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CHAIR'S LETTER

The first task that I undertook after the Denver meeting was to write our specialty group's annual report. This task provided me with an opportunity to familiarize myself with the membership composition and the accomplishment of our group.

As of April 2005, the CGSG has 233 registered members, a healthy 35% increase from the year before. Among the total membership, 93 are faculty members teaching in universities and colleges, 95 are graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, and 45 are independent researchers affiliated with non-academic organizations. While the majority (85%) of our members is U.S.-based, there are 35 others who live and work in Asia and Europe.

The CGSG is a dynamic specialty group, and our members are active in research and other forms of scholarly activity. To prepare the annual report, I conducted an e-mail survey in late April to solicit information about our members' achievements in the last two years. Thirty members responded to the survey. Together, they produced 7 books (single authored, co-authored, or edited), 37 book chapters, 79 refereed journal articles, and 15 research reports. As well, they received 16 awards of various kinds (either university or professional association, and both national and international) and 37 research grants ranging from US\$10,000 to \$346,000. In recognition of his outstanding research records and expertise, Lawrence Ma (a former chair of CGSG) was appointed to the editorial board of *Annals of the AAG*. I am sure many more members have made impressive achievements, but did not have time to respond to my survey (which was conducted at the busiest time of the academic year).

To reiterate, the missions of the CGSG are fourfold: (1) to promote the study of the geography of China (including Taiwan); (2) to serve as a clearinghouse of information for persons interested in Chinese geography; (3) to encourage professional activities including development of research projects and dissemination of research results; and (4) to increase contacts with China geographers outside North America. In order to accomplish these missions, our group needs to reach out and work together with as many China geography researchers as possible. I am particularly pleased to see the many existing forms of research collaboration and information exchange between our members and non-members. Thanks for the [chinageography](#) listserv maintained by Yehua Denis Wei of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Our group will continue using this listserv as a bridge to connect with those China geography researchers who are not a member of the AAG.

Graduate students account for 43 per cent of the total membership of our special group, and most of them are enthusiastic participants of the AAG annual meetings. Significant discoveries are often made through graduate thesis research. I encourage our senior and experienced members to consider, when editing books and special issues of journals, including the fine works of the graduate students presented at the AAG meetings. Such help will be greatly appreciated by our student members, who often need early publications to land an academic position.

The importance and success of a specialty group is to a great extent determined by its impacts on, or contributions to, the larger academic community, of which it is a part. During the past 35 years, our members have made great strides in promoting research and education on China geography, not only in the United States but also in many other countries of the world. The current CGSG executives feel that it is now appropriate time for our group to revisit what we have achieved collectively and, more importantly, to develop strategies to improve interactions and dialogue with other academics in the larger academic community. To this end, the CGSG is organizing two round-table discussions for the upcoming AAG meeting in Chicago. The first session is entitled “**Research on China Geography (I): Tradition, Innovation and New Frontiers**”; the second is “**Research on China Geography (II): Identity and Dialogue with the Mainstream Geography**”. Most panellists are former CGSG chairs, who organized special sessions for the past AAG meetings and are therefore familiar with the various aspects of research on China geography. In addition, a number of other China specialists are invited to offer their own perspective. Everyone interested in China geography is encouraged to attend these sessions and join the panellists in discussion of the future of China geography research.

It has been a gratifying experience for me to serve as a CGSG officer in the past three years. It gives me great pleasure to work with our members both directly and indirectly. Through editing newsletters and organizing special sessions, I have learned a lot about the innovative research that our members have done on China geography. I hope more members will volunteer their time and offer their service to our cherished specialty group.

I look forward to seeing you all in Chicago.

Shuguang

CGSG SERVICE AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At its 2003 business meeting in New Orleans, CGSG decided, for the first time, to launch a Service Award. This award is to be presented to the individuals who provided significant services to the China Geography Specialty Group or made important contributions to the advancement of China geography studies. It has been decided that two awards will be issued for the inaugural Centennial commemoration. Afterwards, one award will be given each year. Nominations are now called for this new award. Please send your nomination, along with a statement of contributions of the nominee(s) to: **Shuguang Wang**, Chair, AAG China Geography Specialty Group, Department of Geography, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Phone: 1-416-979-5000 (6170), E-mail: swang@ryerson.ca

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CGSG-SPONSORED PAPER SESSIONS FOR THE AAG MEETING, CHICAGO, MARCH 7-11, 2006

Research on China Geography I: Tradition, Innovation, and New Frontiers

Organizers: Shuguang Wang and George C.S. Lin

Chair: Shuguang Wang

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group, Asia Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

Panelists: **Larry Ma, Clifton Pannell, C.P. Lo, Kam Wing Chan, Cindy Fan, Greg Veeck, Stan Toops, Susan Walcott**

Research on China Geography II: Identity and Dialogue

Organizers: Shuguang Wang and George C.S. Lin

Chair: George C.S. Lin

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group, Asia Geography Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

Panelists: **Henry Yeung, Yehua Wei, Fulong Wu, Yifei Sun, Wei Li, Weidong Liu, Jinnyuh Hsu**

Changing China I: Population, Resources, and the Living Environment

Organizer: Shuguang Wang and George Lin

Chair: Kam Wing Chan

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group

Kam Wing Chan: "Migration in China in the 1990s and beyond"

Wenfei Winnie Wang and Cindy Fan: "Impacts of Return Migration on Rural Development in China"

Shii Okuno: "Towards sustainable development in Inner Mongolia"

Jingnan, Huang: "Multi-temporal analysis of the rapid urbanization impact on the vulnerable environment --A case study of Chongqing, China"

Paul Hammond: "Community Eclipse in Shanghai's Lilong."

Changing China II: New Evidence of Industrialization

Organizer: Shuguang Wang and George Lin

Chair: Stan Toops

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group

Ingo Liefner: "Development of High-tech Enterprises in Shanghai: The Role of External Cooperation and Knowledge Transfer"

Weidong Liu: "The changing geography of the Automobile industry in China"

Stan Toops: "Xinjiang's industrial development and the production of construction crops"

Baoling Wang: "Canadian Firms in China: Opportunities and Challenges"

Stephen Y Wu: "The changing role of development zones in China"

China's Regional Development: New Inequalities and Challenges

Organizers: Cindy Fan and Yehua Dennis Wei

Sponsored by China Specialty Group, Asian Geography Specialty Group, Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group

Chair: Max Lu

Yehua Dennis Wei: "Regional Development in China: Institutions, Globalization, and Hybrid Economies"

Guo Chen: "Landscape of Urban Poverty and Spatial Inequality in China, 1990-2000"

Mingjie Sun: "Regional Inequality in Post-Reform China: Changing Spatial Disparity and Its Determinants"

Cindy Fan and Mingjie Sun: "Regional Inequality in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region"

Discussant: Fulong Wu

Connections and Contrasts: Mainland China and Taiwan Technology Industry Development

Organizer(s): Yehua Dennis Wei and Yu Zhou

Chair(s): Danlin Yu

Sponsored by China and Asia Specialty Groups

Yu Zhou and Jinnyuh Hsu: "Divergent Engagements: Comparing the Roles and Strategies of Taiwan and Mainland Chinese Expatriate Entrepreneurs in the Information Technology Industry"

Jun Zhang: "Punctuated Coevolution of Internet Clusters with Their Environments: Beijing vs. Shanghai"

You-Ren Yang and Hu Wen: "Disembedded Networks? The Case Study of IC Cluster in Shanghai, China"

I-Jhy Su and You-Ren Yang: "Toward Reversed Spillover? The Learning Dynamics of TFT-LCD Cluster in Tainan, Taiwan"

Canfei He and Yehua Dennis Wei: "Geographical Concentration and Specialization of Manufacturing Industries in China"

Spaces of New Urbanism

Organizers: Fulong Wu and Si-Ming Li

Sponsorships: China Specialty Group

Chair: Si-Ming Li

Si-Ming Li: "Financing Home Purchase in China: the Case of Guangzhou"

Karl Ryavec: "Findings from China's 1990 and 2000 Censuses"

Fulong Wu: "Residential Relocation of Poverty Groups in Urban China"

Jessica Wilczak: "Negotiating space in the hierarchy: policy and planning in China's urban districts"

Globalization and the New Chinese Economy I: Agriculture and Rural Transformation

Organizer: George Lin

Sponsored by China Specialty Group, Economic Geography Specialty Group

Chairs: Wei Xu

Gregory Veeck: "The Failure of the WTO: Agricultural Trade in East Asia--the case of apples"

Lanchih Po: "The Evolution and Dynamics of Rural Land Cooperatives in China's Reform Era"

George Lin: "Political Economy of Land Statistics, Land Use Change, and Land Market in Rural China"

Wei Xu: "Combating Environmental Degradation in China: "Grain for Green" as a Rural Development Alternative"

Discussant: Stan Toops

Globalization and the New Chinese Economy II: Urban Transformation

Organizer: George Lin

Sponsored by China Specialty Group; Economic Geography Specialty Group

Chairs: Simon Xiaobin Zhao

Roger C.K. Chan: "Urban Planning, Governance and Sustainability in China"

Chris Smith: "Beijing Olympics and its urban development"

Hong Chen: "Post-socialist Urban Development in China: A Case Study on Sports Events in Guangzhou"

Simon Xiaobin Zhao: "Emerging Patterns of Headquarter Economy in China: Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai"

Discussant: Susan Walcott

Transformation of Retail Capital and Creation of New Consumption Spaces in Chinese Cities

Organizer: Shuguang Wang

Chair: Shuguang Wang

Sponsored by China Specialty Group

Shuguang Wang: "Opportunities and Challenges of Shopping Centre Development in Chinese Cities: a Case Study of Shanghai"

Enru Wang: "The Political Economy of Retail Change in Chinese Cities"

Lucia Lo and Lu Wang: "The impact of Wal-Mart on Chinese shopping behaviour: a class analysis"

Shii Okuno: Discussant

Geographies of Economic Geography Panel 1: Decentering Anglo-American Economic Geography

Organizers: Weidong Liu and Henry Wai-chung Yeung

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group and Economic Geography Specialty Group

Chair: Henry Yeung

Panelists: **Yuko Aoyama, Jessie Poon, Kris Olds, George Lin, and Yu Zhou**

Geographies of Economic Geography Panel 2: Developing Global Economic Geographies

Organizers: Weidong Liu and Henry Wai-chung Yeung

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group and Economic Geography Specialty Group

Chair: Weidong Liu

Panelists: **Martin Hess, Jinn-Yuh Hsu, Neil Coe, Yong-Sook Lee, and Philip Kelly**

Producing green citizens, locating green places

Organizers: Alana Boland and Emily Yeh

Chair: Alana Boland

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group and Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Alana Boland (University of Toronto) -- Placing public participation in China's eco-city construction

Joshua Goldstein (University of Southern California) -- Beijing's hope for a clean sweep in the Olympics: Radical reforms of Beijing's refuse recycling system.

Michael Hathaway (University of Michigan) -- Ecologies and peoples: Changing notions of the environment in SW China

Emily Yeh (University of Colorado) -- The emergence of the Green Tibetan in Tibet: environmental collaborations and contingent articulations

Discussant: Rod Neumann (Florida International University)

Western China: Development and Diversity

Organizer: Stan Toops:

Chair: Stan Toops

Sponsored by China Geography Specialty Group

Panelists: **Paul Karan, Unryu Suganuma, Stanley Toops, Qian Guo, and Clifton Pannell**

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Chan, Kam Wing (U of Washington), spent part of the summer in France and Beijing, presenting research on migration and small town development at the XXV International Population Conference and at a World Bank's meeting, respectively. He also took the opportunity of being in France to check out Paris and the chateau country of the Loire. His remaining time of the summer was divided among working with Prof Yang Yunyan on a new collaborative research project on Wuhan's urban geography (funded by a Fritz grant); teaching a special freshmen discovery seminar entitled "Where is China?"; and, of course, doing fun things with kids in the Puget Sound region. He is also the co-PI of a research project on China's administrative hierarchy, recently funded by Hong Kong Research Grants Council. He will be using his sabbatical this fall to work on those projects in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Yves Boquet (University of Dijon) and Guillaume Giroir (University of Orléans) have participated in a 5-person research and conference trip to Guizhou province during the first half of september. The main theme was management of national and natural parks under the pressures of tourism. Highlight of the activities include an in-depth visit of Fanjingshan National park and conferences at three universities in Tongren and Guiyang.

Roger C K CHAN (University of Hong Kong) is working on a project titled "Urban Agglomerations in China in the 21st Century Study Date: 2005-2006" funded by University Strategic Funds, The University of Hong Kong. His recent publications included "On Urban Regional Spatial Planning and Construction in Large Cities of China" *Economic Geography*, 2005 Vol. 25, No. 2 pp. 211-214. (with Yao ximou, in Chinese), "Introduction: Exploring urban governance in contemporary China", *Asian Geographer* (2004), Vol. 23(1-2): 1-4 (with Shen Jianfa and Gu Chaolin), "Urban Governance: A theoretical review and empirical study" *Asian Geographer* (2004), Vol. 23(1-2): 5-17 (with Hu Yan).

Ron Knapp (SUNY New Paltz) is the author of two books in 2005: a large-format 4-color book with his 'favorite' 20 old Chinese houses: 'Chinese Houses: The Architectural Heritage of a Nation' (Tuttle 2005) and co-editor (with Kai-Yin Lo) as well as author of 3 chapters in 'House Home Family: Living and Being Chinese' (University of Hawaii Press). He gave a public lecture 'Principles of Feng Shui and Chinese Domestic Architecture' at the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem MA on July 9 and a paper 'Beyond the Gate: Paper Prints and the Chinese Homestead' at the New York Conference on Asian Studies, October 1 in addition to talks on China's cultural geography at teacher institutes at China Institute and Forum for Global Education in New York City and Primary Source in Boston.

Laurence Ma and Fulong Wu, ed., *Restructuring the Chinese City: Changing Society, Economy and Space*. London and New York: Routledge. Larry delivered a keynote speech at the 8th Asian Urbanization Conference in Kobe, August 21, "Transformation of the Chinese City: 1949 - 2005." He was also a keynote speaker at the Second Cross-Strait Symposium on New Economic Geography, June 22, Taipei where the title was slightly different: "Transformation of the Chinese City: Urbanization, Urbanism and Urbanity."

Shii Okuno and Ashok Dutt report on the 8th Asian Urbanization conference, Kobe, Japan: The 8th Asian Urbanization Conference, organized by UMDS (Prof. Shii Okuno, Ryutsu Kagaku University) and AURA (Asian Urban Research Association) was held in Kobe, Japan from August 20-23, 2005. Of all of the Asian Urbanization Conferences, this had the maximum number of participants (over 100), representing 22 countries, and also maximum number of papers presented (over 80). The opening plenary session was addressed by Ashok Dutt and Frank Cost on Asian urbanization in the 21st Century: Conceptual roots, trends and characteristics. Other plenary session speakers were Kazuhiko Tabata, Laurence Ma, Yue-man Yeung, Peter Rimmer, Masakazu Okubo, and S. Subbiah. The conference had a rich exchange of ideas through the papers and discussions, including the topics as follows: Asia in general (5), comparative study of cities on Asian countries (7), GIS-related technical papers, and (3) ethnicity and migration in Toronto and Australia (2). Papers from China were the largest in number (19), followed by India (11), Pakistan (6), Bangladesh (3), Thailand (3), Taiwan (2), Iran (2), Malaysia (2), Indonesia (1), and Myanmar (1). The subject matter of the papers ranged from city studies, modernization sustainable cities, of the cities, internal structure of the metropolis, to country studies such as urbanization in China and India. The proceedings of the conference are in the process of compilation. Soon after the manuscripts are received from the participants in the next couple of months, Okuno, Dutt, and Costa will edit them and process for publication. Interesting fieldtrips to Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo were organized too. The 9th conference will be held in the Republic of Korea in August of 2007. Those who are interested to participate should contact Dr. Nakhun Song of the Gangwon Development Research Institute at snh@gdri.re.kr.

Jennifer Pomeroy and George Pomeroy, both of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, directed a 17 day field studies course to China during May and June, 2005. The bulk of the trip consisted of time in Shanghai and Beijing. In Shanghai, students studied both urban development and planning, as well as more general aspects of Chinese

culture, history, and geography. There were fourteen participants, including one colleague. Highlights in Shanghai included a visit to the Urban Planning Exposition Hall, a visit to the Pudong Development District, and witnessing the dynamic development, such as at the Xujiahui sub-CBD. Side trips to Hangzhou and the scenic water town Zhouzhuang complemented the course, as did obligatory trips to the Great Wall and Forbidden City. Hopefully the course will be taught on a rotational basis with other field courses and with greater focus on China's urban and regional development. Each of the instructors is willing to share practicalities and lessons learned. In addition, they are willing to listen and learn from the experiences of others. Please contact them via e-mail (gmpome@ship.edu) or phone (717-477-1776). The directors thank East China Normal University (ECNU) Foreign Exchange Office for their cooperation in making the trip a success, with particular thanks going to Yuemin Ning of ECNU for his assistance and guidance.

Roger Selya, The Association of Asian Studies has published *The Geography of China. An Annotated Bibliography of pre-1974 English-Language Journal Literature* by Roger Selya. Some 1280 articles covering the period 1833 to 1974 are annotated. Dr Selya has copies of the annotated bibliography covering the period 1975-1991 that was published for the CGSG by Michigan State University in 1992. If you would like to order a copy of the volume covering 1974-1991, please send a check or money order to Roger for \$7.50 to cover postage and handling.

Shuguang Wang has a recent publication (with Lucia Lo of York University) which should be of interest to those who study Chinese Diaspora. Wang, S. and Lo, L. 2005. Chinese Immigrants in Canada: Their Changing Composition and Economic Performance. *International Migration*. 43 (3): 35-71. He received a research grant from the International Council of Shopping Centers Education Foundation to study the opportunities and challenges of shopping center development in Shanghai. The shopping center was the most successful land use, real estate and retail business concept of the 20th century. It dominated the retail landscape in North American cities for nearly 40 years from the 1950s to the 1980s. At the same time, booming development created an industry of shopping center developers. By the late 1980s, major technological innovations in the distribution system led to the emergence of another retail innovation — the 'big box store'. In less than ten years, big box stores and the associated power centers have become new leading retailers in the Western retail system, and have been widely blamed as the cause of the 'graying' of regional and super regional shopping centers, and the demise of department stores — the most important mall anchors in North American cities. China did not have real shopping centers until the late 1990s. Since then, there has been considerable growth. The fever of development is so high that the large cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen are all competing to build the country's largest shopping mall. Many other municipal governments enthusiastically welcome investment (especially FDI) in large shopping centers to raise their city's profile. The seemingly high demand for shopping centers in China presents golden opportunities for both developers and investors, but there also exist a variety of challenges. This study is to assess both the opportunities and challenges of shopping center development in Chinese cities, using Shanghai as a laboratory. Shanghai is chosen for the case study because it leads all of China in shopping center development, with 20 or so centers in operation and another 15 under construction or in planning. This study will be important in two ways: it contributes to the existing body of knowledge about retail trends in the emerging markets in Asia; and it generates research findings useful for the ICSC corporate members who are contemplating investment opportunities in China. This empirical research is conducted in collaboration with Yongchang Zhang and Yuanfei Wang of East China Normal University. The research results will be reported at the 2006 AAG meeting in Chicago.

Yehua Dennis Wei (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) attended Global Chinese Geographers Conference in Beijing. His recent publications include: (1) Planning Chinese Cities: The Limits of Transitional Institutions. *Urban Geography* 26(3): 200-221, 2005; (2) Development Zones, Foreign Investment, and Global-City Formation in Shanghai. *Growth and Change* 36(1): 16-40, 2005 (with CK Leung); (3) A Geospatial Analysis of Regional Inequality in Zhejiang Province, China, with a Special Reference to the Wenzhou Model. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 46(6): 445-464, 2005 (with Xinyue Ye). He also has two publications in Chinese in *Jingji Dili* (*Economic Geography*) and *Shijie Dili Yanjiu* (*World Geographical Research*)

Fulong Wu has just joined the planning department of Cardiff University as a chair professor. His new contact address is: the School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, Cardiff, CF10 3WA, UK, Tel: +44 29 20876089; Fax: +44 29 20874845; WuF@cardiff.ac.uk.

Anthony Yeh (University of Hong Kong) has the following publications: "Ageing and the Urban Environment" (2005), in Gavin J. Andrews and David R. Phillips (eds.), *Ageing and Place: Perspectives, Policy, Practice*, London: Routledge., pp. 147-163. (David R. Phillips, Oi-Ling Siu, Anthony G.O. Yeh, and Kevin H.C. Cheng); "Producer Services and Industrial Linkages in the Hong Kong Pearl River Delta Region" (2005), in P.W. Daniels, K.C. Ho and T.A. Hutton (eds.), *Service Industries and Asia-Pacific Cities: New Development Trajectories*, London: Routledge., pp. 150-172. "The Impacts of Dwelling Conditions on Older Persons' Psychological Well-being in Hong Kong: The Mediating Role of Residential Satisfaction" (2005), *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol. 60, pp.

2785-2797. (David R. Phillips, Oi-Ling Siu, Anthony G.O. Yeh and Kevin H.C. Cheng); "People-Oriented User-Friendly Pedestrian Urban Design" (2005), *City Planning Review*, Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 58-63. (in Chinese). "Dual Land Market and Internal Spatial Structure of Chinese Cities", in *Restructuring the Chinese City: Changing Society, Economy and Space*, edited by Laurence J. C. Ma and Fulong Wu.; Larry Ma, London: Routledge, pp. 59-79; "City Repositioning and Competition in Regional Development: New Development Strategies of Guangzhou, China" (2005), *International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 2, pp. 283-308 (Xu Jiang and A.G.O. Yeh).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Each year, the AAG offers numerous grants and awards to geographers. The list that follows serves to remind you and your colleagues about the opportunities available for recognition or grant support. Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines are December 31, 2005. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

Meredith F. Burrill Award: To stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups who have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research and practical applications or local, national, or international policy implications. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/burrill.htm

George and Viola Hoffman Award: To support student research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Hoffmanfund.html

Glenda Laws Award: To recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/glendalawsaward.htm

Anne U. White Fund: To support field research conducted by a member of the AAG jointly with her or his spouse, regardless of any formal training in geography. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Annwhitefund.htm

AAG Research Grants for 2006: To support direct expenses of research or fieldwork that address questions of major import to the discipline (excluding master's or doctoral dissertation research). www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Generalresearch.html

AAG Dissertation Research Grants for 2006: To support direct expenses of master's or doctoral dissertation research to eligible individuals. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Dissertationresearch.html

AAG International Geographic Information Fund: To support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems, through Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

Anderson Medal: To recognize distinguished contributions to the profession of geography in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service. NOTE: Deadline is December 1, 2005. <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~jjd1571/> or http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/anderson_medal.cfm

For further information, please contact: Dr. Patricia Solis, Director of Research and Outreach, Association of American Geographers, 1710 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-3198, Telephone 202-234-1450 ext. 32, Direct Line 202-558-7491, Fax 202-234-2744, psolis@aag.org

ANNUAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

**China Geography Specialty Group
AAG Annual Meeting, Chicago
7-11 March 2006**

The China Geography Specialty Group sponsors an annual award to recognize distinguished student research and paper presentation in a China Geography Specialty Group sponsored session at the annual national meeting.

Eligibility:

The competition is open to students at all academic levels. Candidates may be undergraduates or graduate students. The student must be the sole author and presenter. Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the annual meeting.

Award:

A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best paper, in addition to award certificate and prepaid lunch at the AAG Awards Banquet. A Travel Award of \$50 will go to the First Runner-up. A committee of faculty from the China Geography Specialty Group will evaluate the papers. Evaluation criteria for the award include the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; validity of conclusions; and quality of the presentation. The award will be announced at the Business Meeting of the China Geography Specialty Group in Denver, and published in the CGSG and AAG newsletters.

Guidelines for Submission:

To be considered for the competition, authors should email a copy of the paper's title and abstract (one page) to the Chair of China Geography Specialty Group and express the intent to participate in the competition by November 3, 2005 and register for the conference. CGSG will include the students' presentations in proper sessions. 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 full paper, in Word format (no more than 25 pages, double space and 12 point font size), must reach the Chair no later than **February 1, 2006**.

Questions? Please contact: Shuguang Wang, Chair, CGSG swang@geography.ryerson.ca

Winners of Last Competition:

Wenfei Wang of UCLA received the Best Paper Award for her "Selectivity and Reasons of Return Migration in Sichuan and Anhui, China".

Jianping Zhou of University of Illinois at Chicago received the Travel Award for his paper "Stakeholder Conflicts in Recent Inner city Redevelopment in China: Are there some roles for the Planner to play?"

Congratulations to Wenfei and Jianping.

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our excellent website at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm

CHINA-RELATED WEBSITES

These web sites were suggested by CGSG members.

China Study Group. <http://www.chinastudygroup.org/index.php?type=about>

Asia Tourism Research. <http://www.geog.nau.edu/jgust/asiatour/>

The site was developed by Alan Lew (Northern Arizona University) and contains links to resources for research on tourism, an archived email list, a membership directory, and a list of tourism conferences in Asia.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

University of California, Los Angeles

The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor beginning 1 July 2006. The successful candidate will work in the broad area of physical geography with demonstrated application of their research to questions of global environmental change. Excellence in research and teaching, and the ability to procure extramural research funding are required. UCLA's Department of Geography is among the top ranked geography departments in the nation and offers a multi-faceted faculty from a variety of sub fields including a core group working on environmental change using a diverse set of technical approaches. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. UCLA is an AA/EOE employer. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and contact information for three referees to the

address below no later than October 31, 2005. Apply: Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, UCLA, Box 951524, 1255 Bunche Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1524.

University of California, Los Angeles

The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor beginning 1 July 2006. Candidates may work in any substantive area of Geography, but must possess strong technical skills in Geographic Information Systems. The successful candidate will play an integral role in further developing our GIS program including the implementation of a certificate program in Geographic Information Systems and Technologies (GIST). Demonstrated excellence in research and teaching, and a strong commitment to procuring extramural research funding are required. UCLA's Department of Geography is among the top ranked geography departments in the nation and offers a multi-faceted faculty from a variety of sub fields, including GIST. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. UCLA is an AA/EOE employer. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and contact information for three referees to the address below no later than October 31, 2005. Apply: Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, UCLA, Box 951524, 1255 Bunche Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1524.

The Department of Geography at **National Taiwan University** invites applications for **three appointments at all ranks** beginning August 2006. A Ph.D. in geography or related fields is required at time of appointment. We seek applicants whose teaching and research interest can complement and enhance our strengths in geographic information science, human geography, physical geography, regional geography, land use, and environmental management and monitoring. Applicants can lecture in either English or Chinese. The Department has 17 full-time faculty members, over 100 graduate students in the Ph.D. and Master's programs, and 160 undergraduate majors. The Department is well equipped with computing facilities and research laboratories. For more information about the Department please visit <http://www.geog.ntu.edu.tw/>.

Applicants should submit by February 1, 2006: (1) a letter of application describing how they would contribute to the Department's teaching and research program; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; and (3) the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax) of three referees. Apply: Professor Jiun-Chuan LIN, Chair, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 106, E-mail: Jjclin@ntu.edu.tw

Western Michigan University seeks a Chair of its Department of Geography, beginning July 1, 2006 pending budgetary approval. Candidates should qualify for appointment at senior academic rank. A Ph.D. is required, preferably in Geography. Candidates are expected to manifest teaching and research excellence, including a record of publication recognized nationally-internationally as well as a record of managing significant externally-funded research. Candidates should have a research program that complements departmental strengths. The successful candidate is expected to provide visionary, entrepreneurial leadership, oversee development of faculty and research programs, participate in graduate and undergraduate teaching/learning, and maintain a productive research program. The Department of Geography has 13 full-time faculty, 5 part-time faculty, and 15 graduate assistantships. It offers Bachelors and Masters degree programs concentrating in Geography, Environmental & Resource Management, Geographic Information Science, Tourism, Community Development & Planning, and Teaching of Geography, with approximately 35 master's students and 140 majors. Departmental information is available at www.wmich.edu/geography. The Department is housed in recently renovated facilities with seven extensively computerized laboratories equipped with 100 workstations for instruction and research. Western Michigan University is a diverse student-centered research institution with 26,000 students, is listed among the nation's top 100 universities (U.S. News & World Report), has excellent library holdings, and is recognized for its excellent computing environment. Kalamazoo forms the center of a medium-sized cosmopolitan metropolitan region of about 250,000 located midway between Detroit and Chicago, 40 miles from Lake Michigan. Western Michigan University, a Carnegie Classification Research Extensive Institution is an Equal Opportunity /Affirmative Action Employer and encourages applications from women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups. Please submit a letter of application, a statement of research and teaching philosophy, a statement regarding vision for the department and leadership style, vita, graduate transcripts, and names and letters of recommendation from at least three references to: Dr. David Lemberg, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5424. Email: lemberg@wmich.edu. Phone: (269) 387-3408. Review of applications will begin December 5, 2005, and continue until the position is filled.

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