academic Excellence Award (Committee henceforth) sent out two calls for nomination/self-nomination and received a total of Four nominations, including three self-nominations and one nomination. They are listed below:

1. Candidates (Nomination and Self-nomination)

- 1) **Dr. Yunxiang Gao**, Department of History, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Book: *Arise, Africa! Roar, China! Black and Chinese Citizens of the World in the Twentieth Century*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, December 2021.

2) **Dr. Victor Seow**, Department of History, Harvard University

Book: *Carbon Technocracy: Energy Regimes in Modern East Asia*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, April 2022

3) **Dr. Aihua Zhang**, Department of History, Gardner-Webb University

Book: *The Beijing Young Women's Christian Association, 1927-1937*, Lexington Books, November 2021

4) **Dr. Di Luo**, Department of History, University of Alabama (nominated by Dr. Liyan Liu)

Book: *Beyond Citizenship, Literacy and Personhood in Everyday China, 1900-1945*, Brill, September. 2022

There is no 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. One of the nominees kindly sent a hard copy of her book and the three sent in e-books to the committee. The three members of the Committee began the review process on November 1, 2022, through reading and evaluating respective scholarly contributions to the academic community and general public. The Committee wants to recognize the scholarly commitment of our nominated (self-nominated) CHUS members, appreciate their academic efforts in professional development and applaud their valuable contributions to respective fields of study.

2. Recommendations

After careful evaluation and thoughtful deliberation of all four publications, the Committee is hereby recommending the following two books:

1) *Carbon Technocracy: Energy Regimes in Modern East Asia* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, April 2022) by **Dr. Victor Seow**, Department Of History, Harvard University

Featured by the publisher as “a forceful reckoning with the relationship between energy and power through the history of what was once East Asia’s largest coal mine,” Dr. Seow’s hefty monograph provides a brilliant account of modern energy extraction in Fushun, China’s coal capital, by three state powers, the Japanese empire, the Nationalists, and the Communists. Especially interesting is Seow’s analysis of the structure of “Carbon Technocracy” where energy extraction was exploited to build and strengthen state power. Accordingly, the author scrutinizes a few important issues relating to the coal mining industry including the roots of fossil-fuel energy and the environmental and political consequences, which shaped the state policies in China and political order of East Asia. Thoughtfully argued and lucidly written, the book has drawn on an impressive range of research materials, including English sources and those from

Japan and China. Seow's study is not only a case study of global history of science and technology but also one of state policy and political environment of China and East Asia. Scholars in different fields of study will find Professor Seow's book both informative and enlightening.

- 2) *Arise, Africa! Roar, China! Black and Chinese Citizens of the World in the Twentieth Century* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, December 2021) by **Dr. Yunxiang Gao**, Department of History, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Receiving Honorable Mention from a couple of scholarly associations, Dr. Gao's book is a transnational and transcultural history against the background of the turbulent decades of World War II and the ensuing Cold War. It tells a vibrant story of the unique relationship between three of the most famous twentieth-century African Americans, W. E. B. Du Bois, Paul Robeson, and Langston Hughes, their little-known Chinese allies Liu Liangmo, and Sino-Caribbean dancer-choreographer Sylvia Si-lan Chen. Intriguingly, this well-researched study detailed activities of these five protagonists who "strove in their own way to create a politicized transpacific and enable global communication between African Americans and Chinese." Through an exhaustive archival research, insightful and measured analysis, the author explores a few important and intertwines themes in Black internationalism, racial solidarity against racism and colonial oppression to bear on this complicated subject across regions in East Asia, North America, and Africa. As the author indicates, the book showcases the formative effects on not only "Chinese views of the Black diaspora" but also "African American views of China's place in an emergent imaginary of anticolonial and racial liberation."

Both scholars are commendable for their remarkable contribution to historical research and development. The Committee reached a consensus to support these two scholarships for the 2022 CHUS Academic Excellence Award.

Sincerely,
CHUS Committee for Academic Excellence Award

2022 CHUS Distinguished Service Award Committee Report

We are grateful to all of you for your trust in us to organize 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 2022 after the board appointed us to do so. Subsequently, the call for the nomination was sent two times via CHUS email network with the deadline set on November 1, 2022.

The committee had received four nominations with the four following nominees (in an alphabetical order): Dr. George Hong, Dr. Patrick Shan, Ms. Lejiu Sun, and Dr. Pingchao Zhu. All the three committee members received those nominations at the same time. Dr. Liyan Liu, the chair, then sent an email to each of those nominees to express our sincere thanks on behalf of the committee. She also sent an email to each of the four nominees for confirmation of his/her acceptance of the nomination on behalf of the committee. Dr. George Hong and Dr. Patrick Shan declined the nomination. We expressed our appreciation to them for their modesty as well as their service, but we also respected their wishes.

As a committee, we three have felt that all of the nominees have made great contributions to our organization and indeed deserve our special recognition. However, our tradition only allows us to select one winner except in special cases, two winners. Needless to say, this was a very hard decision to make.

After our careful discussion, the committee members voted and selected the winner from the list. Dr. Pingchao Zhu is recommended for this year's award. The rationale is that she has served our organization for a long time, and indeed has made her great contributions to the CHUS.

Besides having served on many committees for the CHUS in the past years, Professor Zhu has served and chaired the Committee for Academic Excellence under at least four CHUS presidents (under Drs. Xiaobing Li, Qiang Fang, Zhiguo Yang, and now Yi Sun). In this committee, Professor Zhu and her hard working colleagues spent a lot of time reading, reviewing, and recommending promising scholarships of our CHUS members. She was also a CHUS Board member between 2005 and 2007. She often participated in the CHUS organized activities and contributed to the organization in various ways. Overall, she is a distinguished member and a long-term servant of the CHUS.

Henceforth, as this year's committee members, we now formally submit our recommendation to the CHUS Board for approval in order to bestow this year's distinguished service award upon Dr. Pingchao Zhu.

We are very grateful to Dr. Pingchao Zhu for her valuable services to CHUS.

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III 2022 CHUS FORUM ON PUBLICATION

We invited Drs. Ping Yao, Xiaobing Li, and Zhaohui Hong to hold an online forum on how to publications and fellowship applications on October 22, 2022. This event attracted over 150 participants, and it was a great success.

After the event, Dr. Qiong Zhang and the three speakers compiled their talks into a document, which we shared on CHUS website.

**学问的出版与出版的学问：
在美国出书的酸甜苦辣**

**如何以编辑为友？
如何与同仁合作？**

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IV CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024 CHUS-AHA

Qiong Zhang

Dear All,

I hope this message finds you and yours doing very well!

I am writing with a second call for session proposals for the CHUS program at the 2024 AHA, which will be held in **San Francisco on Jan. 4- 7, 2024**. I will also take this opportunity to clarify a couple of things in response to questions I recently received.

The CHUS board is seeking proposals of FULLY ORGANIZED roundtables or paper panels for the 2024 AHA. CHUS will be offering two kinds of sponsorships at the conference:

1. Co-sponsorship of a session with the AHA program committee.
2. Solo CHUS sponsorship of a session.

What are the differences between these two types of sponsorship and their respective submission methods and membership requirements?

1. If you would like to propose a panel or roundtable as **a session co-sponsored by CHUS and AHA**, please submit your proposal to me for a *pre-vetting and endorsement* by the CHUS Board **no later than Friday February 10**. **If your session receives the endorsement from CHUS**, you, as the session organizer, will be responsible for submitting your session proposal directly to the AHA program committee at its website -- <https://www.historians.org/proposals> -- **by the official AHA deadline of Wednesday February 15, 2023**. While filling the AHA online session proposal submission form, 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 facilitate the AHA acceptance of your proposal, as the committee will know that there is already a substantial audience for your session.

Membership requirements for AHA-CHUS co-sponsored sessions:

- A. AHA membership: An AHA-CHUS co-sponsored session is considered as a regular AHA session for all administrative purposes. The regular AHA membership requirements apply in this case, namely, all participants in an AHA session (chairs/discussants included) who are US-based historians must carry an active AHA membership. International scholars and US-based scholars whose professional fields are not in the discipline of history are exempted from this requirement.
- B. CHUS membership: For CHUS to co-sponsor a session with the AHA, besides considering the proposed session's intellectual merit, CHUS also requires that the **majority of its speakers who are historians be CHUS members at the time of**

the proposal submission. “Speakers” here refers to either roundtable participants or paper presenters. Speakers from outside the discipline of history and the session’s chair and discussant need NOT be CHUS members. CHUS charges no conference fees to non-CHUS members participating in an AHA-CHUS jointly sponsored session.

2. If you wish to propose a paper or roundtable session **with a solo CHUS sponsorship**, please submit your proposals to me no later than **Sunday April 23**. Your proposed session will be primarily vetted by the CHUS Board and secondarily by the AHA program committee. If accepted, your session will appear in the programs of AHA Affiliated Societies, listed under Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). While the space allocated for displaying your session information will be limited (allowing for listing only the title of your session, titles of individual papers, and name of presenters, plus around 90 words for your session description), we will insert a weblink in your session abstract which will lead the online AHA program users to reach the full description of your session (including your full session abstract and individual paper abstracts) on our CHUS-AHA conference program page at the CHUS website. (This website <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/> is currently going through reconstruction and should be available soon.)

Membership requirements:

- A. Active AHA membership is **NOT** required for participants of sessions sponsored by CHUS alone;
- B. CHUS membership: please see the relevant entry under the detailed instructions for sessions seeking CHUS’ solo sponsorship below.

Detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit your proposal:

To prepare your session proposal for CHUS and AHA **co-sponsorship**, please consult the information in the AHA Call for Proposals at <https://www.historians.org/proposals>.

Below are instructions pertaining to sessions proposed **for CHUS’ solo sponsorship only**:

1. Session Format: Proposed sessions can follow either of two formats:
 - 1) a paper panel, consisting of three or four presenters, a chair, and a discussant. Sessions with four presenters may choose to go without a discussant. Please note that a presenter can also chair a session in which s/he presents but not serve as its discussant; and the two service roles (as chair and discussant) can be played by the same individual.
 - 2) a roundtable with a chair and 3-6 participants.

For both formats: *Except for extenuating circumstances, the same individual should not play ONLY service roles in more than one session.*
2. Themes and Composition of proposed sessions: Session topics may concern any fields of historical scholarship, historiography, and pedagogy. Interdisciplinary topics with a solid historical component are also welcome, as are roundtable focusing on issues of broad

concern to CHUS members, such as historical pedagogy, research resources, and methodologies.

We encourage session organizers to consider inviting a mix of participants at different stages of their career, especially our student members.

3. **Active membership or CHUS conference fee:** In general, active CHUS membership is required of all paper presenters or roundtable participants in a session with solo CHUS sponsorship, but *non-members are also very welcome to participate* in such sessions provided that they pay a conference fee of \$40 to CHUS to help it cover expenses paid to the AHA for the use of the conference room and other associated AHA services and to the hosting hotels for A/V rentals. This fee *will be waived* for non-member student participants and for all individuals in such sessions who are on service roles only (as chairs and/or discussants).

We appreciate session organizers to help the CHUS board enforce this requirement. Active CHUS membership or CHUS registration fee payment needs to be verified by **May 15** (or within two weeks of CHUS board's session proposal acceptance notification, whichever is later).

4. **Clarifications regarding AHA Membership and Conference Registration:** According to the rules published on the AHA website, participants in a session with solo CHUS sponsorship are NOT required to be active AHA members. However, all participants in such sessions are required to register for the AHA conference. This AHA registration fee is not to be confused with the CHUS conference fee of \$40 charged to non-member, non-student paper presenters or roundtable participants on a CHUS panel.
5. What to include on your 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.

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 on a proposed session. **Once a panel has been accepted into our AHA program, 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 participant to deliver papers or comments or chairing a panel on their behalf. Failure to do so will result in a 3-year suspension from CHUS-organized AHA panels.

We regret that we will not be able to accept individual paper proposals. However, if you wish to present a paper and are looking for co-panelists, please let us know, and we would be happy to circulate your “call for co-panelists” using CHUS group emails and our social media outlets.

Wishing you all a fabulous spring!

ZHANG Qiong, on behalf of the CHUS Board

V THE JAMES GAO MEMORIAL FUND REGULATIONS

CHUS Board of Directors, February 20, 2023

Whereas the James Gao Memorial Fund was established to commemorate the scholarship, teaching, and service of Dr. Gao; and

Whereas Dr. Gao was a founding member and beloved colleague of the Chinese Historians in the United States; and

Whereas the donors of the fund allowed the Board of Directors of the Chinese Historians in the United States to use its discretion in allocating and expending the fund; and

Whereas the donors of the fund expressed their desire to use the fund in such ways as to promote the research, teaching, and service conducted by the members of the Chinese Historians in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Regulated by the Board of Directors of the Chinese Historians in the United States, That the Board approves and supports the use of the James Gao Memorial Fund in the following ways as listed here.

- 1) The James Gao Memorial Fund shall be used to provide two research awards and one service award annually to members of the Chinese Historians in the United States (hereafter CHUS). The amount of each award must not exceed 200 US dollars. The awards must be distributed as reimbursable expenses. If fewer than three awards are granted in any given year, the amount of each award must not exceed 200 US dollars. If special circumstances dictate more than three awards in any given year, the total amount of the awards must not exceed 600 US dollars, and the Board of Directors shall use its discretion in determining the amount of each award. Nominated candidates should follow the existing CHUS regulations of the research and service awards.
- 2) The James Gao Memorial Fund shall be used to provide one Graduate Student Research Travel Grant up to 500 US dollars annually. Applicants must be active members of CHUS. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Selection Committee of three members that will choose the final recipient of the grant. Priority will be given to applicants who need to conduct research trips for their theses, dissertations, or major research projects. Graduate students whose papers have been accepted by AHA, AAS, or AAS regional/summer conference for presentation can also apply. Applicants should submit a research proposal, a curriculum vitae, and proof of their graduate student status. Applicants should also submit proof of acceptance of their papers when applicable. Details of the application package will be determined by the Board of Directors separately. The application deadline is November 1, and the grant must be spent by November 1 the following year.
- 3) The recipients of the awards and grants should scan all travel related receipts into a single computer file and send it to the treasurer of CHUS for reimbursement after the completion of travel. The recipients should keep the original receipts for one year after the submission for reimbursement for accounting purposes.

- 4) The James Gao Memorial Fund shall be used to subsidize the annual special event organized by the Board of Directors or individual member(s) of CHUS during the annual AHA meeting. The acceptable types of special event include, but not limited to, book launches, workshops, keynote speakers, and other activities aimed at promoting and facilitating research, teaching, and service of CHUS members. The fund shall pay up to 400 US dollars to cover the cost of the annual special event. The special event does not include the annual business meeting of CHUS.
- 5) The James Gao Memorial Fund shall be used to subsidize the publication of edited volumes or special journal issues when applicable. Those publications must be peer-reviewed and academic in nature. The publications should be organized by the Board of Directors or individual member(s) of CHUS, and participants must be active CHUS members. The amount of the subsidies shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

Any revision of this regulation must be approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of CHUS.

VI CHUS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

CHUS Board of Directors
Ren Yi, Director of Engagement Program

Purpose:

The Engagement Program of the Chinese Historians in the United States (hereafter CHUS) is designed to support the organization in its interactions with, and service to, the various academic communities represented by members as well as the general public through venues appropriate to CHUS as a non-profit, apolitical organization. It also promotes the intellectual exchange within the organization and facilitates the research, teaching, and service of CHUS members, especially its graduate student members and those at the early stage of their career. By providing resources, opportunities, and support, the Engagement Program aims to help its members grow professionally and achieve their academic and career goals.

Program Director:

The Program Director of the Engagement Program, appointed by the Board of Directors of CHUS, serves as the primary manager and administrator of the program. The term is three years. The Program Director is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the program and reporting annually to the Board of Directors of CHUS. The report should include a review of the program's annual accomplishments, as well as a discussion of any challenges and opportunities for improvement. Working closely with the Board of Directors, the Program Director ensures that the program is aligned with the goals and mission of CHUS, and that it continues to evolve and grow in response to the needs and interests of CHUS members.

Program Fellows:

Active CHUS members who meet the program's criteria can join the Engagement Program. The 2-3 Program Fellows, chosen by the Program Director, help the Director accomplish the program's mission and participate in its events and initiatives.

The activities of the Engagement Program include, but not limited to:

- Interacting with senior CHUS members
- Recruiting new members and promoting CHUS
- Gathering resources for CHUS social media, newsletter, and other outreach activities
- Organizing academic activities regularly, with a special focus on graduate students and young scholars who graduated within 3 years
- Communicating with CHUS Board members about students' demands
- Priority access to CHUS organized events
- Submitting an annual report at the end of each year

VII 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 ch-review@iup.edu

VIII 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 (Email from Rachel Crook):

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.
3. 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): <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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- 5.If you encounter any difficulties please contact support@tandfonline.com.

IX CHUS MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Yinghong Cheng, Professor at Delaware State University, published two articles, “Quota, Class, and Political Violence in Mao’s China,” *Journal of Chinese History*, 2023, 1–24. “Taiwanese DNA vs. Chinese DNA: Genetic Science and National Identity Politics Across the Taiwan Straits,” *Modern Asian Studies* (First View, 2023): 1-26.



Dr. Jun Fang, Professor of History at Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario, published a co-authored article, “Chaiyao: A ‘Lost’ Porcelain Ware from Tenth-Century China,” *Chinese Historical Review*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (December 2022), pp. 115-129.

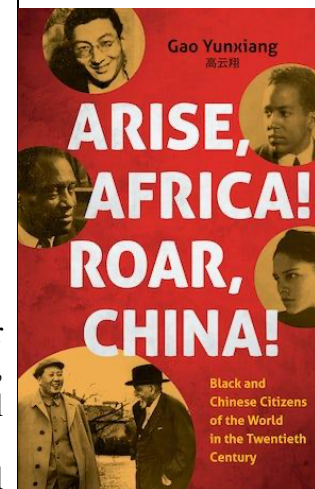
Earlier he presented a paper entitled “Qiu Jun’s (1421-1495) Ideas for Building a Strong Army” at the international conference (in honor of the work of Dr. Timothy Brook) on “How Is China Governed: From Ming Statecraft to Xi’s New Era” at the University of British Columbia, September 9-11, 2022.

He was also presented with the Huron University College Award for Outstanding Faculty Research for Tenured Professors on November 18, 2022.



Dr. Yunxiang Gao, Professor at Toronto Metropolitan University, received the following awards and recognitions for *Arise, Africa! Roar, China! Black and Chinese Citizens of the World in the Twentieth Century* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2021):

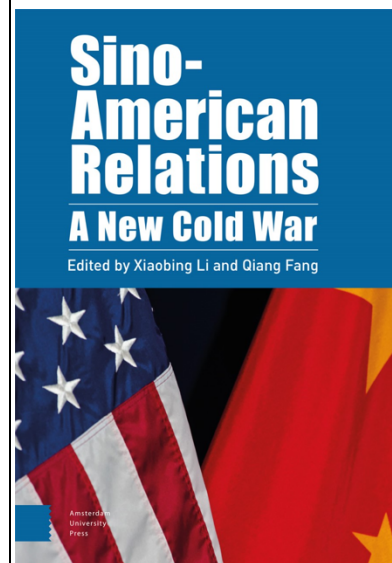
1. 2022 Academic Excellence Award of Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS).
2. *History Today*’s Books of the Year 2022.
3. Invited lecture: “‘Arise! Ye Who Refuse to be Bond Slaves:’ Paul Robeson, the Black King of Songs, and China,” Americas and the World seminar series, Institute of the Americas, University College London, October 19, 2022
4. Invited presentation on *Arise, Africa! Roar, China!* at “After Bandung: Africa and China in a New Era” Conference, International Security Studies (ISS), Yale University, April 2023.
5. Panelist: “Worlding of Blackness: A Global Dialogue,” Annual Meeting of American Studies Association, 2022.
6. Article referee for *American Historical Review*, 2022.



7. Commentator on 倪伟, “黄柳霜：刻在美国硬币上的华裔面孔，” *中国新闻 (China Newsweek)*, 64 (November 26, 2022): 60-64.
8. Radio and podcast interview: “Arise, Africa! Roar, China!” Late Night Live, ABC Radio National in Australia (September 7, 2022).
9. Podcast interview: “Arise, Africa! Roar, China!” *Millennials Are Killing Capitalism* (August 16, 2022).

Dr. Xiaobing Li, Professor of History and International Studies at University of Central Oklahoma, and Dr. Qiang Fang co-edited a new book, *Sino-American Relations: A New Cold War* (Netherland: Amsterdam University Press, Dec 2022). CHUS members contributed their chapters include Drs. Fuliang Shan, Jingyi Song, Zhiguo Yang, Pingchao Zhu, Xiaojia Hou, Guolin Yi, and Xiaoxiao Li. Dr. Li also published an article, “The Dragon’s Wing: The People’s Liberation Army Air Force’s Strategy,” *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* (Air War University, July-Aug 2022): 125-36; and two book reviews on Dillon, *Zhou Enlai: The Enigma behind Chairman Mao* (I. B. Taurus, 2020), *The Journal of Asian Studies* 81 (issue 2, 2022) and Marolda, *Admirals under Fire: The US Navy and the Vietnam War* (Texas Tech University Press, 2021), *Chinese Historical Review* (Nov 2022).

Dr. Li was invited to the National WWII Museum, New Orleans, LA, and gave two public speeches, “Chinese Nationalists and Communists: A ‘Unified’ Front” and “China’s War of Resistance,” at the International Conference on World War II on Nov 17-19, 2022.



Dr. Yunxin Li of Stanford University published an article, “Representations of Gender in Early Chinese Medicine: A Prehistory of *Fuke*,” *Bulletin of the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology*, Issue 9 (September 2022).

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Representations of Gender in Early Chinese Medicine: A Prehistory of *Fuke* 婦科*

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Dr. Patrick Fuliang Shan published two articles: “The Anti-Christian Movement Revisited: A Centennial Reflection,” *American Review of China Studies*, Vol. 23, no. 2, Fall 2022, 25-51. “From Admirer to Critic: Li Dazhao’s Changing Attitudes towards the United States,” in *Sino-American Relations: The New Cold War* (Amsterdam, Netherlands: The University of Amsterdam Press, 2022), 31-54.



Dr. Xu Xiaoqun, co-authored an article “State Finance, Merchant Stake, and Foreign Interests: The Certificate System in the Chinese Salt Administration, 1912–1949,” *Business History* (24 Aug 2022):1-22, available at <https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/WAP8DM68BNHTBUTRBGM/full?target=10.1080/00076791.2022.2105836>

It will be in print soon.

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State finance, merchant stake, and foreign interests: The certificate system in the Chinese salt administration, 1912–1949

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ABSTRACT

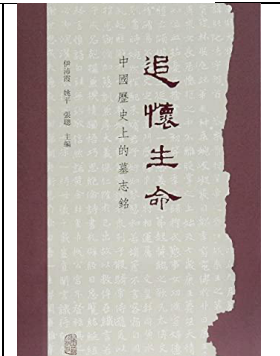
The certificate system was a tax farming system that originated in the imperial era. During the Republic of China (1912–1949) the practice largely continued, despite being much criticised. Aiming to explore how and why the system was able to survive until the late 1940s, this article addresses three related issues: the role of the foreign-managed Chief Inspectorate of Salt Revenue in the Chinese state finance, the fiscal relationship between the central and provincial/local governments, and the interactions between the state and salt merchants. These factors contextualise the resistance of salt merchants against the abolition of the certificate system. The Chinese state did not abolish the system due to a concern about possible disruptions to salt revenues. During the wartime Japanese occupation (1937–1945), the concern became irrelevant, with the collapse of the prewar salt transport and revenue collection remittance. After the war ended, the state simply ruled out a revival of the system.

KEYWORDS

Chinese salt administration; Chief Inspectorate of Salt Revenue; certificate system; salt merchants; central provincial fiscal relations; taxfarm; Nationalist Government; Second Sino-Japanese War

Dr. Ping Yao, Professor of History at California State University, Los Angeles, published the following books:

- 《中古探微：伊沛霞中国史研究》（美）伊沛霞著 姚平等编（上海古籍出版社，2022年）
- 《追怀生命：中国历史上的墓志铭》（简体版）（美）伊沛霞、姚平、张聪编（上海古籍出版社，2023年）
- 《书写自我：中国历史上的个人记述》（美）伊沛霞、张聪、姚平编（上海古籍出版社，2023年）



Dr. Qiong Zhang, associate professor of history at Wake Forest University, presented a paper, “Aristotelian Meteorology and the Art of War in Seventeenth-Century China,” at the international conference “ROMA SINICA III: Languages of Science between Western and Eastern Civilizations,” held in Pisa, Italy, on September 7-9, 2022; served as discussant for the panel, “Confucianism Enchanted: Narratives and Liturgies of Confucian Deities,” at the 2022 American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings (Denver, November 19-22), and participated in a CHUS-AHA co-sponsored roundtable session at the 2023 AHA (Philadelphia, January 5-8), titled “Bridging Cultural and Political Divides: Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Modern China as CHUS Historians in the Post-Pandemic World.”



She contributed a chapter to the pedagogical volume in Chinese edited by Prof. YAO Ping and WANG Xi, titled 《在美国教历史：从书桌到讲台》 (Teaching History in America: From Students to Professors), (Beijing University Press, 2022), and her article, “The Infrastructure of Science Making in Early Modern China,” appeared in *Asian Review of World Histories* (Vol. 11, No. 1 (Jan 2023): 90-129), as part of a special issue edited by Prof. Xin Zhang, titled *Special Forum: Approaches to Science, Technology, and Environment in Chinese History*.



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Abstract