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Call for News
The NACSA 2004 annual mini-conference was held at Hilton San Francisco on August 13, 2004. This annual conference consisted of six regular sessions including: (1) State, Society, and Citizenship; (2) Gender, Family, and Household; (3) Migration and Ethnicity; (4) Global Connectivity and Local Networks; (5) Social Change and Inequality; and (6) Education and Child Development. Highlight of the program was a special session on “Availability, Accessibility, and Utility of Quantitative Survey Data for Social Science Research in China,” organized by Min Zhou with panelists Yanjie Bian, Nan Lin, and John R. Logan. Attendance was high and participants traveled from Canada, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and United States. As a NACSA tradition, the one-day conference ended with a Chinese dinner. More than forty attendants gathered in the Great Eastern Restaurant in Chinatown (Photo courtesy of Xiaogang Wu).

The 2005 NACSA Annual Conference will be held on August 12 in Philadelphia, following the great tradition of our association to hold a one-day mini-conference immediately prior to the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (August 13-16, 2005, Marriott Philadelphia or Loews Philadelphia). The aim of this year’s conference is broadly defined to be two-fold: to promote scholarly research on Chinese society, culture, economy, and immigrant life of the greater Chinese Diaspora, and to continue building bridges and guanxi among scholars of Chinese heritage and non-Chinese ancestry in North America, Asia, and other parts of the world.
The NACSA Board has decided to send out an open call for papers this year to the current and new members and let the theme(s) emerge from the submissions. The committee also encourages participants, especially graduate students, from the U.S., Canada, mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the greater Chinese Diaspora to submit papers/panels either in English or in Chinese. Submission Deadline: March 15, 2005. Email all paper or panel submissions to Professor Min Zhou mzhou@soc.ucla.edu

On behalf of the Nominations and Elections Committee for the NACSA election in 2004, I am pleased to announce that Danching Ruan (Hong Kong Baptist University) and Janet Sallaf (University of Toronto) have been elected new NACSA Board members. They will serve a two-year term starting from January 2005. Congratulations to Janet and Danching! We are very pleased to name Chih-jou Jay Chen (Academia Sinica) as our overseas coordinator for Taiwan. We trust that Jay's broad academic activities in both Taiwan and North America will significantly elevate the influence of NACSA among sociologists in Taiwan.
As we extend our warm welcome to the new Board members, Chieh-Hsuan Chen and I would also express our sincere appreciation to all the members for giving us this wonderful opportunity to work with so many outstanding people for the NACSA in the past two years. Our terms ended by the end of 2004, but we will continue offering our support for NACSA. We trust the new board members will do a superb job. The Nominations and Elections Committee would also like to express our gratitude to all the candidates who agreed to run for the Board of Directors, and all the members who cast their ballots. The vitality of our organization is counting on your continuing participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for papers for 2005 OYCF Conference

The Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) invites general-interest or research papers on the theme “The State of Rural China: Chinese peasants, agriculture and rural society in the reform era” for its 7th annual meeting to be held on May 28-30, 2005 in the northeast United States, location to be determined. Please send the following material via email to callforpapers@oycf.org before February 15, 2005.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Lai Si TSUI-AUCH


Unpacking Regional Ethnicity and the Strength of Ties in Shaping Ethnic Entrepreneurship. Accepted in June 2004 to be published in Organization Studies. Sage Publications


Yanjie BIAN

Yanjie Bian led his group of researchers at HKUST to conduct 2004 China GSS with themes on domestic migration, aging, and family support for elderly. The data will be cleaned in spring 2005. Meanwhile, he and his colleagues are analyzing the 2003 China GSS for a paper on status attainment patterns in urban China. He organizes a Data Analysis Workshop at HKUST, January 2-24, to train more than 20 young and middle-aged Chinese sociologists who would become the first users of the China GSS in their teaching and research. Yanjie's 2004 and forthcoming publications are as follows:


Chih-jou Jay CHEN
Chih-jou Jay Chen at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica has recently published a book, Transforming Rural China: How Local Institutions Shape Property Rights in China (Routledge, 2004), and an article on "The Path of Chinese Privatisation: a case study of village enterprises in southern Jiangsu" (Corporate Governance Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 72-80, 2005). He also teaches at the M.A. Program in China Studies, Institute of Sociology, National Tsing-Hua University in Taiwan.

Xiangming CHEN


Eric FONG


Peter Tze Ming NG

Zai LIANG


William L. PARISH

Yusheng PENG
Yusheng Peng was substantiated (tenured) since January 2004 at Chinese University of Hong Kong and have two publications:

Janet SALAFF
Janet Salaff is enjoying her sabbatical year at Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong. She is writing a book integrating institutional analysis with life histories. The topic is The Hong Kong Emigration Foray (coauthors, Siu-lun Wong, Arent Greve).

Xiaoling SHU


Alex THIO

Jie ZHANG
ZHANG Jie has been awarded a grant of one million US dollars from the National Institutes of Health to study rural Chinese suicide. This four-year grant will allow ZHANG Jie and his team consisting of American and Chinese scholars to explore risk factors of suicide among Chinese rural young women and to test a sociological theory of suicide that may be generalized to other populations in the world.


Dingxin ZHAO
Dingxin Zhao’s awards winning book Power of Tiananmen: State-Society Relations and 1989 Movement has now translated into Chinese and accepted for publication by the Hong Kong Chinese University Press. He has also the following recent publications:


Min ZHOU
Min Zhou has become the inaugural chair of the new Department of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. During the past three years, she worked very hard on departmentalization while keeping up with her regular work in teaching, research, and administration on and off campus. She will step down as department chair and spend a fellowship year at the Center for Advanced Study in the Social and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University during the 2005-06 academic year. She published a new co-edited book Asian American Youth: Culture, Identity, and Ethnicity (Routledge 2004) and a number of journal articles and book chapters, including:


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Call for News
Please send news items, announcements, and information on your accomplishments to Dingxin Zhao at dzhao@uchicago.edu The deadline for the spring 2005 newsletter is May 30, 2005.