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NACSA 2005 Annual Conference

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 in 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. This year’s conference will also feature a special session on Chinese Sociology and Fi Xiaotong’s legacy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
## 2005 North American Chinese Sociologists Association
### Mini-Conference Preliminary Program

**August 12, 2005, Philadelphia**

In Association with the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
Marriot Hotel (or Loews Philadelphia Hotel)

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| **8:30-9:00** | Registration & continental breakfast  Location TBA  
(Sign up for dinner at 6:30)                                           |
| **9:00-9:15** | Welcome  
A moment of silence in memory of our past NACSA President  
Professor Che-fu Lee  |
<p>| <strong>9:15-10:45</strong> | Concurrent Sessions  |
| <strong>Room A: TBA</strong> | <strong>Inequality and Stratification</strong>  |
| Chair: Gina Lai, Hong Kong Baptist University  |
| Income Inequality and Educational Stratification: the Case of Hong Kong, 1991-2001, Xiaogang Wu, HKUST  |
| Developing Trend of Social Stratum Structure in China, Xingzhuang Miao, Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences  |
| The Models of Chinese Social Stratification, Li Yi, University of Illinois, Chicago  |
| Occupational and Work Unit Mobility in Urban China, Li Yao, UW-Madison  |
| <strong>Room B: TBA</strong> | <strong>Society and Politics</strong>  |
| Chair: Danching Ruan, Hong Kong Baptist University  |
| Policy Implementation in Rural China: A Study of Resettlement in Three Gorges Dam Project, Shi Weiwei, HKUST  |
| From Safety to Efficiency: Different Trajectories in the Involvement of Domestic and International Alliances, Song Yang and Tom Addington, University of Arkansas  |
| Creating Soho: Transnational Architectural Production in Downtown Beijing, Ren Xuefei, University of Chicago  |
| Change in the Electoral Support of the Pan-Blue Coalition between 1989 and 2001: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis, Wen-shan Yang and Alfred Ko-Wei Hu, Academia Sinica  |
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| 4:00-4:15 Coffee Break |
| 4:15-5:30 Room A: TBA |
| **Joint Session: Fei Xiaotong and Chinese Sociology** |
| Chair: **Min Zhou**, University of California, Los Angeles |
| Panelists: **Nan Lin**, Duke University; **Guoxuan Cai**, Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences; **Danching Ruan**, Hong Kong Baptist University; **Yanjie Bian**, HKUST; and others |

6:15 Gather at the Hotel lobby to leave for the dinner.  
6:30 Group dinner at a Chinese restaurant (TBA).
Membership Form

LAST NAME: _____________________ FIRST NAME: _____________________

NAME IN CHINESE CHARACTER if any: ________________________

SEX: ___ FEMALE; ___ MALE

MEMBERSHIP STATUS/DUE:
___ REGULAR/$15; ___ ASSOCIATE/$10; ___ STUDENT/$5; ___ LIFE/$300

FILED OR MAJOR: ___ SOCIOLOGY; OTHER (SPECIFY): ______________________

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YEAR IN WHICH HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED: _________________

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Membership Renewal
Current members should renew their 2005 membership. $15 for regular member, $10 for associate member, $5 for student member, and $300 life member. Both current and new members may fill out their membership forms (see attached) and mail them with their membership dues in checks or bank drafts, payable to “NACSA” to Zai Liang, Department of Sociology, Arts & Sciences 351, 1400 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12222. Phone:(518) 442-4676; fax:(518) 442-4936; email: Zai Liang zliang@csc.albany.edu

Article V. MEMBERSHIP of the NACSA By law
Persons who subscribe to the stated purposes of NACSA, who agree to abide by the bylaws of the association, and who has graduate training in sociology or any of the social sciences or the social aspects of law, health, and medicine, qualify for NACSA membership. Membership shall be divided into three categories: Regular, Associate, and Student. Regular members shall be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on the Board of Directors. Regular remembers shall pay annual dues of $15. Associate members are persons who work as sociologists or social scientists outside of North America and may choose to pay a lower fee of $10. Associate members shall have voting rights but are not eligible to hold office and serve on the Board of Directors. Student members are full-time graduate students in sociology or the social sciences and pay the student membership dues of $5. Student members are not eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on the Board of Directors.

Membership dues shall be paid annually to the association on January 1 of each year. Instead of annual payment of membership dues, a single payment for life (Life Membership) of $300 may be accepted. Once paid, the Life members shall not have to pay annual membership dues and shall have the same voting rights as Regular members. Benefits for dues-paying members include receiving two issues of NACSA’s newsletter a year, being entitled a discount registration fee and free lunch for future NACSA conferences, rights to vote for NACSA officers and Board members, and receiving a periodically updated NACSA membership directory.
NOTES ON FOLKS

Yanjie BIAN

Yanjie Bian  Head and Professor of Division of social Science and also Director of Survey Research Center, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Yanjie's 2004 and forthcoming publications are as follows:


Nanlai CAO

Nanlai Cao is a PhD candidate of Anthropology Department, RSPAS, The Australian National University.

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Esther N. CHOW

Esther N. Chow of American University has been selected as a Fulbright New Century Scholar in these two years and received a grant to do research in China.

Peter Tze Ming NG

Peter Tze Ming Ng, professor of Cultural and Religious Studies Department, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, has been working on a field research project with some scholars from Mainland China. They have recently produced a report in Chinese, entitled "Christianity at the foot of Mount Tai: A Study of the Interplay between Religion and Society" by Peter Tze Ming Ng et al. The book was published by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies Ltd. in Hong Kong in June 2005. The Table of Content is as follows:

Introduction

Chapter One: Taian- The Divine Land
1. Taian: Its geography and religion
2. The Divine Land: the polytheistic worship in ancient Taian
3. New Immigrants: the propagation of Christianity in modern Taian
4. Diminishing & Reviving: the changing religious scenes since 1949

Chapter Two: Restorationism and the Tendency towards New Orientation: the Study of Beixinzhuang Church
1. The predecessor of Beixinzhuang Church: the Jesus Family in history
2. Beixinzhuang Church before the era of reform and opening
3. Beixinzhuang Church since the era of reform and opening
4. Restoration and renovation: the development of the rural church

Chapter Three: From Conflicts to Adaptation: the Study of Manzhuang Catholic Church
1. The history of propagation of the Catholicism in Manzhuang
2. The interplay between religion and society
3. The social clan and the Catholic Church
4. Localization and the future of the Catholicism

Chapter Four: Featuring of A Small Town Church: the Study on Qingnian Road Church
1. The predecessor of Qingnian Road Church: the Methodist church at Dengyun Street
2. The development before and since the era of reform and opening
3. The present situation of Qingnian Road Church
4. Featuring between the rural and the city church life

Chapter Five Concluding Remarks

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Xiaoling SHU

Xiaoling Shu, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis.


Jiaming SUN

Jiaming Sun, who has completed his dissertation at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the summer of 2005, and will be an Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Texas A&M University-Commerce in fall 2005.


Alex THIO

Alex Thio will have two books coming out this summer:


Fenggang YANG

Fenggang Yang, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Purdue University (fyang@purdue.edu). He has received a three-year grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for Advancing the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China. It supports a two-week Summer Institute for the Social Scientific Study of Religion in Beijing, small research grants for studying religions in China, visiting scholars from China to Purdue University, and a lecture series on Chinese Religion and Society at Purdue University. The first International Symposium of Chinese Sociology of Religion was held on July 10-14, in Beijing. His recent publications include:


**Heying Jenny Zhan**

Heying Jenny Zhan, Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.

Dr. Zhan was a principal investigator for the research project *Religiosity and Health Behavior among Chinese Immigrant Elders* during the 2004-2005 academic year. It was funded by Georgia State University. Currently, she is applying for a NIH grant to continue the research by expanding the sample.

Dr. Zhan is organizing a symposium, titled *Institutional Care in East Asia* at the Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America this November in New Orleans to discuss recent developments in institutional elder care in China, Japan, and Korea.

Dr. Zhan is organizing an informal interest group, *Aging in Asia* at the Gerontological Society of America. She invites all interested scholars to get involved and participate in the informal interest group discussion during the upcoming GSA conference. Her most recent publications are as follows:


**Dingxin ZHAO**

Dingxin Zhao, Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, The University of Chicago, has the following recent publications:


Min ZHOU

Min Zhou is stepping down as the chair of UCLA’s Department of Asian American Studies in June. She will spend the 2005-06 year as a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, where she is finishing up her new book on immigrant neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Some of her recent publications include:


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