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Message from the President

Greetings!

How time flies! I couldn't believe that spring is right back here in Ohio until I found myself surrounded by green upon green in the woods while jogging on the trail behind my house. With this spirit of spring, I hope the spring issue of our newsletter will bring you an energizing feeling of "green" when you see the ACPSS community has remained as lively and energetic as before and has made impressive accomplishments with active participations and contributions of our dedicated members. The most recent accomplishment is the new improvement and facelift of our website thanks to our Vice President, Dr. Han Ying, in leading a continued effort to better ACPSS website – our gateway to the world.



We are happy to see that the ACPSS memberships continue to grow as our interdisciplinary research projects keep attracting more scholars with diverse academic background and expertise. Furthermore, ACPSS continues to strengthen its academic co-operations and exchanges with other professional organizations both in the U.S. and around the world. For example, among other activities, ACPSS members participated in the Carter Center's democratic election observation projects and observed direct village council elections in China as part of its mission to boost grassroots democratization in developing countries. Our members are also very actively involved in Chinese language programs as an integral part of "Confucius Institute Curriculum" across the U.S. Moreover, this coming June ACPSS will again dispatch our teaching groups to China for

summer lecture tours on college campuses – a tradition we have kept for many years to provide voluntary academic services to higher education in China. Another forthcoming event is the ACPSS 16th Annual International Conference. This time the conference will take place on the campus of Harvard University thanks to the generous co-sponsorship and support of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Ash Institute of Kennedy School of Government, and the Fairbank Center of Chinese Studies.

Again, spring is a season for "sowing seeds" in hope for a rich harvest in autumn. Currently, the Organizing Committee of 16th ACPSS international conference has been working hard and fully gearing up for the upcoming event. As the president of ACPSS and also the co-chair of the conference organizing committee I promise you that this year's annual meeting will be an unprecedented get-together venue for the ACPSS community – also a time when you have a chance to see old friends while making new ones. With all best wishes, I look forward to seeing all of you at Harvard in early November.

Jieli Li (李捷理)
President, ACPSS

Upcoming 16th Annual Conference

The ACPSS, in cooperation with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center, and United Societies of China Studies (USCS), will hold its 16th international conference at Harvard University from November 5th to 7th, 2010. The theme of the conference, "Engaging China: Sino-American Relations, Sustainable Development, and Beyond," is aimed to address the world's most important, yet rather complex and multi-faceted, bilateral relationship of the 21st century that not only

affects U.S. and China, but also the world as a whole in its sustainable economic, political, cultural, and environmental developments. The conference welcomes paper and panel proposals on a wide range of topics. CFP is available at www.acpssus.org. Send proposals (300-500 words) via email to the organizing committee co-chair Professor Jieli Li at lij@ohio.edu. Deadline for submission is July 15, 2010. Full paper is expected no later than September 15, 2010.

ARCS' Call for Papers

The "American Review of China Studies" (ARCS) is the official and refereed journal of ACPSS. Published bi-annually in English, its goal is to disseminate new research, promote intellectual exchange and understanding of China. It also serves ACPSS members as a forum of academic exchange.

Dr. Xiaobing Li, editor, invites submission 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 the People's Republic of China. Manuscript submission deadlines for the spring and fall issues are November 15 and May 15 respectively. Manuscripts undergo a blind panel review, feedback is communicated to authors. Contact Dr. Li for submission guideline: Professor Xiaobing Li, Editor, *American Review of China Studies*, Department of History, University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034 USA. He can be reached by phone at (405) 974-5483, fax (405) 974-3823, or e-mail: bli@uco.edu.

Summer Lecture Tour

Once again, ACPSS will organize a lecture tour this summer. The trip, led by Dr. Liren Zheng of Cornell University (lz14@cornell.edu), will head for Zhanjiang Normal University 湛江师范 June 7-10, 2010. Participants are responsible for international travel expenses; Chinese hosts cover room and board and other local expenses. As of 2010, ACPSS has sponsored more than a dozen lecture tours.

Heart Journey

Starting from this issue, the newsletter will publish ACPSS members' creative writings, such as poetry,

prose, journals, mini novels, and more. Readers please consider submitting your works to be included in the next issue (jluo@bloomu.edu). Please limit the writing to 500 words. In this issue, we are honored to read a poem by Dr. William Y. Jiang, College of Business, San José State University.

今夜乘此航班想写几行诗.....

— 江宇应

今夜乘此航班想写几行惆怅的诗
惆怅来自我们的不辞而别
惆怅来自别后痛苦地思念
惆怅来自不解之疼地侵袭
也来自那后会无期的恐慌

今夜乘此航班想写几行悲伤的诗
悲伤来自受创而后畏之心
悲伤来自囚困双眸的闪烁
悲伤来自绯红面孔的疲惫
也来自那缓慢忧郁而甜蜜的声音

今夜乘此航班想写几行诱惑的诗
诱惑来自你乌云黑发的触感
诱惑来自你含情脉脉的抚爱
诱惑来自你汪洋亮眼的理解
也来自你那久抑欲爆的火山激情

今夜乘此航班想写几行兴奋的诗
兴奋来自你语言和目光的慰藉
兴奋来自你所制造氛围的馨香
兴奋来自与你夜驶的窃窃私语
也来自你似美酒如宝石的晶莹泪珠

今夜乘此航班想写几行希望的诗
希望来自你眼神传达的意会
希望来自你忧郁眉宇以外的光芒
希望来自我在你心中埋下的美梦
也来自我有言未语的无穷无尽的期待

窗外的黑夜无情地侵犯了我的思绪
你的缺席使我感到无穷的折难
美丽的你暨你同样美丽的心灵
在我看来好似机窗外明而智慧的月亮
对你的无限思念使我陷入深深的沉静



Member News

✚ March 2010, Dr. Jieli Li joined the Carter Center delegation (with Dr. Liu Yawei) headed by the center's director, Dr. John Hardman, to observe direct village council elections in Yunnan. The delegation included scholars from the Brookings Institute, University of California at Berkley, and Boston University. The visit was hosted by the Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA).



Photo 1: Election site of Zhongping Village, Yunnan, China



Photo 2: "China Election Project" Team in Yanjin county, Yunnan, China.

✚ Anne Cooper-Chen, professor of Journalism, Ohio U., has two chapters in a recent book *New Media for a New China*, edited by James Scotton and William Hachten (Malden, MA: Blackwell).

✚ Dr. Deng Peng edited a two-volume book *无声的部落* (*The Silent Tribe*) published by Chongqing Press, 2009. The book is a collection of memoirs by Pre-Cultural Revolution youths.

Dr. Deng delivered keynote address at the book's inauguration ceremony attended by hundreds of past "youths" who are now residing in several countries in the world.



✚ Dr. Baogang Guo of Dalton State College was co-editor of two books: *Toward Better Governance in China: An Unconventional Pathway of Political Reform*, edited by Baogang Guo & Dennis Hickey; and *Greater China in an Era of Globalization*, edited by Sujian Guo and Baogang Guo. Both books were published by Lexington Books, 2010.

✚ Dr. Heying Jenny Zhan, Associate Professor, Georgia State University was author of multiple academic activities: "The Emergence of Institutional Elder Care in China," 2009-2011, Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Health, and Fogarty International Center (1R03TW008142-01), \$100,000, 2009; "Understanding the Organizational, Social and Cultural Dynamics of the Recent Developments in China's Institutional Elder Care," Sept-Dec 2009; Fulbright Research Award for Research in China granted by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (08-14371), \$26,680. Books authored/contributed include "Elder Care in China—Changing practices and culture," in *Aging in Perspective and the Case of China: Issues and Approaches*, edited by Chen, S. Y. & Powell, J. L., Nova Science Publishers, Inc. New York; "Women, the State, and Social Policies," in *Women and Social Policies in the West*, Renmin University Publishing House, 2010; "Adding life to years—explore predictors of subjective wellbeing among the Chinese oldest old," *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies 2 (1):1-14*, 2010; "Population aging and elder care in China," in Weizen Dong, (ed.), *Public Health Sciences*, Renmin University Press, 2009; "Welfare: Care for the disabled," in *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, edited by David Pong, Farmington Hills: Charles Scribner's Sons/Cengage Learning, MI; "Family-based Care," in *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, edited

by Pong, David. Farmington Hills: Charles Scribner's Sons/Cengage Learning, MI, 2009; "Beyond the Bible and the Cross: A Social and Cultural Analysis of Chinese Elders' Participation in Christian Congregations in the United States," *Sociological Spectrum* Volume 29 Issue 2, 295-317, 2009. Papers include "The Role of Family in Institutional Long Term Care," University of Southern California, May 6-7th 2010. A number of papers have been submitted to conferences.

✚ Dr. Guofang Li received the 2010 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Early Career Award at the Colorado Convention Center. She was author/contributor of the following: *Multicultural families, home literacies, and mainstream schooling*, ed., Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2009; "Behind the 'model minority' mask: A cultural ecological perspective on a high achieving Vietnamese youth's identity and socio-emotional struggles," in C. Park (Ed.), *Asian Pacific Education Anthology*, Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2010; "Facets of home literacy practices: Learning from Asian families," in M. L. Dantas and P. Manyak (Eds.), *Learning from and with diverse families: School-home connections in a multicultural society*, Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum, 2010; "Toward a situated perspective on multicultural families and their home literacy practices," in G. Li (Ed.), *Multicultural Families, Home Literacies, and Mainstream Schooling*, Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2009; "Family literacy: Learning from an Asian immigrant family," in G. Li (Ed.), *Multicultural Families, Home Literacies, and Mainstream Schooling*. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2009; "The 'majority in the minority:' Literacy practices of low-ses white families in an inner city neighbourhood," in G. Li (Ed.), *Multicultural Families, Home Literacies, and Mainstream Schooling*, Albany: SUNY Press, 2009; "Equity and equality in Asian American science education: Unpacking the model minority myth," in Wolff-Michael Roth & Ken Tobin (Eds.), *World of Science Education: North America*, Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishers, 2009.

✚ Dr. Xiaobing Li, Chair of the Department of History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma, was author of a new book *Voices from the Vietnam War*, the University of Kentucky Press, May 2010.

✚ Dr. Huping Ling is Visiting Professor of history, University of Missouri-Columbia and Executive Editor, *Journal of Asian American Studies*. Professor of History of Truman State University. She has published the following books: *Asian American History and Cultures: An Encyclopedia*, 2 volumes, 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; *Voices of the Heart: Asian American Women on Immigration, Work, and Family*, Truman State University Press, 2007.

✚ Dr. Min Liu has the following message: "I have left Ashland University to become the Executive Director of Asia Programs for the Norman Mailer Center and the Norman Mailer Writers Colony. My new phone number is: 646-234-7797; and work/ mailing address is: The Norman Mailer Center, 1115 Broadway, 12 Fl., New York, NY 10010. My work email is: minliu@nmwcolony.org I welcome any ACPSS friends to visit me in New York City!"

✚ Dr. Jingyi Song, Associate Professor of State University of New York, published a book *Shaping and Reshaping Chinese American Identity—New York's Chinese During the Depression and World War II*, Lexington Books, a division of Rowman and Littlefield Publisher, Inc., 2010.

✚ Dr. Jie Zhang, Professor of Sociology at SUNY Buffalo and Director of Center for China Studies, has the following publications: Li, Ning and Jie Zhang, "Influencing factors for depression among Chinese suicide survivors," *Psychiatry Research*, in Press (2009); Zhang, Jie and Yong Tang, "Strain and Suicide: An Analysis of 155 Suicide Cases," *Chinese Mental Health Journal*, 23: 784-789, 2010; Zhang, Jie and Cun Xian Jia, "Attitudes toward Suicide: The Effect of Suicide

Death in the Family," *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying* 60:365-382, 2010; Kong, Yuanyuan and Jie Zhang, "Access to Farming Pesticides and Risk for Suicide," in *Chinese Rural Young People*, *Psychiatry Research In Press*, 2010; Zhang Jie, Shuiyuan Xiao, and Liang Zhou, "Mental Disorders and Suicide in Chinese Rural Young Population: A Case-control Psychological Autopsy Study," in *American Journal of Psychiatry In Press*, 2010; Jia, Cun Xian and Jie Zhang, "Characteristics of the Young Suicides by Violent Methods in Rural China," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*. Accepted for Publication, March 22, 2010.

- ✚ Dr. Sheri Zhang Leimbiger, Professor of Asian Studies at University of Ottawa, authored a book review "Japan Yesterday and Today" for Trevor W. Harrison's book *21st Century Japan: A New Sun Rising*, Montreal: Black Rose Books, 2008.
- ✚ Dr. Zhiqun Zhu, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations of Bucknell University, published *China's New Diplomacy: Rationale, Strategies and Significance*, Ashgate, 2010.

From Editor's Desk



When I compile these issues of the newsletter, I always find myself amazed by the impressive members' news. I also grow more curious about the busy folks who authored those events. There has

to be a more exciting dimension, thought I, one that offers the kind of heart-wrenching stuff that's inspiring at, say, a greater depth. So, I included a creative writing section in this issue with Dr. William Jiang's poem. I understand that readers have been blown away by the melancholic finesse of each verse. Wow! From my own perspective, I further lament how much has been missed in this busy life. Dr. Jiang, thank you for sharing.

In the world of visual art, the curves have changed; at least, this is true for me who have burrowed in deep Pennsylvania for many long years. I was lucky to get the permission from Mr. Lei Liang, a rather unique modern artist and who happens to have been a classmate of mine, to display a recent

artwork on a Buddhist theme. Hope you'll enjoy it. Cheers. *Luo Jing*



Peony Guanyin Portrait, 200x150cm, Acrylic On Canvas, 2009. Author, *Lei Liang*, graduated from Peking University 1982, studied art in France, taught at *Central Art Academy* and *Hubei Art Academy*. His works are internationally exhibited.

Art style combines Chinese painting with oil painting techniques. To find more about Lei Liang, visit www.LeiLiang.com.

