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Message from the President

Dear ACPSS members and friends:

At this holiday season, we extend our warmest greetings to all of you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Dr. Jieli Li, Ohio University



The 2009 Annual Conference

Conference. The 15th ACPSS annual conference was held at Ohio State University during the golden days of November 6-8. The conference, titled "China in World Financial Crisis and Other Challenges – Perspectives of Humanities and Social Sciences," focused on the impact and crisis handling of China during the global financial storm.

Dr. Dieter Wanner, Associate Provost for OSU Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Patricia Siever, Director of OSU Center for East Asia Studies, and Dr. Jieli Li, President of ACPSS, gave welcome remarks during the opening ceremony. Dr. Daniel C.K. Chow, Joseph S. Platt-Porter Write Morris & Arthur Professor of Law at College of Law of OSU, delivered the keynote speech "Anti-Counterfeiting Strategies of Multi-nationals in China."

More than 50 academic papers were presented during the three-day conference.

Election. During the conference, new ACPSS Board of Directors and Asset Management Committee were elected through ballot. The newly elected members are:

President:

Dr. Li Jieli (Ohio University),

Board of Directors:

Dr. Han Ying (Savannah State University),
Vice President

Dr. Hua Shiping (University of Louisville),
Director of Public Relations

Dr. Huang Shaorong (University of Cincinnati),
Treasurer

Dr. Lu Shuming (CUNY-Brooklyn College),
Director of Membership

Dr. Luo Jing (Bloomsburg University of
Pennsylvania), Newsletter Editor

Dr. Zheng Liren (Cornell University), Executive
Vice President

Asset Management Committee:

Dr. Chen Yongjun (Remin University)
Dr. Huang Wayne Wei (Ohio University)
Dr. Ji Jianguo(CUNY-BMCC), Chair

Dr. Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), continues to be the Executive Editor of *American Review of China Studies* – an official Journal of ACPSS.

Happy Hour. In addition to fruitful academic deliberations, this year's conference continues its tradition of providing social networking opportunities.



Dr. Liu Min and Dr. Zhang Yunqiu demo Tango.

Delicious dishes and Tsingdao beer were served at Panda Inn Restaurant where old and new friends celebrated the yearly gathering. *Luo Jing*

2009 ACPSS SUMMER IN CHINA

As part of an ongoing effort to promote and facilitate academic and professional exchanges between ACPSS professors and their counterparts in China's universities and research institutions, ACPSS organized three lecture groups for its annual China summer lecture tour in summer 2009. Ten ACPSS professors, with more than a dozen research topics, were jointly selected by the ACPSS Review Committee and hosting institutions in China for three separate visits to Shandong, Henan, and Hunan provinces.

The preparations for the summer lecture tour started in January 2009. Following a discussion among all its directors, the ACPSS Board of Directors unanimously decided to continue the tradition of academic exchanges with institutions in China. Professor Han Aiguo, then the Executive Vice President, was asked to organize and lead the

lecture tours. A call for participation and submission of lecture topics soon went out to all ACPSS members. Universities in China's Guizhou, Henan, Hunan, Shandong, Xinjiang, and Yunnan provinces were contacted as possible sites of the visit. ACPSS members, including Professor Tian Xiansheng, Lu Shuming, and Li Jieli graciously provided information and helped with the initial contacts with some of the colleges.

As usual, the call for participation in the lecture tours was greeted with enthusiasm from ACPSS members. 16 people applied to participate and a total of 46 topics were proposed, covering a wide range of subjects and issues in social sciences and humanities. However, to have everyone's traveling needs and dates aligned up proved to be the most challenging task of the preparation. Not only did the Chinese hosting colleges have their restricted window of time to schedule the talks, people applied to participate in the tours also had different time frames for traveling during the summer or visiting friends and families in China. There were many anxious moments of waiting, either for the long-delayed e-mail responses or the itineraries while our Chinese hosts navigating through their bureaucratic decision making maze. There were also last minute changes and cancellations that disappointed both the hosts and ACPSS members.



ACPSS Members at Yuelu Shuyuan.

To complicate things further, the ominous spread of the H1N1 flu virus loomed above everyone's head in May, threatening to derail every plan that had been made. For instance, our hosts in Henan decided to cancel all scheduled activities the day before ACPSS members were scheduled to arrive because of the

concern that people arriving from the America might bring the virus to the campus. As a result, members of the Henan group, with a very short notice, had to rush to the train stations to return their tickets and contact their travel agents about changes in their travel plans.



ACPSS Members at Liaocheng University

Then it was recommended people visiting China from America and on flights from H1N1affected countries voluntarily put themselves in self-initiated quarantines for about seven days.

Despite of all the difficulties and changes, two lecture groups successfully completed their visits to two Chinese universities as scheduled though with a much reduced group size. The Shandong group visited Shandong Liaocheng University from May 24th to May 27th. Xiao Zhiwei, a history professor from the California State University at San Marcos, and Han Aiguo, a writing professor from Rowan University, represented ACPSS on the visit. They each delivered two talks to the faculty and students of Liaocheng University. Professor Xiao's talks covered the history of movie theater reform during the period of 1911-1949 and the subject of public space and civic society under the rule of the Kuomintang government.

Professor Han's lectures focused on the subject of human perception and reality and issues in language acquisition and teaching. They also met with the vice president of the university and deans from different colleges and shared ideas of joint projects and exchanges between Liaocheng University and ACPSS. Apart from the academic talks, their

Chinese hosts also organized warm receptions and accompanied them on tours of the famous historical "water city" of Liaocheng, Guangyue Lou, historical Yanggu County, and the legendary site of Jingyang Gang where Wu Song, a well-known hero from the Chinese classic "Shui Hu" (Outlaws of the Marsh), killed a tiger with his bare hands.

The Hunan group started their visit to Hunan University on June 15th, 2009. Liang Bin, a professor of law and justice studies from the Oklahoma State University at Tulsa, and Professor Han Aiguo from Rowan University were members of this group. It was the first ACPSS organized visit to Changsha and Hunan University. Invited by the Law School of the university, Professor Liang gave a lecture on "Capital Punishment in the United States and the World." Professor Han delivered a talk on the "Identity and Characteristics of the Millennial Generation in the United States." Together, they also organized a research seminar for graduate students, sharing ideas on research methods in social sciences. During the stay in Changsha, ACPSS professors were also invited to meet with researchers from the Hunan Academy of Social Sciences and administrators of the province for international relations and development. The hosts wish to establish a long-term working relationship with ACPSS and to explore the possibility of more academic and professional exchanges. During their stay in Changsha, ACPSS professors toured the famous Yuelu Shuyuan, Yuelushan, the Hunan Provincial Museum, and Hengshan—one of the five most scenic mountains of China.

Reflecting on their experiences with the ACPSS summer lecture tour, most participants recognized it as a valuable endeavor, well worthy all the effort of preparation, even moments of frustration. ACPSS professors were impressed by the genuine interest in their work from their Chinese counterparts and students and, on many occasions, were deeply moved by the appreciation and hospitality of their Chinese hosts. They were immersed in the beauty of the sceneries, sobered by the history of the places visited, and are excited about the prospect of coming back and working with colleagues met on the tours. *Han Aiguo*

ACPSS'ER in Jordan

Dr. Xu Guangqiu won the 2009 Fulbright-Hays Grant which enabled him to participate in the Fulbright Summer Seminars in Jordan and Oman for seven weeks in June and July 2009. The program was administered by the U.S. Department of Education. 16 professors of Humanities and Social Sciences from 16 universities and community colleges were selected across the country. The purpose of this official program was to help people of Jordan and Oman understand American culture, and to help Americans change their image of the Middle East. The group met with the high-ranking officials, leaders of local communities, professors, college students, and other folks. Members on the team were required to give lectures, open new course, deliver presentations, publish papers, and conduct other activities after the trip to share experience.
Xu Guangqiu

ACPSS'ER IN NATIONAL DAY PARADE

Professor Zhang Jie and wife Liu Xuehong, both faculty members at SUNY Buffalo, were invited by the State Council of the PRC to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the PRC in Beijing. The couple were guests at the National Banquet and at the Viewing Stand to review the parade. Professor Zhang takes great honor in being an ACPSS member to participate in the event. *Zhang Jie*



Member News

(Events are of 2009 unless otherwise noted)

§ Dr. Anne Cooper-Chen, Ohio U., Journalism, will include a long section on China in her forthcoming book *Cartoon Cultures* (NY: Peter Lang). Much of the China section will be based on the paper she presented on Nov. 7 at ACPSS titled "The Doraemon Dimension." Cooper-Chen did research in China 2008-09 while teaching at Beijing Language and Culture University.

§ Dr. ChenZhi Yuan has the following message:

各位老朋友:

我正策划一组美国高等教育有关问题的丛书。丛书题目是“美国高等教育深探”。由中国教育出版社出版。主要从各个层面和视角批判和剖析美国的高等教育。希望有兴趣的同仁提供文章，篇幅不限。请把文章题目和内容简介通过此电子邮件发给我。同时请各位同你们的学界友好推荐，请他们投稿。

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§ Dr. Cheng Hong, Associate Professor at E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, has published a book: *Advertising and Chinese Society: Impacts and Issues* (2009), edited by Hong Cheng (Ohio U.) and Kara Chan (Hong Kong Baptist U.), Copenhagen Business School Press.

§ Cecilia Chien is an Associate Professor and Assistant Chairperson of the Department of History at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She published *Salt and State: An Annotated Translation of the Songshi Salt Monopoly Treatise*, University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, 2004.

§ Dr. Guo Baogang, Associate Professor of political science at Dalton State College, published two books in November: 1) *Toward Better Governance in China: An Unconventional Pathway for Political Reform*, Edited by Guo Baogang and Dennis Hickey; and 2) *Greater China in an Era of Globalization*, edited by Guo Baogang and Guo Sujian. Both books were published by Lexington Books, a division of Roman & Littlefield Publisher.

§ Dr. Shiping Hua was appointed "Guest Professor" by President Ji Baocheng at Renmin University in May 2009. He was also appointed "Visiting Guest Professor" by Dean Yang Long at Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, in July 2009. He was editor of "Islam and Democratization in Asia," was published by Cambria Press, 2009.

§ Dr. Ji Jianguo reports publication of a book *Training Teachers of Chinese as a Second Language: The Transcultural Dimension*, Beijing Normal

University Press, 2009; and an article "Overcoming Conceptual Ambiguity: Integrating Cultural Subtleties into Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language," *Language Association Journal*, 60 (2), 6-8, 2009. He conducted the following lecture series at College of International Education at People's University (December 27-30): "Transcultural Consciousness about L2 Chinese Pedagogy," and "Substantial Pedagogical Competence For L2 Chinese Teachers." He offered the following lecture at SCCC/State University of New York (April 14): "Understanding China's Development in Cultural & Historical Context." At the Asian Heritage Month at BMCC/City University of New York, he delivered: "China's Ancient Scientific and Technological Inventions" (4/20), "Impact of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games on Chinese Life" (4/23), "China's Experiments with its Population Policy" (4/28), "Confucius and Modern China" (4/28), and a co-presentation "China's Communal Mechanisms during the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake" (4/29). He delivered these speeches at 2009 MLD Colloquium: "China: Then and Now" (April 2): "China's Modernization and its Intellectual Implications," "China: A Culture and History of Multi-Ethnicity," "China's Cultural Renewal Process in the 20th Century," and "Interdependency: U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century." He delivered these presentations at the 15th ACPSS International Conference (9/6-8): "A Less Traveled Road: China's Approach to Cultural Revitalization" and "China's Peaceful Development and Necessary Adjustment in International Studies." He presented "China's Modernization: Academic Implications for American Students" at New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers 92nd Annual Conference - *Language Teachers: Seeing the Needs, Making a Difference* (October 9-11 Rochester, NY), "L2 Chinese Teacher Preparation and Institutionalized Policy Inadequacies" (the 7th International Conference on Chinese Pedagogy, Guangxi Teachers University (August 1-4), "L2 Chinese Language Acquisition & Layerized Language-Culture Reintegration" (the 7th International Conference & 2009 Annual Conference on Chinese Teaching, Chinese Language Teachers Association of Greater New York, Seton Hall University, NJ (May 16).

§ Huping Ling, Professor of History at Truman State University and Editor of the *Journal of Asian American Studies*, publishes the following volumes: *Asian American History and Cultures: An Encyclopedia*, 2 vols, with Allan W. Austin M. E. Sharpe, 2010; *Asian America: Forming New Communities, Expanding Boundaries*, Rutgers University Press, 2009; *Emerging Voices: Experiences of Underrepresented Asian Americans*, Rutgers University Press, 2008.

§ Li Mingjiang, Assistant Professor S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies Nanyang Technological University, will organize a conference on China and the Strategic Dynamics in East Asia in March 2010 in Singapore. She has the following publications: *Soft Power: China's Emerging Strategy in International Politics* (editor) (Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield 2009); *Living with China* (co-editor), Palgrave-Macmillan; *China and the Changing Strategic Dynamics in Asia*, editor, Routledge; *China and Non-traditional Security in Asia*, editor, Routledge; *China and Asian Regional Multilateralism*, editor, Routledge; and *East Asia Responds to a Rising China*, editor, Routledge.

§ Dr. Song Jingyi is working on the final version of her book which will be published by Lexington, a division of Roman and Littlefield, *Shaping and Reshaping of the Chinese American Identity, New York's Chinese in the Years of the Depression and World War II*. She recently organized a symposium at her school on Tibetan Issues participated by four Tibetan scholars, Zheng Dui, Nanjian Cariang, Wang Xiaobin and Sangding Cairen to discuss Tibetan Buddhism and local cultures.

§ *New Member*. Ying Zhu is Professor of Media Culture and Co-coordinator of Modern China Program at the City University of New York, College of Staten Island. She has authored "Chinese Cinema during the Era of Reform: the Ingenuity of the System" (2003) and "Television in Post-Reform China: Serial Drama, Confucian Leadership and Global Television Market" (2008); and co-editor of "Television Drama: A Chinese and US Perspective" (2005), "TV Drama in China" (with Michael Keane and Bai Ruoyun, 2008), and "TV China" (with Chris Berry, 2009). Her upcoming books include *The Interplay of Art, Politics and Commerce in Chinese*

Cinema (co-edited with Stanley Rosen) and a New Press book *The Transformation of China Central Television*. She is the recipient of an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (2007-08) and of the 2006 Fellow of National Endowment for the Humanities. She co-curated "Chinese Film Retrospective" at New York's Lincoln Center in 2005 and served as a Chinese media expert and contributor for *New York Times* "China Studies" website.

§ Zhang Jie published 13 articles in professional journals including *Social Forces*, a highly selective journal in sociology. The articles are "Psychological Strains Found from in-Depth Interviews with 105 Chinese Rural Youth Suicides" (co-authored with Nini Dong, Robert Delprino, and Li Zhou), *Archives of Suicide Research*, 13(2): 185 – 94; "Sociology as a Science," *Hebei Academic Journal*, 29(3):113-116 (in Chinese); "Reliability and Validity of the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale in Rural Populations" (co-authors Yuanyuan Kong and Li Zhou), *Chinese Journal of Behavioral Medicine and Brain Science*, 18 (4):372-374 (in Chinese); "A Case Control Study of Suicides in China with and Without Mental Disorder" (co-author Liang Zhou), *The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention* 30(2):68-72; "Are Women in China Sexist Toward Other Women? A Study of Chinese College Students" (co-authors Dwight Hennessy, Jing Luo, Yaping Song, Kailin Ren, Qian Zhang, Zhifang Han, and Ping Yao), *Psychological Reports* 105: 267-74; "The effect of perceived class mean on the evaluation of instruction," (co-author Jill M. Norvilitis), *Educational Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability* 21:299-311; "Social Reference Theory: A Preliminary Conceptualization in Sociology," *Study and Practice*, 10:138-143 (in Chinese); "Sociology as a Science and Its Future," *Xinhua Digest* 18:159 (in Chinese); "Characteristics of young rural Chinese suicides: a psychological autopsy study" (co-authors William F. Wieczorek, Yeates Conwell, Xin Ming Tu, Bill Yow Wu Wu, Shuiyuan Xiao and Cun Xian Jia), *Psychological Medicine, First View Article*, pp 1-9 (In Press); "ADHD Symptomatology and Adjustment to College in China and the United States" (co-authors Jill M. Norvilitis, Ling Sun), *Journal of Learning Disabilities* (In Press); "Prison Inmates' Suicidal Ideation in China: A Study of Gender Differences and Their Impact"

(co-authors Bin Liang, Yong Zhou, and Wendy Brame), *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* (ePub, In Press); "Economic growth and suicide rate changes: A case in China from 1982 to 2005" (co-authors Jixiang Ma, Chongqi Jia, Jiandong Sun, Xiaolei Guo, A. Xu, and Weika Li), *European Psychiatry* (ePub, In Press); "Marriage and Suicide among Chinese Rural Young Women," *Social Forces*, (co-author Yuanyuan Kong, forthcoming 2010).

From Editor's Desk

As I put this issue of the ACPSS Newsletter together, I feel rather energized by the dynamics of this organization. Additionally, the 15th Annual Conference revives many memories. What a love boat! Having been an ACPSS member for more than a decade, I don't yet see any sign of it slowing down at all. However, I do feel that fresh blood is needed, on top of higher doses of tonics. For one thing, we want to hear new jokes, don't we? To me, the best ones sadly remain Zhang Jie's "Korean War Marching Song" and "Jiao Yulu Visiting the Doctor." But, those date back a long long while ago.



That said, there are two sections of this issue that I enjoy the most: the first one is the section for member news. There, I sense the strengths and pride of folks who create and share their impressive achievements. It is amazing how prolific some of us are. Their level of quality is also impressive. The other section is Aiguo's report on the annual summer lecture tour. I find the project to be truthfully meaningful, and I wholeheartedly appreciate the diligent prep work that our former board members have done to facilitate the knowledge-sharing event. As such, I believe that the Newsletter could do better as well in bridging and informing. I'd like to invite members like you to contribute your creative thoughts. Email me at jluo@bloomu.edu. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy new year. Luo Jing

