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I. President Qiang Fang's 2018 Annual Report (Presented at the CHUS Business Meeting at the 2019 AHA)

Dear CHUS Members and Friends,

Happy Chinese New Year! The CHUS Board wishes all of you and yours have a happy, healthy, and productive year!

On January 5, 2019, the CHUS Board held its annual business meeting at the AHA conference in Chicago. The meeting started at 7pm and lasted until 9:30 pm at Palmer House Hilton. President Qiang Fang chaired the meeting, and gave an annual report. Dr. Danke Li, CHUS Conference Coordinator, and Dr. Dandan Chen, CHUS Secretary, were present, and presented their individual reports. Dr. Xiaojia Hou, CHUS Treasurer, and Dr. Shuhua Fan, CHUS Newsletter Editor and Web Manager, could not attend the meeting, but sent their annual reports to President Fang.

President-elect Professor Zhiguo Yang drove six hours to the board meeting to assume his new post as CHUS president for the next two years. Professor Yang joined the CHUS in the 1990s, and served as a board member before. We are very pleased to see Prof. Yang take the helm of the CHUS, and believe his rich experience and excellent skills will take the CHUS to a brighter future. (For Prof. Yang's plans for the CHUS, please see his presidential inaugural address).

Dr. Dandan Chen, Secretary, reported that the CHUS again enjoyed an increase of members since 2017. In particular, she praised many old CHUS members for their consistent support of the CHUS by sending three-year membership fees. Due to her family issues, Dr. Chen wants CHUS members to create paypal accounts that is not only quick but also secure. More important, money sent via paypal won't have a due date that checks have. But for those members who do not have paypal accounts, they can still send their checks to pay their membership fees. Because of Dr. Chen's invitation, several historians decided to join the CHUS, and several graduate students also attended the annual meeting.

Dr. Xiaojia Hou, Treasurer, reported that as of December 18, 2018, THE CHUS had a total of \$14,856.77 balance in account, which included the payment to Taylor & Francis for our journal. In the spring of 2019, Taylor & Francis should refund THE CHUS with royalties of Chinese Historical Review that should add around \$1000 to our bank account.

Dr. Danke Li, Conference Coordinator, reported that the CHUS sponsored three high-quality panels at the 2019 AHA annual conference in Chicago (For more details, please see the section on CHUS panels). In a meeting with AHA administrators, Dr. Li asked them to provide electronic devices to CHUS presenters to make powerpoint presentations. She also encouraged more CHUS members, especially junior historians and graduate students, to submit their proposals for the 2020 AHA conferences and to take advantage of the CHUS's affiliation with the AHA.

Dr. Shuhua Fan, Newsletter Editor and Web Manager, reported that in addition to cooperating with other board members for the general operation of the CHUS, she edited two wonderful

issues of CHUS newsletter (summer and winter 2018), maintained/updated CHUS website, and updated CHUS group email list.

Macau Conference: President Qiang Fang reported that the biggest academic activity in the past year was the joint international conference co-sponsored by Professor Di Wang, chair of the Department of History at the University of Macau and the CHUS. President Fang wanted to thank Professors Wang and George Wei again for their generous sponsor and support of this conference. The Macau conference was held on May 30-31 2018 on the beautiful campus of the University of Macau. The conference was a big success. A total number of over sixty historians, including many renowned scholars, participated the conference. Around forty CHUS members attended the conference, and made presentations or chaired the panels. The conference also served as a good recruiter of new CHUS members, for about a dozen historians joined the CHUS so as to attend the conference. Professors Di Wang and George Wei encouraged conference participants to submit their English or Chinese papers for publication, with papers in Chinese to be included in a book edited by Prof. Wei, and English papers to be published in *Frontier History in China*, a reputable and peer-reviewed journal edited by Prof. Wang.

Anticorruption Book Project: President Fang said this book originated from the 2017 Taiwan trip. With a dozen CHUS members participating in the project, the book was accepted and published on the 2019 New Year's eve by Lexington Press, which is affiliated with Roman & Littlefield. This book covers the time period from ancient Han dynasty through contemporary China. The authors, from China, the United States, and Canada, are established scholars in their respective fields.

In the past two years, the CHUS has expanded its membership base by recruiting many historians from China, Europe, and the United States. The CHUS has solidified its connection with Taiwan and some of its leaders. The 2018 conference at the University of Macau was quite successful, and we hope to continue our cooperation with the University of Macau in the future. The publication of the book on corruption in modern China will serve as a good example of scholarly collaboration among CHUS members. With Prof. Yang in charge of the CHUS in the next two years and a new newsletter editor, Prof. Mao Lin, I am sure that Prof. Yang will guide and lead the CHUS to a new height.

Report of the CHUS Election Committee (Reported respectfully by Professors Xiaobing Li, Xiansheng Tian, and Patrick Fuliang Shan): The Election Committee was organized in the summer of 2018 under the guidance of the CHUS Board. Three committee members were selected to conduct this year's election: Professors Xiaobing Li, Xiansheng Tian, and Patrick Fuliang Shan (chair). President Qiang Fang made the announcement about the formation of this committee to the CHUS community on August 16, 2018.

Very soon, the committee sent out the call for nominations. A few weeks later, the committee received two nominations. Then, the committee contacted the two nominees, and made sure that they would like to serve. The nominees for the two vacancies included Professor Zhiguo Yang for President and Professor Mao Lin for Newsletter Editor and Web Manager. The committee created the ballot, which showed the two candidates' names. However, the committee allowed

the voters to put their own candidates as the writing-in candidates in case they have their own choices.

The ballot was sent out for the first time on October 8, 2018. Then, the committee sent out a reminder of the election along with the ballots on October 31, 2018. The final call for election was sent out on November 24, 2018.

After the deadline of December 1, 2018, the committee conducted a final count of all votes. Nearly forty CHUS members voted, and almost all voted for the two candidates. According to the tradition of the CHUS and its by-laws, the result of this year's election was announced at the AHA Conference in Chicago. The result now should be publicized: Both candidates were elected: Professor Zhiguo Yang as President and Professor Lin as newsletter editor for the next board (2019-2021). The committee sent out a congratulation letter to each of the newly elected CHUS board members, and wish them the best for their service in the next two years.

After the successful election, **CHUS new board of directors (2019-2021)** includes the following members: Dr. Zhiguo Yang, President; Dr. Dandan Chen, Secretary; Dr. Xiaojia Hou, Treasurer; Dr. Danke Li, Conference Coordinator; and Dr. Mao Lin, Newsletter Editor and Web Manager.

Report of the Distinguished Service Award Committee: The committee, consisting of Drs. Ping Yao (chair), Guotong Li, and Xiaobing Li, was organized in the summer of 2018 by the CHUS Board. After a call-for-nominations was sent out, the committee received several nominees. The committee deliberated over the candidacies of the nominees, and recommended to the CHUS Board for bestowing this year's award to one winner: Dr. George Wei.

Professor George Wei, a faculty teaching Chinese history at the University of Macau, served as CHUS president (2005-2007), and also as CHUS board member before. During his tenure as the CHUS president, he worked diligently to promote the CHUS and make it better. In May 2018, Prof. Wei helped Prof Di Wang, chair of the History Department at the University of Macau, to sponsor the joint international conference with the CHUS. Without Prof. Wei's initial support, the conference would not have been possible. During the conference, Prof. Wei chaired a forum discussing the publication of conference papers. Shortly after the conference was finished, Prof. Wei offered to compile a Chinese-language book that would include papers in Chinese presented at the Macau conference. CHUS is grateful to Prof. Wei for his continuous and crucial help.

Report of the Academic Excellence Award Committee: The committee, consisting of Drs. Liyan Liu, Stella Xu, and Zhiguo Yang (Chair), received two nominations for the 2018 CHUS Academic Excellence Award before the October 31 application deadline: Dr. Di Wang at the University of Macau, and Dr. Patrick F. Shan at Grand Valley State University. Both Dr. Shan and Dr. Wang are accomplished scholars in their respective research fields, and 2018 saw the coming into fruition of their decade-long investigation of topics in the field of modern Chinese history. For Dr. Wang, the publication of *Violence and Order on the Chengdu Plain: The Story of a Secret Brotherhood in Rural China, 1939-1949* by Stanford University Press and of *The Teahouse under Socialism: The Decline and Renewal of Public Life in Chengdu, 1950-2000* by Cornell University Press both came out in the same year, highlighting the proliferation of his

scholarship and the recognition of his interdisciplinary approach to the study of social history of modern China in general and the Chengdu Plain in particular. For Dr. Shan, the publication of *Yuan Shikai: A Reappraisal* by the University of British Columbia Press is a big step forward in better understanding Yuan Shikai as a modernizer in his own historical context, and thus can be regarded as a much needed revision of the long-held, and oftentimes stereotyped, assessment of this important historical figure.

Upon thoroughly reviewing the applications and the supporting documentation, the Committee has reached a consensus that both Dr. Shan and Dr. Wang are exemplary in their pursuit of lifetime historical studies, in their tireless efforts to enrich our knowledge of modern China and its history, and in their success in turning out scholarly works, in this case history monographs, of high standard and quality. Thus, the committee recommended that both Dr. Shan and Dr. Wang be granted the 2018 CHUS Academic Excellence Award.

Report about the Graduate Student Travel Grant: Dr. Xiaoping Cong, chair of the committee, reported that no graduate students applied for the 2018 CHUS travel grant.

II. President Zhiguo Yang's Inaugural Address

As its member for more than two decades, I have been benefitted from the services, opportunities, and fraternity created for and given to me by the CHUS in my growth as an educator and a scholar. Now that I was elected its president for the 2019-2021 term, it is my turn to lead the CHUS in its commitment to serving all of its members in the same way that I have been served. I am humbled with the trust and excited with the responsibility.

And it is a great honor to lead at this particular time. Thanks to the support of its members, the adroit leadership of my predecessors, and the dedication and professionalism with which the past and the present board directors have managed every aspect of its operation, the CHUS has become a globalized but also closely-knit scholarly community with a constituency of diverse geographical and academic backgrounds. While the CHUS by-laws and missions approved more than three decades ago will remain how we are defined as an organization, we will also search for ways to adapt it to the changed time and needs of its members. The Board of Directors and I will grasp every opportunity to make the CHUS more academically outstanding and more inclusive.

For the CHUS as for any similar organizations, “keeping things afloat” is as important as having a vision for its future. While Dandan, Danke, Mao, and Xiaojia work together to run CHUS operation as board directors, as president I will focus my energy and time on fund-raising and sustaining existing partnership and developing new ones. To be specific, in the next two years I will

- Look for opportunities for CHUS members to engage in interactions and exchanges with their counterparts in the PRC (including Hong Kong and Macao) and other Chinese speaking-areas by participating in specialized conferences and workshops hosted and funded by institutions/organizations other than the CHUS;

- Organize an international history conference in a Chinese-speaking area that shall be co-hosted by an institution or organization in the area; and
- Initiate another CHUS delegation to visit Taiwan. With the changes in circumstances under which the previous visits were made, we will work together with The Grand Association of Unification of China with the Three Principles of People, our host in Taiwan, to strengthen the academic content of the future visit.

According to Dr. Patrick Shan, Chair of CHUS Election Committee, I won the presidential election by a landslide. I am still savoring the taste of this landmark victory, but I also understand what this outpouring of support means: I must live up to your expectations. Working together, we can make our plans come to fruition.

The Year of Pig is around the corner. Happy Chinese New Year to you all!

III. Call for Papers: *Chinese Historical Review*

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

The journal is published by Taylor & Francis Group on behalf of the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). The current editor-in chief is Professor Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech). Please send manuscripts and inquiries via email to Ms. LaDonna Bowen of the editorial office at ladonna.bowen@hsoc.gatech.edu.

IV. CHUS Panels at the 2019 AHA Annual Conference (January 3-6, 2019, Chicago)

The Chinese Historians in the United States sponsored three successful panels at the 2019 American Historical Association's annual meeting. The three panels are as follows: "Loyalty and disloyalty: Migration, Identity, and Dislocation of Culture and Politics in (Early) Modern Asia"; "Manchuria through Chinese and Japanese Eyes"; and "Commemorating the Centenary of the May Fourth Movement: Assessing the Student and Intellectual Movement in 20th-Century China." All panels were well received. Please see below for details.

Panel 1: Loyalty and Disloyalty: Migration, Identity, and Dislocation of Culture and Politics in

(Early) Modern Asia

Chair: Guotong Li (California State University, Long Beach)

Discussant: Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University, Denver)

Presenters:

- Guotong Li (California State University, Long Beach), "From Trade Diaspora to Ethnic Minority: Chinese Migrants' Adaptation in Early Modern Southeast Asia."
- Dandan Chen (State University of New York, Farmingdale State College), "South (Jiangnan) and the Flowering of Beijing Culture during the Qing Dynasty."
- Dewen Zhang (Randolph-Macon College), "Women Refugee Intellectuals in World War II China: Dislocation, Identity, Gender, and Nation."
- Junliang Huang (California State University, Northridge), "Destruction, Repatriation, and Identity: Hotta Yoshie in Shanghai, 1945–1947."

Panel 2: Manchuria through Chinese and Japanese Eyes

Chair & Discussant: Danke Li (Fairfield University)

Presenters:

- Yuxin Ma (University of Louisville), "Same Company, Different Experiences: Chinese Filmmakers at Man'ei."
- Gao Bei (University of North Carolina at Wilmington), "Spying for Empire: Japanese Researchers in the South Manchurian Railway Company."
- Steven Pieragastini (Boston College), "Mantetsu as Model: Japanese Railway Imperialism in Manchuria and Beyond."

Panel 3: Commemorating the Centenary of the May Fourth Movement: Assessing the Student and Intellectual Movement in 20th-Century China

Chair: Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University, Denver)

Discussant: Hongshan Li (Kent State University)

Presenters:

- Patrick Fuliang Shan (Grand Valley State University), "Were There Any Leaders for the May Fourth Movement? Assessing Li Dazhao's Role in the Shaping of the New Cultural Movement."
- Danke Li (Fairfield University), "The Student Movement and the End of the Civil War in the Chongqing Region."
- Xiao-Bing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), "The Red Guards and Red Terror in Beijing: Student Movements in the Early Year of the Cultural Revolution."
- Qiang Fang (University of Minnesota Duluth), "Mandate for Justice: College Students and the Tiananmen Demonstration."

V. Images from the 2019 CHUS Business Meeting and AHA Panels

At the CHUS business meeting at the 2019 AHA in Chicago, Dr. Qiang Fang, CHUS outgoing President (2017-2019), presented an annual report, welcomed the members of the new Board of Directors, and Dr. Zhiguo Yang, president-elect (2019-2021), delivered an inaugural address. Drs. Fang and Yang presented the 2018 CHUS Distinguished Service Award to Dr. George Wei and the 2018 CHUS Academic Excellence Award to Drs. Di Wang and Patrick Fuliang Shan. Congratulations to the new board and to all of the award winners!



VI. NEH Summer Institute, 2019

Subject: MUSEUMS -- Humanities in the Public Sphere

Summer Program: June 30 - July 28, 2019, Washington, D.C.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Join us for this in-depth exploration of museums and curated cultural collections around Washington, D.C. This four-week NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers will bring the rich and diverse histories of America's public museums into wider use for teaching and research in the humanities. The Institute approaches museums as sites for interdisciplinary inquiry into advances in humanistic and scientific research, the effects of ongoing international conflicts, the speed of evolving technologies, and ethical debates over privacy, sustainability, and cultural heritage.

The Institute will be co-directed by Professor Karen Bassi, University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and Dr. Gretchen Henderson, Georgetown University and UCSC. Weekly lectures and seminars will be led by six outstanding Visiting Faculty and a renowned Visiting Artist, working together with local museum specialists. Complemented by carefully chosen readings, excellent library resources, and targeted museum visits as case studies, the Institute is guided by the principle that museums offer windows on the educational, ethical, and cultural debates that define the humanities today.



Individuals selected to participate will receive a \$3,300 stipend. These taxable stipends are intended to help cover travel expenses to and from the project location, books and other research expenses, and living expenses for the duration of the period spent in residence at Georgetown University.

For more information, please visit museumsneh.ucsc.edu.



VII. Infusing Korean Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum

Dates: July 8 - 19, 2019

Location: East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

Directors: Drs. Peter Hershock and Harrison Kim

Program Introduction: This multidisciplinary, two-week faculty development program will offer undergraduate educators opportunities to interact with leading Korean studies experts in an

intensive program of lectures, discussions, film screenings, and cultural events. The program is designed to assist institutional teams and individual faculty members in developing course curricula and strategies for Asian Studies program development. The first week of the program will include sessions that address pre-modern and early modern Korean history, religion, literature, music, and visual culture. The second week will address 20th and 21st century Korean history, economics, politics, and popular culture.

Team applications of 2-3 faculty members are particularly welcomed. Participants will receive a travel stipend of \$400 and lodging in the East-West Center faculty guesthouse. Participants' home institutions are asked to cover remaining travel costs, and a program fee of \$150.

Presenting Faculty: Professor Harrison Kim (Univ. of Hawaii), Young-a Park (Univ. of Hawaii), Yung Hee Kim (Univ. of Hawaii), Byongwon Lee (Univ. of Hawaii), Sang-hyop Lee (Univ. of Hawaii), Maya Stiller (Univ. of Kansas), and Myung-ji Yang (Univ. of Hawaii).

Application deadline: March 15, 2019.

For further information, please visit <http://www.asdp-infusinginstitute.org>.

VIII. CHUS Membership

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

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

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

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

Three Ways to Pay Membership Dues:

1. **Mail Check** (Payable to CHUS) to Dr. Xiaojia Hou (Mailing address: Dr. Xiaojia Hou, 1162 Culligan Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95120, USA).

2. **PayPal Account (preferred):** Please pay to xiaojia.hou@sjsu.edu.
3. **Wechat Wallet Transfer:** Transfer your membership fees to Dr. Dandan Chen's wechat wallet (Dr. Chen's Wechat ID: dandanstrong).

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

- As a current member of the Chinese Historians in the United States you are entitled to online access to the society journal *Chinese Historical Review* via a voucher for 2016.
- If you are a new user to Taylor & Francis Online, please firstly register an account by visiting www.tandfonline.com <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>>.
- Once you have submitted your registration form, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you registered with containing a validation link to activate your account. Unfortunately these emails can be caught in spam filters, please check this and add @tandfonline.com <<http://www.tandfonline.com/>> to your safe senders list.
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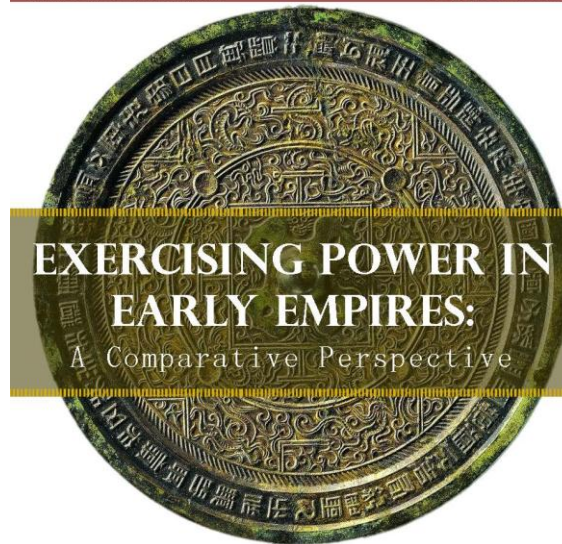
IX. CHUS Member News

Dr. Cai, Liang, Assistant Professor of Chinese intellectual history, History Department at the University of Notre Dame, co-organized with **Randolph Ford**, visiting assistant professor in the department of classics, a conference entitled "Exercising Power in Early Empires" in Oct 2018 at

University of Notre Dame. This is an international symposium on the comparative study of classical empires focusing on Eurasia, comparing China and Rome in particular.

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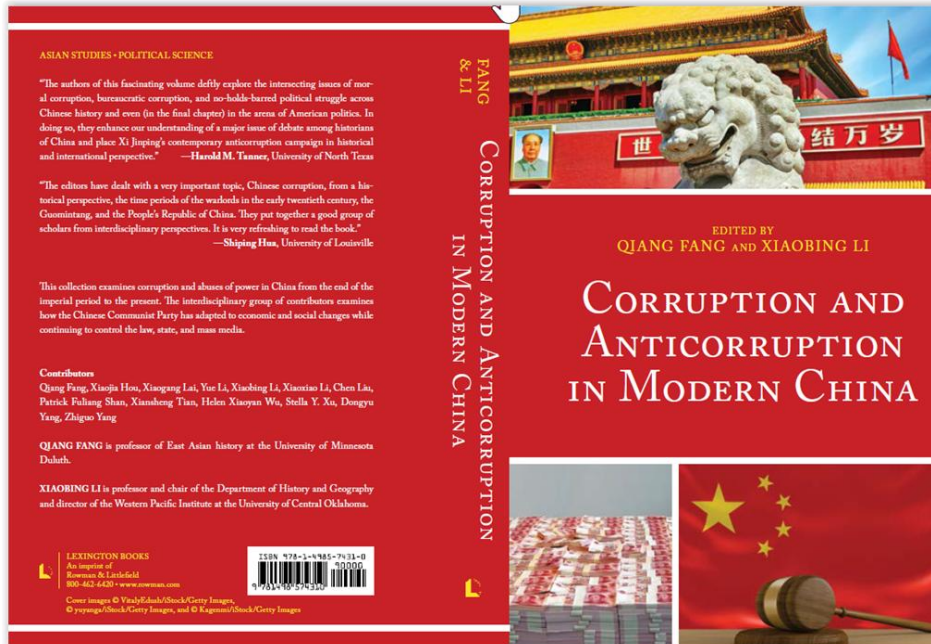
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Dr. Fang, Qiang, Professor of history at the University of Minnesota, and **Dr. Li, Xiaobing**, Professor and Chair of the Department of History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma, co-edited an essay collection titled *Corruption and Anti-corruption in Modern China*, published by Lexington Books in December 2018. CHUS members who contributed to this publication are Professors **HOU Xiaojia**, **LAI Sherman Xiaogang**, **LI Yue**, **LIU Chen**, **SHAN Patrick Fuliang**, **TIAN Xiansheng**, **WU Helen Xiaoyan**, **XU Stella Yingzi**, **YANG Dongyu**, and **YANG Zhiguo**.

Dr. Li, Guotong, Associate Professor in the Department of History at California State University, Long Beach, has been promoted to full professor, effective from August 2018.

Dr. Sun, Yi, Director of Asian Studies and Associate Professor in the Department of History at University of San Diego, has been promoted to full professor, effective from August 2018.

Dr. Wang, Di, Distinguished Professor in the Department of History at University of Macau, published the following two books: 《袍哥：1940年代的川西乡村暴力与秩序》(北京大学出版社, 2018) and 《消失的古城：清末民初成都的日常生活记忆》(社会科学文献出版社, 2019).

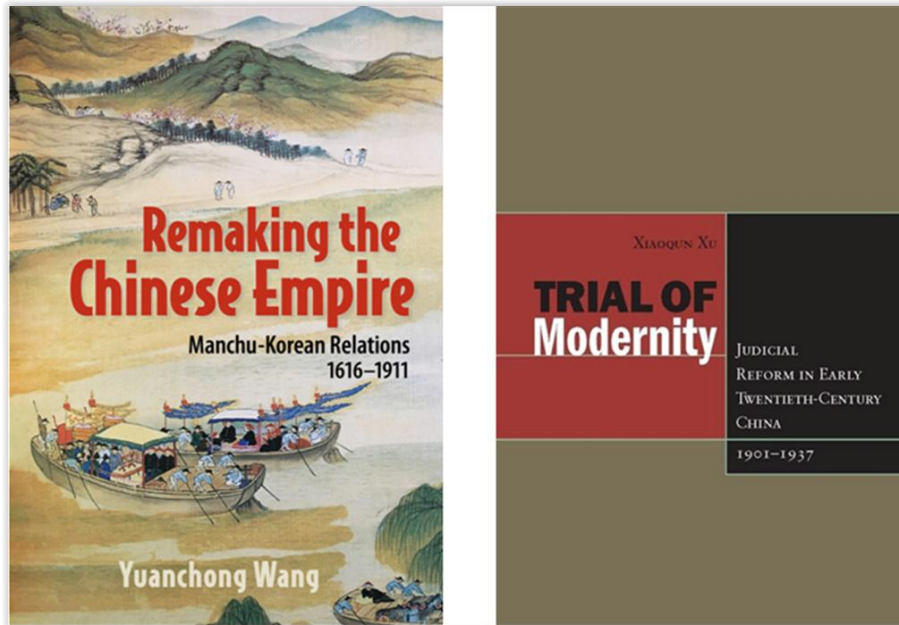


Dr. Wang, Yuanchong, Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Delaware, published in Dec. 2018 his first book titled *Remaking the Chinese Empire: Manchu-Korean Relations, 1616-1911* by Cornell University Press in Ithaca, New York. Here is a link to the publisher's website: <http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/?GCOI=80140102130650>.



Dr. Xu, Xiaoqun, Professor of History, Asian Studies and Honors Programs at Christopher Newport University, is invited to present a paper at an international workshop on "Legal Transformations in the 19th and Early 20th Century China, Japan, and the Ottoman Empire" at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany, in late March 2019.

In addition, after the Chinese edition of Dr. Xu's *Trial of Modernity: Judicial Reform in Early Twentieth-Century China, 1901-1937* (Stanford University Press, 2008) was published by China Encyclopedia Publishing House in August 2018, the book has been placed at the fourth place among the ten best Chinese books on law published in 2018 (30 books were selected by 20 leading legal scholars in China and nearly 80,000 readers voted to rank the top ten). The event has been hosted annually since 2013 by the Rule of Law Weekend (法治周末), a website of *The Legal System Daily* (法制日报).



Thank you very much for sharing the wonderful news, and congratulations to you all on your amazing achievements! All the best wishes for a wonderful year of pig!