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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear members:

Greetings from Albany, New York!

As you are getting read for the winter break and the holidays, I would like to give you an update on several issues.

The first task I undertook as the Chair was to write our specialty group's annual report for AAG. This task gave me a good opportunity to better understand the membership compositions and the impressive achievement of our group. The report is available at the AAG website (http://www.aag.org/sg/china/AAG_CGSP%20report_2006.doc).

The second major task was to bring prominent geographers from both the U.S. and China to the next AAG annual meeting in San Francisco to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1977-78 Sino-American exchange of geographers. As many of you know, thirty years ago in 1977, a group of American geographers led by Professors Laurence Ma and Allen Nobel at the University of Akron visited China for the first time in decades, which was followed by a return visit to the United States by a group of leading geographers from China. This significant event started a new era of China Geography research in the United States. It has also led to the creation and the rapid growth of the CGSG. Thus the 1977 Sino-American exchange can be considered a watershed event for China Geography, as it introduced to Geography the same spirit of international cooperation that had transformed Sino-American relations following Nixon's 1972 visit to China. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of this event next year at the AAG annual meeting, two roundtable panel sessions titled "Three Decades of Research on China Since the 1977 Sino-American Exchange of Geographers" have been organized. These panels feature members of the 1977 American delegation including Professor Laurence Ma, Jack Williams, Allen Nobel and Clifton Pannell, members of the 1978 Chinese delegation including Professor Wu Chuanjun and Liu Changming (Chinese Academy of Sciences) and Yao Shimou (Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology), as well as prominent scholars from

both China (e.g. Zhou Yixing) and U.S. (e.g. Cindy Fan). I want to thank Prof. Laurence Ma who has been extremely helpful as we are trying to put these two sessions together.

In addition, at least nine more Chinese geographers are expected to attend the next AAG meeting, including Prof. Lu Dadao, Liu Yansui and Liu Weidong from Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Prof. Cui Gonghao, Zhu Xigang and Wang Hongyang from Nanjing University, Prof. She Zhixiang and Shen Daoqi from Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, and Prof. He Caifei from Peking University. I have sent out invitation letters to facilitate their visa applications. I am very excited that at the next AAG meeting we will have probably an unprecedented large number of Chinese geographers.

To help cover the conference cost for senior Chinese geographers, I applied for and received four Enrichment Fund Awards provided by the AAG. While the fund is modest, it covers the registration fees and some accommodation costs for four senior Chinese geographers (Wu Chanjun, Liu Changming, Yao Shimou and Zhou Yixing). More importantly, it is a token from CGSG to welcome these Chinese geographers to the next AAG annual meeting. The CGSG has organized/sponsored 19 sessions for the next AAG annual meeting, including two flagship panel sessions I mentioned above, two sessions on Changing Geography of China in honor of Prof. Clifton Pannell, two sessions on Changing Economic Geography of China, one session on Taiwan and Globalization in honor of Prof. Jack Williams, three sessions on Chinese cities, one on neoliberal China, one on migration, one on Hong Kong, one on tourism and two on political ecology and environment (see the details on the following pages). It looks like we will have a great conference next year. I want to thank all session organizers who have worked very hard to put these sessions together. In particular, I want to thank George Lin who not only organized seven high-profile sessions but also provided me all sorts of insights and support as I was organizing various sessions.

To continue our commitment to interact with other specialty groups and the mainstream geography, we have co-sponsored the above sessions with Urban Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, and Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group.

This probably is my last letter to you as the Chair. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It has been a gratifying experience for me and I enjoyed working with many of you directly and indirectly. I have also learned more about our group and the innovative research that you are doing.

Have a wonderful holiday season! I look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco.

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CGSG SERVICE AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At its 2003 business meeting in New Orleans, CGSG decided to launch an Outstanding Service Award. This award is to be presented to individuals who provided significant services to the China Geography Specialty Group or made important contributions to the advancement of China geography studies. Since then, Prof. Larry Ma, Prof. Clifton Pannell, Prof. Chor-Pang Lo, and Prof. Jack Williams have received this award. Nominations are now accepted for this award in 2007. Please send your nomination, along with a statement of contributions of the nominee(s) to: Youqin Huang, Chair of AAG China Specialty Group (Email: yhuang@albany.edu) before February 1st, 2007.

CGSG-SPONSORED SESSIONS AT THE 2007 SAN FRANCISCO AAG MEETING

THREE DECADES OF RESEARCH ON CHINA SINCE THE 1977 SINO-AMERICAN EXCHANGE OF GEOGRAPHERS I: VIEWS FROM THE U.S. AND CHINA

Organizers: Youqin Huang and Laurence J.C. Ma

Chair: Allen G. Noble

Sponsorship: CGSG

Panelists: **Jack F. Williams, Allen G. Noble, Cindy Fan, Shimou Yao, George Lin, Piper Gaubatz, Yixing Zhou.**

THREE DECADES OF RESEARCH ON CHINA SINCE THE 1997 SINO-AMERICAN EXCHANGE OF GEOGRAPHERS II: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Organizers: Youqin Huang and Laurence J.C. Ma

Chair: Changming Liu

Sponsorship: CGSG

Panelists: **Laurence J.C. Ma, Clifton W. Pannell, Changming Liu, Chuanjun Wu, Yehua Dennis Wei, Tim Oakes, Alana Boland**

CHANGING ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHIES OF CHINA I: GLOBALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING

Organizers: George Lin and Youqin Huang

Chair: Weidong Liu

Sponsorship: CGSG, Asian Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

Zhiyong Hu: "Understanding the Changing Geography of China's State-owned Enterprises: A "New Regionalism" Perspective"

Dr. Ingo Liefner: "Innovative linkages of high-tech firms in Shanghai and Beijing"

Jun Zhang: "Local Talent, National Politics, and Global Networks: the Rise of Beijing as China's Dominant Urban Internet Clusters"

Sheng Zhong: "What Makes Shanghai's Suzhou Creek So Attractive: A Preliminary Study on Location Choices of Suzhou Creek Creative Enterprises"

I-Jhy Su: "Catching-up in the Global Value Chain: The trans-scalar learning dynamics of TFT-LCD clusters in Taiwan"

CHANGING ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHIES OF CHINA II: AGRICULTURE, RETAILING, AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Organizers: George Lin and Youqin Huang

Chair: Shuguang Wang

Sponsorship: CGSG, Asian Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

Xiuqi Fang: "The Changing Regional Differences of Grain Production in China"

Katharine Peters: "Traditional Farming Villages to Overcrowded Urban Clusters: An Ethnographic Study of China's Future Development and Increasing Social Devastation"

Canfei He: “Industrial Distribution of Foreign Manufacturing Investment In Beijing: The Role Of Industrial Agglomeration And Industrial Linkage”

Baoling Wang: “Canadian Firms in China's Mining Industry”

Shuguang Wang: “Foreign Retailers in China Revisited: Who Are Winners?”

CHANGING GEOGRAPHIES OF CHINA I: PAPERS IN HONOR OF CLIFTON W. PANNELL

Organizers: George Lin and Gregory Veeck

Chair: Gregory Veeck

Sponsorship: CGSG, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Cindy Fan: “Rural-Urban Migration and Urban Transition in China”

Roger C.K. Chan: “Urban Agglomerations in China”

Kam Wing Chan: “Major Issues in China's Urbanization and Policy”

Weidong Liu: “Patterns and Dynamics of Town Development in China: A case study of two towns in Sichuan Province”

Susan M. Walcott: “Wenzhou's Way: The Making of a Political-Economic Model

CHANGING GEOGRAPHIES OF CHINA II: PAPERS IN HONOR OF CLIFTON W. PANNELL

Organizers: George Lin and Gregory Veeck

Chair: Susan M. Walcott

Sponsorship: CGSG, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Gregory Veeck: “Urban and Rural Conflicts and Contrasts in Inner Mongolia, PRC”

Yifei Sun: “Country Relational Distance, Organizational Power and R&D Managers: Understanding Environmental Challenges for Foreign R&D in China”

Chi Kin Leung: “Local States, Multinational Enterprises, and Municipal Transformation”

Simon Xiaobin Zhao: “Dynamic Changes and Spatial Paths of FDI in Mainland China”

Qian Guo: “Frontier Settlement Patterns and Parallel Urban Hierarchies: The Effects of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps in China's Colonization of Xinjiang”

CHINESE INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Organizers: George Lin and Youqin Huang

Chair: Cindy Fan

Sponsorships: CGSG, Asian Geography Specialty Group

John Zhongdong Ma: “Recent Movements of Talented Chinese between Asia and North America”

Sin Yih Teo: “Canadian "Sea Turtles" in China: The Return of a Chinese Diaspora?”

Wenfei Winnie Wang: “Economic and social impacts of return migration in China”

Mingjie Sun: “Rural-Urban Migration in China: Some Findings from the 2000 Census”

Discussant: **Laurence J.C. Ma**

TAIWAN AND GLOBALIZATION: PAPERS IN HONOR OF JACK F. WILLIAMS

Organizers: George Lin and Lan-Hung Nora Chiang

Chair: Lan-Hung Nora Chiang

Sponsorships: CGSG, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Li Ming Hsia and Ethan Yorgason: “Out of Globalizing Taipei: Cultural Imagination, Local Identity, and the Case of The Festival of Austronesian Cultures in Taitung”

Yi-Fong Chen: “Are We "Natural" Enough? The Ecological Tourism and Social Development in Taroko National Park Area and San-Chan Tribe, Taiwan”

Wei-Ming Chen: “The Reaction of Taiwan's Government When Facing the Environmental Negotiation in WTO”

HungJen Tan: “Regionalizing tea development or developing tea region: a case of the Formosa Oolong tea”

Lan-Hung Nora Chiang: “Transnational Lives of Taiwanese Immigrant Women in Canada: An Appraisal”

TEN YEARS AFTER: HOW IS HONG KONG SURVIVING AS PART OF CHINA?

Organizer: George Lin

Chair: Roger C.K. Chan

Sponsorships: China Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Panelists: **Jack F. Williams, Carolyn L. Cartier, Kam Wing Chan, Cindy Fan, Clifton W. Pannell, C P. Lo**

CHINESE CITIES IN TRANSITION I: HOUSING

Organizers: Fulong Wu, Youqin Huang

Chair: Youqin Huang

Sponsorships: CGSG, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Yiping Fang: "Access to Housing in Urban China"

Jun Wang: "Lifestyle and Housing Location Choice: A case study of residential differentiation of professionals in transitional Shanghai, China"

Zhilin Liu: "Low-income housing policy in a marketization context of urban China: The case of the economical and suitable housing program (ESHP) from a principal-agent perspective"

Chijeng Kuo: "Emergence, Diminishing and Reemergence- A Case Study of Spatial Representation of Shanghai's Middle Class, 1920s-1990s"

Yu-Ling Song: "The Mobility and Attachment of Displaced Residents under Urban "Redevelopment" Projects in Shanghai"

CHINESE CITIES IN TRANSITION II: HOUSING

Organizers: Youqin Huang and Si-Ming Li

Chair: Fulong Wu

Sponsorships: CGSG, Asian Geography Specialty Group, Urban Geography Specialty Group

Si-Ming Li: "Changing Job and Housing Distributions under Marketization in Chinese Cities: A Study of Guangzhou"

Youqin Huang: "Housing Inequality in Transitional Beijing, China"

Fulong Wu: "Property Rights, Citizenship and the Making of the Urban Poor"

Mi Shih: "Legal Development and Inner City Renewal Practices in Shanghai: An Analysis of Disputed Relocation in Property Development, 1990 – 2005"

Discussant: **John Logan**

CHINESE CITIES IN TRANSITION III: URBAN SPACE

Organizers: Youqin Huang and Si-Ming Li

Chair: Si-Ming Li

Sponsorships: CGSG, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Man Wang: "The Social Geography of Wuhan - Mobility and Processes"

Chuncui Fan: "Migration, hukou status and labour market segmentation: the case of hi-tech development in Dalian, China"

Hungkai Wang: "The experimental redevelopment of "village in the city" in urban China: The Case of Shenzhen"

Andrew M. Marton: "Producing Space in China's Lower Yangzi Delta: Rural Agglomeration and the Urban Echo in Kunshan"

Discussant: **Carolyn L. Cartier**

NEW RESEARCH FRONTIERS IN DOMESTIC CHINESE TOURISM

Organizer: Travis Klingberg

Chair: Tim Oakes

Sponsorships: CGSG, Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group

Tim Oakes: "Welcome to Paradise! Domestic Tourism and the Myth of the Frontier in China"

Travis Klingberg: "Journey to the west: tourist traps, Tibet and the independent tourist in contemporary China"

Elizabeth Johnson: “Is domestic tourism a domestic phenomenon? Development, the state, and global connections in the mountains of Western Sichuan, China”

Shii Okuno: “The Human Landscape of Naxi people's Heritage - Lijiang: Its Townscape, Environment, and Donba Culture”

Discussant: **Carolyn L. Cartier**

CHINA'S CHANGING GEOGRAPHY

Organizer: Youqin Huang

Chair: Caifei He

Sponsorships: CGSG

Guilan Weng: “The Geography of Non-hukou Interprovincial Migration in the 1990s: Spatial Change and Dynamics”

Haifeng Liao: “Industrial Agglomerations of Hong Kong and Taiwan Investment in Dongguan, China: a Town-level Analysis”

Peilei Fan: “Developing innovation capability: A comparison study of India and China's biotechnology industry”

Guorong Wang and Gary Li: “Seeing the Great Wall of China from Space”

You-Tien Hsing: “Possibility of Civic Space: Urban Protests in Inner City Beijing”

ALTERNATIVE CHINA GEOGRAPHIES - POSSIBILITIES, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Organizers: Kai Chi Leung, Shiloh R. Krupar

Sponsor: CGSG

Panelists: **Kai Chi Leung, Fujio Mizuoka, You-Tien Hsing, Jinn-Yuh Hsu, Carolyn L. Cartier**

NEOLIBERAL CHINA?

Organizer: Emily Yeh

Chair: Emily Yeh

Sponsorships: CGSG

Panelists: **Carolyn L. Cartier, Fulong Wu, Alana Boland, Daniel Buck, Tim Oakes, Emily Yeh, Janet Sturgeon, You-Tien Hsing**

POLITICAL ECOLOGY, LAND USE, AND GOVERNING DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN CHINA

Organizer: Michael Zukosky

Chair: Michael Zukosky

Sponsorships: CGSG, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Hong Jiang: “Critical analysis of environmental and ethnic discourse of China's West”

Janet Sturgeon: “Globalizing Rubber: “Out-Sourcing” Rubber to Laos from Xishuangbanna”

Melinda Herrold-Menzies: “Boating on the Sea of Grass: Western Development, Tourism, Resistance, and Local Empowerment”

Michael Zukosky: “Settlement, Nature Reserves, and Pastoral Development: Engineering New Minority Localities in Northern Xinjiang”

Discussant: **Emily Yeh**

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA

Organizer: Alana Boland

Chair: Alana Boland

Sponsorship: CGSG

Shuang Chen: “Environmental challenges of urban growth: The case of Suzhou, China”

Yu Luo Rioux: “Environmentalism in Jiangxi's Tourism Development”

Astrid Cerny: “The myth of greener pastures: Kazak pastoralists in a modernizing Chinese state”

Justin Zackey: “Peasant Perspectives on Deforestation in Southwest China: Social Discontent and

Environmental Mismanagement”

Chris Coggins: “Tibetan Natures: Collaborative Anthropogeography in NW Yunnan”

POYANG LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL STUDIES

Sponsorship: Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences (CPGIS)

Organizer: Le Wang

Chair: Le Wang

Peng Gong: “Water Body Spatial-Temporal Change Using Multi-temporal Landsat Imagery in Poyang Lake Basin”

Shuhua Qi: “The Land Use and Land Cover Changes in Poyang Lake”

Shuming Bao: “An Integrated Analysis of Flooding, Landscape Changes, Migration, and Regional Development in the Poyang Lake Region”

David Shankman: “Historic Flood Control Failure in China’s Poyang Lake Region”

Discussant: **Le Wang**

NEW HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHIES: TIBET AND INNER ASIA

Sponsorship: CGSG

Organizer: Karl Ryavec

Chair: Karl Ryavec

Karl Ryavec: “HGIS and Whither the Historical Atlas: The Case of the Tibetan World”

Gray Tuttle: “Demonstrating Local Power by Mapping Chinese and Amdo Tibetan Institutional Centers”

Alexander Gardner: “Regional Geographic Identity Formation in Nineteenth Century Eastern Tibet”

Stanley Toops: “Landscapes of Silk Road Tourism: on the Road to Samarkand”

CGSG ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The China Geography Specialty Group sponsors an annual award to recognize distinguished student research and paper presentation in a CGSG-sponsored session at the annual national meeting.

Eligibility:

- 1) Student members of the CGSG at all academic levels (undergraduates or graduate students) are qualified.
- 2) The student must be the sole author and presenter of the paper.
- 3) Submission to multiple specialty groups for Student Paper Award is not allowed. Papers being considered by other AAG Specialty Group for student Paper Award are not qualified for the CGSG Student Paper Award.
- 4) Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the 2007 AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Award: A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best paper, in addition to an award certificate and prepaid lunch at the AAG Awards Banquet. A Travel Award of \$50 will go to the First Runner-up. A committee of faculty from the China Geography Specialty Group will evaluate the papers. Evaluation criteria for the award include the originality of the research, the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; the validity of conclusions; and quality of the presentation. The award will be announced at the Business Meeting of the China Geography Specialty Group in San Francisco, and published in the CGSG and AAG newsletters.

Guidelines for Submission: To be considered for the competition, authors should e-mail a copy of the paper's title and abstract to the CGSG Chair by February 1, 2007. Include author's name, academic level (undergraduate, master's or doctoral), academic institution, department or program, current address, phone number, and E-MAIL. An electronic version of the paper, in Word format, must reach the Chair no later than March 1, 2007.

Questions? Please contact: Youqin Huang, Chair of CGSG, yhuang@albany.edu

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Alana Boland has a forthcoming article, "The trickle-down effect: Ideology and the development of premium water networks in China's cities," that will appear in the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* in 2007.

Kam Wing Chan (U of Washington) spent part of the summer in Spain to attend an IGU Urban Commission conference. He again took the opportunity of being in Europe to explore new interesting places such as Madrid, and old towns on the Atlantic coast of the Iberian Peninsula, from Santiago to Lisbon. In mid-September he (and two other fellow China geographers, Tim Oakes and Carolyn Cartier) was invited to attend a small conference in Taiyuan. It was a very useful occasion to learn from scholars in other fields (especially political science) and also contribute to the understanding of behavior and role of local governments in China. Earlier this year he had the privilege of lunching "with" Hu Jintao at a luncheon held in honor of the President in a new Boeing Museum (a very very expensive meal paid by UW). Hu's visit definitely helped put Seattle on the map! Chan continued to do research and write about migration, labor markets, and urbanization in China, and at the same time share his knowledge and views with the local community. Last spring he gave a talk to high school students and spoke at a senior's center. He is scheduled for early next year to give a keynote address about migrant issues to a different crowd, CEOs of NGOs operating in China, at the China 2020 conference to be held in the other Washington (DC).

Guo Chen from Penn State University has collaborated with Jiangping Zhou from USC on a special issue on poverty in the U.S. for the Chinese-language journal *Urban Planning Overseas*, which will be in press in 2007. She has also won the Economic Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Travel Award to attend the Second Global Conference on Economic Geography in Beijing 2007.

On 1 December 2006, **Richard Louis Edmonds** was invited to give a presentation of a brief history of Europe China relations and future energy issues at the opening ceremony for Centro di Alti Studi sulla Cina Contemporanea in Torino, Italy.

"Globalizing Macau. The Emotional Costs of Modernity" was the only significant article **Philippe Forêt** wrote in 2006 (in Fulong Wu, ed., *Globalization and the Chinese City*, London, Routledge). A book he co-edited on the geography of knowledge along the Silk Road is under review. Philippe received in May a grant from the Gerda Henkel Foundation to write a book on the environmental history of Inner Mongolia. In June and July, he worked in the Gobi desert as a consultant for RSR, the Swiss national public radio. In September, he was promoted researcher at the Institute of Cartography of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. Philippe is just back from Denmark and Sweden, where he met scholars interested in the history of fieldwork, www.fieldstudies.dk. He has been invited to return to Uppsala in September 2007, this time as a Fellow of the Swedish Collegium.

Youqin Huang's publications in 2006 include: (1) Huang, Youqin, "Collectivism, Political Control and Gating in Chinese Cities," *Urban Geography*, 27 (5); (2) Huang, Youqin, "Urban Development in Contemporary China," in *China's Geography: Globalization and the Dynamics of Political, Economic and Social Change*, by Gregory Veeck, Clifton W. Pannell, Christopher J. Smith and Youqin Huang. Boulder, CO: Roman & Littlefield Publishers, Page 233-262 (Chapter 9); (3) Huang, Youqin and F. Frederick Deng, "Residential Mobility in Urban China: A Longitudinal Analysis," *Housing Studies*. 21(5): 625-653; (4) Li, Si-ming and Youqin Huang, "Market Transition, Housing Mobility, and Neighborhood Change: Introduction to a Theme Issue on Urban Housing in China," *Housing Studies*. 21(5): 613-623; (5) Clark, William A. V., and Youqin Huang, "Balancing Move and Work: Women's labor Market Exits and Entries after Family Migration," *Population, Space and Place*. 12: 31-44.

Ron Knapp (SUNY New Paltz) is looking for K-12 teachers to participate in a fully funded NEH summer institute "Living and Being 'Chinese': Geographic and Ethnic Diversity in China" that will be held July 9 - August 3, 2007 at Columbia University, New York, New York. Sponsored by the China Institute in New York City, the institute especially welcome applications from teachers beyond New York State. For additional details, visit the institute website at <http://chinainstitute.org/educators/NEH2007.html> or contact Ron Knapp at knapp@newpaltz.edu. CGSG members are urged to forward this information to teachers in the towns/cities in which they live.

Chijeng Kuo (Tunghai University, Taiwan) is currently an associate professor at the Department of Architecture, Tunghai University. He had been awarded Fulbright Post-doctorate Grant 2006-7 and is currently being hosted at GSAPP, Columbia University. He had been working on a project entitled "Emergence, Diminishing and

Reemergence: Spatial Representation for Social Distinction of Shanghai's Middle Class, 1920s-1990s" which was granted by National Science Council, Taiwan. Chijeng has a few articles published on urban housing of Shanghai, including: "'Hygiene, Modern Infrastructure and the Senses of Body within the Process of Space Commodification—The Social Formation of the Li-long Houses of Shanghai', *Bulletin of the Department of Anthropology*. No. 65, pp.135-176, Jul 2006; and "The Social Production of the Suburban Dwelling of the Bourgeoisies in Colonial Period Shanghai," *Journal of Geographical Science* No.35, pp.53-80, March 2004. His dissertation entitled "The Social Production of the Alleyway Houses (Lilong) of Shanghai, 1843-1943," will also be published by 2008.

George Lin (University of Hong Kong): George has been working on a book manuscript co-authored with Terry McGee, Mark Wang, Andrew Marton, and Jiaping Wu and titled "The Production of China's Urban Space" to be published by Routledge in the spring of 2007. He has recently hosted the visits of Henry Yeung, Jack Williams, Samuel Ho, and Chengri Ding. George has just been invited to join the editorial boards of the *Annals of the AAG and Urban Geography* in addition to his involvement in *The Canadian Geographer* and *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. He would like to report to members of CGSG that the University of Hong Kong has several new openings including a senior post at the full professor rank. Further information could be found at <http://geog.hku.hk>

Jun Luo has a co-authored paper with Yehua Dennis Wei, titled "Population Distribution and Spatial Restructure in Transitional Chinese Cities: A Study of Nanjing," published in *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 2006, v47, no.5, pp.585-603. The paper deals with intraurban population distribution and spatial structure in Nanjing, China with a new population surface method.

Laurence Ma organized and guest-edited a special issue on urban China research in the journal *China Information*. The special issue has just appeared and includes the following articles: Laurence J. C. Ma, "The State of the Field of Urban China: A Critical Multidisciplinary Overview of the Literature,"; Liu Haiyan and Kristin Stapleton, "Chinese Urban History: State of the Field,"; Shenjing He, Zhigang Li, and Fulong Wu, "Transformation of the Chinese City, 1995-2005: Geographical Perspectives and Geographers' Contributions,"; William Hurst, "The City as the Focus: The Analysis of Contemporary Chinese Urban Politics,"; Alan Smart and Li Zhang, "From the Mountains and the Fields: The Urban Transition in the Anthropology of China,"; Xiangming Chen and Jiaming Sun, "Sociological Perspectives on Urban China: From Familiar Territories to Complex Terrains,"; Michael Leaf and Li Hou, "The 'Third Spring' of Urban Planning in China: The Resurrection of Professional Planning in the Post-Mao Era."

Darrin McGee was selected to be one of four Chevalier Visiting Professors at University of British Columbia's Institute of Asian Research this year (Nov 20-24, 2006). In October, he participated in a panel on "Water, Law, and Society in Contemporary China" at the International Law Weekend (New York City). He also has a book chapter in press: "Rewiring Large-scale Hydropower: Reforms and Restructuring" in *Business Focus China: Energy* (Shanghai: German Industry and Commerce).

Stanley Toops was a co-PI for Miami's Group Fulbright Award for "Exploring the Silk Road." Fifteen faculty are creating new courses examining Eurasia from the disciplines of geology, geography, history, architecture, political science, foreign languages (Italian and Russian), comparative religion, classics and international studies. A new major with an emphasis in Eurasian Studies was developed. He also led the group on a six week Silk Road journey in summer 2006 beginning in China, continuing in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and finishing in Turkey. Stanley has a new course 'Geography of the Silk Road' based on this endeavor. Recent publications include two chapters, "Geography and International Studies" and "Asia and International Studies" in Anderson, Hey, Peterson and Toops, *International Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Boston: Pearson.

Karl Ryavec, Geography/Geology Dept. University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, and David Germano, Religious Studies Dept. University of Virginia, have been awarded a grant of \$325,000 over 3 years (2007-2009) from the Henry Luce Foundation in New York for a Tibetan and Himalayan Historical Geographic Information System.

Susan Walcott is now happily a new member of the Department of Geography, University of North Carolina Greensboro. In addition to moving this summer, she accompanied a delegation from The Carter Center to China to observe village election procedures and attend several related activities. Of particular interest was a pre-trip to entrepreneurial Wenzhou. She also visited India and Bhutan for several weeks. Publications this year were quite diverse, including an article on mandalas as spatial visualizations, Latinos in Atlanta (book chapter), Atlanta as a

high tech city (emphasizing the role of Asian immigrants), and a comparison of India and China economic development routes.

Fahui Wang has been awarded an early promotion to professor, effective July 1, 2007. John Hartmann, Fahui Wang and Wei Luo have received a grant, "A Regional Approach to Spatial Analysis of Tai Toponyms in Southern China and Southeast Asia Using GIS," from the Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) program of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Shuguang Wang has two recent publications: (1) Wang, S. and Zhang, Y. 2006. Penetrating the Great Wall and Conquering the Middle Kingdom: Wal-Mart in China. In Stanley Brunn (ed), *Wal-Mart World: The World's Biggest Corporation in the Global Economy*. New York: Routledge, pp293-314, and (2) Wang, S., Zhang, Y. and Wang, Y. 2006. Opportunities and Challenges of Shopping Centre Development in China: A Case Study of Shanghai. *Journal of Shopping Center Research*, 13 (1): 19-55.

Yehua Dennis Wei's recent publications include the following: (1) Wei, Y.H.D. Geographers and Globalization: The Future of Regional Geography. *Environment and Planning A* 38(8): 1395-1400, 2006; (2) Luo, J. and Y.H.D. Wei. Population Distribution and Spatial Restructure in Transitional Chinese Cities: A Study of Nanjing. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 47(5): 585-603, 2006; (3) Wei, Y.H.D. and D.L. Yu. State Policy and the Globalization of Beijing: Emerging Themes. *Habitat International* 30(3): 377-395, 2006; (4) We, Y.H.D. and C.L. Fang. Geographical and Structural Constraints of Regional Development in Western China: A Study of Gansu Province. *Issues and Studies* 42(2):131-170, 2006; (5) Wei, Y.H.D., C.K. Leung, and J. Luo. Globalizing Shanghai: Foreign Investment and Urban Restructuring. *Habitat International* 30(2): 231-244, 2006. He also published four papers in Chinese journals.

Qihao Weng was recently honored with the Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Award, Indiana State University, 2006 (the university's highest research honor bestowed to faculty). He has some new publications on Chinese environment and resources: (1) Weng, Q. and S. Yang, "Urban air pollution patterns, land use, and thermal landscape: an examination of the linkage using GIS," *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 117(1-3): 463-489, 2006. (Based on a case study of Guangzhou); (2) Weng, Q., "A historical perspective of river basin management in the Pearl River Delta of China," *Journal of Environmental Management*. 2007 (Forthcoming); (3) Xiao, H. and Weng, Q., The impact of land use and land cover changes on land surface temperature in a Karst area of China. *Journal of Environmental Management*. 2007 (Forthcoming); (4) Xiao, R., Weng, Q., Ouyang, Z., Li, W., Schienke, E.W. and Z. Zhang, "Land surface temperature variation and major factors in Beijing, China," *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing*. 2007 (Forthcoming). He also has a new book (co-authored with Dale A. Quattrochi), *Urban Remote Sensing*, CRC Press/Taylor and Francis, pp. 432, 2006. Web site: http://www.crcpress.com/shopping_cart/products/product_detail.asp?sku=9199&parent_id=404&pc=

Fulong Wu has a forthcoming book (co-authored Jiang Xu and Anthony Gar-On Yeh) titled *Urban Development in Post-Reform China: State, Market and Space*. London: Routledge (2007).

Xu Wei will be on his sabbatical leave starting January of 2007. He will spend a year in China working on several projects on labor market dynamics, land use change, and Shanghai as a rising global city. His research base will be in East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai. As a Shanghai native, Xu Wei has some intimate knowledge on metropolitan Shanghai and its surrounding areas. He will be happy to meet CGSG members who are going to travel to Shanghai for visit or field research next year. In particular, if CGSG members would like to share their researches with students and faculty members at ECNU, he will be happy to arrange and facilitate such events. Xu Wei also has a recent publication (co-authored with K.C. Tan and G.X. Wang), "Segmented local labor markets in postreform China: gender earnings inequality in the case of two towns in Zhejiang province," in *Environment and Planning A*, 38(1): 85-109, January 2006.

Yu Zhou, Yehua Dennis Wei and Yifei Sun were awarded an National Science Foundation Grant (Geography and Regional Science Program, NSF GRS 0552237) (\$178,676) on Comparative Studies of China's high-tech regions in Beijing, Shanghai-Suzhou and Shenzhen-Dongguan. The project is also participated by George Lin in Hong Kong; Jinnyuh Hsu in Taiwan; Tong Xin, He Canfei in Beijing; and Du Debin in Shanghai.

THE CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP TIMELINE

The Timeline was prepared in response to a request from the AAG Central Office. The purpose is to present a record of the activities that CGSG initiated and the contributions that members have made in promoting the study of China geography since the group's inception. We thank those of our members who have provided us with valuable information for the Timeline. There are still many gaps in the record, and so we hope members will continue to send us information from the past, as well as keep us updated on recent achievements and contributions. For publications, please send information only for books, monographs and special issues of journals, but not articles (as there would be too many of them to include). A copy of the latest version of the Timeline can be accessed through the CGSG webpage at http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/news/AAG_CGSG_Timeline_Dec06.pdf. Please review and send information on additions or changes to boland@geog.utoronto.ca.

WEB RESOURCES

The China Geography Specialty Group website contains archives of past newsletters, conference announcements and other information of interest to members: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm

For those who would like to subscribe/unsubscribe to China Geography Listerv (chinageography@uwm.edu), please contact Yehua Dennis Wei (weiy@uwm.edu)

Ron Knapp has pointed to the following website: <http://chinainstitute.org/educators/NEH2007.html>. It contains information on the 4-week summer program held at Columbia University for K-12 educators interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the many people and places that make up China. Ron encourages CGSG members to forward this information to teachers in the towns/cities in which they live.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Each year, the AAG offers numerous grants and awards to geographers. The list that follows serves to remind you and your colleagues about the opportunities available for recognition or grant support. Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines are December 31, 2006. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm

Meredith F. Burrill Award: To stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups who have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research and practical applications or local, national, or international policy implications. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/burrill.htm

George and Viola Hoffman Award: To support student research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Hoffmanfund.html

Glenda Laws Award: To recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/glendalawsaward.htm

Anne U. White Fund: To support field research conducted by a member of the AAG jointly with her or his spouse, regardless of any formal training in geography. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Anneshitefund.htm

AAG Research Grants: To support direct expenses of research or fieldwork that address questions of major import to the discipline (excluding master's or doctoral dissertation research). www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Generalresearch.html

AAG Dissertation Research Grants: To support direct expenses of master's or doctoral dissertation research to eligible individuals. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Dissertationresearch.html

AAG International Geographic Information Fund: To support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial

analysis or geographic information science or systems, through Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

Anderson Medal: To recognize distinguished contributions to the profession of geography in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service. NOTE: Deadline is December 1, 2006. <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~jld1571/> or http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/anderson_medal.cfm

For further information, please contact: Dr. Patricia Solis, Director of Research and Outreach, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198, Telephone 202-234-1450 ext. 32, Direct Line 202-558-7491, Fax 202-234-2744, psolis@aag.org

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **International Conference on China's Urban Transition and City Planning** is scheduled for 29 -30 June 2007, in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom. The conference is sponsored by The Leverhulme Trust, and jointly organized by the Urban China Research Centre, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University (www.cardiff.ac.uk/cplan/ucrc/) and the Urban Planning Society of China, PRC (www.planning.org.cn). This conference will provide an opportunity for researchers in urban studies, geography, sociology, political sciences, and city planning as well as China studies to explore multi-facets of China's urban transition and the policy implications for city planning and development. Deadline for abstract submission is 1 January 2007.

The **20th Conference for the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO)** is scheduled for May 6 - 9, 2007 at the Westin Bayshore and Marina in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The conference main theme is "Creative City Regions: Examining their Role in the Pacific Rim." Keynote Speakers: Allen Scott, Meric Gertler, Jamie Peck and Richard Lipsey* (*invited speaker). Papers are welcome on any aspect of Regional Science. Delegates wishing to organize Special Paper Sessions should contact the Conference Organizer directly. Conference Sponsors: Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) and the Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA) Both Abstract Submission and Registration are now open at prSCO2007.confmanager.com Abstract Submission Deadline - January 31, 2007

The **University of Toronto's Asian Institute invites applications and participants for an interdisciplinary colloquium and dissertation workshop on markets and modernities in Asia**. The fellows program seeks to bring to Toronto established scholars whose work focuses on the intersection of subject formation and market formation in any part of Asia in the period 1800-2007. Scholars based in Asia are especially encouraged to apply and spend one or two semesters on campus to participate in an interdisciplinary colloquium. Because of income disparities between Toronto and many regions of Asia the Asian Institute may support the stay of fellows with a stipend of up to CDN\$25,000. A dissertation workshop on the same theme will be held on May 3-6, 2007 at the University of Toronto. The costs of the workshop, meals, and accommodations will be covered by the Asian Institute. Travel will be subsidized up to a maximum of CDN\$500 per participant. Students should seek additional travel grants from their home institutions, and consult with the Asian Institute if travel costs prove problematic. Application deadlines are in January 2007. Details on the Markets and Modernities program and the application process for both the fellowship program and dissertation workshop can be found at webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/ai/Research.aspx You can also address inquiries to: asian.institute@utoronto.ca

The **Second Global Conference on Economic Geography** will be held 25-28 June 2007, Beijing, China (jointly organized by Chinese Academy of Sciences and National University of Singapore). Over 300 paper submissions from all over the world have already been received thus far, and it is likely to grow in the months to come. For detailed information, please visit <http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/geoywc/conference/econgeog.html>

The **4th International Conference on Population Geographies** will be held in The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 10-13 July 2007. For detailed information, please see <http://www.grm.cuhk.edu.hk/en/4ipgc.htm>

The **9th Asian Urbanization Conference** will be held August 18-23 at Kangwon National University, Chun-cheon City, Republic of Korea. The conference is sponsored by Sponsored by Asian Urban Research Association (AURA), Kangwon Regional Development Corporation, Kangwon National University, the Regional Development and

Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and the University of Akron. First deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is March 31, 2007. Further details on conference theme and schedule are available at <http://www.ship.edu/~aura/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Geography at **National Taiwan University** invites applications for two appointments at all ranks beginning August 2007. A Ph.D. in geography or related fields is required at time of appointment. We seek applicants whose teaching and research interest can complement and enhance our strengths in geographic information science, human geography, physical geography, regional geography, land use, and environmental management and monitoring. Applicants can lecture in either English or Chinese. The Department has 17 full-time faculty members, over 100 graduate students in the Ph.D. and Master's programs, and 180 undergraduate majors. The Department is well equipped with computing facilities and research laboratories. For more information about the Department please visit <http://www.geog.ntu.edu.tw/>

Applicants should submit by December 31, 2006: (1) a letter of application describing how they would contribute to the Department's teaching and research program; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; and (3) the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax) of three referees.

Please submit the application materials with clearly marked "Application of Faculty Position in Geography" on envelope to:

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The **University of Hong Kong** is at the international forefront of higher learning and research, with more than 100 teaching departments and sub-divisions of studies, and more than 60 research institutes and centres. It has over 20,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students from 48 countries. English is the medium of instruction. The University is committed to international standards for excellence in scholarship and research. The School of Geography (renamed from Department of Geography), was established in 1954 and is the first and leading geography department at university level in Hong Kong. It is presently staffed by 13 full-time faculty members, 1 Research Assistant Professor and 2 Post-doctoral Fellows. It is endowed with an excellent Map Library, four modern and specialized laboratories plus a wide range of equipment, materials and personnel to support teaching and research. Further information about the School can be obtained at <http://geog.hku.hk>

Applications are invited for the following appointments in the School of Geography, tenable from September 1, 2007 or as soon as possible thereafter, on a three-year fixed-term basis, with the possibility of renewal and consideration for tenure, or on a tenured basis for exceptionally outstanding candidates above Assistant Professor level. Candidates with the possibility of an imminent completion of the doctoral programme will be considered, but the appointee in that category would be appointed at a lower level until the Ph.D. requirement has been met.

1. Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in Population and Migration Studies (Ref.: RF-2006/2007-202)
2. Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in Tourism and Leisure (Ref.: RF-2006/2007-203)

For post (1), applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in Population and Migration Studies or a closely related field, a strong tertiary teaching experience and a sound track record of research grants and publication. Applicants should also have secondary expertise in geography of health and disease or social and political geography focused on China, including Hong Kong. The appointee is expected to strengthen the School's teaching and research with emphasis on one or more of the following key fields: population growth and mobility, migration, human resource development, medical and health care, the relationship between disease and place, social or political geography and the formulation of related policies.

For post (2), applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in Tourism and Leisure Studies or a closely related field, a strong tertiary teaching experience and a sound track record of research grants and publication. The School is seeking candidates with high caliber to fill the Assistant/Associate/Professor post to strengthen its teaching and research in Tourism and Leisure Studies with a particular focus on China in one or more of the following key fields: Tourism Planning and Destination Management, China Tourism Development and its Global Impacts, Ecotourism and Sustainable Development, Tourism Economics, Tourist Behavior and Consumer Psychology.

Applicants should submit the application form (state clearly the relevant discipline and reference number), a curriculum vitae, a statement of professional interests and accomplishments, and arrange to have three confidential reference reports sent directly by the referees to the Assistant Registrar (Appointments), Human Resource Section, Registry, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.

Starting annual salaries for Professorship, Associate Professorship and Assistant Professorship are around HK\$803,700, HK\$593,100 and HK\$451,980 respectively (approx. US\$1=HK\$7.8) (subject to review from time to time at the entire discretion of the University). At current rates, salaries tax does not exceed 16% of gross income. The appointments will attract a contract-end gratuity and University contribution to a retirement benefits scheme, totalling up to 15% of basic salary, as well as leave, and medical/dental benefits. Housing benefits will be provided as applicable.

Further particulars and application forms (272/302 amended) can be obtained at <https://extranet.hku.hk/apptunit/>; or from the Appointments Unit (Senior), Human Resource Section, Registry, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (fax (852) 2540 6735 or 2559 2058; e-mail: apptunit@hkucc.hku.hk). The University reserves the right not to fill some of the posts listed. Closes January 31, 2007. The University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a No-Smoking Policy
