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In Memory of Xiaogang Deng



Dr. Xiaogang Deng passed away on January 25, 2021 at the age of 66 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Xiaogang and I met at Nankai University in the early 1980s when he engaged in advanced study of English in the English Department and I was a lecturer in the Sociology Department. He expressed strong interests in sociology which was also my intellectual interest and work. Our long-time friendship was initiated based on the common interest. At that time, we decided to translate an English textbook on sociological theory in collaboration with my two classmates. The translation work was successful and the translated book was published by the International Culture Press of Beijing in 1987. The book has been well received and widely used in the field of sociology since its publication. Xiaogang went to the U.S. for his graduate study right after the translation project was completed. He studied in Baylor University and the University of Oklahoma and completed his Ph.D. in Sociology at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1994. When I was

studying for my Ph.D. at the University of New York-Albany in the early 1990s, we were reconnected and continued our friendship. Xiaogang and I had collaboratively published a number of articles and chapters in the field of criminology. We traveled together for conferences and academic exchanges in the U.S., European countries, and China. Xiaogang is a great person for his honesty, caring, sharing, and kindness. I deeply missed my close friend, a brother and express my deep condolences.

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Xiaogang with Prof. Zhou Xiaohong, chair of the sociology department at Nanjing University.
May 2002__Contributed by Dr. Deng Peng



In front the Presidential building in Nanjing. May 2002__Contributed by Dr. Deng Peng



ACPSS members during a lecture tour. Jiangsu University's guest house. May 2002__Contributed by Dr. Deng Peng



Left to right: a professor from Beihang University, Xiaogang Deng, Li He, Cao Liqun.
2010 ACPSS annual meeting at Harvard University___contributed by Dr. Cao Liqun



Yunnan Province, 2004 ____Contributed by Dr. Yu Yanmin



大理学院 2004 ____Contributed by Dr. Yu Yanmin

Condolence from ACPSS

Dear Mrs Deng and family,

It was a sad shock when we heard that Dr. Xiaogang Deng passed away. He had been a wonderful colleague and friend to many members of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS). We will always remember him and treasure him as a wonderful scholar, a devoted member of the Association and a genuine human being.

The passing away of Dr. Deng is a great loss to the organization. Nobody could replace him in his position. Please accept our sincere condolences in the time of the deepest sorrow and difficulties in your life.

Sincerely,

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