

# China Special Group, AAG Spring 2017 Newsletter

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### Chair's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the China Specialty Group,

I hope that you are enjoying the spring weather and having fun with making plans for the 2017 AAG meeting in Boston. Thanks to the hard work of organizers, chairs, presenters and all the participants, we have nearly 60 paper sessions and panels on China at this year's AAG meeting in Boston. And there are many illustrated short papers and posters on China as well! Many of our sessions are co-sponsored by multiple specialty groups, indicating active interaction of our members with scholars in many other specialty groups. Evidenced by the number of papers presented and sessions/panels organized, the participation of student members continues its steady uptrend.

A list of China-themed sessions are included in the newsletter. These sessions including interesting papers and discussions that cover various aspects of development in China. Here I just want to highlight some of the events and sessions that China Specialty Group and our members organize.

**Day 1 (Wednesday 4/5/2017):** For many of you who arrive early planning to attend the AAG Annual Meeting Opening Session & Presidential Plenary, there are eight China-themed session scheduled on the first day of the annual meeting, including a series of sessions on migration in China and rural migrants in Chinese cities

**Day 2 (Thursday 4/6/2017):** There are a dozen China SG-sponsored sessions covering a wide variety of topics, including two special sessions on risk and disaster in China. **China Specialty Group Keynote Session** is at 3:20 – 5:00 PM in room 306, Hynes, Third Level. Professor Peter Bol of Harvard University will present “Towards a Spatial Analysis of China, Present and Past”. Professor Daniel Sui of Ohio State University will be the discussant.

**Day 3 (Friday 4/7/2017):** This will be another very busy day for many of us. There are 15 China SG-sponsored sessions in total, including several special themed sessions throughout the day such as “China as Methods”, “Uncomfortable theoretical fit”, “Transnational Cultural and Natural Heritage in Asia”, “Spatial Inequality, Justice and Policy”, and “Understanding Chinese capital and labor”. **China Specialty Group Business Meeting** is scheduled from 11:50 AM – 1:10 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor. For new members, this meeting is open to all members of the China Specialty Group. At the meeting, the Chair will brief members on the Group's operation. Awards and group dinner

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Chair:  
Enru Wang



Vice Chair:  
Xiaobo Su



Secretary:  
Xinyue Ye

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plan will be announced at the meeting. After an election of a new executive team, ideas and proposals will be sought for the 2018 AAG meeting in New Orleans. Please join us! For members who are considering writing or publishing a book, there is a special session on “Publishing books with top university presses and commercial publishers” in the afternoon. **China Specialty Group dinner** is today! It will be at Hei La Moon (喜临门) in Chinatown starting around 6:30 PM. Detailed information is included in this newsletter and will also be provided at the business meeting.

Day 4 (Saturday 4/8/2017): Your joy of the meeting will not fade on the fourth day! There are a large number (12) of exciting sessions on China, including special themed session series such as “Governing the Future City”, “Environmental protection in China”, “Environmental changes in China”, “Land use change in China”, and “Regional Development and Urban Planning Series (China)”.

Day 5 (Sunday 4/9/2017): Many of you who stay through Sunday April 9 should be commended congratulated! Indeed, there are still many sessions that last the entire day. You will be rewarded with many (10) intellectually stimulating, China-focused sessions scheduled on this last day of the meeting, including special themed session series such as “Formal and informal dynamics of affordable housing development”, “Economic restructuring in China”.

On behalf of this year’s China Specialty Group Executive Committee (Xiaobo, Xinyue, Lucas, Jia and myself), it has been a pleasure and honor to serve you. Thank you to all group members for your support and contributions! We look forward to seeing you all in The Hub!

With best wishes,

Enru Wang  
On behalf of the CGSG officers

## 2017 AAG Annual Meeting CGSG Sponsored Sessions

### Wednesday, 4/5/2017

- 1167 Housing and Residential Settlement in Chinese cities  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Columbus 2, Marriott, First Floor
- 1267 Theorizing migration and mobility across contemporary Chinese society  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Columbus 2, Marriott, First Floor
- 1291 Russia's Pivoting Foreign Policy  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Nantucket, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 1438 Inequality in urbanisation of Global South: segregation, gentrification and inaccessibility  
12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Independence East, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 1453 Rural migrants in Chinese Cities: Challenges and Opportunities-1  
12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Dalton A, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 1538 Migration, Circularity, and Return Migration in China  
2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Independence East, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 1553 Rural migrants in Chinese Cities: Challenges and Opportunities-2  
2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Dalton A, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 1653 Rural migrants in Chinese Cities: Challenges and Opportunities-3  
4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Dalton A, Sheraton, Third Floor)

### Thursday, 4/6/2017

- 2101 Impact of Payments for Ecosystem Services on the Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems:  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Room 101, Hynes, Plaza Level

- 2193 Education and Geography Teaching  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Orleans, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2194 Risks and disasters in China-1  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Hyannis, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2211 Area Development and Policy  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Room 200, Hynes, Second Level
- 2293 Emerging geographical thoughts in China  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Orleans, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2294 Risks and disasters in China-2  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Hyannis, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2401 Manufacturing the China Model: Transnational politics, practices, and outcomes  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Room 101, Hynes, Plaza Level
- 2493 Health and Diseases in China  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Orleans, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2494 Spatial-temporal Analysis in China Studies  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Hyannis, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2526 CGSG Keynote Session: Peter Bol "Towards a Spatial Analysis of China, Present and Past"  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Room 306, Hynes, Third Level
- 2593 The politics of Place in China  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Orleans, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 2594 Transportation in China  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Hyannis, Marriott, Fourth Floor

Friday, 4/7/2017

- 3149 China as Methods I  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Beacon E, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3161 Uncomfortable theoretical fit I: China in the lens of neoliberalism and post-colonialism  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3169 Transnational Cultural and Natural Heritage in Asia: Contours of Boundary-Transgressing Memoryscapes (I)  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Regis, Marriott, Third Floor
- 3249 China as Methods II  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Beacon E, Sheraton, Third Floor)
- 3259 Impact of Payments for Ecosystem Services on the Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems: II  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Fairfax A, Sheraton, Third Floor)
- 3261 Uncomfortable theoretical fit II? China in the lens of neoliberalism and post-colonialism  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3269 Transnational Cultural and Natural Heritage in Asia: Contours of Boundary-Transgressing Memoryscapes (II)  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Regis, Marriott, Third Floor
- 3361 China Specialty Group Business Meeting  
11:50 AM - 1:10 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3450 Spatial Inequality, Justice and Policy II: China and India  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Beacon F, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3461 Uncomfortable theoretical fit--Debating the China model: which frame and what future? (I)  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3462 Understanding Chinese capital and labor-1  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Kent, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3550 Spatial Inequality, Justice and Policy III: China  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Beacon F, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3561 Uncomfortable theoretical fit--Debating the China model: which frame and what future? (II)  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3562 Understanding Chinese capital and labor-2  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Kent, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3616 Publishing books with top university presses and commercial publishers  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Room 205, Hynes, Second Level
- 3661 Uncomfortable theoretical fit--Debating the China model: which frame and what future? (III) ]  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor)

- 3662 Uneven Geographical Development in China  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Kent, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 3686 China's New Silk Road  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Salon I, Marriott, Fourth Floor

Saturday, 4/8/2017

- 4144 Governing the Future City: Thinking comparatively about states, developers and communities in Large Scale Urban Developments 1 - Governing  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Constitution A, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 4156 Environmental protection in China: Challenges and opportunities-1  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Hampton B, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4244 Governing the Future City: Thinking comparatively about states, developers and communities in Large Scale Urban Developments 2 - Developers  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Constitution A, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 4256 Environmental protection in China: Challenges and opportunities-2  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Hampton B, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4299 Regional Development and Urban Planning Series II (China)  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Vermont, Marriott, Fifth Floor
- 4456 Environmental changes in China-1  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Hampton B, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4457 Land use change in China-1  
1:20 PM - 3:00 PM in Gardner A, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4556 Environmental changes in China-2  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Hampton B, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4557 Land use change in China-2  
3:20 PM - 5:00 PM in Gardner A, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4650 Contemporary Issues in Rural China  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Beacon F, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4656 Tourism and Leisure in China  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Hampton B, Sheraton, Third Floor
- 4657 Solid waste management and recycling in China  
5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Gardner A, Sheraton, Third Floor

Sunday, 4/9/2017

- 5142 Formal and informal dynamics of affordable housing development  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Back Bay Ballroom A, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 5170 Economic Development in China  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Northeastern, Marriott, Third Floor
- 5173 Chinese Urban Growth: New Characteristics and Trends  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Boston University, Marriott, Third Floor
- 5186 Social and Spatial Transformation in Chinese villages  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Salon I, Marriott, Fourth Floor
- 5197 Anthropogenic Impacts on Watershed Hydrology and Ecosystem Services in Northwest China  
8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Massachusetts, Marriott, Fifth Floor
- 5242 Formal and informal dynamics of affordable housing development (II)  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Back Bay Ballroom A, Sheraton, Second Floor
- 5270 Changing urban landscapes in Chinese cities  
10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Northeastern, Marriott, Third Floor)
- 5470 China's "One Belt, One Road" Initiative  
2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Northeastern, Marriott, Third Floor
- 5497 Economic restructuring in China-1  
2:00 PM - 3:40 PM in Massachusetts, Marriott, Fifth Floor
- 5597 Economic restructuring in China-2  
4:00 PM - 5:40 PM in Massachusetts, Marriott, Fifth Floor

## Member News

Ian Rowen (Nanyang Technological University) started as Assistant Professor and founding faculty member of the new Geography Programme at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Cindy Fan (UCLA) recently gave two keynotes at the University of Free State in South Africa and at the University of the Philippines. She also gave guest lectures at the London School of Economics, University College London, Chinese University of Hong Kong, UC Berkeley, and City Club of Los Angeles. She published a New York Times commentary on "The One-China Policy Benefits China, Taiwan and the U.S" after President Trump's phone call with President Tsai, and she was a guest on China Radio International's show on aging in China. Professor Fan has an article recently published in *Papers in Regional Science* and a chapter forthcoming in *The SAGE Handbook of Contemporary China*. As Vice Provost, she has led or organized UCLA senior administrators' visits to Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo, London, Bloemfontein, and Havana. She is Co-Chair of the International Policy Advisory Committee for the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and an External Reviewer for the Higher Education Evaluation Center of China's Ministry of Education. She received Distinguished Service Award of AAG Asian Geography Specialty Group in 2017.

Youqin Huang (Albany) has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Confucius Institute for China's Culture and the Economy (CICCE) at SUNY Albany since August, 2016. She has been working hard to promote the learning of Chinese culture and economy through various educational, academic and cultural events. In addition to monthly speaker series, she is organizing an international conference on "the Transformation and Impact of the Chinese Urban Economy" (April 3-4, 2017), with Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, and Urban China Research Network. (See attached flyer). Invited speakers from different disciplines and regions will come together to discuss recent socio-economic changes in China. Dr. Huang taught "Urban Development in China" at Renmin University in the summer of 2016, and conducted fieldwork on migrants' housing mobility in Beijing. She and Dr. Shenjin He are organizing two sessions on "formal and informal dynamics of affordable housing development" (Sunday 4/9 morning) at the AAG meeting.

Ron Knapp (SUNY New Paltz) carried out field research in western Yunnan in December, the penultimate effort for his forthcoming book *China's Covered Bridges: Architecture over Water*. While in China, he presented a paper "Chinese Immigrant Homes in Southeast Asia & Residences for a Glorious Retirement in China" at the International Symposium on Cultural Heritage for Wooden Architecture in Ningbo. In April 2016, he presented a paper "In Search of China's Vernacular Heritage" at a Tsinghua University conference in Beijing on Architectural Heritage and Village Studies in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mount Wutai.

Aveline Natacha (University of Paris) will organize a symposium as part of the EU-funded MEDIUM project (New pathways for sustainable development in China's medium-sized cities) on June 17-18 at Sun Yat Sen University, Guangzhou campus. It brings together speakers from China and Europe to cross views on various issues relating to urban development, with a (non exclusive) focus on medium-sized cities. The panels may include: urban governance (China-Europe); medium-sized cities defined by complex networks analysis (China/Europe), aging and housing (China/Europe), migration and urban integration (China's medium-sized cities), spatio-temporal behavior and smart cities (China), sustainable development (China), and a panel discussion on stakeholders' democracy (China/Europe) summarizing the salient elements of the stakeholder workshops in Hangzhou and Zhuhai conducted as part of the MEDIUM project.

Tim Oakes (U of Colorado) is currently enjoying a sabbatical as Visiting Professor at the Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences. A couple of his guest-edited collections will be published this Spring. One is in the *Journal of Asian Studies*, titled 'Catastrophic Asia', and features a commentary by geographer Emily Yeh as well as a paper on Asian water security by a team of Colorado-based hydrologists, along with other essays on Asian catastrophes by atmospheric physicists and anthropologists. The other collection will be published in the *International Journal of Communication*, titled 'Mediating Asia', and featuring essays on state-media relations in Asia (with a focus on China) by journalists, historians, and media studies scholars. A third guest-edited collection, on cultural governance in urban China, is forthcoming in *Environment and Planning A*.

Xinyue Ye (Kent State) served as Co-Chair of 8th International Symposium of Spatially Integrated Social Science and Humanities in Nanjing, Program Chair & Proceeding Publication Co-Chair (EI) for 25rd International Conference on Geoinformatics in Buffalo, and Co-Chair of International Conference on Geo-informatics in Sustainable Ecosystem and Society in Wuhan. He also started Visiting Professorship at Center for Geographical Analysis/Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (Collaborating Faculty: Robert J. Sampson).

## Members Recent or Forthcoming Publications

### Journal articles and book chapters

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Liu, Lin, Youqin Huang, and Wenhong Zhang, 2017. Residential Segregation and Perceptions of Social Integration in Shanghai, China, *Urban Studies*, DOI: 10.1177/0042098016689012

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Narins, T.P. 2017. The battery business: Lithium availability and the growth of the global electric car industry, *The Extractive Industries and Society* (2017), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2017.01.013>

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## Books

Uitto, Juha I., Jyotsna Puri and Rob D. van den Berg, eds. (2017). *Evaluating Climate Change Action for Sustainable Development*. Springer.

This authoritative book presents the ever progressing state of the art in evaluating climate change strategies and action. It includes perspectives from independent evaluations of the major international organizations supporting climate action in developing countries, such as the Global Environment Facility. The first section of the book sets the stage and provides an overview of independent evaluations, carried out by multilateral development banks and development organizations. Important topics include how policies and organizations aim to achieve impact and how this is measured, whether climate change is mainstreamed into other development programs, and whether operations are meeting the urgency of climate change challenges. The following sections focus on evaluation of climate change projects and policies as they link to development, from the perspective of international organizations, NGOs, multilateral and bilateral aid agencies, and academia. The authors share methodologies or approaches used to better understand problems and assess interventions, strategies and policies. They also share challenges encountered, what was done to solve these and lessons learned from evaluations. Collectively, the authors illustrate the importance of evaluation in providing evidence to guide policy change to informed decision-making.

The open source ebook and the hard copy are available on the Springer website at:

<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319437019>



A photo with Dr. Henry Kissinger (Caption: Professor Cindy Fan and Dr. Henry Kissinger during his visit to open the New Richard Nixon Presidential Library.)



## Minutes of the China Specialty Group Meeting, March 30, 2016

The business meeting of the China Specialty Group was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in Room Union Square 14, Hilton Hotel, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The meeting started at 7:10 PM and about 30 people attended it.

### 1. Chair David Edginton's presentation

Introducing the CGSG executive team: Enru Wang (vice chair), Xiaobo Su (secretary), and Ding Fei (student representative)

Calling for supporting 2016 meeting agendas, moved made by Lucas Reyes, seconded by Stanley Toops. All in favor

Approval of 2015 Business meeting minutes: move made George Lin, seconded by Lucas Reyes. All in favor

Sharing AAG specialty group chairs meeting

- a. The AAG's financial condition seems very well
- b. The annual conference in San Francisco in 2016 attracted more than 9,000 attendants
- c. The AAG will start its own best student paper competition in the 2017 annual meeting. Students affiliated with the CGSG are also encouraged to participate in the AAG paper competition. The prize is US\$1000.
- d. The AAG is also interested in having a fellow program.

Question from Cindy Fan: The CGSG discouraged students to submit their paper to more than one specialty group. What kind of rule is set up for paper competition?

David Edginton: there is no concrete rule so far. I didn't say that students are forbidden to submitting to the SGSG as well as to the AAG for a bigger price.

Update on membership, finance, AAG business and achievements

- a. 437 members as of March 2016 and 45% of them are students
  - b. the CGSG is still expanding from 235 in 2012
  - c. financial statement—The balance has increased from US\$2000 in 2012 to US\$3000 in 2016. Membership finance looks fine.
  - d. CGSG sponsored sessions: 2016—45; 2015—60; 2014—30; 2013—65
- Group dinner. Enru Wang—one mile away, about 15 minutes by walking

Report from student representative Ding Fei—One key task was to organize an inaugural CGSG illustration paper session

David Edginton: to respond to the AAG's call for illustration paper session, the CGSG starts its inaugural one in the 2016 annual conference.

### 2. Awards

In total 10 excellent papers were submitted by graduate students for competition. The executive committee made two joint-best paper awards.

The student paper award went to Yifei Wu, Department of Geography, Hong Kong University for the paper entitled “Reproducing urban space with over-drafted capital: mega-events, local debts, and spectacular urbanism in

China”; Yicong Yang, Mellon Collaborative Studies in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities, Cornell University for the paper entitled: “Understanding Informal Spaces in a Chinese Megacity”

Student travel awards went to Ningning Chen, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore for the paper entitled: “Governing rural culture: Agency, space and the re-production of ancestral temples in rural Wenzhou, southeast China”; Luyi Tong, Department of Land Resources and Management, China University of Geosciences, for the paper entitled “Multi-order Urban Development model and sprawl patterns: A multi-scale analysis in China, 2000-2010”

Stanley Toops (Miami University) received the CGSG Outstanding Service Award.

### 3. Nomination of SG secretary

Xiaobo Su nominated Xinyue Ye as the next SG secretary, seconded by Stanley Toops; no other nomination. Unanimous vote in favor. Xinyue Ye, Kent State University, will be the incoming SG Secretary.

### 4. Nomination of Student Representative

Ding Fei nominated Lucas Reyes as the new student representative, seconded by Cindy Fan. No other nomination. Unanimous vote in favor. Mr. Lucas Reyes, a graduate student from CSU LB campus, will be the incoming SG student representative.

(at this point David Edginton handed over the chair of the SG Business meeting to the incoming Chair, Enru Wang. Applause for David Edginton’s excellent job in the 2015-2016 as the CGSG chair)

### 5. Plans for Boston Meeting: April 5-9, 2017, introduced by the new Chair Enru Wang

Continue the plenary session initiative, but probably have one session only: a high-profile scholar, but not necessarily geographer

Enru Wang raised the issue whether students are allowed to submit to multiple paper competitions. Call for comments and suggestions on this issue, but make no resolution!

### 6. Other ideas for the AAG Boston meeting, from the floor

Proposal session/panel themes/topics: rural China and domestic migration (Greg Veeck); big data and open sources (Xinyue Ye); geography of culture and music (Stanley Toops).

## Announcements

**CGSG Keynote Session  
2017 AAG Meeting, Boston  
Thursday April 6, 2017, 3:30 – 5:00 PM  
Room 306, Hynes, Third Level.**

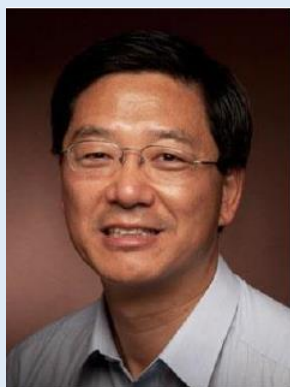
### **Towards a Spatial Analysis of China, Present and Past**

Speaker: Peter K. Bol, Carswell Professor of East Asian Languages Civilization, Vice Provost for Advances in Learning, Harvard University



For historians of China the use of computational spatial analysis holds great promise as a means to study change and continuity over time. This talk will explore aspects of this by drawing on the China Historical GIS, which is being extended to cover 1911-present; the hierarchical regional space model of the late G. William Skinner and datasets created in his work; and biographical data from the 380,000 historical figures in the China Biographical Database, mainly from the Tang through the Qing dynasty.

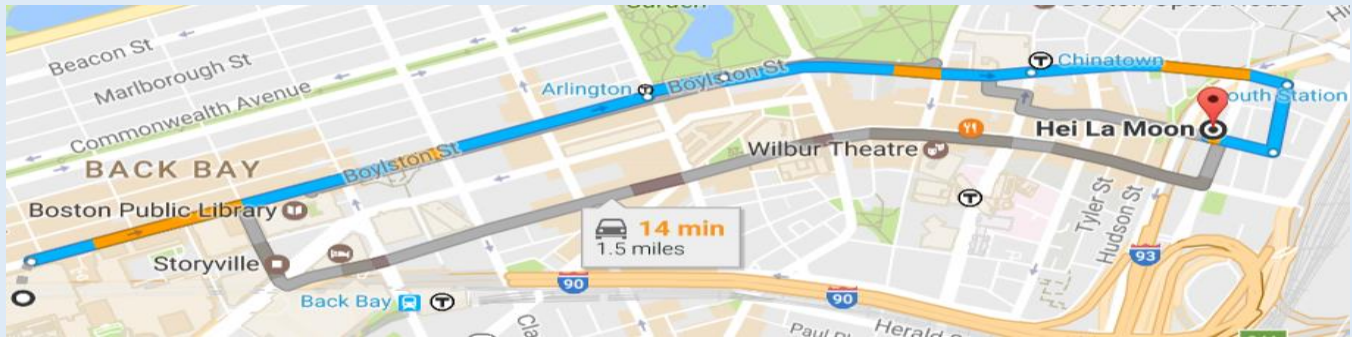
Discussant: Daniel Sui, ASC Distinguished Professor, Ohio State University.



This event is organized by the China Specialty Group, co-sponsored by the Asian Geography Specialty Group, the China Specialty Group, the Geographic Information Science and Systems Specialty Group, the Historical Geography Specialty Group and CPGIS. It is supported by the AAG Enrichment Funds.

## China Specialty Group Annual Dinner

It's a tradition for the China Specialty Group to host a group dinner at a local Chinese restaurant at the annual AAG meeting. China Specialty Group dinner is Friday 4/7/2017! It will be at Hei La Moon (喜临门) in Chinatown starting around 6:30 PM.



## China Specialty Group Business Meeting

China Specialty Group Business Meeting is scheduled from 11:50 AM – 1:10 PM in Jefferson, Sheraton, Third Floor

## Our Website and Listserv

Past newsletters, CGSG timeline and some other information can be found on our website

(<http://cgsg.geo.msu.edu/>)

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