

# China Geography Special Group, AAG

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## Chair's Letter

Dear China Geographers,

Greetings from Michigan. It's that time of the year again for us to prepare for the upcoming annual meeting. I am very happy to report that as of the end of last year, our membership increased to **281**. And, it's thanks to all of you! We are now among the biggest country/region-based specialty groups in the AAG, bigger than Asian Geography, and far bigger than the European, Middle East, Canadian, and Russian Geography Specialty Groups. We are behind the Latin American Specialty Group's membership, but we are very close to the Africa Specialty Group (if interested see the **chart** on page 2).

Looking ahead to Chicago 2015, we are expecting a crowd and a fairly large number of China-related sessions and panels on a variety of topics. This is a historic moment for our specialty group, considering that given our founding in the 1970s we have a relatively short history. Yet, this remarkable moment also stands in stark contrast to the widely known potential threats to research funding in the social sciences, particularly for those of us in the U.S. conducting research in other countries (see the AAG's column [here](#)). As much as this sounds like a limit, it also brings great opportunities for us to take innovative approaches and broaden the scope of our work. It means we have to be more "out there" in terms of initiating and engaging in conversations with other specialty groups or areas within geography.

On the bright side, Chicago will be an exciting event for all of us. For the first time in a few years, we will host a **China Specialty Group Plenary Series** on the basis of previous successes and provide opportunities for our members to interact with speakers from outside our community on China studies.

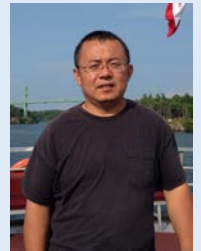
Second, in line with the themes for Chicago, many of our members have proposed panels or sessions on the emerging themes of international medical geography, sustainable urban environments, and social and environmental justice, and on the long-standing prominent themes of migration, housing, inequality, political and economic development, cultural, rural, urban, physical geography, and research methods. Finally, we are also planning to redesign our website in order to make it more visually appealing and user-friendly. Stay tuned for more details and updates to come this year!



*Guo Chen*



*David Edgington*

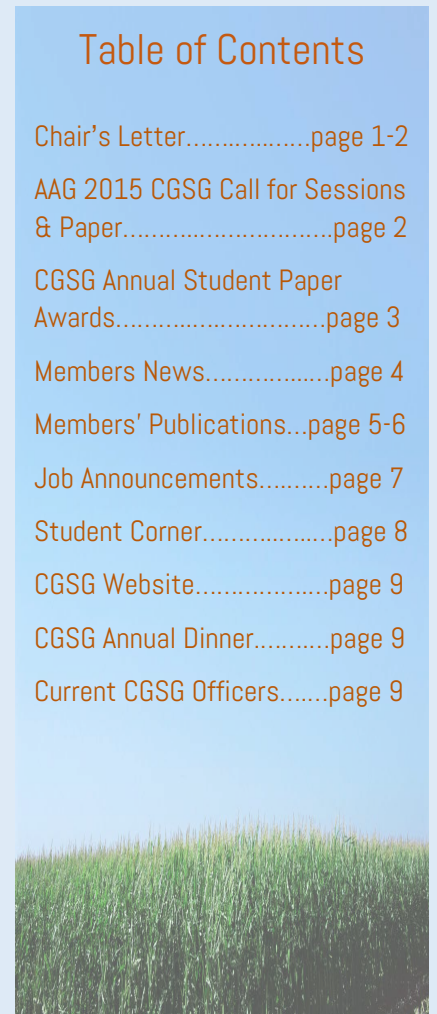


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All said, we are excited about Chicago. We hope you enjoy the fall and that your paper/session/panel submissions for the AAG meeting are smooth and successful. And above all, enjoy reading this newsletter!

Sincerely yours,

Guo  
On behalf of the CGSG officers



Source: Membership data supplied by the AAG, also published in the Guide to Programs (numbers are as of Dec. 31 of each year, missing data some years)

## AAG Meeting Chicago, Illinois, April 21-25, 2015

### Call for Sessions and Papers

Dear China Geographers,

Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts and organized sessions is **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. As usual, your participation is key to our success in organizing China Geography sponsored sessions in Chicago.

We encourage everyone to use the China Geography listserv ([cgsg-l@uleth.ca](mailto:cgsg-l@uleth.ca)) to circulate ideas and session calls. Below is a list of suggested session ideas for the Chicago meeting (thanks to those of you participating in the business meeting at Tampa last year). This is not a complete list. I am sure there are a sea of ideas to be proposed for the Chicago meeting along the lines of social, political, economic, cultural, spatial, and environmental changes in China, a comparative context, and beyond. We can also help you find sessions if you have a paper that you want to make sure gets organized into an China Geography sponsored session.

- Inequality in China
- Rural China
- Higher education in China and the U.S.
- China's new urban 'blue print' policy and other hukou related changes
- 25 years of change--- China since 1989
- Chinese social media and e-commerce(Weibo, Taobao, etc.)
- Social and environmental justice

If you are interested in joining a session sponsored or co-sponsored by CGSG, organizing a CGSG-sponsored session, or simply seeking co-sponsorship from CGSG for your session, please contact the CGSG ([david.edgington@ubc.ca](mailto:david.edgington@ubc.ca)). We will work to ensure minimal scheduling conflicts and adequate room assignments for our sessions. We look forward to meeting you all in Chicago in 2015!

Guo Chen  
CGSG Chair

## 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. At the CGSG Business Meeting of the 2014 AAG Conference, the followings awards were presented:

- The Outstanding Paper Award was presented to Yuqi Liu (University College London) for her paper "Neighborhood Attachment, Neighbourly Interaction and Community Participation within the Concept of Urban Village Redevelopment: A Cast Study of Guangzhou, China".
- Travel awards were presented to Hao Huang (University of Utah) and Huimin Du (Hong Kong Baptist University).



*David Edgington and Yuqi Liu at the AAG Awards Luncheon, Tampa, April 2014*



*From left to right: Tim Dakes (CGSG Chair 2013-14) with Student Paper Award winner Yuqi Liu, Travel Award winners Hao Huang and Huimin Du*

### Call for Submissions to the 2015 Conference in Chicago

#### 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 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.
- Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, April 21-25, 2015.

#### 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. 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 Chicago, Illinois, in April 2015, 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, 2015**. 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 **March 1, 2015**.

Please send your submission and questions to the CGSG chair at [guochen@msu.edu](mailto:guochen@msu.edu).

## Member News

After moving from Sun Yatsen University in Guangzhou to Xi'an Jiaotong University in Suzhou, **Werner Breitung** has successfully graduated his remaining master students in Guangzhou and continues to work on his National Science Foundation (NSFC) project on sense of place among border crossers between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. As a member of the urban planning department of his new university, he recently got an additional project on the perception of public parks and gardens in Suzhou. In summer 2014, he has in this context organized a workshop on multisensory landscape perception and co-organized two Sino-German summer schools in cooperation with Tongji University and Ruhruniversität Bochum. He has recently contributed papers on Guangzhou to special issues of *Population, Space and Place* and of *China Perspectives*.

**Kam Wing Chan** (Professor, Geography, U of Washington) was a visiting fellow at the Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong in September. He gave two talks at the university. It was also a very interesting time to be in Hong Kong just before the recent protests broke out. He got a firsthand feel of the sentiments of protest movement. He has continued research on China's urbanization and reform of the hukou system, spoken to the media, written op-eds, and served as a co-editor for *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. Please visit his site at <http://faculty.washington.edu/kwchan/>.

**David W. Edgington** (Professor, Geography, University of British Columbia) visited National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) in May 2014 to give a talk on 'Japanese electronics companies in Greater China'. He joined colleagues at NTNU on field trips including the Chi-Chi Earthquake museum in Tainan".

**Cindy Fan** (UCLA) recently wrote a commentary for the *New York Times* and was interviewed by Bloomberg TV about the Hong Kong protests. Earlier this year she was interviewed by BBC, *Huffington Post*, Al Jazeera America, and China Radio International. Continuing her role as UCLA's "Secretary of State," she has led university delegations to Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, China, Korea, Japan, and India, including meetings with dignitaries such as US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy and establishing the UCLA Asia Office in Hong Kong. Cindy was invited to speak at a conference in Dortmund, has a forthcoming paper on migration and remittances in an edited volume, and will be visiting a Sichuan field site in November.

**Anthony Howell** recently completed a dissertation on Chinese innovation and Firm Performance and obtained his PhD from UCLA last June. He is now Assistant Professor in the School of Economics at Peking University and is undergoing research related to firm performance in China's manufacturing and services sectors, and to issues of ethnicity, poverty and inequality in Western China."

**George Lin** (Hong Kong University) was an invited speaker for several conferences including a symposium titled "Why we care about land grabbing in urbanizing China" held in the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, March 8, 2014; a conference titled "Urbanization in China: China's 2nd and 3rd-tier Cities: The new Eldorado?" held in the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) in Paris October 7-8, 2014; and a public lecture series on urban transformation for the University of Amsterdam December 17, 2014.

**Alan A. Lew** received a two-year grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo foundation to examine the relationship between sustainability and resilience as planning paradigms in four rural communities in Taiwan, with colleagues from National Donghua University and National Hsinchu University of Education. He is also working with Nanjing University to organize a pre-congress meeting of the IGU Tourism Commission prior to the IGU Congress in Beijing in August 2016. And, he is currently hosting eight visiting China scholars, mostly geographers, at Northern Arizona University this semester!

**Yehua Dennis Wei** (Professor, University of Utah) and **Sanjoy Chakravorty** (Professor, Temple University) are organizing a special session at the 2015 AAG Annual Meeting on the Geography of Inequality in China/Asia. Papers presented in the session may be published in a special issue of *Geographical Review* after going through a blind review process. For more information, please see the CFP that Dennis sent out in summer, or contact him at [wei@geog.utah.edu](mailto:wei@geog.utah.edu).

## Members Recent or Forthcoming Publications

### Journal articles and book chapters

- Chan, Kam Wing**, 2014. "China's Urbanization 2020: A New Blueprint and Direction," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, Vol.55, no.1, pp.1-9.
- Chan, Kam Wing**, "Achieving Comprehensive Hukou Reform in China," Paulson Policy Memorandum, The Paulson Institute (in press).
- Forstall, Richard L., and **Kam Wing Chan**, "Urban Places: Statistical Definitions," in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, Elsevier (in press)
- 陳金永, "城鎮化新藍圖的突破與不足," 《明報》, 2014年4月2日, A27  
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- Ye, M., Vojnovic, I., and **Chen, G.** (2014 in press) "The differentiated landscape of gentrification: Exploring the diversity of gentrification processes in Hong Kong, 1986-2006" *Urban Geography*
- Chen, K. and **Chen, G.** (2014 in press) "The rise of international financial centers in mainland China" *Cities*
- Wu, Q., Cheng, J., **Chen, G.**, Hammel, D. J., and Wu, X. (2014) "Socio-spatial differentiation and residential segregation in the Chinese city based on the 2000 community-level census data: A case study of the inner city of Nanjing" *Cities* 39: 109-119.
- Huang, H.** and L. Yin. 2014. "Creating Sustainable Urban Built Environments: An Application of Hedonic House Price Models in Wuhan, China." *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, (Available online April 2014, doi: 10.1007/s10901-014-9403-8).
- Li, Peng-Fei.** 2014. Global temporary networks of clusters: structures and dynamics of trade fairs in Asian economies. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 14(5): 995-1021.
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- Lin, G.C.S.** and Zhang, A.Y.M. (2014) "Emerging space of neoliberal urbanism in China: Land commodification, municipal finance, and local economic growth in prefecture-level cities." *Urban Studies*, DOI: 10.1177/0042098014528549.
- Wang, C.C. and **Lin, G.C.S.** (2013) "Dynamics of innovation in globalizing China: regional environment, inter-firm relations and firm attributes." *Journal of Economic Geography*. 13 (3): 397-418.
- 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.
- Timberlake, M., **Y.H.D. Wei**, X. Ma and J. Hao. 2014. Global Cities with Chinese Characteristics. *Cities* 41: 162-170.
- Liao, H.F. and **Y.H.D. Wei**. 2014. Modeling spatial determinants of urban growth in Dongguan, China: A spatial logistic approach. *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment* 28(4): 801-816.

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## Books

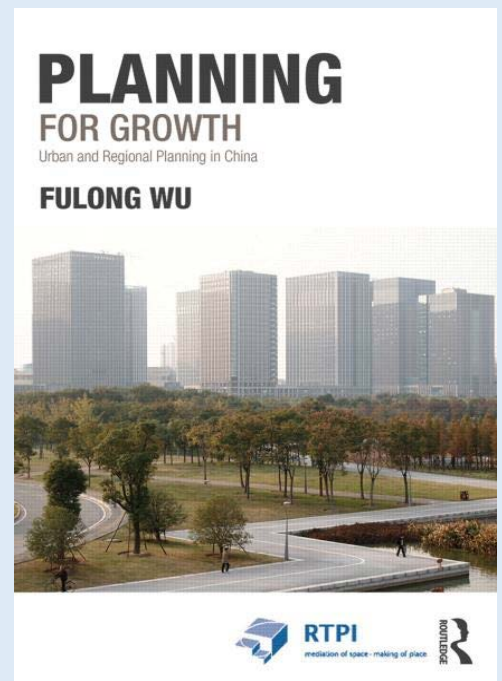
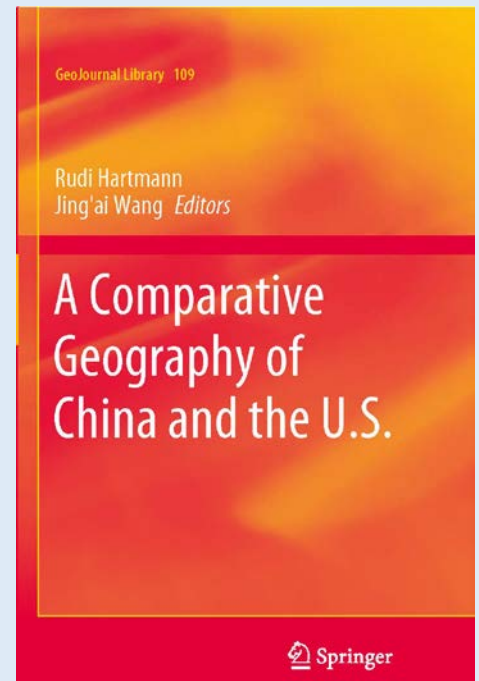
**Rudi Hartmann, Jing'ai Wang and Tao Ye (eds.).** 2014. *A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S.*, GeoJournal Library Volume 109, Dordrecht, NL: Springer, 387 pp. (The book is also available as an e-book: <http://www.springer.com/earth+sciences+and+geography/geography/geography/book/978-94-017-8791-8>)

**Fulong Wu.** 2015. *Planning for Growth: Urban and Regional Planning in China.* Routledge, 252pp.

In contrast to the popular imagination of being procedural or even the 'enemy of business' under neoliberal attack in the West, planning in China was resurrected after economic reform and is becoming a key driver for fast urbanization and economic growth. This book traces the origin of Chinese modern planning in the Republican and Socialist eras and offers an accessible text on its complicated planning system. Broadly speaking, planning activities in China include three different types, respectively under the directory of construction, land administration, and development and reform commissions. This complicated institutional set-up reflects the tension between promoting growth and implementing development control. The book provides three explanations for why the Chinese planning profession has experienced a boom during market transition. First, planning has been commoditized and has adapted well to market development; second, planning has been transformed to cope with the crisis brought about by marketization; and third, planning has created legitimacy for growth and strengthened the role of the state during market transition, which has in turn enhanced its own position. The legacies of planning as modernization and development visualization laid down the foundation of a proactive planning approach. The book examines planning practices under urban entrepreneurialism and recent attempts to coordinate development through national and regional planning. Fascinating examples of new towns and eco-cities planning are illustrated with a close look at their planning and development processes. The book gives a historical and panoramic overview of developments and changes in urban and regional planning in China. With a 'comparative gesture,' it complements its classic counterpart on Western Europe and North America.

**Publisher website:**

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415814423/>



## Job Announcements

1. **Two year postdoc position** available in characterizing mammalian diversity distribution and habitat use in a coupled human natural system. The postdoctoral candidate will join an international interdisciplinary, multi-institutional research team studying "Sustainability of Payments for Ecosystem Services in Coupled Natural and Human Systems", funded by NSF's Coupled Natural and Human Systems Program (PI: **Dr. Li An**; [http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=1212183&WT.z\\_pims\\_id=13681](http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=1212183&WT.z_pims_id=13681)). You may visit our project website at <http://goldenmonkey.sdsu.edu/>. We are seeking a highly qualified and experienced candidate to join our research team and lead efforts to measure wildlife occupancy as a function of large-scale and local landscape metrics and human activity in Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve, China. Candidates must demonstrate scholarship, leadership and have at least 5 years of experience conducting ecological research in China. Candidates with knowledge of the Chinese language and culture are preferred

2. **Geography: Visiting International Scholar in Geography (Fall 2015)**  
(<https://richmond.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=438>)

The Office of International Education and the Department of Geography and the Environment are accepting applications for the position of Visiting International Scholar in Geography for a fall 2015, one-semester visiting position. This program, made possible by the generous support of the Office of International Education, is designed to give visiting scholars from outside the United States of America the opportunity to teach and internationalize the curriculum at the University of Richmond.

Visiting international scholars may be new Ph.D.'s or experienced scholars who hold a Ph.D. in an academic area related to the discipline of Geography. Non-US citizens, or those with dual citizenship, from any country are encouraged to apply. Professors who can make a contribution to a Sustainable River Cities or climate change international teaching/research initiative will be particularly attractive candidates. Candidates should be able to teach two courses during the semester on human geography, human-environment geography, environmental geography, or/and spatial technology. Courses may range from introductory to advanced undergraduate levels. Candidates from partner institutions are particularly welcome (<http://international.richmond.edu/contact/partners.html>). Applicants should explain in a cover letter how their teaching, research, and future plans relate to the teaching and research that they would pursue as a visitor at the University of Richmond.

The Visiting International Scholar will be in residence at the University of Richmond for the fall semester of 2015-2016 in order to teach geography courses. They will also give presentations related to their research and/or issues related to geography in their country. Successful applicants will receive a stipend, travel costs to and from their place of origin, health insurance, and travel funds to cover one conference in the USA.

The University of Richmond is located only a mile from the historic James River at the edge of Richmond, the capital of Virginia.

Candidates should include a letter of application (identifying two courses to be taught), a curriculum vita, a one-page statement of teaching philosophy, a writing sample and contact information for three letters of reference. Teaching evaluations will be solicited if the applicant is in the final round of candidates. Review of applications will begin on January 5 and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries may be directed to **David Salisbury**, Department of Geography and the Environment, [dsalisbu@richmond.edu](mailto:dsalisbu@richmond.edu).

The University of Richmond is a highly selective private university with approximately 3000 undergraduates located on a beautiful campus six miles west of the heart of Richmond and in close proximity to the ocean, mountains, and Washington, D.C. The University of Richmond is committed to developing a diverse workforce and student body and to being an inclusive community. We strongly encourage applications from candidates who will contribute to these goals. For more information on the department, please visit <http://geography.richmond.edu/>.

## Student Corner

### Call for Inputs: A Message from Student Representative, Yueming Zhang

Dear CGSG student members,

As the student representative of CGSG, I am writing to call for your input to enhance my role in serving the student body of this group. I would like to receive suggestions from you on how we may build stronger connections among student members that would stimulate more and better interactions within the student body of CGSG. I am also interested in hearing expectations you may have on the role of student representative, and hopefully we could work together to make it a role that serves the needs of the student members better.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, or opinions, please feel free to write to me. I can be reached at [yuemzhang@clarku.edu](mailto:yuemzhang@clarku.edu).

Best regards,  
Yueming Zhang  
Your representative

### Call for Papers



#### CALL FOR PAPERS

##### The Next Generation of Urban China Research

The Urban China Research Network (UCRN) is continuing its series of conferences highlighting research by doctoral students. The first was held in 2002 in Hong Kong, and it featured presentations by the junior scholars who had received small grants from UCRN in the preceding year. The most recent was at the University at Albany in May 2014. UCRN counts on a core group of about 30 senior scholars from many disciplines who support the goal of encouraging the promising next generation of urban China research (<http://mumford.albany.edu/chinanet>).

The next conference will be held at Brown University on **May 8-9, 2015**. It is co-sponsored by UCRN and the Watson Institute for International Affairs at Brown. Papers to be presented **will be selected competitively** by members of the UCRN international advisory board. Not more than 12 papers will be included, so that each presentation will receive full discussion and commentary.

UCRN will cover up to three nights lodging and meals for presenters. Students' home institutions will be asked to pay the students' transportation expenses (this may be through a department or institute, a research grant, or other institutional funding sources). Institutional support is a prerequisite for this competition.

- The submission deadline for early acceptance is **December 1, 2014**. Decisions on these proposals will be announced by December 15. The final deadline is **January 1, 2015**, with decisions announced by January 15.
- The cover page of the paper should include the author's name, institutional affiliation, the program he/she is enrolled in, mailing address, and email address, plus the name and email address of the person who will send a recommendation letter on the student's behalf.
- **A recommendation letter from the student's adviser and/or unit head** should be sent to [chinanet2015@brown.edu](mailto:chinanet2015@brown.edu) including: 1) reasons why the paper merits consideration, and 2) affirmation that the student's institution will cover transportation expenses to Providence, RI and return if the paper is selected. The recommendation letter is the responsibility of the student.
- The final version of accepted papers must be submitted by **April 20, 2015**. Papers will be posted on the conference webpage. Papers should be no longer than 8,500 words (including references and footnotes) with not more than 10 tables and figures.
- Eligible persons are students in any discipline relevant to urban China research and who have not received a PhD by December 31, 2014. UCRN members include many geographers, sociologists, planners, and historians, but other related fields are welcome.
- The proposal can take the form of a **full paper** (in English) or an **extended (3-4 page) summary** with the main tables or figures on which the presentation will be based.
- The paper must not have been published or accepted for publication at the time of submission. The paper must be **sole-authored** by the student, or if it is co-authored the other authors must also be students.
- Each selected paper will be assigned to a member of the advisory board for **commentary and suggestions for revision** both at the conference and afterwards. The goal is that every paper will improve to publishable quality in a peer-reviewed English-language journal within three months after the conference. UCRN has been successful in publishing two books based on students' conference papers.
- The UCRN advisory committee will identify the **best paper and the runner up**. These will be announced at the conference, and their authors will receive gift certificates for \$100 at the Brown University Bookstore.



## Our Website and Listserv

Past newsletters, CGSG timeline and some other information can be found on our website (<http://personal.kent.edu/~xye5/CGSG/>)

Please consider subscribing to the CGSG mailing list: <http://listserv.uleth.ca/mailman/listinfo/cgsg-l>.

AAG Knowledge Communities – China:

<http://community.aag.org/AAG/Communities/ViewCommunities/GroupDetails/?CommunityKey=41360cc8-d0dc-4e17-9dd2-df94bc859fd2>

## CGSG Annual Dinner

It's a tradition for the China Geography Specialty Group to host a group dinner at a local Chinese restaurant at the annual AAG meeting. In 2014, nearly fifty of our members gathered at the China Yuan Restaurant in Tampa for the CGSG group dinner on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> (see some pictures below). The CGSG Executive Committee is working to find a restaurant for our gathering in Chicago in April 2015. We are looking forward to seeing many, if not all, of our members at the business meeting and at the annual dinner. More information about dinner will be sent to members via email and included in the Spring 2015 Newsletter.



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