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## **NACSA AFFAIRS**

### **NACSA 2003 Annual Conference**

Xiaoling Shu

The NACSA 2003 conference was held in Atlanta Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia on August 15, 2003. Despite a major power outage that paralyzed airports in the Northeast and Midwest United States and Southeast Canada, we had a high attendance at our conference. Participants traveled from Canada, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and United States.

The conference consisted of three regular paper sessions: (1) Life in Networked Society (in Chinese); (2) Migrants and Ethnicity; and (3) Markets and Social Groups, and a special session on Social Capital, organized by Yanjie Bian. The panelists included Yanjie Bian (chair), Chieh-Hsuan Che, Min Zhou, and Nan Lin (Author).

The conference ended later that night after a wonder dinner with forty attendants gathering in a nearby Chinese restaurant.

### **NACSA Board of Directors Election**

Xiaoling Shu

On behalf of the Nominations and Elections Committee, I am pleased to announce the results of our election for NACSA board of directors. Since there was a tie in votes between two candidates, the election committee recommended that four candidate be added to the Board, and President Yanjie Bian approved it. These newly elected Board members are Zai Liang (SUNY Albany), Feng Wang (UC Irvine), Dingxin Zhao (Chicago), and Min Zhou (UCLA). They will serve the 2004-05 term. Congratulations to Min, Dingxin, Feng, and Zai!

As we extend our warm welcome to the new Board members, we would also express our sincere appreciation for the excellent services offered by the outgoing Board members, Yanjie Bian, Eric Fong, and Philip Yang. Under their outstanding leadership, NACSA experienced phenomenal growth in both size and scope in the past few years. Thank you, Yanjie, Eric and Philip! We hope you will continue to offer your advice and counsel to our organization.

We 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.

### **Min ZHOU Elected the 9th NACSA President**

Xiaoling Shu

I am also pleased to announce that the members the Board of Directors unanimously elected Min Zhou as the new NACSA President, serving a two-year term starting from January 2004. We trust our association will continue to thrive under Min's leadership.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHFLS Public Release Announcement**

William Parish

On October 1, 2003, the Population Research Center at the University of Chicago/NORC released the public use dataset of Chinese Health and Family Life Survey (CHFLS). The dataset is available for free, downloadable in several formats from the PRC website (<http://www.src.uchicago.edu/prc/chfls.php>). Research design and questionnaire are also available from this website.

The CHFLS was carried out between August 1999 and August 2000 in 18 widely dispersed provinces in China, with 3,821 completed interviews for a response rate of 76%. It used a complex sample design, and includes the means to control for design effects through modern statistical software. With the exclusion of Tibet and Hong Kong, the sample is nationally representative of the adult population of China aged 20 to 64 years. Topical areas include childhood sexual contact, intimate partner violence, forced sex, sexual harassment, body image concerns, sexual well-being, and sexually transmitted diseases and risk behavior. This study provides a baseline from which to anticipate and track future change. It is one of the first omnibus studies of sexual behavior in a developing country. Initial analyses reveal drastic changes in sexual behavior among young cohorts in China, transforming from conservative, family-based sexuality to a more liberal, pleasure-centered system.

The CHFLS was a collaborative project of the University of Chicago/NORC, China's Renmin University, Peking Union Medical College and University of North Carolina. Professor William Parish and Professor Edward Laumann of the University of Chicago were the principal investigators for this project. Primary funding support was provided by a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (RO1 HD34157). Additional support was provided by grants from the Population Research Center at the University of Chicago, and the Fogarty Center, the Center for AIDS Research, and the STD Cooperative Research Center at the University of North Carolina.

### **36<sup>th</sup> IIS World Congress**

Xiaoling Shu

The 36th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology will be held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, on July 7-11, 2003. Abstracts and papers should be in English and be submitted to [abstract@iis2004beijing.com.cn](mailto:abstract@iis2004beijing.com.cn). The deadline is January 31, 2004. For more information, check out the conference website [www.iis2003beijing.com.cn](http://www.iis2003beijing.com.cn).

## NOTES ON FOLKS

### Lai Si TSUI-AUCH

1. Bureaucratic Rationality and Nodal Agency in a Developmental State: Biomedical Research and Industry in Singapore. *International Sociology*, forthcoming.
2. 'The Professionally Managed Family-ruled Business: Ethnic Chinese Business in Singapore', *Journal of Management Studies*, London, Thousand Oaks, CA & New Delhi: Sage Publications. 2004, 41:4.
3. 'Business and Management of Immigrant Enterprises: A Study of Singaporean Indian Firms', *Journal of Asian Business*, Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan publication. 2003, 19:2 (October issue).
4. 'The State Matters: Management Models of Singaporean Chinese and Korean Business Groups', co-authored with Yong-Joo Lee, *Organization Studies*, Thousand Oaks, CA & New Delhi: Sage Publications. 2003, 24: 4, pp. 507-534.
5. 'Learning Strategies of Small and Medium-Sized Chinese Family firms: A Comparative Study of Two Suppliers in Singapore', *Management Learning*, Thousand Oaks, CA & New Delhi: Sage Publications. 2003, 34:2, pp. 201-220.

I presented the following paper based on a fully-funded trip by Korea University Business School: Singaporean Business Groups Before and After the Asian Currency Crisis. Invited paper to be presented in Korea University Business School conference on Business Groups in Asia, Seoul, Korea, Sept. 2003.

Another presentation is: Change and Continuity in Family Enterprise: Chinese and Indian Businesses in Singapore. Paper accepted to be presented at the Academy of Management annual conference, Seattle, Washington, Aug. 1-6, 2003.

### Esther Naga-ling CHOW

Esther Ngan-ling Chow, "Exploring Critical Feminist Pedagogy: Infusing Dialogue, Participation and Experience into the Classroom" (co-authored with C. Fleck, J. Joseph, D. Lyter, and G. Fan), *TEACHING SOCIOLOGY* 31 (2003): 259-275

### Julia KWONG

Julia Kwong presented a paper at the seminar on corruption in China at the Woodrow Wilson Center on December 1. She argued that corruption in China is not a feature peculiar to socialism, but rather a result of the transplantation of the market in a socialist economy.

### **Peter Tze Ming NG**

Professor Ng at the Department of Religion, the Chinese University of Hong Kong has recently published a book on "Christianity and University Education in China" (by the China Social Sciences Press, Beijing 2003). Dr. Ng has also produced a book, in collaboration with Philip, Yuen Sang Leung, Edward Yihua Xu and Shi Jinghuan on "Changing Paradigms of Christian Higher Education in China, 1888-1950" (by the Edwin Mellen Press, New York, 2002). His contact address is: c/o Department of Religion, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong. Email: [peterng@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:peterng@cuhk.edu.hk)

### **Xiaogang WU**

Xiaogang WU has completed his two-year Andrew Mellon Post-doctoral fellowship at the Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and started a new job as Assistant Professor of Social Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His article with Yu Xie, "Does the Market Pay Off? Earnings Returns to education in Urban China," appeared on the June issue of *American Sociological Review*. Another piece with Donald Treiman, "The Household Registration System and Social Stratification in China: 1955-1996," is forthcoming in *Demography*, 2004.

### **Jie ZHANG**

Zhang, Jie, Yeates Conwell, William F. Wieczorek, Chao Jiang, Shuhua Jia, and Li Zhou. (2003). "Studying Chinese suicide with proxy-based data: Reliability and validity of the methodology and instruments in China." *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. 191(7): 450-457.

### **Min ZHOU**

Min Zhou has been elected to the Council of the American Sociological Association (2003-2005). As Chair of UCLA's Asian American Studies Interdepartmental Degree Program, she has continued to devote much of her time in seeking departmental status for the field. While busy with her administrative and teaching duties, she has managed to remain productive on the research front.

She has just completed a co-edited book, entitled *Asian American Youth: Culture, Identity, and Ethnicity* (Routledge, 2004).

In 2003, she published a dozen journal articles and book chapters, including:

"A Tale of Two Metropolises: Immigrant Chinese Communities in New York and Los Angeles" (with Kim) in David Halle, ed., *Los Angeles and New York in the New Millennium* (University of Chicago Press);

“Increasing Diversity and Persistent Segregation: Challenges for Educating Minority and Immigrant Children in Urban America” (with Logan) in Stephen J. Caldas and Carl L. Bankston III, eds., *The End of Desegregation* (Nova Science Publishers);

“Immigrants in the U.S. Economy” in J. Edward Taylor and Douglass Massey, eds., *International Migration at Century’s End: Trends and Issues II* (Oxford University Press);

“Assimilation, The Ethnic Way: Lessons from the Asian American Experience” in Tamar Jacoby, ed., *Reinventing the Melting Pot: How Assimilation Can Work for the New Immigrants* (Basic Books);

“Contemporary Trends in Immigration to the United States: Gender, Labor Market Incorporation, and Implications for the Family” (*Migraciones Internacionales* vol. 2, no. 2);

“Are Asian Americans Becoming White?” (*Context* vol. 3, no.1);

and “Ethnic Language Schools and the Development of Supplementary Education in the Immigrant Chinese Community in the United States” (*New Directions for Youth Development* vol. 99, Winter).

## **MESSAGES FROM THE EDITOR**

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