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Letter to members and *Tampa 2014*

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China Geographers,

Thanks to all your support and hard work, CGSG sponsored a record **65** sessions and panels during this past year's AAG Meeting in Los Angeles. What a great success! The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held at The Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida, on April 8-12. Summer goes by fast! It is never too early to consider PAPERS, SESSIONS & PANELS that you are interested in presenting or organizing at the next AAG meeting.

As always, CGSG encourages everyone to start discussing organizing sessions that are either sponsored or co-sponsored by CGSG. The organized sessions usually attract a more targeted audience. On page 3, you'll find a list of possible session ideas/topics suggested by members at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

In early fall, a formal call for papers, sessions, and panels will be sent to all members. If you are interested in joining a session sponsored or co-sponsored by CGSG, or if you wish to organize a CGSG-sponsored session, please contact the CGSG (guochen@msu.edu) in fall and we will work to arrange your paper in an appropriate session. We look forward to meeting you all in Tampa, FL in 2014!

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AAG Meeting 2013

CGSG Business Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles, CA 12 April 2013, LA Hotel at 6:30 PM.

1. Welcome by CGSG Chair Xu, Wei
2. Approval of 2012 Business Meeting Minutes
3. Membership and Finances Report

- Current CGSG membership is 208 members, of which 91 are students:

	Total	Students	Non-students	Foreign
2013	208	91	117	62
2012	235	106	129	n/a
2011	246	95	151	71
2010	244	87	157	59
2009	230	87	143	51

- This year, CGSG sponsored and co-sponsored 65 sessions. Comparison with recent years:
2012: 35; 2011: 37; 2010: 35; 2009: 29
- As of Mar.31st, 2013, the CGSG account had a balance of \$2,881. We are doing very well. This means some funds are available for the entire next year and some activities for next year's AAG meetings.

4. Awards presentations

- The outstanding service award was presented to Yu Zhou, Vassar College
- The best student paper award was presented to Ian Rowen, University of Colorado
- The travel awards were presented to Haifeng Liao, University of Utah, and Yueming Zhang, Clark University

5. Election of new officers

- Cindy Fan nominated David Edgington, from UBC for CGSG Secretary. There were no other nominations. David Edgington was elected CGSG Secretary for 2013-14.
- Lili Wang, the OSU and Yang Yang, University of Colorado at Boulder were nominated for Student Representative. Lili Wang and Yang Yang were elected CGSG Student Representatives for 2013-14.
- Guo Chen advanced to CGSG Vice-Chair for 2013-2014; Tim Oakes advanced to CGSG Chair.

6. Announcements from the floor (None)

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7. Call for session themes for 2014 AAG meeting, Tampa

Below are a few suggestions for session themes for the 2014 AAG meeting in Tampa. Please use the China Geography listserv (cgs-g-l@uleth.ca) to circulate ideas and session calls.

- China-Japan Relations.
- Geopolitics and Islands Problems
- Finance
- Local Government Bankruptcy (ghost towns and local livelihood)
- Transportation in China (different scale, fast speed train, and local transportation)
- China and Other Pieces of Asia
- Theorizing Capitalism in China
- Panels on Urban Planning
- FDI from China to the U.S.; Chinese migrants in Southeast and South Asia
- Census from 2010
- Global Urbanism: Challenges in Chinese cities
- Ecology, Uneven Distribution of Ecological Goods, Urban Pollution Issues, and Impacts on Different Discourses
- Hot Topics for Tampa's Conference Theme: Theme Parks, Tourism in China
- Interactions with Other Geography Groups
- Security in China, PLA, and Geopolitical Issues

2013 China Geography Outstanding Service Award

Yu ZHOU is a professor of Geography in the Department of Earth Science and Geography at Vassar College. She is also Zijiang professor in Institute of China Innovation (ICI) at East China Normal University. She received her bachelor and master's degrees in Urban and Environmental Sciences (formerly Geography) at Peking University in 1986 and 1989, and PhD. in Geography at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 1995. She served as chair of the Earth Science and Geography department between 2009 and 2011, and the director of Asian Studies at Vassar College during 2002-2006. Her research has been in the areas of globalization and high-tech industry in China, and is the author of the book *The inside story of China's high-tech industry: making Silicon Valley in Beijing* (2008). She also studied ethnic communities and transnational business networks in the Los Angeles and New York. She is currently doing research on green building development in Chinese cities.



Yu Zhou has published extensively in journals such as *World Development*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Economic Geography*, *Urban Geography*, *Regional studies*, *Environment and planning A* etc. She is a recipient of several major national and international awards and grants, including NSF, Asian Network, Lincoln Institute, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation, Pacific Cultural Foundation, and others. She currently serves at AAG Meridian Book Award Committee, and Editorial Board of *Transactions of Institute of British Geographer*. She was the Chair of China Geography Specialty Group in 2009. She has been selected as one of the Public Intellectual Fellows for 2008-2010 by National Committee of United States-China Relations. She also published blog entries in *Huffington Post*, *China Beat*, *ChinaAnalysis*, etc. She has been interviewed by *New York Times*, and *Washington Post* among others.

2013 CGSG Student Awards

This year's CGSG Best Student Paper Award was presented to **Ian Rowen** (University of Colorado), for his paper titled "for "Tourism and Territoriality in Taiwan and China." *Congratulations Ian!*

This year's Travel Awards went to **Haifeng Liao** (University of Utah), for his paper titled "When do TNCs want to cooperate with domestic firms in innovation? An investigation of the ICT industry in Suzhou, China," and **Yueming Zhang** (Clark University), for her paper titled "Remapping the City, Reproduction of Space, and Local State Reterritorialization: A District Merger Case." *Congratulations Haifeng and Yueming!*

AAG 2014 CGSG Student Paper competition: Call for Submission

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.
- Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the AAG Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, April 8-12, 2014.
- Papers being considered by other AAG Specialty Group for student Paper Award are not qualified for this award.

A \$250 cash prize will be awarded for the best paper. This includes a \$50 ticket for joining our annual CGSG dinner. 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 quality of the paper's presentation and argument, the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology, and the validity of conclusions. The award will be announced at the Business Meeting of the China Geography Specialty Group in Tampa, in April, 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 1st, 2014***. Please include author's name, academic level (undergraduate, master's or doctoral), academic institution, department or program, current address, phone number, and email. An electronic version of the paper, in Word or PDF format, must reach the Chair no later than ***March 1st, 2014***.

If you have any questions, please contact CGSG Chair: Tim Oakes (toakes@colorado.edu)

Member's News

Werner Breitung has joined the Department of Urban Planning and Design of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University - an international university based in Suzhou. He keeps an affiliation with Sun Yatsen University in Guangzhou, where he has taught for nine years, and he continues to be research-active in the Greater Pearl River Delta.

Currently, he is writing up the results of the six-years of work funded by the German National Science Foundation (DFG) in the context of their Priority Program "Mega cities - Mega challenge", and at the same time he has started his new project by the Chinese National Science Foundation on the perception of the Hong Kong - Shenzhen border.

Other recent activities were his three-months project at the University of Heidelberg (funded by the German Academic Exchange Agency) and a successful Sino-German Conference on Regional Planning, which he has organized together with the University of Cologne (funded by the Sino-German Centre for Research Promotion in Beijing).

Any CGSG member visiting Suzhou is most welcome to contact him and to visit Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University.

Yanwei Chai (Peking University) The International Symposium of Space-time Behavior and Smart Travel was organized by the Behavioral Geography Research Group of Peking University and Professor Mei-Po Kwan served as the Keynote speaker. Over 50 scholars from more than 15 universities and research institutes were in attendance. The theme "data, methods and frontiers in space-time behavior research and its applications in planning, management and construction of smart city" highlighted the past, present and future of space-time behavior researches and its application. It is a giant feast for space-time behavior researchers from all over the world and a huge success in probing into the future of space-time behavior researches and its application.

Philippe Forêt is currently a senior Research Fellow at the Chair of Chinese culture and society of the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland). He has just published "Climate Change: A Challenge to the Geographers of Colonial Asia," Perspectives 9 (Spring 2013). Last fall and winter he gave three conference papers at the Bibliotheque Nationale de France (D'Anville Project), the British Library (International Dunhuang Project), and Oxford University (Maison francaise, Scientific Communication and its History). Glocal Hong Kong: The Rise of an International Art Market is the title of his new project at the University of St. Gallen (2013-2015). The Swiss National Science Foundation has awarded him and Dr. Yue Zhuang (University of Zurich) a conference grant to organize "Entangled Landscapes. Rethinking the Landscape Exchange between China and Europe" (May 10-12, 2013). Philippe is a member of the organizing committee of the Festival International de Geographie (FIG 2013), "La Chine, une puissance mondiale" (Oct. 3-6, 2013): <http://www.fig.saint-die-des-vosges.fr/>.

Tim Oakes (University of Colorado, Boulder) was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for his project "Re-ordering public space, governing urban citizens: evaluating the

effects of urban spatial transformation.” This is a two-year collaborative project with Wu Xiaoping of Guizhou Minzu University, examining governance issues related to minzu-themed redevelopment schemes in county and prefectural-level cities in Guizhou. He will be presenting preliminary aspects of this project at two conferences this summer, one in Heidelberg, Germany (the International Conference on "Leisure and Social Change: Dynamics of the Transcultural Flow of Concepts, Institutions, and Practices of Leisure across Asia"), and one in Tongli, Jiangsu (the 4C5M Studio Conference on "City Development, Preservation, and Hospitality).

Xuefei Ren (Michigan State University) has published a new book titled “Urban China” (2013, Polity Press, Cambridge). The book offers a concise and engaging account of the past trajectories, present conditions, and future prospects of Chinese urbanization, by investigating five key themes—governance, migration, landscape, inequality, and cultural economy. Based on a comprehensive evaluation of the urban China literature and original research materials, Ren argues that the urban-rural dichotomy that was artificially constructed under socialism is no longer a meaningful lens for analyses and that Chinese cities have become strategic sites for reassembling citizenship rights for both urban residents and rural migrants. Currently she is working on a new project comparing urban governance and citizenship rights in India and China and has just come back from fieldwork in Delhi and Bangalore in March.

Jun Zhang (National University of Singapore) will join the Department of Geography and Program in Planning at University of Toronto, this July.

Members’ Recent or Forthcoming Publications

Journal articles and book chapters

Chen, Guo. 2013. A qualitative interpretation of the home ownership paradox for China’s urban poor. In E. Murphy & N. Hourani (Eds.), *The Housing Question: Tensions, Continuities, and Contingencies in the Modern City*. Ashgate.

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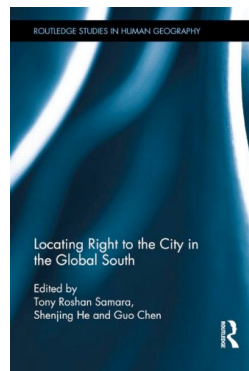
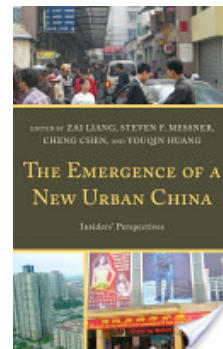
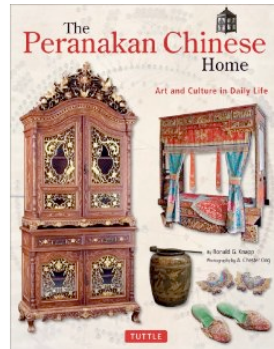
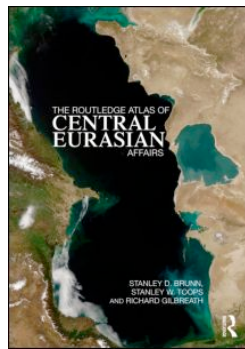
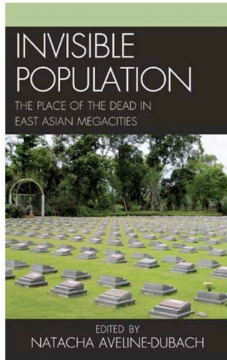
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- Hu, F.Z.Y. and **Lin, G.C.S.** 2013. Beyond state-market connection: Regional institutional milieu and the transformation of state-owned enterprises in Northeast China. *Regional Studies* 47 (4): 563-579.
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Samara, Tony, **He, Shenjing** and **Guo Chen** (eds.), 2013. *Locating Right to the City in the Global South: Transnational Urban Governance and Socio-spatial Transformations*. Routledge.

Call for contributions: The book series of “**Spatial Behavior and Urban Planning**” will address behavioral perspective on both theoretical and practical implications in urban studies and planning. Books are welcome addressing theories, methodologies and empirical study in urban space and behavior as well as its applications in urban planning and behavior planning. The book series will be published by Southeast University Press without paying publication costs charged to the authors. We invite colleagues to join us in the book series. Authors will be invited to submit title and brief introduction pending the editors' selection. Please contact Yanwei Chai (chyw@pku.edu.cn), College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University.

Our website and timeline

Past newsletters and the timeline can be found on our website

(<http://personal.bgsu.edu/~xye/cgsg.htm>)

THE CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP TIMELINE can be downloaded from

http://personal.bgsu.edu/~xye/news/AAG_CGSG_Timeline_Mar09.doc.

The Timeline presents 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.

Enjoy summer &
We look forward to seeing everyone in Tampa next year!

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