

## **The Finalized CHUS Program at the 2025 AHA (New York City, January 3-6, 2025)**

Below is a brief program of the CHUS solo- and co-sponsored sessions as well as social events at the 2025 AHA. This document and a brief chart of the CHUS program are uploaded at the CHUS website at: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/the-chus-program-at-the-2025-aha-new-york-january-3-6-2025/>

**The online program of the 2025 AHA may be accessed at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/start.html>

**NOTE that All CHUS sessions will be held in New York Hilton, East Room**  
**AHA sessions co-sponsored by CHUS will be held in different meeting rooms as specified below.**

### **Friday Jan. 3, 2025**

**AHA #22** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session26226.html>

**CHUS #1 Book Reviews in the Age of the Internet (Roundtable)**

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:**

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

Yuanhong Wang, University of Delaware

Gina Anne Tam, Trinity University

Gillian Frank, Trinity College Dublin

Qin Shao, College of New Jersey

**Session details available at:**

<http://www.chinesehistorians.org/book-reviews/>

**Saturday Jan. 4, 2025**

**CHUS #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

**Session details available at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25964.html>

**AHA #65** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25829.html>

**CHUS #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

**An UPDATED session description and paper abstracts are available at:**

<http://www.chinesehistorians.org/human-trade-and-slavery/>

**AHA #94 (CHUS Cosponsored) 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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25774.html>

**CHUS #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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25761.html>

**AHA #118** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25700.html>

**CHUS #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

**Session details available at:** <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/multiple-shifts/>

**AHA #152** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25835.html>

### **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

### **Sunday January 5, 2025**

#### **CHUS #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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session26248.html>



**AHA #188** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25993.html>

**CHUS #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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session26071.html>

**AHA #208** (CHUS Cosponsored) **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

**Chair(s):**

Charlotte Brooks, Baruch College, City University of New York

**Papers:**

*Jin Yunmei: A Transpacific Trailblazer in Health and Medical Education*

Yi Sun, University of San Diego

*Soo Yong: Hollywood Actress and Asian Diaspora Cosmopolitan*

Yunxiang Gao, Toronto Metropolitan University

*Not Your Conventional Chinese Woman: Li Lingai and Cultural Activism in the Transpacific Making of Modern Chinese American Womanhood*

Danke Li, Fairfield University

**Comment:** Charlotte Brooks, Baruch College, City University of New York

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25993.html>

**CHUS #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

**Session details available via the AHA Online Program at:**

<https://aha.confex.com/aha/2025/webprogram/Session25836.html>

**CHUS #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

Session details available at: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/zhou-enlai/>

## Monday January 6, 2025

### **CHUS #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

Session details available at: <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/us-china-engagement/>

### **CHUS #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

**Session details available at:** <http://www.chinesehistorians.org/surveying-the-nation/>