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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Members:

It has been another busy year for the CGSG. Following on a successful series of sessions at the Boston Meetings last April, our members have demonstrated their continued commitment to the group's collective efforts by organizing another great line-up for 2009 Meetings in Las Vegas. CGSG has sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 28 sessions for these meetings, which is the largest number to date and testimony to the growing research interest in China geography. We have provided in this Newsletter a list of the CGSG-sponsored sessions to give everyone a preview of what to expect. You will notice that many of the session organizers have arranged for co-sponsorship with other specialty groups and a number of the sessions include panelists who work outside of China. These efforts will help with expanding the community of geographers engaged in China-related research as well as providing opportunities for comparative dialogue and theoretical interventions. Thanks again to everyone for their help in bringing together what looks to be an exciting and wide-ranging set of sessions for Las Vegas.

The AAG will make the preliminary schedule available sometime in January. We will send an email out to members with information on the CGSG Business Meeting and the group dinner. The Meeting is open to all members, and is where we announce our award winners, discuss new initiatives and issues of interest to the group, and identify potential topics for the following year's AAG. The meeting and dinner have always offered a nice opportunity to catch up with old friends and to meet new members. Everyone is encouraged to join in both.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the AAG has recently created a new membership program that allows geographers from developing regions to join the Association at a discounted rate. There is now a Chinese language description of the program available online, and the AAG has also begun to create a web page listing geography programs and associations in other regions of world, including Asia. Details on these can be found on page 12 of the newsletter. We would like to thank Chen Shuang, Cindy Fan, George Lin, Larry Ma, Yu Zhou, Alana Boland, and Qihao Weng for their assistance in the production of the Chinese version of the pamphlet. The AAG is very

grateful for our group's help with this new outreach initiative and we encourage everyone to share this information with colleagues working in China and other eligible countries who may not have yet joined the AAG due to costs.

This Newsletter includes valuable information on upcoming meetings, CGSG awards, and member news. We have also included a tribute to Professor C. P. Lo, a long-time member of the CGSG and friend of many working in the China geography field. He passed away in December 2007, and as evident in the words of his former colleagues and students, he will be missed and forever remembered.

Finally, on behalf of other members of the CGSG executive, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas in a few months time!

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO CGSG ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER AWARDS

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 AAG conference.

Eligibility:

- Student members of the CGSG at all academic levels (undergraduates or graduate students) are qualified.
- The student must be the sole author and presenter of the paper.
- Multiple submissions to more than one specialty groups for a Student Paper Award is NOT allowed. Papers being considered by other AAG Specialty Groups for student paper awards are not qualified for the CGSG Student Paper Award.
- Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, March 22-27, 2009.

Award:
A $250 prize will be awarded for the best paper, in addition to an award certificate and prepaid lunch at the AAG Awards Luncheon. Two Travel Awards of $100 each will go to the First and Second 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 Las Vegas in March 2009, 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, 2009**. Please 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 **February 24, 2009**.

Questions? Please contact:

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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, Professors Larry Ma, Clifton Pannell, Chor-Pang Lo, Jack Williams, and Cindy Fan have received this award. At its 2007 business meeting in San Francisco, CGSG decided to change the Outstanding Service Award from an annual event into an ad hoc basis.

Nominations, if any, are now accepted for this award. Please send your nomination, along with a statement of contributions of the nominee(s) to:

Alana Boland, Chair, CGSG (Email: boland@geog.utoronto.ca) before February 1st, 2009.

CGSG-SPONSORED SESSIONS AT THE 2009 AAG ANNUAL MEETING, LAS VEGAS

The following paper and panel sessions have been sponsored by CGSG. The presenting author is listed first, with names of co-authors included where information was available. Please accept our apologies in advance for any errors or omissions. Paper abstracts and final listings will be posted on the AAG website in early 2009. Note that there will also be individual China-based papers in other thematic sessions, not to mention a few China sessions organized by the AAG Program Committee. You will be able to use the AAG online schedule to search for these other presentations.

AGSG-CGSG Joint Panel on the Asian Century
Organizers:Yuko Aoyama, Yu Zhou
Chair:Yu Zhou
Panelists: Yeong-Hyun Kim, Weidong Liu, Yu Zhou, Yuko Aoyama, Jan Nijman, Henry Wai-chung Yeung, Jim Glassman, Sharad Chari
Co-sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group

Capitalism, Chinese Style (I)
Organizers: Jun Zhang, Kam Wing Chan
Chairs: Jun Zhang
Panelists: You-tien Hsing, Weidong Liu, Tim Oakes, Fulong Wu, Clifton W. Pannell, Richard A. Walker, Kam Wing Chan, James W. Harrington
Co-sponsorships: Economic Geography Specialty Group

Capitalism, Chinese Style (II)
Organizers: Jun Zhang, Kam Wing Chan
Chairs: Kam Wing Chan
Panelists: Cindy Fan, George Lin, Daniel Buck, Meric Gertler, Jun Zhang, Laurence J.C. Ma
Co-sponsorships: Economic Geography Specialty Group

China's Emerging City Regions I: Globalization, Innovation, and Development
Organizers: Yehua Dennis Wei, Yu Zhou
Chair: Ingo Liefner
Presenters:
Yu Zhou, *Regional comparisons of global-local industrial networks in China*
Yehua Dennis Wei, *Globalization, Innovation, and Regional Development in Suzhou, China*
Debin Du, *Foreign R&D Investment and China's Indigenous Innovation*
Chen Wang, *State-firm strategic coupling and regional innovation: Insights from the IC design industry in Shanghai*
Discussant: George Lin, Yifei Sun
Co-sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

China's Emerging City Regions II: Globalization, Innovation, and Development
Organizers: Yehua Dennis Wei, Yu Zhou
Chair: Yu Zhou
Presenters:
Chi Kin Leung, *Ownership Evolution of International Manufacturing Joint Ventures in Shanghai*
Ingo Liefner, *Network Analysis of China's Optical Technology Sector*

Juliane Bielinski, *Internationalization of R&D to China and innovation efforts - A study of German companies in the field of automobile, chemical and high-tech industries*
Canfei He, *Locational Distribution of Foreign Banks in China: A Disaggregated Analysis*
David W. Edgington, *Taiwan and Greater China: The Changing Role of Japanese Electronics Firms*
Co-sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

China's Emerging City Regions III: Globalization, Innovation, and Development
Organizers: Yehua Dennis Wei, Yu Zhou
Chair: Luo Jun
Weidong Liu, *Factors Affecting the Application of New ICTs in SMEs in China*
Spencer Cohen, *Local State Autonomy in Development: the High Tech Sector in China and Agenda for Future Research*
Yingru Li, *Beyond Convergence: Geographies of Regional Inequality of China*
Danlin Yu, *Homogenized Geographically and Temporally Weighted Regression (HGTWR): An Investigation of Spatiotemporal Interaction in Studying China's Economic Efficiency*
Guo Chen, *Urban Expansion and Inequalities: Cases of Emerging City-regions in Coastal China*
Co-sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

China Geography, Social Theory and Area Studies: Critical Strategies
Organizers: Carolyn Cartier, Tim Oakes
Chair: Tim Oakes
Presenters:
Tim Oakes, *The pure and the sullied: rethinking China's frontiers as translocal spaces - Implications for a critical area studies and China geography*
Carolyn Cartier, *China Geography, Area Studies and the China Phenomenon: Issues, Ethics and the New Patriarchies of Globalization*
Dan Buck, *Economic Geography and Critical China Studies*
Discussant: Richard Walker

China's Urban Transformation: Theoretical and Comparative Interpretation
Organizers: George Lin, You-tien Hsing
Chairs: You-tien Hsing
Presenters:
Jinn-yuh Hsu, *From Nation Building, Economic Regeneration to Flanking Governmentality: The Changing Discourses of the Community Building Project in Taiwan after the 1990s*
Choon-Piew Pow, *China Exceptionalism: Exploring Divergences and Convergences in Chinese Urban Development*
Mi Shih, *Groping through Legal Actions: Residential Relocation, Resistance, and Law in Shanghai*
Wen Lin, *(Re)scaling urban governance and geo-coding urban landscape - Governing with geographic information technologies in urban China*
Jun Wang, *Art in capital - cultural rehabilitation of industrial buildings in Shanghai*
You-tien Hsing, *Theorizing and Comparing Urban China: Property Rights and Urban Social Movement*
Co-sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Comparing and Theorizing Urban China
Organizers: George C.S. Lin and You-tien Hsing
Chair: You-tien Hsing
Panelists: Alana Boland, Carolyn Cartier, Piper Gaubatz, Jim Glassman, You-tien Hsing, George Lin, Richard Walker, Fulong Wu, Tingwei Zhang
Co-sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group

Comparative Urbanization Trends in the USA and China
Organizers: Qihao Weng
Chairs: Dale A. Quattrochi
Panelists: Dale A. Quattrochi, Michail Fragkias, George Xian, Qihao Weng
Co-sponsorships:Urban Geography Specialty Group, Remote Sensing Specialty Group

Conflict in the Uighur Autonomous Region: Xinjiang, China
Organizer: Tamar Mayer
Chair: Tamar Mayer
Presenters:
Alexander C. Diener, *An Historical Geography of Xinjiang's Borderlands*
Stanley Toops, *Political Landscape of the Uyghurs*
Tamar Mayer, *Conflict over Xinjiang's Landscape: the case of the Uighurs' mazars*
Tyler Harlan, *Uyghur Entrepreneurship and the Private Sector in Urumqi, Xinjiang*
Peter J. Sinnott, *The Uyghur Retreat to Kashmir and into the Diaspora*
Discussant: Clifton W. Pannell
Co-sponsorships: Political Geography Specialty Group, Russian, Central Eurasian, and East European Specialty Group

Development, nation and representation in contemporary China
Organizer: Alana Boland

Chair: Hong Jiang
Presenters:
Jessica Wilczak, *"Migrants Troubled by Lack of Sex": The Politics of Solicitude for Migrant Workers in Contemporary China*
Woo Chun-Kai, *Tourism and the commoditization of identity: Discourse of Representing "Chineseness" in Hong Kong after 1997*
Kai Chi Leung, *Imaginative Geographies of Latin America in a Chinese Online Forum*
Afton Sather-Knutsen, *Veins of the Nation: Development, Dams and Nation Building in Ningxia*
Hong Jiang, *Wither China's Great Green Wall: The making of ecological and political myths*

Environmental governance in China: Local effects and global connections
Organizer: Alana Boland
Chair: Darrin Magee
Presenters:
Zunguo Dai, *The Grain-to-Green Program, Desertification, and Complex Landscape of Cooperation and Resistance in Yanchi, Ningxia*
Hua Qin, *Rural-to-urban Labor Migration, Household Livelihoods and the Rural Environment in Chongqing, Southwest China*
Andrew M. Marton, *"No dams" water management in China: History, culture, and institutional frameworks along the Min River*
Darrin Magee, *Electric-powered "Soft Power": China's exports of hydropower and hydro-expertise*
Christian Ellermann, *Institutional issues of designing and implementing a sectoral climate change mitigation mechanism in China*

Latecomer Technological Upgrading and Global Production Networks (I)
Organizers: Yifei Sun and Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen
Chair: Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen
Presenters:
Peilei Fan, *Innovation, Globalization, and catching-up by Chinese high-tech forms*
Peter Kedron, *Asian latecomers: Entry Determinants of Indian Pharmaceuticals in the US*
Yong-Sook Lee, *Globalizing LCD Clusters in South Korea*
Henry Yeung, *Growing up and Beyond: Asian Firms and the Demise of the Development State*
Discussant: Denis Yehua Wei

Latecomer Technological Upgrading and Global Production Networks (II)
Organizers: Yifei Sun and Peilei Fan
Chair: Peilei Fan
Presenters:
Yasuyuki Motoyama, *Limited Globalization of Innovation Network*
Yifei Sun, *How are Global value Chains helpful for Local Technological Upgrading?*
Susan Walcott, *The new U-turn: The logistics Chain and the North Carolina Furniture Industry*
Hyejin Yoon, *Technological Change and Global Production Networks of the Animation Industry*
Discussant: George C.S.Lin

Latecomer Technological Upgrading and Global Production Networks (III)
Organizers: Yifei Sun and Peilei Fan
Chair: Yifei Sun
Fangzhu Zhang, *China's innovation and governance: uppacking the discourse of "indigenous innovation"*
C.K. Chan, *Global Credit Crisis and Industrial Restructuring in South China*
Moriki Ohara, *Different Responses to GPN by Local Production Networks in Technological Innovation: The Case of Motorcycle Manufactures in China, Taiwan, and India*
Meenu Tewari, *Reconstituting North Carolina's traditional sectors - evidence from furniture and textiles*
Discussant: Jun Zhang

Latecomer Technological Upgrading and Global Production Networks (IV)
Organizers: Yifei Sun and Peilei Fan
Chair: Yifei Sun
Panelists: Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, Harald Bathelt, Jinn-Yuh Hsu, Meenu Tewari, Henry Yeung, Yu Zhou

Negotiating change in the built and social landscapes of Chinese cities
Organizer: Alana Boland
Chairs: Xiaobo Su
Presenters:
Mingjie Sun, *How permanent and temporary migrants fare differently in Chinese city: A case study of Wuxi*
Jia Feng, *Evolution of the night market and the city's coping strategies in Nanjing, China*
Shenjing He, *Property rights changes in China's urban villages and villagers' integration into urban economy*
Xiaobo Su, *Urban Conservation in Lijiang, China: Negotiating economic agendas and power relations*
Lanchih Po, *Contested private homeownership in China's post-reform urban politics—the case of Beijing's Courtyard Houses*

Regional and urban development in China
Organizer: Alana Boland

Chair: Enru Wang
Presenters:
Peijun Shi and Jingai Wang, *Disaster effect assessment and post-disaster response of Wenchuan Earthquake, China*
Yongqing Xie, *Measurement of the Degree of Compactness of Municipalities in Coastal China: A Conceptual Analysis*
Weifeng Li, *Financing Public Transportation Systems through Land Value Capture in China: A Case Study of Shenzhen*
Man Wang, *Intra-urban Mobility and Residential Differentiation in Transformational China: A Case Study of Wuhan*
Enru Wang, *Rescaling State Governance in China*

The 2008 Tibetan uprising: Reflections one year later
Organizer: Emily Yeh
Chair: Emily Yeh
Panelists: Susan Walcott, Tina Harris, Emily Yeh, Jack Hayes, Jonathan Walker, Yu Zhou, Christopher Limburg, David Shankman

The Departed and the Left Behind: Migration, Labor, and the Chinese Family (I)
Organizers: Cindy Fan, Wenfei Winnie Wang
Chairs: Tim Oakes
Presenters:
Nansheng Bai, *Separating Rural Family in Migration, China*
Cindy Fan and Wenfei Winnie Wang, *From "Inside-Outside" to "Outside-Outside": Why do Wives Join their Husbands in Migrant Work?*
Chen Chuanbo, Shijun Ding, Henry Lucas, Gerald Bloom, Nansheng Bai, *Coming Home: The Return of Migrants Workers with Serious Illness or Injury in Rural Hubei and Sichuan*
Gregory Veeck, *Land, Labor and Livestock Allocations among Mixed Farming/livestock Households in Western Jilin Province, China*
Discussant: Graeme Hugo
Co-sponsorships: Population Specialty Group, Developing Areas Specialty Group

The Departed and the Left Behind: Migration, Labor, and the Chinese Family (II)
Organizers: Cindy Fan, Wenfei Winnie Wang
Chairs: Brenda Saw Ai Yeoh
Presenters:
Scott Rozelle and Xinxin Chen, *The Effect of Migration on Children's Educational Performance in Rural China*
Xiao-Yuan Dong, Hongqin Chang, and Fiona MacPhail, *Migration and Time Use of the Children and Elderly in Rural China*
Chuncui Velma Fan, *Educational Decisions of Rural Youth and Adult Migration*
Chen Chen, *Impact of Labor Migration on the Left-behind Elderly in Rural China*
Wenfei Winnie Wang, *Who is taking care of the elderly in China? A rural-urban comparison study in Beijing*
Co-sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group, Population Specialty Group

Tourism Development in China
Organizer: Rudi Hartmann
Chair: Rudi Hartmann
Presenters:
Geoffrey Wall, *Understanding Red Tourism*
Jack Hayes, *Four Seasons of Tourism and the Environment in Northern Sichuan: Tourist Markets, Economic Diversification, and Policy Planning*
Li Yang, *Ethnic Tourism and Cultural Representation*
Discussants: Alan Lew, Rudi Hartmann
Co-sponsorships: Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group

Transformation of China's Cities and Regions (I)
Organizer: Fulong Wu
Chairs: Laurence J.C. Ma
Presenters:
John Logan, *Processes of Residential Sorting by Education, Occupation and Migrant Status: The Beijing Case*
Anthony Yeh, *Urban Density in Chinese Cities*
George Lin, *"The tragedy of the commons" in transitional China? Understanding the Chinese practices of land use and land development with ambiguous property rights?*
Si-Ming Li, *Community Type and Residential Satisfaction: a study of Guangzhou, China*
Fulong Wu, *Search for a new spatial fix: the limit of urban entrepreneurialism and rising city-region governance in China*
Co-sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group

Transformation of China's Cities and Regions (II)
Organizer: Fulong Wu
Chairs: Laurence J.C. Ma
Panelists: Fulong Wu, Kam Wing Chan, Cindy Fan, You-tien Hsing, Yehua Dennis Wei, Anthony Yeh, John Logan, George Lin, Si-Ming Li, Laurence J.C. Ma
Co-sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group

Urban restructuring in China: New spaces of the city, community and home
Organizers: Alana Boland, Yu Zhou
Chair: Zhilin Liu
Presenters:
Jie Shen, *Themed residential development in China: a case study of Xintiandi in Shanghai*

Yuling Song, *The spatiality of 'the second house': A study of Shanghai*
Binqing Zhai, *Urban Regeneration and Social Capital in China's Historical District --- a case study of Sanxuejie district, Xi'an city, P.R.China*
Yanwei Chai, *Changing social space in transitional urban China from the danwei perspective: Case studies on internal spatial and residential hybridization*
Zhilin Liu, *Home-Work Separation, Job Accessibility, and the Impacts of Housing Policy and Urban Sprawl: Evidence from Household Survey Data in Beijing, China*

Urbanization and Environment (I)
Organizers: Qihao Weng
Chairs: George Xian
Presenters:
Fangxin Yi, *Towards Land-centred Urbanization in Coastal China: Land Development and Local Public Finance in Jiangsu Province*
George Xian, *Updating the 2001 National Land Cover Database Impervious Surface Product to Circa 2006*
Michail Fragkias and Burak Güneralp, *Global Urban Land-Use Change: A Meta-Analysis of Trends and Projections*
Jun Yang, *Constructing a green railway on the Tibet Plateau: Evaluating the effectiveness of mitigation measures*
Co-sponsorships:Urban Geography Specialty Group, Remote Sensing Specialty Group

Urbanization and Environment (II)
Organizer: Qihao Weng
Chairs: Cyril Wilson
Presenters:
Cyril Wilson, *Predicting surface water quality and its relation with urban land cover changes in the Lake Calumet area, Greater Chicago.*
Jun Tu, *Spatially Varying Impact of Land Use Changes on Water Quality across an Urbanization Gradient Explored Using Geographically Weighted Regression*
Qihao Weng, *Modeling urban heat islands and their relationship with impervious surface and vegetation abundance by using Landsat images*
Peng Gong, *Urbanization and rural development of China from a land use perspective*
Co-sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group, Remote Sensing Specialty Group

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Alana Boland (University of Toronto) has edited a special issue of the journal *Asian Geographer* that brings together new research on environment and development in China. Many of the papers were presented in CGSG-sponsored sessions at the San Francisco AAG Meetings in 2007. A list of the articles has been included in the Newsletter. Alana was promoted to associate professor last July and will be a research fellow at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for five months starting this coming February. While at the Center, she will be continuing her research on urban environmental governance in Nanjing and nearby cities.

Kam Wing Chan (U of Washington) has recently co-authored a paper "Is China Abolishing the Hukou System?" in *The China Quarterly*. He continues to do research on migration, urbanization, and the hukou system, and is completing another three papers, including one entitled: China's Hukou System at 50. He is helping edit the first English version of China Population and Labor Yearbook, to be jointly published by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Brill, Netherlands. He has traveled quite a bit in the last few months, including to Africa for the first time, attending the IGU Urban Commission Conference and Congress in Tunis in August; giving a public lecture on hukou reforms in September in Hong Kong; and attending the World Economic Forum Summit on Global Agenda in November in Dubai, a very interesting city built in the desert. He has been a member of the Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration since spring this year. Details about the Summit are at http://www.weforum.org/en/events/ArchivedEvents/InauguralSummitontheGlobalAgenda/index.htm
[Note: The article by Kam Wing Chan and William Buckingham that appeared in *China Quarterly* was one of the journal editor's "Best Picks of 2008." Congratulations to Kam Wing and William!]

Chuanbo Chen (Renming University of China) is a British Academy Visiting Fellow in 2008 (UK host: IDS). His recent research grants/awards include: (1) Protecting the rural poor against the economic consequences of major illness: A challenge for Asian transitional economics, by EU, 2006-2008; (2) The vulnerability and coping strategies of the poor rural households under the shock, by National Natural Science Foundation, 2007-2009; and (3) The Research on Establish the Social Safety net in China, by National Planning Office Philosophy and Social Science, 2007-2008.

Philippe Foret (University of Nottingham) has been appointed as an associate professor at the new School of Contemporary Chinese Studies. His email address is: philippe.foret@nottingham.ac.uk. With Andreas Kaplony (University of Zurich), Philippe has published this November, "The Journey of Maps and Images on the Silk Road", see for details at: http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=210&pid=30913.

Ron Knapp (SUNY New Paltz) is the author of *Chinese Bridges: Living Architecture from China's Past*, with photography by A. Chester Ong and a Foreword by Peter Bol, Harvard University. Singapore: Tuttle Publishing, 2008. The book is a companion volume to his *Chinese Houses: The Architectural Heritage of a Nation* (2005) and *Chinese Houses in Southeast Asia: Eclectic Architecture*, which will be published in 2009. Sponsored by the Gamma Theta Upsilon/Association of American Geographers Visiting Geographical Scientist Program, he spoke on "Discovering China's Historic Bridges" at the University of Notre Dame and Bethel College in Indiana on November 18, 2008.

Ingo Liefner received the following research grants: "Knowledge Absorption and International Competitiveness: An Analysis of China's Optical Technology Sector" (together with Stefan Hennemann, funded by the German Research Foundation), and "Regional agility and upgrading and in Hong Kong and the PRD (together with Stefan Hennemann, Frauke Kraas, Javier Revilla Diez, Daniel Schiller, Dirk Dohse, Dean Spinanger, Ruediger Soltwedel, funded by the German Research Foundation).

Di Long (Texas A&M University) just came to the U.S to start his new research journey, after obtaining his bachelor degree in Tsinghua University in 2005 and a master degree of physical geography in Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Science in 2008. His research interests primarily lie in the areas of evapotranspiration estimation using remotely sensed data and hydrological modeling, with related areas like land use/cover change and global warming. This year, he has co-authored two papers: (1) Gao, Y.C., Long, D, Li, Z.L. (2008). Estimation of daily actual evapotranspiration from remotely sensed data under complex terrain over the upper Chao river basin in North China. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 29(11), 3295-3315. (2) Gao, Y.C. Long, D. (2008). Intercomparison of remote sensing-based models for estimation of evapotranspiration and accuracy assessment based on SWAT. *Hydrological Processes*, 22, 4850-4869.

Darrin Magee (Hobart & William Smith Colleges), as a Co-PI, has secured $750,000 NSF grant to study social, ecological, and geopolitical impacts of large dams in China (along with colleagues at Colby College, Oregon State, and Yunnan University in China. Darrin participated in the Third Annual Shantou Dialogues on Sustainable Development in China, sponsored by the Li Ka Shing Foundation. His recent publications include: Brown, Philip, Darrin Magee, Yilin Xu. (2008). Socioeconomic vulnerability in China's hydropower development. *China Economic Review* 19 (4), pp. 614-627. doi: 10.1016/j.chieco.2008.06.002; Brown, Philip, Desiree Tullos, Bryan Tilt, Darrin Magee, and Aaron Wolf. (forthcoming) Development of an Interdisciplinary Approach to Dam Evaluation: IDAM Tool. *Journal of Environmental Management*; McNally, Amy, Darrin Magee, and Aaron Wolf. (forthcoming) "Hydropower and Sustainability: Resilience and Vulnerability in China's Powersheds." *Journal of Environmental Management*; and Magee, Darrin and Kristen McDonald. (forthcoming). "Beyond Three Gorges: Nu River Hydropower and Energy Decision Politics in China," *Asian Geographer*.

Aloe Yu Luo Rioux (Primary Source) received her Ph. D from the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Spring of 2008. She recently joined Primary Source (www.primarysource.org) as Program Director for the China/Asia Programs. Based in Massachusetts, Primary Source is a non-profit organization promoting education for global understanding by offering high-quality professional development and curriculum resources to K-12 teachers and school communities. The paper entitled: "Pilgrim or Tourist? Transformation of China's Revolutionary Holy Land" by Rioux, will appear as a chapter in *Faiths on Display: Religion and Tourism in China* (Forthcoming, Tim Oakes and Donald S. Sutton, eds. Rowman & Littlefield), and her other article, "Green with Red: Environment and Jiangxi's Tourism Development," will be published in the upcoming themed issue of *Asian Geographer* on environment and development in China. Rioux is also a contributing writer for *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China* (Forthcoming. Linsun Cheng et al., eds. MA: Berkshire Publishing Group LLC) and *Encyclopedia of Modern China* (Forthcoming. David Pong, ed. MI: Charles Scribner's Sons/Gale/Cengage Learning).

Yifei Sun (California State University, Northridge) is co-editing two special issues for the *International Journal of Technology Management* (IJTM) and *GeoJournal*. The IJTM special issue focuses on China's New Innovation-oriented Strategy and the *GeoJournal* special issue concentrates on Asian manufacturing. The review process for both is almost completed and we expect to publish the two issues in late 2009.

Yifei Sun also travelled to China during the summer and in late October. He conducted many interviews with ICT firms at Shanghai. Meanwhile, he attended a few conferences including the one on Industry Cluster hosted by Henan University in June and the conference on technology innovation hosted by Zhejiang University in October. In addition, he was invited to give a few guest presentations on his research at Zhejiang University, East China Normal University, Henan University, and Shanghai Normal University. Recently, he successfully organized a forum on China on campus. For those interested, pls visit the website at: http://www.csun.edu/~ys9503/Chinaforum/Chinaforum.htm.

For the coming AAG conference at Las Vegas, he is co-organizing a few sessions on latecomer technological upgrading and global production networks (global value Chains) with Dr Peilei Fan from Michigan State University) and Dr. Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen from SUNY Buffalo. We are exploring the possibility to publish a special issue with a journal. For those who are interested to contribute, but were not able to participate in our sessions, please contact them directly.

Stanley Toops (Miami University) is on leave in Seattle this year. Recent publications include a chapter in the third edition of *Understanding Contemporary China*. Robert Gamer, ed. Rienner: Boulder CO, 2008.

Qihao Weng (Indiana State University) was recently awarded a NASA senior fellowship, which allows him to take a research leave working on the environmental impacts of urbanization and public/environmental health. He did a lot of travel in China during the summer 2008, visiting several universities/research institutes, giving lectures, but most significantly organizing an international workshop on Earth Observation and Remote Sensing Applications in Beijing (about 200 participants from 20 nations). In addition to a number of publications in remote sensing and GIS, he published "A historical perspective of river basin management in the Pearl River Delta of China, *Journal of Environmental Management*, 85(4): 1048-1062, 2007. He also wrote an entry of "Guangzhou (Canton)" for *Encyclopaedia of Modern China*, Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Christian Wuttke (University of Osnabrueck, Germany) published an article with Michael Waibel, "The evolution of local state capacity and institutional change in East Asian megaurban regions: the case of the Pearl River Delta, China", *CEU Political Science Journal*, 2008, Vol. 3 (2), 230-251.

Anthony Yeh, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and world-renowned scholar of The University of Hong Kong (HKU), was selected the winner of the 2008 UN-HABITAT Lecture Award - the highest international acclaims in the town planning field. The award is to recognize outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in human settlements development and planning. A pioneer in the application of geographic information system (GIS) technologies to urban and regional planning and a world renowned scholar on urban development and planning in Hong Kong and China, Professor Yeh is awarded for his widespread influence on human settlements research and policy formulation within Hong Kong, the Mainland China and across the Asia-Pacific Region.

Professor Yeh was presented the award in Nanjing, at the UN-HABITAT's Fourth World Urban Forum (WUF IV) on November 4, where he was invited to deliver a lecture before international experts and academics. The Forum, a biennial summit forum of urban development in the world and top conference concerning human habitat, is established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing global issues – rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies; as well as to tackle the challenges of minimizing burgeoning poverty in cities, and achieving sustainable urban growth and development. At the 4-day Forum entitled "Harmonious Urbanisation", Professor Yeh spoke on "GIS as a Planning Support System for the Planning of Harmonious Cities".

Yu Zhou (Vassar College) published her article: "Synchronizing export orientation with import substitution: creating competitive indigenous high-tech companies in China," *World Development*. Vol. 36, No. 11, Nov. 2008. She also participated in a four day workshop in Washington DC with other public intellectual fellows selected by National Committee on US-China relations. The workshop includes a series of meetings with Washington political and media establishments on foreign relations. In Dec. 2008, she served for the national screen committee for Fulbright fellowship to China.

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR C.P. LO

Chor-pang "C.P." Lo, 1939-2007 Chor-pang "C.P." Lo died on December 30, 2007 in Athens, Georgia following a long illness with lung cancer. At the time of his death he was Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia where he had been teaching since 1984.

Dr. Lo was born and raised in Hong Kong. He received the B.A. with First Class Honors from the Department of Geography and Geology, University of Hong Kong in 1963 and the M.A. three years later in 1966. As a number of his former classmates and HKU students have testified, a First Class Honors degree from Hong Kong University in the 1960s was a remarkable scholarly accomplishment that only the truly exceptionally meritorious students earned. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1968 and attended the University of Glasgow, Scotland where he pursued and completed Ph.D. studies in 1971 in photogrammetry and remote sensing with Professor Gordon Petrie.

Dr. Lo began his formal teaching career at Hong Kong University in 1967 as Assistant Lecturer and quickly moved through the ranks of Lecturer and Senior Lecturer. In July, 1977, he was appointed Reader in Geography, a position he held until 1984 when he left for the University of Georgia, where he had served previously as visiting scholar in 1976. He returned several times to Hong Kong University and served there as visiting professor in the fall term, 2002.

Former students of Dr. Lo recall his hard work and dedication as a faculty member at HKU. Both Tung Fung and Kam Wing Chan recall with great respect and fondness that Dr. Lo, as he was then called, was their first geography teacher at HKU. They were in awe of the remarkable detail and skill with which Dr. Lo lectured and the value of the material that he presented in his lectures. Serious students viewed Dr. Lo as demanding and requiring good effort and hard work. But as Chan stated, these same students had enormous respect for Dr. Lo and knew that they would be held to a very high standard of achievement in his courses while also learning a great deal from him, a challenge for the best and brightest at HKU. Both of these former students are now senior professors in distinguished departments, and both have given thoughtful testimonials to the profound impact C.P. Lo had on them personally and his caring and helpful assistance in their professional careers.

C.P. Lo was a remarkably innovative and productive teacher and scholar. He authored or co-authored 11 books all of which presented original and creative materials of great value to students, teachers, and professional colleagues. In addition, he published more than 70 articles many of which appeared in the most prestigious and competitive refereed journals in geography and related fields. He also received numerous research grants to support his work from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Geographic Society (NGS) and other sources.

His scholarly contributions were especially noteworthy for the breadth of his academic interests while also relying on technical specialties such as photogrammetry, remote sensing, and geographic information science and systems. Two of his textbooks, Applied Remote Sensing and Concepts of Geographic Information Systems were widely used and highly respected and became standards in the field. The breadth of Lo's scholarly and intellectual interests ranged from population geography to an enduring fascination and interest in his home region of southeast China, the Pearl River Delta. Some of his early research focused on population studies of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, and he continued his work on the changing land use of this region both urban and rural throughout his professional life, His contributions to improved understanding of these land use changes and related economic developments has been recognized both within and outside China. In 1990 he authored a book on Hong Kong, a subject that remained dear to him throughout his life.

C.P. Lo's tenure at the University of Georgia will be remembered for several noteworthy achievements. He came first as a visiting scholar in residence, 1976, where he vigorously pursued cutting edge research on land use in China using newly released satellite data from the Landsat-1 earth satellite. In 1984 he returned and joined the faculty as associate professor and was later promoted to full professor. His teaching in both technical subject such as remote sensing, photogrammetry and GIS as well as in human geography contributed significantly to the instructional program in the department. He continued his profound interest in the geography of China and enjoyed teaching the department's China course where he delivered a rigorous and serious class for advanced undergraduates and graduate students.

Lo's teaching interests were reflected strongly in his research and scholarly activities. He maintained an active and very productive research program that employed remote sensing and GIS techniques with applications in both local study areas such as Atlanta, although most of his research work was focused on study areas in China. In both venues, C.P. was typically at the cutting edge and often attracted interest from the press as well as the scholarly community. Examples would be his pioneering work on estimating populations in Chinese cities in the 1970s based on remote sensing sources and mathematical estimations at a time when little accurate census information was available from China. More recent work on the large city, Atlanta, and its heat island effect again using remote

sensing data received notice from the press as well attracting considerable attention and kudos among academic colleagues.

C.P. Lo was greatly admired and respected by a generation of students at the University of Georgia, more than 30 of whom he advised and directed in their graduate studies. Known as a rigorous and demanding mentor, he was also seen as understanding and comp