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10th Anniversary Celebrated at ACPSS Annual Conference at California State University, Fullerton

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The ACPSS held its 11th annual international conference at California State University, Fullerton, California on October 28-30, 2005. Over 30 members and scholars attended the conference with the theme "Sustainable Development in China: Social Sciences Perspectives" 人文社会科学论坛：中国的可持续发展。

The convention also marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of ACPSS. In the opening address, Dr. LU Shuming, president of ACPSS, reviewed the history and growth of the association and looked forward to greater progress in the future. Howard WANG, associate vice-president for Student Affairs of CSU Fullerton extended a warm welcome to the participants. HUA Zhongjian, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Los Angeles, delivered an inspiring speech.

Dr. ZOU Dongtao, the keynote speaker, is a professor, and editor-in-chief of China Social Science Classics Press. He made an insightful speech titled "Progress of China's Development Perspectives and Universal Values of 'Beijing Agreement'."



Dr. ZOU Dongtao gives the keynote speech

After the opening ceremony, Dr. Milton Gordon, President of CSU Fullerton held a dinner reception on his ranch. His warm and humorous welcoming speech brought out much heart-felt laughter. The dinner, prepared by the chef on campus, was delicious and very much like authentic Chinese food. Many of us thought it was from a Chinese restaurant. After the dinner, the participants enjoyed some Chinese songs by a group of exchange students who had just arrived from China.

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Members at the opening ceremony



ACPSS members sing at the CSU President's reception

Moved by the long-missed, familiar Chinese folk songs and music, several members of the ACPSS also formed a group on the spot and sang a traditional Chinese folk song. Our on-site coordinator Dr. Lisa XUE and several other members also showed their talents. Everybody laughed and had a good time.

The second day of the conference was marked by ten intellectually stimulating sessions on sustainable development in China and beyond. The presentations and discussions centered around a range of issues including: historical inquiry on gender (in)equity; the influences of the Rape of Nanking to Sino-Japan relations; new perspectives on China's foreign relations; its economic, political, legal, and educational reforms; its cultural, religious, and moral development; and contemporary social issues such as suicide in rural China and rural migrants in Tianjin. Issues such as Chinese immigrants' early experiences, their involvement in their children's education, and overseas Chinese students' Chinese learning were also discussed.



President Lu Shuming and members cut the cake.



Panelists share a lighter moment at the conference

At the business meeting, the participants raised concerns over the ACPSS by-laws and discussed possible revisions for the future Board of Directors. President LU Shuming presented a summary of the work accomplished by the Board during 2003-2005. After the presentation, ballots were distributed and a new Board was elected. Dr. LU Shuming was re-elected as the President with Drs. TIAN Xiansheng, LIU Min, JIA Wenshan, LI Jieli, LI Guofang, and SONG Jingyi as Board of Directors. (Due to personal reasons, Dr. SONG Jingyi was unable to serve this term and Dr. HAN Aiguo was later elected to fill her position.) In addition, Dr. PAN Zuohong has been confirmed as the chair of the Asset Management Committee which also consists of Drs. YANG Zhiguo and JI Jianguo.

The highlight of the day was ACPSS's tenth birthday party at the King's Palace Restaurant in the evening. Over delicious seafood and some home-brew Qingdao beer, the atmosphere was casual, relaxed, and celebratory. Members, old and new, joined together to celebrate this milestone event of ACPSS. Huddled around a beautiful birthday cake, members sang "Happy Birthday" and wished the continued success and growth of ACPSS in the years to come. The party continued into the late night with karaoke singing and ballroom dancing at CSU Fullerton.



The birthday cake



Members at the dinner banquet

A Message from the President

Dear ACPSS Members and Colleagues:

Thanks for your support of and trust in the new Board of ACPSS for 2005-2007. It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our annual conference in Fullerton.

First, I want to say that we are very thankful to the previous Board for the wonderful job Professors CHEN Aimin, LIU Yawei, HAO Yufan, TIAN Xiansheng, SONG Jingyi, and LIU Min did in the past two years. As I reported at the Fullerton conference, the Board of 2003-2005 worked very hard and made remarkable achievements. In that report, we also acknowledged the great contributions made by the ACPSS founders, all the past officers, and many volunteers including hosts of our past conferences. Our sincere thanks to them for their selfless work over the last 10 years to bring us where we are now.

After consulting all the newly elected Board members, I have finally decided on the positions and assignments of the Board members as follows:

Professor TIAN Xiansheng: Executive Vice President
Professor LIU Min: Vice President
Professor HAN Aiguo: Treasurer
Professor JIA Wenshan: Public Relations Director
Professor LI Jieli: Membership Director
Professor LI Guofang: Newsletter Editor & Board Secretary

In addition to serving as EVP, Professor TIAN Xiansheng will join Professor LI Jieli to form a team for a membership drive and take care of the email listserv. Professor LIU Min, besides serving as VP, will join Professor JIA Wenshan to lead our fund-raising and public relations efforts and take care of the website (WWW.ACPSS-US.ORG).

As we start our new term, we are earnestly aware of the tasks and challenges ahead. We understand that issues were raised recently about some of the ACPSS rules and procedures, which clearly demonstrated the great level of care ACPSS members have for our organization. Here, I want to assure you that the new Board and I genuinely value this opportunity and will work with you all to correct any problems that may still exist in our system. For example, we will soon set up an ad hoc committee or task force to solicit more input from our members and revise the election rules and procedures. It is our purpose to encourage active involvement from our members to make ACPSS rules, procedures, and practices more professional (including improving many arrangements for the annual conference).

As many of us have correctly pointed out, ACPSS is indeed a big family of scholars in which we can find interesting ideas, warm support, and collaborative opportunities. To ensure ACPSS will continue its healthy growth and expansion, we will do all we can to create an environment where senior members want to return and participate, and new members aspire to join the ranks.

The greatest strength, and, in fact, the biggest attraction, of ACPSS is the diversity of our membership, which has made it



possible for scholars from different disciplines of social sciences, arts, and humanities to converge here for meaningful academic discussions and collaborations, as evidenced in our conference presentations, numerous journal articles, and multiple book publications. I would like to share with you that the new Board takes it as its primary goal to carry on this glorious tradition of ours. We will go all out to facilitate more high-quality academic research and interactions among our members. On the one hand, the Board will work more closely with the editor of *American Review of China Studies*, to further improve the journal's reviewing process and quality. On the other, more book projects, English and Chinese, are being organized as additional outlets of scholarship for our members.

In the next two years, we will also continue to advance the ACPSS mission of promoting the development of social sciences and scholarly exchanges in the Greater China regions. For that purpose, we will tap support, financial and otherwise, from all possible avenues, for our summer lectures, conferences and symposiums in Mainland China, Taiwan, and other regions. I am glad to report that our serious efforts are already underway in this regard and that other collaboration projects between ACPSS and universities and government offices in China are also on our agenda.

With your support, we had a successful term in 2003-2005. Again with your support and participation, we are confident we can achieve our goals in 2005-2007. We look forward to working with you in the next two years. Thanks to you all and best wishes for the rest of the fall semester.

Sincerely,

LU Shuming, Ph.D.
President, ACPSS
CUNY-Brooklyn College

ACPSS 2005 Financial Report

Incomes	
1. Membership & Conference Registrations	\$13,066
2. Donation	\$2,000
Expenses:	
1. Office supplies (letterhead, etc)	\$214.65
2. Bank account cost (checks, etc)	\$80.25
3. Telephone calls	\$17.39
4. Conference expenses	\$7,837.20
5. Newsletter printing & mailing	\$498.32
6. ARCS Journal printing	\$1,550.00
7. Public relations	\$271.77
Balance:	\$4,596.42

(Note: Some un-reimbursed expenses of the term are carried over to 2005-2007).

November 14, 2005
SONG Jingyi

Updates on 2006 Summer Lectures

Planning for the summer lectures in China started early this year. In fact, we made the first announcement in late November 2005. ACPSS is continuing its cooperation with the Foreign Experts Bureau (外专局) following the success of last summer.

Tentatively, two routes have been proposed through our discussion with the Bureau's liaison: one to Tianjin and Shandong Province, and the other to the Northwest region of Ningxia, Qinghai, and Gansu provinces. The Northwest trip will most likely take place in mid to late May and the Shandong trip most likely mid to late June.

Similar to previous years, summer lectures are more or less volunteering in nature. However, hosts in China will arrange for food, lodging, local transportation, and sight-seeing. Though not guaranteed, some institutions may be able to offer nominal compensation for the lectures. Participants are responsible for international airfare and domestic travel within China. It is possible that some domestic travel may be subsidized by Chinese hosts. In addition, President Lu Shuming and the board will try to work out another agreement with the Education Office of the Chinese Consulate General so that eligible participants may apply for the 春晖 Project funding, which may cover about half of the international airfare.

This year we had an unprecedented number of 32 applicants! Moreover, a few new members of ACPSS are now on the waiting list. Member list and topics were submitted in December 2005 and the China side is now going through the necessary steps in order to host us.

In addition, Professor Tian Xiansheng and I are also working on other possible routes not sponsored by 外专局. These include Henan, Guangdong, and Yunnan for now. Applicants not selected by 外专局 may have the opportunity to join one or more of these trips if things work out.

LIU Min
Vice President of ACPSS
Ashland University

Member News

Publications

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Award

Dr. ZHANG Jie, professor of sociology and Director of the Center for China Studies at State University of New York College at Buffalo has received the 2005 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. This award is usually given to the faculty member in the SUNY system who has made a great contribution to the University system through professional service. Dr. ZHANG Jie is awarded for his service to the Center for China Studies on campus.

The ACPSS 12th International Conference Call for Papers

China in Transition: Issues and Solutions

转型中的中国: 时势与方略

The Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) cordially invites you to submit a paper for presentation at the above titled multi-disciplinary international conference.

I. Time and Site

Time: October 13-15 (Friday to Sunday), 2006
Conference Site: SUNY College at Buffalo, New York

SUNY College at Buffalo, situated in the world famous scenic area of the Niagara Falls, is a readily accessible meeting place by scholars from around the world.

II. Significance and Subject for Discussion

During the last decade, China has registered the world's fastest economic growth to become the second largest economic power (measured by purchasing power parity). Politically, China has become increasingly open and democratic. Socially and culturally, China is seeing more diversity, heterogeneity, and many new phenomena that are calling for explanations.

China has been in transition, with sweeping transformations affecting all facets of Chinese society. The nation is also increasingly integrated into the fabric of globalization. However, these changes have brought about both intended and unintended consequences, as well as unprecedented challenges.

With all the changes and developments, the issues that China must cope with now are no longer confined to the scope of domestic economic and political reforms, but extend to other urgent concerns such as environmental preservation, social inequalities, public health administration, terrorism, China's position as a presumed "stakeholder," and the role it should play in world peace and international trade. At the core of all pressing concerns remains a question that begs for an answer: Will China be able to ride on the tide of globalization, or will it be engulfed by smashing waves from both inside and outside? With this general question on the agenda, the ACPSS will hold a multi-disciplinary international conference to address the issues and solutions revolving around (but not limited to) ten sub-themes as follows:

- (1) Relations between the State and Society (topics concerning civility and social justice, land disputes, NGOs, ethnic minorities, grassroots democracy, religion, social movements, counter-cultures, gender groups, family planning and community development, demographic transition, and issues related to the construction of a harmonious society, etc.)
- (2) Relations between Urban and Rural areas, and between Coastal and Inland Regions (topics concerning economic inequality, state policy, social welfare/social security, education, investment, technology use, and resource distribution, etc.)
- (3) Managing Public Health (topics concerning international cooperation in containing the communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and in preventing the outbreak of pandemics such as SARS and Bird Flu, and issues related to building up nationwide public health monitoring and emergency systems, etc.)
- (4) Environmental Preservation (topics concerning urbanization, environmental degradation caused by misguided industrialization policies, sanitation, food poisoning, polluted water, and deforestation, etc.)
- (5) China's diplomacy (topics such as the role of China in the current Iranian Nuclear dispute, global cooperation of anti-terrorism, national security, China-Taiwan reunification, Six-Party Talks on North Korean nuclear issue, China's relations with U.S., Japan, and other countries, etc.)
- (6) China in the World Economy (topics concerning the role of China in WTO and international trade, China's integration into international monetary system and prospects for its future financial stability, China's FDI-overseas investment, energy demand, and other transnational issues, etc.)
- (7) Building A Harmonious Society – A Communication Perspective (topics concerning interpersonal communication and network formation, the role of information technology and media in public discourse, China's soft power in the global arena, and intercultural communication and world peace, etc.)
- (8) Reforming China's Educational System (topics concerning reforms on K-12 education and higher education, state educational policies, educational leadership, language education, school and community relations, and technology and educational innovation, etc.)
- (9) Globalization, Shifting Values, and Social Impacts (topics concerning changes in related cultural values and shifting of cultural norms, issues on individuals' or groups' search for cultural identity, beliefs, moral standards, and justification for social behaviors, and the psychological impact of such endeavors)
- (10) Issues, Solutions, and Lessons – What History Can Tell Us? (topics concerning those social, economic, and political issues that once posed as great challenges for society, solutions that developed in response, and lessons learned from the past).

Papers should be written in English and preferably in the length of a journal article. However, under special circumstances, quality Chinese-version papers will also be accepted. Presented papers may be selected for publication as conference proceedings or edited volume(s), and they may as well be considered through

peer review for publication in [American Review of China Studies](#), the official refereed journal of the ACPSS.

III. Deadlines

Please submit papers, panel proposals, or detailed abstracts, via email, to Dr. LI Jieli at lij@ohio.edu, by May 1, 2006. Submissions will be reviewed by a committee selected by the ACPSS Board. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by May 22, 2006. Full-length papers of accepted abstracts are due by September 30, 2006.

IV. Conference Expenses and Subsidies

Conference registration fee is US\$80. The conference will help arrange for local accommodations during the conference including airport pickup and provide, subject to availability of funds, partial travel subsidy to accepted paper presenters.

Call for Submissions

American Review of China Studies (ARCS) is the official and refereed journal of ACPSS. It is published bi-annually in English for China experts, Asian specialists, college professors and students, academic researchers, and other interested readers. Its goal is to disseminate new research, promote scholarly exchange, and produce an intellectual and more complete understanding of China. It also serves ACPSS members as a forum and a focused outlet for their academic products, fresh ideas, and new and relevant information obtained from research efforts relating to all disciplines of social sciences and humanities.

The editor invites submissions of original research, theoretical critique, descriptive survey, documentary analyses, literature review, methodological studies, and replications or extensions of past research, if they make an important contribution to the theory, method, or knowledge in the field and provide insight for the study of China. Manuscript submission deadlines for the spring issue is November 15, the fall issue April 15. If you are interested in submitting an article, please write to: Professor Xiaobing Li, Editor, *American Review of China Studies*, Department of History, University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. Questions may be directed to Professor LI at (405) 974-5483, or bli@ucok.edu.

More Photos from ACPSS 11th Annual International Conference



A session on Sino-Japan relations



A session on China's reform



A session on China's foreign relations and nationalism



A session on Chinese immigrants within China and overseas



Toasting at the dinner banquet

Join ACPSS Today or Renew Your Membership

The Association of Chinese Professors of Social Science in the United States (ACPSS), a Texas-registered, non-profit, and non-political professional organization, was founded in November 1994 by a group of Chinese academics of social sciences and humanities residing in North America. ACPSS aims at (1) promoting and protecting the rights and interests of Chinese scholars of social sciences and humanities who currently hold teaching and research positions in academic institutions in the West; (2) encouraging and sponsoring creative interdisciplinary research cooperation among social scientists; (3) pursuing scholarly exchanges among Chinese academics in North America, mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong; (4) advancing the comprehensive development of social sciences in mainland China; and (5) supporting China's reform and opening to the World.

ACPSS Membership Application Form

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Current Institution

Institution Address

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Institution Awarding Highest Degree

Year of Degree _____

Affiliation in China (if applicable)

Mailing Address

Application Status

Apply ___ Renew ___ Update ___

Membership Fee:

One year \$30 ___;

Three years \$70 ___;

Five years \$100 ___;

Life \$200 ___

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Words from the Incoming Editor

Greetings from Buffalo! Welcome to this issue of ACPSS newsletter as we enter the Year of the Dog. I wish every member a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.

As your new editor, I am excited to have the opportunity to communicate with you and keep you informed with news and events about our ACPSS community. In order to follow the exemplary work of previous editors and continue to bring you quality publications, I want to take this opportunity to solicit your help in sending me news items that are pertinent to the ACPSS community. These include publications (books, journal articles, and books chapters), awards and honors, grants, promotion and tenure, presentations and conference reports, professional development, and views and comments as well as personal news and announcements such as births, job changes, and more. Your comments and suggestions on how to improve our newsletter are especially welcome!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the out-going editor Dr. LIU Min for her invaluable support throughout the publication of this newsletter. She has generously shared with me her expertise and experiences as an editor and provided me with many helpful suggestions. And she always promptly and patiently answered all my queries. I thank also Dr. YAN Liqun for contributing the first part of the conference report and Dr. TIAN Xiansheng for the wonderful pictures.



LI Guofang, ACPSS Newsletter Editor

I look forward to working on the next issue of our newsletter. Best wishes to you all and hope to see you again soon at the upcoming ACPSS events.

Cordially,

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