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I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Qin Shao

It was an honor for me to become the President of CHUS in January 2024 and to serve this storied academic society. I was fortunate to inherit from the last term the four Board members, Professors Zhang Qiong, Du Dan, Lin Mao, and Li Xiaoxiao, whose experience and generosity have helped me to learn on the job and the new CHUS Board to function.

By 2027, CHUS will enter its 5th decade as a student-turned-professional organization, which was unimaginable in 1987, when a group of newly arrived Chinese students and scholars in the U.S. launched CHUS. In the past decades, CHUS has expanded in size and stature as an academic organization. This is a time to envision and plan for the renewal and growth of CHUS in the next fifty years. Beyond the day-to-day work, this Board has taken steps to further professionalize and institutionalize CHUS practices, to better engage our members and strengthen CHUS as a community, and to enhance CHUS' profile in the larger scholarly society, including that in China. Much of this is built on the excellent work done by the past CHUS Boards, and all of this is meant to support CHUS' future health and growth.

The revision of the CHUS Bylaws is a key component in this endeavor. This process started last year, under the leadership of Professor Sun Yi. The current Board, with Professor Sun's continued involvement, will complete the Bylaws revisions this fall. The new Bylaws will also formalize some of the initiatives started in the past two years, in the form of two new committees, one on academic programs and the other on communication and engagement.

We also initiated a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize those members who have made significant, sustained contributions to CHUS and its journal in the past decades. We hope this award will help our younger members learn about the history of our organization and strengthen CHUS as a multi-generational community. The CHUS WeChat group, relaunched this spring, has also served as a lively platform for community-building, as members share their own scholarship and learn about each other's work.

After a ten-year interval, CHUS returned to China this June as an organization and co-sponsored a conference with East China Normal University and New York University Shanghai. This conference renewed our institutional network in China and enhanced the opportunity for our members to conduct research and collaborate with scholars in China.

A major step in the professionalization of CHUS is reflected in the recent change in its flagship journal, the *Chinese Historical Review* (CHR). CHR started as a 24-page in-house newsletter. In its first 15 years, this student journal made a remarkable stride into the mainstream academic world because of our member-editors' extraordinary effort. But it also suffered two three-year hiatuses until, in 2003, a group of CHUS members made a heroic, decade-long effort to save the journal and put it on the map as a reputable academic journal. In the process, CHR became part of CHUS' identity. As of this summer, the journal has a new nine-member editorial board, the largest and most scholarly, geographically, and institutionally diverse in its history. The hard

work of the new editorial board members has already generated a positive response about the journal in the larger scholarly community.

Much remains to be done. Among other activities, the Board will launch a fundraise campaign in the fall to better support some of our initiatives and the work of our members.

CHUS is a very special community. It was thrilling for me to read the news about member publications and presentations this spring on CHUS WeChat group, which are merely a sample of our scholarly accomplishments. Our members have been engaging in cutting-edge research and creating new knowledge that have enriched the academic landscape. Such scholarly strength is the source of CHUS' vitality. On behalf of the Board, I would like to invite all of our members to get involved in shaping the future of this organization with your talent and commitment. Our collective effort has been and will continue to be the key to the success of CHUS.



II. REPORT AND RESOLUTION ON LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Chinese Historians in the United States

Board of Directors (2024-26)

April 8, 2024

The issue of CHUS lifetime membership and its revisions around 2013 have been repeatedly raised during CHUS business meetings and other occasions over the years. The current Board of Directors of Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS) (2024-2026) decided to explore and resolve this issue early this year. The Board now presents the following report and resolution to clarify the matter for all involved and to help us move forward in unity.

In 2012, the CHUS Board made the decision to revise membership rules and end CHUS lifetime membership due to the rising cost of producing the *Chinese Historical Reviews* (CHR) and the dwindling funds of CHUS. These revisions were debated and later voted on by CHUS members, both at the annual business meeting and via email. The revisions were approved by plurality of the votes cast and the sitting Board.

The 2013 Summer Newsletter stated that “existing lifetime members will continue enjoying their status and privileges for up to seven years. Those whose lifetime membership is over seven years should make a mandatory ‘honorary contribution’ at \$40/year to continue their membership benefits.”

A letter sent by the then CHUS Board President in March 2014 contained the following passage:

I want to remind CHUS’ lifetime members of the resolution passed last year to end the life-time membership program. I want to enforce the resolution by asking life members to resume their payment of membership fees at the current rate of \$60 a year beginning on April 1st, 2014. The previous board’s resolution on this issue exempts lifetime members from paying membership fee for seven years from the starting date of their lifetime membership. By my calculation, most lifetime members would have exceeded their seven-year grace period by April 1st, 2014...If, in the unfortunate circumstance, anyone neglects to renew and verify his/her membership status by April 1, 2014, we would be saddened but obligated to remove them from the CHUS membership list, which would entail the suspension of membership benefits, including the free copy of *The Chinese Historical Review*, participation in CHUS sponsored events, and eligibility for the Academic Excellence and Service awards.

While the above quoted letter calculated the grace period from the starting dates of lifetime memberships, and the 2013 Newsletter statement implied that the grace period started from 2012, it is obvious that either way, the grace period has ended by 2024. The 2015 Winter Newsletter reminded past lifetime members to renew their membership at “either \$60 annually, \$100 bi-annual [*sic*], or \$150 for three years.”

Since then, most former lifetime members have paid regular dues and remained in CHUS as

regular members, and a few have not paid their membership dues. Those non-paying former lifetime members have continued to be involved in and contribute to CHUS activities in important ways. The Board deems it necessary to recognize their significant contributions to CHUS. As the CHUS Bylaws invests in the Board the full authority to manage and direct the affairs of CHUS, including membership rules, the Board has adopted the following Resolution:

The CHUS Board recognizes non-paying former lifetime members as CHUS members, who are entitled to membership benefits except receiving copies of *CHR*.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Board encourages those former lifetime members to contact us and update their information so that we can keep in touch. The Board also welcomes them to become paying members to help ensure CHUS' financial solvency. Information about current membership fees and payment methods can be found at: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/membership/>

The Board hopes that this Resolution clarifies the matter, so that together we can continue to grow this vibrant scholarly community.

III. CALL FOR THE NOMINATION/SELF-NOMINATION FOR CHUS ANNUAL AWARDS

Call for Nominations/Self-nominations of 2024 CHUS Academic Excellence Award

Committee Members for CHUS Academic Excellence Award:

Dr. Yi Sun (University of San Diego, ysun@SanDiego.edu) (Chair)

Dr. George Qiao (Amherst College, gqiao@amherst.edu)

Dr. Aihua Zhang (Gardner-Webb University, azhang1@gardner-webb.edu)

Dr. Dewen Zhang (Randolph-Macon College, DewenZhang@rmc.edu)

1. Eligibility and Criteria

All CHUS members are eligible for consideration of this award.

There will be two sub-categories for the award, each carrying a \$200 award from the James Gao Memorial Fund administered by CHUS.

A well-researched and influential **MONOGRAPH** that was published in English between **September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024.**

A well-researched **ARTICLE** published in a peer-reviewed journal in English between **September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024.**

An **Honorable Mention** commendation will be added to one or two of the book/article subcategories not recommended for the award, pending the qualification of the nominated/self-nominated scholarship. There is no cash award with this recognition.

2. Nomination Process

It can be a nomination or self-nomination by contacting the members of this Award Committee. A candidate can only be nominated/self-nominated for one of the two sub-categories of the award, not both.

To make a nomination/self-nomination for either sub-category, please provide:

- 1) a full citation and brief abstract of the book or article;
- 2) a statement no more than 200 words on its scholarly contribution to the applicant's research field, and
- 3) an electronic copy of the book/article, as the Committee can't make the selection based on an abstract.

3. Selection and Deadlines

Nomination Deadline: **October 1, 2024.**

Please email all the material to the four members of the Award Committee.

The Committee will review the nominated/self-nominated scholarships and make its recommendation for each sub-category to the CHUS Board by **November 27, 2024.**

The CHUS Board will decide and announce the finalist(s) for the Award by **December 2, 2024.** If none of the nominees or self-nominees is qualified, the Award will not be granted.

The CHUS Board will present the awards at the 2025 AHA Annual Meeting, **January 3-6, 2025**.

Call for Nominations/Self-Nominations of 2024 CHUS Distinguished Service Award

Committee members for CHUS Distinguished Service Award:

Dr. Shuhua Fan (University of Scranton, shuhua.fan@scranton.edu) (Chair)

Dr. Di Luo (University of Alabama, dluo10@ua.edu)

Dr. Xiangli Ding (Rhode Island School of Design, xding01@risd.edu)

Dr. Guolin Yi (Providence College, gyi@providence.edu)

CHUS bestows the Distinguished Service Award every year. This year, the CHUS Board has decided that the Service Award recipient will receive a \$200 award. This call is now sent to all CHUS members to solicit nominations.

1. Eligibility and Nomination

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

(II). A nominator should submit a letter to the Award Committee that articulates the rationale for the nomination. In the case of self-nomination, the applicant should provide a statement to highlight her/his contributions to CHUS;

(III). The Award Committee Chair will notified the nominee(s) for the Distinguished Service Award, and the nominee (s) should decide whether to accept the nomination and assist the committee in the evaluation process.

2. Selection and Deadlines

Nomination Deadline: **October 1, 2024**.

Please email all the material to the four members of the Award Committee.

This Committee will review the nominated/self-nominated candidates and make its recommendation to the CHUS Board by **November 27, 2024**.

The CHUS Board will decide and announce the finalist(s) for the Award by **December 2, 2024**. If none of the nominees or self-nominees is qualified, the Award will not be granted.

The CHUS Board will present the awards at the 2025 AHA Annual Meeting, **January 3-6, 2025**.

Call for Nominations of CHUS Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

In spring 2024, the Board of Directors of the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS) decided to create a Lifetime Achievement Award as part of its annual award categories. The establishment of CHUS in 1987 and its growth ever since into a recognized scholarly society with its own flagship journal has depended on the extraordinary devotion and hard work of its members. This award is to recognize those CHUS members who have made a significant, positive contribution to the field of history and to CHUS affairs. Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award will have demonstrated both excellence in historical studies and generosity in service.

Selection Process

CHUS Members may suggest ONE person for the Lifetime Achievement Award with a short statement (250 words) that explains how their nominee has met the criteria of excellence in the field of history and generosity in service. Evidence of excellence in history can include significant scholarship, contributions to public history, and dedication to education in any context. Evidence of generosity in service refers to contributions to CHUS in various capacities, including its journal, and also to mentoring and engagement. While no cash award will be offered, the winner(s) will be recognized in a number of ways, including a certificate.

The Award Committee will make its recommendation(s) to the CHUS Board. The CHUS Board will make the final decision on who is given a Lifetime Achievement Award and how many are awarded each year. If none of the nominees is qualified, the Award will not be granted.

Deadlines

Nominations for the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Awards are due **October 1, 2024**.

The Award Committee will make its recommendation to the Board on **November 27, 2024**.

The CHUS Board will announce the award on **December 2, 2024**.

The award ceremony will be held at the **AHA, January 3-6, 2025**.

Nominations can be sent to the four members on the **Committee for CHUS Distinguished Service Award**:

Dr. Shuhua Fan (University of Scranton, shuhua.fan@scranton.edu) (Chair)

Dr. Di Luo (University of Alabama, dluo10@ua.edu)

Dr. Xiangli Ding (Rhode Island School of Design, xding01@risd.edu)

Dr. Guolin Yi (Providence College, gyi@providence.edu)

Call for Application for CHUS Graduate Student Research Travel Grant

2024

The James Gao Memorial Fund will support one Graduate Student Research Travel Grant up to 500 US dollars annually. Applicants must be active members of CHUS. 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 and travel schedule when applicable.

The application deadline is **November 1, 2024**, and the grant must be spent by November 1 the following year. The award committee will make the recommendation on **November 27, 2024**, and the CHUS Board will announce the result on **December 2, 2024**.

The recipients of this awards 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.

Please submit the application material to the four **Committee Members for CHUS Academic Excellence Award**:

Dr. Yi Sun (University of San Diego, ysun@SanDiego.edu) (Chair)

Dr. George Qiao (Amherst College, gqiao@amherst.edu)

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Dr. Dewen Zhang (Randolph-Macon College, DewenZhang@rmc.edu)

V. THE CHUS PROGRAM AT THE 2025 AHA

(NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY 3-6, 2025)

Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our members, the CHUS program at the 2025 AHA will offer a total of 18 sessions. Eleven of these sessions are of solo CHUS sponsorship, and seven are cosponsored by CHUS and the AHA. CHUS will also be holding three social events during this conference: the **Book Launch and CHUS Business Meeting** (both on Saturday evening) and a self-funded **Group Dinner** (on Sunday evening).

TO ALL CHUS MEMBERS: if you have published monographs, edited volumes, and special journal issues in the past two years, please consider attending the AHA and showcasing your work at the Book Launch event. The CHUS Board will issue a formal call for new books to be featured at this event very soon.

Below is a brief program of the CHUS (co-)sponsored sessions and social events at the 2025 AHA. A full program with the abstracts of each session and paper will be uploaded at the CHUS website **by September 30** at: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/the-chus-program-at-the-2025-aha-new-york-january-3-6-2025/>

I. Sessions of CHUS Solo-Sponsorship:

1. Book Reviews in the Age of the Internet

Friday, January 3, 2025: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Qin Shao, College of New Jersey

Chair(s):

Qin Shao, College of New Jersey

Panel:

Gillian Frank, Trinity College Dublin

Nicholas Popper, College of William & Mary and the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Gina Anne Tam, Trinity University

Yuanchong Wang, University of Delaware

Qin Shao, College of New Jersey

2. The Transformation of Information in Modern China: Technologies, Ideas, and Mediums

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Yingchuan Yang, Columbia University

Chair(s):

Ori Sela, Tel Aviv University

Papers:

Manuscript Modernity: Animating Pens and Brushes

Chloe Estep, University of Pennsylvania

What's in a Column? Unofficial Histories and News

Nataly Shahaf, Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Studies

The Evolution of the Concept of "Xuanchuan" in Global Information Exchange

Yi Ren, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Please Tune In: Broadcast Rally and the Dilemma of Socialist Sonic Governance

Yingchuan Yang, Columbia University

3. Human Trade and Slavery in and beyond China, 1600–1900

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Chenxi Luo, Reed College

Chair(s):

Qin Fang, McDaniel College

Papers:

"Barbarian Women" on the Riverbank: Ethnicity, Prostitution, and Human Trafficking in Qing Southwest China

Chaoran Ma, University of Toronto

Across the Boundaries: Human Trade and the State in Qing Southwest Sichuan

Hong Song, Stanford University

Disputes over Distance: Absentee Banner Masters, Far-Off Slaves, and Ownership Conflicts in 17th-Century Manchuria

Chenxi Luo, Reed College

Kitad: The Dual Meaning of "Chinese" and "Slave" in Qing Mongolia

Sam Bass, University of Toronto

Comment: Qin Fang, McDaniel College

4. The Many Lives of Confucianism: Political, Ideological, and Cultural Appropriations of Confucianism in Contemporary China

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM
New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Xiaoqing Diana Lin, Indiana University Northwest

Chair(s):

Rebecca Karl, New York University

Papers:

Nationalism as Constituted from the Outside In: China and the Revival of Confucian Culture, 1990s–2000s

Xiaoqing Diana Lin, Indiana University Northwest

A Socialist National Myth: Rewriting Chinese History through Confucian–Legalist Conflicts in Mao’s China, 1973–76

Yaowen Dong, University of Memphis

Intricate Connections: The Reactivated Confucianism and Dilution of Maoist Feminism
Yi Sun, University of San Diego

Comment: Rebecca Karl, New York University

5. Multiple Shifts of 20th-Century China

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University

Chair(s):

Aihua Zhang, Gardner–Webb University

Papers:

Admiral Liu Huaqing: China’s Mahan and the New Cold War

Xiaobing Li, University of Central Oklahoma

Navigating Controversy: Changing Perceptions of the Sanmenxia Dam in China

Xiaoqia Hou, San José State University

Mao and Law in China: The Shaping of Mao’s Early Legal Consciousness

Qiang Fang, University of Minnesota Duluth

The Chinese Pursuit of Republicanism: State-Building, Postimperial Election, and the Creation of Congress, 1911–13

Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University

Comment: Danke Li, Fairfield University

CHUS Book Launch

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

New York Hilton, New York Room

CHUS Business Meeting

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

6. Bridging Global Medieval/Modern Studies: Rethinking Medieval Transitions, the Great Divergence, and the Making of Modern China in Global History

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Dandan Chen, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York

Chair(s):

Dandan Chen, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York

Papers:

Local Elites in Transition: Epitaphs Excavated in Luzhou from the 7th to 12th Centuries

Man Xu, Tufts University

Militarization, Bureaucracy, and Formation of the Local Elite in Zhejiang during the Song–Yuan–Ming Transition, 1000–1450

William Guanglin Liu, Lingnan University

The Reinvention of the Song–Ming Neo-Confucianism in 20th-Century China: Reflections on the Tang–Song Transition and the Birth of Modern Chinese Philosophy

Dandan Chen, Farmingdale State College, State University of New York

Comment: Lu Kou, Columbia University

7. Beyond the Body–Mind Dichotomy: Labor and Intellect in 20th-Century China

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Miao Feng, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Chair(s):

Xueping Zhong, Tufts University

Papers:

Xuexi: Education among Workers and Students in Wartime France and China

Miao Feng, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Broken Bodies of the War Machine: The Biopolitics of Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans in World War II China

Chao (Alec) Wang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

Emotion and Action, Intellect and Labor: Ding Ling's 1930s Literary Transformation

Jixian He, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Labor on Screen: Narrating Chinese Workers from the Cultural Revolution Era to the Economic Reforms

Ling Zhang, Purchase College, State University of New York

Comment: Xueping Zhong, Tufts University

8. Transcultural China: Women and Christianity, 1899–1945

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Guolin Yi, Providence College

Chair(s):

Laura R. Prieto, Suffolk University

Papers:

Catholic Discourses on Women in Late Qing China

Guolin Yi, Providence College

Socialization to Become Citizens: Female Students' School Life in Republican China

Haoran Ni, University of Kansas

Supportive Women: Chinese Women's Roles in Borderlanders' Transnational Lives

Xuening Kong, Purdue University

Nursing, Authority, and Power: Women, Medicine, and State Building in World War II China

Dewen Zhang, Randolph-Macon College

Comment: Connie A. Shemo, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

9. Zhou Enlai: His Life, Thought, and Legacies

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University

Chair(s):

Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University

Panel:

Mark Selden, Cornell University

Hanchao Lu, Georgia Institute of Technology

Xiaobing Li, University of Central Oklahoma

Dan Du, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Patrick Fuliang Shan, Grand Valley State University

CHUS and Friends Self-Funded Group Dinner

Sunday January 5, 2024, roughly 5:45-7:45pm? (venue and exact schedule TBA)

10. US–China Engagement: A Historical Assessment

Monday, January 6, 2025: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Mao Lin, Georgia Southern University

Chair(s):

Dan Du, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Papers:

Chinese Propaganda through American Eyes, 1949 to the Present

Yi Ren, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Language and Empire: Chinese Language Programs in the US from the Late 19th Century to the Present

Shuhua Fan, University of Scranton

US–China Engagement in the Long 1970s

Mao Lin, Georgia Southern University

From Engagement to Decoupling: US–China Relations since the End of the Cold War

Tao Wang, Iowa State University

Comment: Dan Du, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

11. Surveying the Nation: Rediscovering the "People" in China's Republican Era, 1912–49

Monday, January 6, 2025: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

New York Hilton, East Room

Session Organizer: Xiaoyan Ren (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Chair(s):

Yue Du, Cornell University

Papers:

"Obstructed Embrace": The ID Card Institution in Shanghai, 1945–49

Xiaoyan Ren, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Competing Colonialities: Nation-State Building and Nation-Empire Construction of Chinese and Japanese Migration Projects in Manchuria, 1914–45

Luming Xu, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

The Problem of Chinese Population: Discourses of Chinese Population and Population Science, 1918–39

Zhelun Zhou, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Comment: Yue Du, Cornell University

II. Sessions of CHUS and AHA Co-Sponsorship:

1. (AHA #22) After Silence: Gender-Based Violence and Feminist Resistance across Asia

Friday, January 3, 2025: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

New York Hilton, Nassau West

Session Organizer: Qiong Liu, Virginia Military Institute

Chair(s):

Qiong Liu, Virginia Military Institute

Papers:

Sexual Violence and Unworthy Victims in Postsocialist China

Tiantian Zheng, State University of New York at Cortland

Becoming Vocal: Politicizing the Voices of "Comfort Women"

Lin Li, Kenyon College

Rashomon, Rape, or Rethinking Cinema as Women's Hearings?

Belinda He, University of Maryland, College Park

Reconceptualize Rape in Revolution: Narratives about Sexual Crimes in the Land Reform in China

Qiong Liu, Virginia Military Institute

2. (AHA #65). Corporations in US–China Trading Relations, 1870s–1980s: A Century of Interaction and Interdependence

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

New York Hilton, Nassau East

Session Organizer: Dan Du, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Chair(s):

Yi Sun, University of San Diego

Papers:

Arms across Borders: The Social Spread of American Firearms in China during the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Lei Duan, Sam Houston State University

Incorporate for the Public: Transforming Joint-Stock Corporations to Reform China's Tea Economy, 1870s–1911

Dan Du, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Having a Cup of American Ice Cream: Henningsen Produce Company and Its Hazelwood Ice Cream in Republican Shanghai

Haoran Ni, University of Kansas

Comment: Yi Sun, University of San Diego

3. (AHA #94). Cultures of Information in 20th-Century China

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

New York Hilton, Clinton Room

Session Organizer: Zhongtian Han, Trinity University

Chair(s):

Janet Y. Chen, Princeton University

Papers:

From City to the Countryside: Kexue Xiaopinwen and Mass Science Education in Wartime China
Miao Feng, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Guerrilla Bureaucrats: Archives and Political Communication in the Early Chinese Communist Party, 1921–45

Yi Lu, Dartmouth College

Survival, Loss, and Love in Wartime China: Letters to Family and Friends, 1937–45

Di Luo, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

Confronting the State: Radio and the Chinese Communist Party's Information Operations, 1930–36

Zhongtian Han, Trinity University

4. (AHA #118). Cross-Border Trade, Silver, and Capitalism in Early Modern East Asia, 1600–1900

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Sheraton New York, Chelsea

Session Organizer: Yuanchong Wang, University of Delaware

Chair(s):

He Bian, Princeton University

Papers:

Sino-Korean Trade, Manchu Contractors, and Northeast Asian Capital Circulation, 1680–1780

Yuanchong Wang, University of Delaware

Undermining Silver: The Political Economy of Silver Production and Circulation in Chosŏn Korea

Jaewoong Jeon, New York University

Peripheral Transformation: Financial Innovations in 18th-Century Inner Mongolia

George Zhijian Qiao, Amherst College

Global Flows of Silver and Copper: Revising Qing China's Monetary Tale in the 19th Century

Xiaoyu Gao, University of Chicago

Comment: He Bian, Princeton University

5. (AHA #152). Gender, Care, and Labor Dynamics in the Early People's Republic of China

Saturday, January 4, 2025: 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

New York Hilton, Bryant Room

Session Organizer: Yiming Ma, University of California, Santa Barbara

Chair(s):

Gail Hershatter, University of California, Santa Cruz

Papers:

Politicizing Aunties: The Gendered Origin of the Residents' Committee and Urban State Building in China, 1949–57

Zhaorui Lu, University of California, Irvine

Producing Childhood Creativity: The Toy-Making Movement and Professional Care Labor during China's Great Leap Forward, 1958–62

Yiming Ma, University of California, Santa Barbara

Harvesting Mulberry in Ice, Rearing Silkworms in Fire: An Environmental History of Sericultural Failure in China, 1949–66

Yixue Yang, University of California, San Diego

Comment: Gail Hershatter, University of California, Santa Cruz

6. (AHA #188). Slavery in Chinese History: Facts, Debates, Research Frontiers, and Sources

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

New York Hilton, Nassau West

Session Organizer: Qiong Zhang, Wake Forest University

Chair(s):

Qiong Zhang, Wake Forest University

Panel:

Pamela Crossley, Dartmouth College

Qin Fang, McDaniel College

Yunxin Li, Simmons University

Aihua Zhang, Gardner–Webb University

Zekun Zhang, Harvard University

7. (AHA #208). The Power of Education and Cinema: The Transpacific Making of Modern Chinese Womanhood

Sunday, January 5, 2025: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

New York Hilton, Nassau East

Session Organizer: Yunxiang Gao, Toronto Metropolitan University

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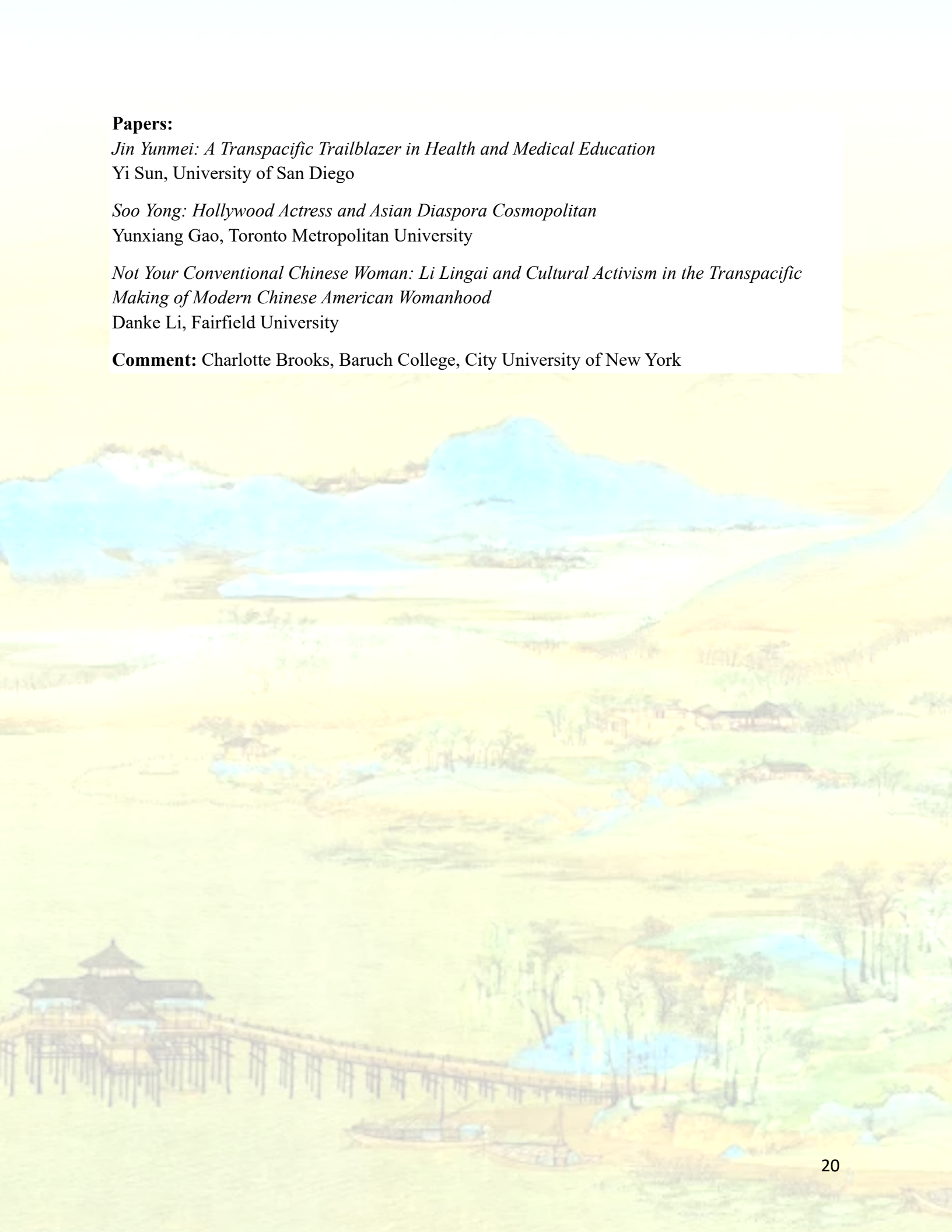
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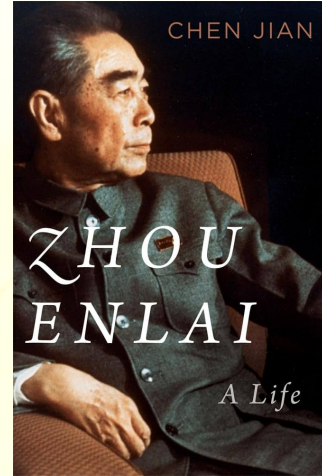
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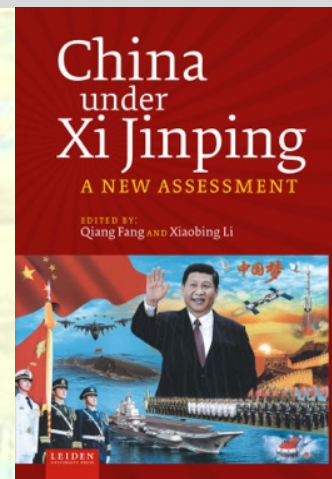
Dr. Jian Chen, Distinguished Global Network Professor of History at NYU-Shanghai/NYU, Hu Shih Professor of History Emeritus at Cornell University, Zijiang Chair Professor of History at East China Normal University, and Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, publishes *Zhou Enlai: A Life* (Cambridge, MA; London, U.K.: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2024).

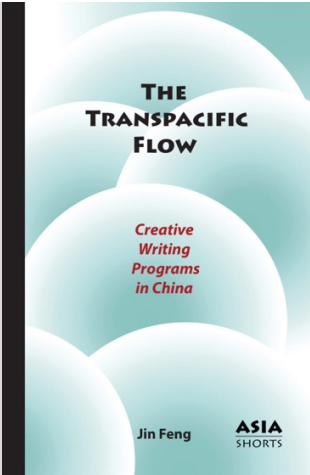
This is the first comprehensive biography of Zhou Enlai in English written with the support of multi-lingual, multi-archival, and multi-source research. It portrays Zhou as a devoted Communist revolutionary, an influential politician and statesman, an accomplished diplomatic giant and, in the final analysis, a human being. It also brings to light Zhou's visions and aspirations, political acumen, and enormous administrative and executive capacity. More broadly, the Zhou story told in the biography epitomizes China's prolonged tortuous path toward modernity, while helping the reader understand how China became the nation it is today.



Dr. Dan Du, Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, received an Alvin Achenbaum Travel Grant from Duke University in April 2024 to fund her archival research on her second book project, U.S. tea culture after the American Revolution.

Dr. Shuhua Fan, Professor of History at the University of Scranton, published “Confucius Institutes in the Xi Jinping Era: From Peak to Decline in the United States,” in Xiaobing Li and Qiang Fang, eds., *China Under Xi Jinping: A New Assessment* (Leiden, Netherlands: Leiden University Press, 2024), pp. 165-200.



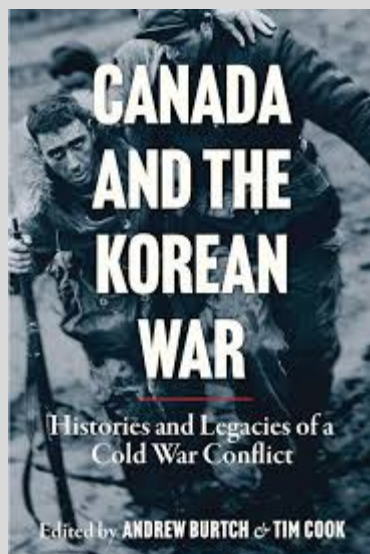


Dr. Jin Feng, Professor of Chinese and Japanese and Orville and Mary Patterson Rount Professor of Literature at Grinnell College, has two publications, *The Transpacific Flow: Creative Writing Programs in China* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024) and “‘Aihehua jingyan’ yu Zhongguo Dalu de chuangyi xiezuoxueke” “愛荷華經驗” 與中國大陸的創意寫作學科 (“The Iowa Experience” and Creative Writing Programs in Mainland China), *Dangdai wentan* 當代文壇, no. 4 (July 2024): 65-70.

Dr. Yunxin Li, Assistant Professor of History at Simmons University, published the article “Adultery Law and State Power in Early Empires: China and Rome Compared,” *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, June 2024, pp. 1-21. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/als.2024.10> and reviewed Tarun Khanna and Michael Szonyi, eds. *Making Meritocracy: Lessons from China and India, from Antiquity to the Present* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023) for *The Chinese Historical Review*, 31 (1), April 2024, pp. 103-104. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1547402X.2024.2327207>



Dr. Xiaobing Li, Professor of History and the Don Betz Endowed Chair in International Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma, and **Dr. Qiang Fang**, Professor of History at the University of Minnesota Duluth, coedited a new book, *China under Xi Jinping: A New Assessment* (Leiden University Press, July 2024). CHUS members contributed their chapters include Drs. Fuliang Shan, Guolin Yi, Xiaojia Hou, Qiang Fang, Yi Sun, Shuhua Fan, Lei Duan, Mao Lin, and Xiaobing Li.



Dr. Li also published four articles, “China’s Battles for Korea,” in *Canada and the Korean War: Histories and Legacies of a Cold War Conflict*, eds. Burtch and Cook (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2024): 160-75; “The Status of Taiwan and Hong Kong,” in *Security Dynamics in the South China Sea: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities*, ed. Hensel (London: Routledge, 2024): 162-78; “PLA Amphibious Campaigns and the Origins of the Joint Island Landing Campaign,” in *On Contested Shores: The Evolving Role of Amphibious Operations in the History of Warfare*, vol. 2, eds. Heck, Friedman, and Mills (Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2024): 228-46; “China’s Military Strategy from Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping,” in *The Practice of Strategy: A Global History*, ed. Jeremy Black (Rome, Italy: Nadir Media, 2024): 521-42.

Dr. Li was invited by the Johns Hopkins University to give a Colloquium speech, “China’s Mahan: Admiral Liu Huaqing,” March 2; invited by the University of Texas-Austin and presented at the Asian Policy Center, “China’s Naval Strategy and the PLAN,” April 16; invited by Nankai University, Tianjin, and gave two guest lectures at the Faculty of History, “The Current Scholarship and Debate of the Cold War History in the United States,” April 22, 2024.

Dr. Yuxin Ma, Professor of East Asian History at the University of Louisville, published “New Childbirth in Wartime Chongqing: Medical Modernization and State Control,” *American Review of China Studies*, 25, no. 1 (2024): 42-64 (co-authored with Xiaolu Wu) and reviewed *Shanghai Tai Chi: The Art of Being ruled in Mao’s China*. by Hanchao Lu,” for *The Chinese Historical Review* 31.1 (2024): 120-122.



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Dr. Guolin Yi, Assistant Professor of History at Providence College, have been offered a position of Assistant Professor of History with two-year credits toward his tenure at Providence College. Dr. Yi also started working as the Assistant Editor of the *World History Bulletin*.

Dr. Xiaoqun Xu, Professor of History at the Christopher Newport University, co-published the article with Yin Xu, titled “State Finance, Merchant Stake, and Foreign Interests: The Certificate System in the Chinese Salt Administration, 1912-1949,” *Business History* (Francis & Taylor Group), Vol. 66, No. 4. Pages, 807-828.

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 provisional/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.

