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2006 ACPSS Annual Conference in Buffalo A Success Despite the Record-Setting Snowstorm

By Dr. TIAN Xiansheng

The ACPSS 2006 annual conference was held successfully through the weekend of October 13-15 at the Buffalo State College (SUNY), Buffalo, NY, against a record-setting snowstorm in local history.

When the heavy snow suddenly hit on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, it caused a city-wide driving ban, not only that, but the campuses were closed, the airport lost power, and the phones and the Internet were not working. However, our local hosts, Professor Zhang Jie, Dr. Ren Ping, Professors Lü Xuehong, Liu Zhiqiang and Yu Jiyuan all rose to the occasion. With their wisdom, leadership and caring hearts, we managed to minimize the negative impacts of the situation and have a very successful and memorable, conference. Our local hosts demonstrated their courage and altruism by attending to our needs while their homes were without power and had flooded basements. They mobilized all the help they could to make sure that we were safe and well taken of. It was not easy for them, but the results were excellent - they were simply the best hosts imaginable.

The early-season storm resulted in a smaller-than-anticipated audience. Several participants attempted to reach Buffalo (such as Deng Peng, Li Xiaobing, Sun Yi), but were forced to turn back. A few conferees made overnight arrangements outside of the storm's influence, and were able to join us later. Many of us were impacted in various manners by the storm and probably had different stories to tell about this trip to Buffalo.

We missed seeing all of our members at the conference, but were grateful for those who were able to attend. Whether you were able to arrive in Buffalo or not, the Board thanks you all for your support, and your commitment to ACPSS.

The keynote speakers and most of the major guests from China were able to arrive and deliver their speeches and presentations as planned. The weather was unable to dampen the combined panel discussions, which were invigorating and informative. Besides the combined panels, we also discussed the possibilities of future activities and cooperation between ACPSS and our Chinese guests. It was agreed by the attending members that this conference, like the snowstorm outside of it, was unique and memorable.

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Officials from the Chinese Consulate General Office in New York, sent by Ambassador LIU Biwei, attended our conference. Deputy Consul General Kuang Weilin, Consul Qiao Fenghe, and Consul Wei Gang participated in a special conference with ACPSS Board members to discuss future possibilities of a Tibetan scholar group's visit to the United States, along with other potential projects ACPSS could undertake with the corporation of the Chinese government. Ambassador LIU asked us to put safety as the first priority and wished us well from the Chinese Embassy in New York City. We were really touched by their kindness and genuine care on behalf of the Chinese government.

The Sunday morning tour of the Niagara Falls, made possible by the help of our local volunteers, was a second display of the power of nature. The magnificent scene of the great Falls, along with the memory of the lightning-accompanied snowstorm, and especially the selfless efforts of our hosts, will make the 2006 annual conference the most unforgettable one.



Call for Proposal

China Forum: Harmony, Innovation and Development
中国论坛：和谐、创新、发展
The ACPSS 13th International Conference
 October 26-28, 2007 (Friday to Sunday)
 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

The Association of Chinese Professors of Humanities and Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) cordially invites you to submit a proposal for presentation at the ACPSS 13th International Conference.

Conference Theme and Topics

Along with China's rapid economic growth and changes in all sectors of its society, many issues, old and new, become intertwined and more dynamic than ever. In the past two decades, the on-going transformation of its economic structure, disparity in wealth, environmental impact of its development, unsettled social political infrastructure, unemployment pressures and change of its labor force, quest for new cultural identity, and the danger of major international conflicts et cetera, all demand careful analyses, wise decisions, and innovative approaches so that China can sustain its development and achieve its long aspired harmony with nature, among its people, and with the rest of the world. It is in this time of need and urgency that the ACPSS organizes its 13th Annual International Conference, bringing together scholars of many disciplines from the United States, China, and other countries to search for solutions and directions to a new harmonious China and the world.

Based on the theme of "Innovation, Development, and Harmony" this conference invites participants to address a general question: What innovative approaches can be utilized to solve China's existing problems, sustain its development, and achieve the ultimate harmony?

Sub-topics of the conference include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) **Social and Political Harmony:** Issues related to civility and social justice, social welfare/social security, educational opportunities, land disputes, NGOs, ethnic minorities, grassroots democracy, religious freedom, social movements, counter-cultures, gender equality, family structure and stability, community development, demographic transition.
- (2) **New Models for Economic Development:** Issues related to urban and rural development, regional economic disparities, equal economic opportunity, government policy and market economy, new systems of banking and investment, technological innovation and economic efficiency, economic growth and social responsibility.
- (3) **Managing Public Health:** Issues related to health service and cost, health care in rural communities, public health education on communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, effective response systems to manage medical emergencies on a large scale like the outbreaks of SARS and Avian Flu, the role of traditional Chinese medicine and emphasis on cultivation of good health.
- (4) **Environmental Protection and Conservation:** Issues related to global warming, economic development and environmental conservation, new energy sources and energy

efficient technology, urban development and sanitation, air and water pollutions, scientific use of natural resources and sustainable development.

- (5) Diplomatic Relations and International Harmony: Issues related to China's roles and strategies in world affairs, including international cooperation in anti-terrorism, Iranian nuclear dispute, Six-Party Talks on North Korean nuclear issue, relations with U.S., Japan, and other countries, China's soft power in the global arena.
- (6) China and World Economy: Issues related to China and WTO, international trade, integration into international monetary system, overseas investment, energy demand.
- (7) Media and Society: Issues related to the role of information technology and media in public discourse and the construction of social harmony.
- (8) Reforming China's Educational System: Issues related to China's educational system, government policies, educational opportunities, government and private investment, private and public education, educational leadership, teacher education, student welfare and services, educational innovation and technology, etc.
- (9) Cultural Heritage and Identity: Issues related to preservation of Chinese cultural heritage, integration of positive traditional cultural values and social norms in political, social, and economic activities, cultural identity, and individual pursuit of spiritual fulfillment and internal harmony.

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. Conference papers may be considered for publication in conference proceedings or the peer reviewed ACPSS official journal *American Review of China Studies*.

About the Conference Site

Ohio University was founded in 1804 and has a beautiful campus, with excellent conference facilities. Local communities in the city of Athens will present conference participants a unique picture of Midwest America. The end of October will witness the traditional hustle-and-bustle scene of intercollegiate football games on campus being mingled with trade-mark Halloween festivities highly reputed in central and southeast Ohio. Moreover, an hour drive from the university is the Ash Valley, a natural attraction with fascinating views, often described by the local Chinese community as Zhang Jia Jie (张家界)--one of the most beautiful natural tourist attractions in China.

Hotel, Transportation, and Dining

There will be a nice conference hotel, the University Inn (almost 5-star, within walking distance to conference site on campus), and its conference rate for participants is \$119.95 plus tax (per night) for a double room, and the same rate is also for a single room. There are three other hotels in town (not within walking distance to the campus) such as The Hampton Inn, Amerihost, and Motel 8, and their rates vary depending on room demand for the October football season.

To receive the conference rate at Ohio University Inn, all participants must reserve their rooms by October 11, 2007. Any rooms not reserved by this cut-off date will be released back to

the hotel for general sale of \$170-180 per night (due to the football season). To make your own reservation, please call 740-593-6661 and ensure that you mention the group name ACPSS. Internet reservation is also available through the link:

https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=31250&hotelID=4598

Columbus (in Ohio) is a major airport (airport code: CMH), and the local host of the conference will arrange one airport pick-up (4:00pm) on Thursday, October 25, 2007 and two pick-ups (12:00 noon and 4:00pm) on Friday, October 26.

There are some nice restaurants in the area, providing a variety of cuisines featuring both international and local flavors.

Submission Deadlines

Please submit papers, panel proposals, or detailed abstracts, with your detailed contact information (name in English and Chinese if available, affiliation, telephone numbers, etc), via email, to Dr. TIAN Xiansheng at tian@mscd.edu by August 25th, 2007, but we strongly encourage early submissions. A committee selected by the ACPSS Board will review all submissions, and notifications of acceptance will be sent out no later than September 1, 2007. Full-length papers are due by September 30, 2007.

Conference Expenses and Subsidies

Conference registration fees:

- ACPSS member with paper: US\$80.
- ACPSS member without paper: US \$120
- Non-member with paper: US\$140
- Non-member without paper: US\$180
- Student participant: US\$80

ACPSS may provide, subject to availability of funds, partial travel subsidy for participating presenters.



(Pictures of Ohio University and the City of Athens, OH)

Member News

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Awards

GUO, Baogang, associate professor of political science at Dalton State College was recently named the inaugural recipient of the C. Tracy Harrington Award for Inter-Institutional Collaboration in International Education.

LI, Guofang, an associate professor of second language and literacy education at Michigan State University's College of Education, was awarded the Edward Fry Book Award at the National Reading Conference (NRC) in Los Angeles on Dec. 1, 2006. Li won the award for her book "Culturally Contested Pedagogy: Battles of Literacy and Schooling between Mainstream Teachers and Asian Immigrant Parents," which documents the battles between two white teachers and eight Chinese immigrant parents over different beliefs about literacy education. Li's book, one of 27 entered, was chosen for meeting the award's criteria, including advancing knowledge about literacy, displaying inquiry into literacy, and showing responsible intellectual risk-taking.

Other News

Deng Peng, Professor of History at High Point University and lifetime member of the ACPSS, has been elected to the Executive Council of the Association of Third World Studies. He invites friends in the ACPSS to participate in the ATWS's next annual meeting in Lima, Peru during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. Please check the following web site for further information.

<http://itc.gsw.edu/atws/meeting2007.htm>

FENG, Xiwu is co-chairing the 2007 International Conference on Language Education and Research: Development and Challenge in Bilingual/Foreign Language Education (LER2007) to be held in Urumqi, Xinjiang, China, August 15 to August 18, 2007. He invites ACPSS members to the conference. You can see the conference site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~ler2007conference>

Ji, Jianguo helped create a *Chinese Language Teacher Certificate Program* for the City University of New York-CCNY and Asian Cultural Center of New York. He developed a new type of program curriculum and devised courses that incorporated a transcultural-linguistic rationale into the teacher training process. He was thus invited to serve as academic advisor for the Program and director of the instructional team, while teaching in the Program as guest professor of applied linguistics.

Ji conducted a continued research project on the “*Study of Chinese language acquisition process for low-frequency-exposure American learners in continuing education programs*” at New York University School of Professional & Continuing Education during spring and fall 2006. He also conducted a study project during fall 2006 on the “*Assessment of Foreign language Teaching Methodology.*” The findings will be published in the spring 2007.

JIA, Wenshan, associate professor of communication studies has been appointed by the Provost of Chapman University to be on the Advisory Board of Center for International Education, Chapman University 2006-2007.

Jia, upon solicitation, has provided substantial consultation on the following three Ph. D. dissertations in Communication Studies over the past several years: The first dissertation is titled "Lobbying as Communication in Higher Education" conducted by a Ph. D. candidate of School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, China; the second dissertation is "Communication Patterns in Sino-American Intellectual Property Rights Negotiations" by a Ph. D. candidate of College of Journalism and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Ohio; the third dissertation is on "Formation and Construction of Multicultural Identity" by a Ph. D. candidate of Department of Journalism and Communication, University of New Mexico.

ZHONG, Mei, Associate Professor, School of Music, Ball State University, conducted three sessions on Vocal Repertoire and Diction, (90 minutes for each session, including two different concerts, lectures and master class, world premiere performance: *Songs of Distance* by Paul SanGregory), National Association of Teachers of Singing national Winter Workshop, San Diego, Jan. 4-6, 2007. Zhong was one of four master teachers (from the U.S. and Canada) invited for the event.

Kudos to all!

Announcement: Trip to Taiwan

APPLICATION FORM

Dear ACPSS Colleagues and Friends:

We have just been informed that the China Reunification Alliance in Taiwan will be receiving an ACPSS delegation to visit Taiwan during early July 2007 (for 10-12 days). Information about China Reunification Alliance is seen here:

<http://nrch.cca.gov.tw/ccahome/website/site20/contents/003/cca20003-li-wpkbhisdict000077-0067-u.xml>

The 10/12-day trip will involve mini-conferences and seminars with scholars on cross-Straits issues, visit government offices and offices of some political parties, and sightseeing in different cities in Taiwan. The actual itinerary is to be decided. The participants will be responsible for their own international tickets and the host in Taiwan will cover all the expenses during the stay in Taiwan (e.g., hotel, transportation, meals, sightseeing, etc).

Of course, this trip is open to all our ACPSS members. Those whose membership is not current can apply but will have to renew your membership when you send in your application.

Please see the trip application form in the following, as well as the ACPSS membership application/renewal form.

When you apply, please provide the following:

1. Indicate whether your ACPSS membership is current; if not, please renew by sending in a check to **Prof. LI, Jieli**, ACPSS Membership Director.
2. Complete the trip application form and mail/email/fax it to **Prof. LI, Jieli**.
3. Send in your resume (one page) in Chinese.

Please send in your completed application, with all required documents, to Prof. LI Jieli, no later than Thursday, March 1, 2007. The ACPSS Board-appointed Selection Committee will make the selection decision in early March, 2007.

Thanks for your participation in ACPSS activities.

Board

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Name of applicant _____
Date of Birth Month ____ Day ____ Year ____
Male _____ Female _____

Have you ever been Taiwan before? If yes, when _____
Trip Sponsor _____
ACPSS Membership Expiration Date _____
Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

Area of research _____

Position/Job title _____

Tel (Home) _____
Email _____

Tel (Work) _____
Cell _____
Nationality _____
Passport # _____
Passport Expiration Date _____
Place of Issuance _____

Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions or special medical conditions

Please state briefly why you are interested in making the trip and what you expect to benefit from the trip?

Signature of Applicant

Date _____

Please send the completed application form to Prof. Jieli Li by March 1, 2007, at:

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More Photos from ACPSS 12th Annual International Conference



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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Title or Position _____
Current Institution _____
Institution Address _____
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E-Mail _____
Field or Major _____
Highest Degree _____
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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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.

Words from the Editor

Greetings from East Lansing! Welcome to this issue of ACPSS newsletter as we enter the Year of the Pig. 祝大家在新的一年里工作顺利，家庭幸福，身体健康，万事如意！

As your 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 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 want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter. 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.

Again, wish everyone a very successful New Year!

Warmly,

LI Guofang, Editor



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