

# China Geography Special Group, AAG

## Fall 2017 Newsletter

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### Chair's Letter

Dear China Geography Specialty Group Members and Friends.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the AAG annual meeting in Boston in April 2017, either at sessions or at our Specialty Group banquet held in Hei La Moon restaurant at the downtown. I would like to express my thanks to our out-going Chair, Enru Wang, for his hard work organizing the China Specialty Group Plenary Session with Harvard historian Peter Bol. I am honored to be the Chair for the year of 2017-2018. We welcome Max D. Woodworth (new Secretary and Newsletter Editor), Zheyue Wang (new Student Representative), and Victoria Breeze (webmaster) to the Executive Team. The Group's new web site (<http://cgsg.geo.msu.edu>) has been developed by Guo Chen and Xinyue Ye, and is maintained by Xinyue Ye, for which we are very grateful.

Our Group appears to be in good shape. We had 658 regular members in November 2017. Around half of them were student members. We have \$2,906 in the kitty by 28 February 2017, which will be used for Student Awards and an honorarium for our Keynote Speaker next year. On that note, I hope you are preparing your papers and sessions for the AAG meeting in New Orleans (April 10-14, 2018). Vice-Chair Xinyue Ye will be in charge of arranging Sessions sponsored by our Group for the New Orleans conference. I am very pleased to report that we have received a lot of requests for our Specialty Group sponsorship.

We will be making Student Awards and an Outstanding Service Award at the New Orleans Meeting, and further details are set out in this Newsletter.

We are planning a keynote talk by Professor John Agnew, a political geographer based at UCLA, who will talk about territorial disputes in the South China Sea. James Sidaway, a professor from the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, will be the discussant.



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On behalf of the CGSG, I also will organize two special discussion panels. One is "Writing and Publishing about China" and the other "Career Development in China." The former is a bridge between scholars of China studies and editors of top academic journals, and the latter introduces the latest development in geography programs in China.

Here's wishing all of you a wonderful term!

Xiaobo Su  
CGSG Chair

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## CGSG Annual Student Paper Awards

### 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 group for a Student Paper Award is NOT allowed. Papers being considered by other AAG specialty groups for a 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 2018.

### Award:

- A \$300 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 \$150 each will go to the First and Second Runner-up.
- A committee of faculty from the China 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 CGSG in New Orleans in April 2018, 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 January 1, 2018.
- 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 format, must reach the Chair no later than February 28, 2018.

Please send your submission and questions to the CGSG Chair Xiaobo Su ([Xiaobo@uoregon.edu](mailto:Xiaobo@uoregon.edu)) by January 1, 2018.

## Announcements

- **George C.S. Lin** (Professor, University of Hong Kong) was conferred the award of Fellow by the Academy of Social Sciences (UK) on October 12, 2017.

- **Student Awards in the AAG annual conference in 2017, Boston**

The annual awards to recognize distinguished student research and paper presentations at a CGSG-sponsored session at the annual meeting were presented at the annual Business Meeting of the CGSG in Boston:

- The Best Student Paper Award went to Tyler Harlan, Department of Geography, UCLA, for his paper entitled “A Green Development Model: Transnational Model-Making in China’s Small Hydropower Training Programs.”
- Three competitors won travel awards: Chenghe Guan, from Harvard University, for his paper “The Concept of Urban Intensity and China’s Townization Policy;” Pan He for “Linking nutritional quality of China’s diet to environmental impacts;” and Yimin Zhao for “Space as Method: Field Sites and Encounters in Beijing’s Green Belts”

A new property development designed by Ma Yansong in Beijing, July 2017. Photo by Max D. Woodworth



## Member News

**David W. Edgington** (Professor Emeritus) has retired from the Department of Geography, University of British Columbia. David was Chair of the China Geography Specialty Group in 2015-2016. He will continue his research on both China and Japan and looks forward to working with his present and former graduate students.

**Kam Wing Chan** (Professor, Geography, University of Washington) taught a new online course on migration in China and learned a lot of useful new teaching experience. He spent the summer doing research and working on a few publications. He will make his annual trip to greater China in December to give a few talks in Taiwan and Hong Kong. He continues to speak to the public media on China's urbanization and *hukou* reform, and serve as an Associate Editor for *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. Please visit his site at <http://faculty.washington.edu/kwchan/>.

**Cindy Fan** (Professor, UCLA) gave a keynote at the University of Bristol and was invited to speak at the United Nations University and University at Albany. She has published three commentaries in *China Policy Institute: Analysis* and *Nikkei Asian Review*, and has a forthcoming chapter on "Migration, Gender, and Space in China" in an edited volume. As Vice Provost, she has led UCLA Chancellor's trips to Sydney, Hong Kong and Tokyo, and is organizing an upcoming trip to Beijing, Hangzhou, Shanghai, and Taipei. Professor Fan has been invited to serve on the Advisory Board of Sister Cities of Los Angeles, and was recently appointed Chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of Hong Kong's Research Grants Council.

**Guo Chen** (Associate Professor, Geography and Global Urban Studies, Michigan State University) received a Wilson Center Fellowship and is currently spending her time as a residential fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. She'll also take a sabbatical in Fall 2018 to complete a few ongoing research and writing projects.

**Xiaoping Shen** (Central Connecticut State University) published a coauthored paper on A Spatial Analysis of Regional Factors and Lung Cancer Mortality in China, 1973-2013 in *Cancer, epidemiology, biomarkers, and prevention*. She also presented two coauthored papers. One is on senior housing facilities in China at AAG in Boston in April 2017 (title: "Elderly People's Perceptions of Senior Housing Facilities in Beijing") and another is on Spatial Model of Liver Cancer Mortality and Area Factors in China at The Belt & Road Initiative Global Health International Congress & 2017 Chinese Preventive Medicine Association – Chinese Society on Global Health Annual Meeting in Xi'an in September 2017 (title: "Spatial Model of Liver Cancer Mortality and Area Factors in China"). She is on sabbatical this year and is working on a coauthored book of Services for aging persons in China: Spatial variations in supply and demand.

The paper "State territorialization, neoliberal governmentality: the remaking of Dafen oil painting village, Shenzhen, China" by **June Wang and Si-ming Li** has been adopted in the "Routledge Geography Article Collection 2017". See full citation below.

As of August 2017, **Thomas Ptak** became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho. His research foci are Southwest China (Yunnan), energy development and exchange, borders, and regional integration. He is currently working with scholars from Canada, Finland, and Holland along with collaborators at Yunnan Normal University to develop a border research project.

### Member News, continued

**Stanely Toops** saw two co-authored editions released this year. See citations below.

**Ron Knapp** (SUNY New Paltz) presented a paper "China's Forgotten Covered Bridges" at the Sixth International Conference on Covered Bridges, Qianjiang, Chongqing on August 28, 2017, followed up by additional fieldwork in Hunan, Guizhou, and Guangxi for his book *China's Covered Bridges: Architecture over Water*.

**Juha Ilari Uitto** attended the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in Ordos, September 6-16, 2017. While there, Juha carried out a site visit to a Global Environment Facility-funded land degradation control project in the Ordos Plateau. Dr. Uitto, who heads the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), presented the findings of the GEF Land Degradation Focal Area Study (<http://www.gefio.org/evaluations/land-degradation-focal-area-ldfa-study>) and a Value for Money Analysis of GEF Interventions in Land Degradation (<http://www.gefio.org/evaluations/value-money-analysis-gef-interventions-land-degradation-and-biodiversity>), which pioneered the use of geospatial analysis to gauge the environmental impacts of GEF-funded land degradation projects globally. Juha also spoke at a side event focusing on Innovation, Science and Technology, where he explained how the GEF IEO has used remote sensing data combined with multiple methods, including GIS and stakeholder interviews using mobile technology, to verify project impacts on the environment in the field.

**Max D. Woodworth** (Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University) and Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi (University of Bern) organized a three-day Swiss National Science Foundation-funded conference October 12-14 in Kandersteg, Switzerland, titled "On Edge: China's borderlands in a time of rapid change." Separately, Max D. Woodworth was awarded an Early Career Grant through the Regional Studies Association (UK) to support research into China's suburban new towns through mid-2018. Max was based in Xiamen, Fujian Province, during summer 2017 for research conducted under an Asia Foundation faculty research grant examining energy and boomtown geographies and a Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation research grant assessing the politics of new-town development.



A model of Xiamen at the city's urban planning exhibition hall. Photo by Max D. Woodworth

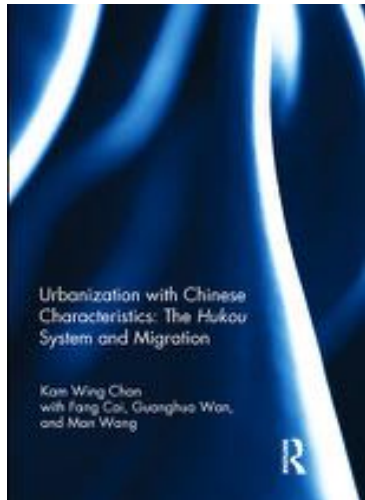
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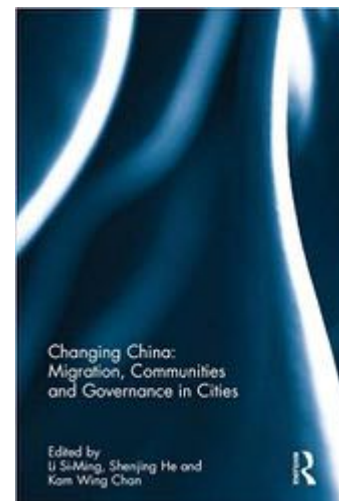
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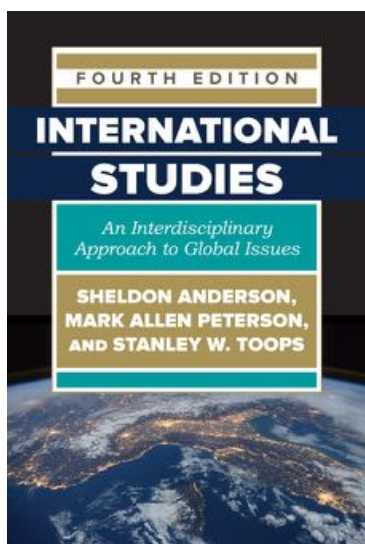
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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO GLOBAL ISSUES, 4<sup>th</sup> EDITION. *By Sheldon Anderson, Mark Allen Peterson, and Stanley W. Toops, Boulder, CO: Westview, 2017. 512 pages.*



UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY CHINA, 5TH EDITION. *Edited by Robert E. Gamer and Stanley W. Toops, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2017. 526 pages.*



## Our Website and Listserv

The specialty group now has a new website (<http://cgsg.geo.msu.edu/>)

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

AAG Knowledge Communities – China:

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