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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear CGSG Members,

Season's Greeting!

In writing this column from the Pearl of the Orient, I realize that this is the Christmas and New Year holiday season when we look back over what we have gone through in the past year and look forward for what will lie ahead in the year to come. On this happy occasion, I feel very honored and privileged to share with you the exciting message of accomplishments delivered collectively by members in this Fall edition of the newsletter.

We had three very busy and yet the most rewarding months working together to assemble and organize panels and paper sessions for the upcoming AAG meeting to be held in the charming city of Boston April 15-19 2008. As you will see from this newsletter, we have organized/co-organized 23 paper sessions/panels covering a wide range of topics. A series of paper sessions has been organized to mark the 30th anniversary of China's economic reforms, the 50th anniversary of the *hukou* system, and to pay tribute to our senior colleague Professor C.P. Lo for his great contributions to the study of China geography. I would like to thank Qihao Weng, Dennis Wei, and Kam Wing Chan for your excellent ideas and great initiatives. I would also like to thank members for your enthusiastic response to the call for participation. Collectively, these paper sessions should provide an intellectual platform of historical significance to assess China's ongoing transformation over the past several decades, which will no doubt serve as an important benchmark for future studies.

The profound transformation of China's space economy has given rise to an outpouring of scholarly interests within and outside the China geography circle. In an attempt to reach out and facilitate a better dialogue between China specialists and theoretical geographers, we have organized several roundtable panels to involve both China geographers and leading theoretical geographers who are interested in China, including the two panels titled "Understanding China's Changing Economic Geography" and "Understanding Transnationalism and the Chinese Diaspora". We hope these panels will help promote the study of China geography in a broader discourse of general theoretical enquiry. I wish to thank the distinguished panelists (and chairpersons) for your positive response to our call, and I urge interested members to participate in these roundtable discussions.

I am very pleased to report that we have enjoyed a healthy budget and indeed a steady growth of the surplus. As scholarly interests in China increase, so does the volume of memberships and membership fees. At the last business

meeting held in San Francisco, it was suggested and agreed that we should increase both the number and amount of awards given to the winners of the student paper competition. It was also suggested that we co-sponsor a social gathering along with our cognate specialty groups such as the Asian Specialty Group. In response to these suggestions, we are organizing the following activities and we need your supports and active participation.

Included in this Newsletter please find a call for papers for student paper competition. I would appreciate your e-mail submission of the title/abstract by **February 1** and the full paper by **March 1 2008**. I would also appreciate any nomination from members for the Outstanding Service Award by **February 1 2008**.

Our Business Meeting will likely be held at **noon on April 17 (Thursday)**. This will be followed by a self-financed dinner in line with our established tradition. I am actively exploring the possibility of co-sponsoring a social gathering in the evening of either April 16 or April 17. Announcement will be made once the arrangement has been confirmed.

Finally, I have tried my best to give a summary of what we have accomplished over the last year in our annual report and had it uploaded at www.aag.org/sg/china/CGSG%20Annual%20Report_07.doc. We are indebted to Xu Wei for the time and effort he has spent to maintain our webpage.

It looks like we are going to have another exciting assembly and lots of fun at the upcoming meeting in Boston. Please allow me to send my greatest appreciation to my wonderful colleagues Alana Boland and Yu Zhou for working with me so diligently and professionally over the past several months, and to our members for your enthusiastic support. My sincere apology for any omission or mistake we may have made.

Look forward to seeing you in Boston April 15-19!

My warmest wishes for a most relaxing holiday season and a wonderful new year ahead!

George Lin

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CALL FOR SUBMISSION TO 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.

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 a Student Paper Award is NOT allowed. Papers being considered by other AAG Specialty Groups for student paper awards 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 Boston, 15-19 April 2008.

Award:

A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best paper, in addition to an award certificate and prepaid lunch at the AAG Awards Luncheon. 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 Boston in April 2008, 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, 2008**. 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, 2008**.

Questions? Please contact:

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CGSG SERVICE AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At its 2003 business meeting in New Orleans, CGSG decided to launch an Outstanding Service Award. This award is to be presented to individuals who provided significant services to the China Geography Specialty Group or made important contributions to the advancement of China geography studies. Since then, Professors Larry Ma, Clifton Pannell, Chor-Pang Lo, and Jack Williams have received this award. At its 2007 business meeting in San Francisco, CGSG decided to change the Outstanding Service Award from an annual event into an ad hoc basis.

Nominations, if any, are now accepted for this award. Please send your nomination, along with a statement of contributions of the nominee(s) to:

George C.S. Lin, Chair, CGSG (Email: gcslin@hkucc.hku.hk) before February 1st, 2008.

CGSG SPONSORED PAPER/PANELS SESSIONS IN AAG BOSTON 2008

I. Paper Sessions:

5150: State policy, community, and transformative space in urban China

Organizers: Mi Shih and Leslie Shieh

Chair: Mi Shih

Presenters:

Guilan Weng, *Property Rights in Transition: Implications for Urban Housing in China*

Leslie Shieh, *Strengthening Neighborhood Governance: Community Construction in Contemporary China*

Carolyn L. Cartier, *Public Space and the Chinese City*

Mi Shih, *The Changing Discourses of Regulations on Residential Relocation: The Turn to Market-Rationality in Urban Governance*

Discussant: Alana Boland

5163: The Institution that Divides and Excludes - China's Hukou System at 50

Organizer: Kam Wing Chan

Chair: Cindy Fan

Presenters:

William Buckingham and Kam Wing Chan, UW, *Is China Abolishing the Hukou System?*

Mingjie Sun, UCLA, *Has the Relaxation of Hukou System Facilitated Permanent Migration in China?*

Man Wang, UW, *Intra-urban Mobility and Housing Differentiation of Migrants in Wuhan, China - A Between and Within Group Comparison*

Wenfei Winnie Wang, University of South Alabama, and Cindy Fan, UCLA, *New Migrants: A Cross-generational Comparison of Rural-urban Migration in China*

Discussant: Carolyn L. Cartier

5182: Thirty Years of Chinese Economic Reforms and Urban Environmental Changes: Special Sessions in Honor of Dr. Chor-Pang Lo (I: Economic Restructuring and Regional Development)

Organizers: Qihao Weng and Yehua Dennis Wei

Chair: Luo Jun

Presenters:

Jianfa Shen, *Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Pearl River Delta: Changing Relations under Globalization*

Canfei He, *Has Economic Transition Made the Chinese Economy Less Energy Intensive?*

Yehua Dennis Wei, *Restructuring Industrial Districts, Scaling Up Regional Development: A Study of the Wenzhou Model, China*

Godfrey Yeung, *Geographies of Industrial Convergence: The Case of Banking Industry in China*

5183: Thirty Years of Chinese Economic Reforms and Urban Environmental Changes: Special Sessions in Honor of Dr. Chor-Pang Lo (II: Migration and Urbanization)

Organizer: Qihao Weng and George Lin

Chair: Yichun Xie

Presenters:

Cindy Fan and Wenfei Winnie Wang, *Straddling City and Countryside: Security and Strategies of Rural-Urban Migrants in China*

Kam Wing Chan, *How large is a Chinese city?*

George Lin, *Reproducing Urban Spaces in Post-reform China: Toward City-based and Land-centered Urban Transformation*

Michael John Patrick, *A Wider Eye on China*

5184: Thirty Years of Chinese Economic Reforms and Urban Environmental Changes: Special Sessions in Honor of Dr. Chor-Pang Lo (III: Land Use and Environmental Change)

Organizers: Qihao Weng and Yehua Dennis Wei

Chairs: Bingqing Liang

Presenters:

Honglin Xiao, *Land Use land Cover change in karst area and its impact to urban temperature pattern and hydrologic process*

Roger C.K. Chan, *Land Preservation Policies in China*

Alana Boland, *Consuming water in the productive city: Urban development, water supply, and pollution regulation in China, 1950-1965*

Qihao Weng, *Urbanization and Climate Change: A Case Study of Guangzhou, China*

5254: Studies of Western China

Organizers: Gregory Veeck and Stanley Toops

Chairs: Gregory Veeck

Presenters:

Stanley Toops, *Cultural Landscape of the Uyghurs*
Qian Guo, *Frontier Outpost and Settlement Bastion: Assessing the Impact of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps on Chinese Central Asian Colonization*

C P. Lo, *Impacts of Economic Reforms and "Go-West" Strategy on China's Minority Regions*
Piper Gaubatz, *Regional Economies and Urban Design in China: Secondary Globalization and the Journey to the West*

Gregory Veeck, *Market Economics and Management Options for Herding Households in Damao Banner, Inner Mongolia, China*

5298: China's New Geography of Innovation and Industrial Clustering

Organizers: George Lin and Alana Boland

Chairs: Xiaoping Shen

Presenters:

Ingo Liefner, *Spin-off Enterprises in China: Formation and Performance*

Fangzhu Zhang, Phil Cooke, Fulong Wu, *State-sponsored R&D: A Case Study of China's Biotechnology Development*

Chen Wang, *Emerging Geography of the ICT Industry in China: Insight from the 2004 Economic Census*

Zhiyong Hu, *Beyond the State-Market Approach: Regional Institutional Milieu and the Organizational Restructuring of State-owned Enterprises in Shenyang*

Xiaoping Shen, *The rise and spatial clustering of cultural industries in China*

5232: Immigrants, Returnees, and Globalization

Organizers: Yu Zhou and Sanjeev Kumar

Chairs: Sanjeev Kumar

Presenters:

Sin Yih Teo, *'Hello China, Farewell Canada': Return Migration and the Cultural Politics of Identity*

Peilei Fan, *Returning back vs. going global: Chinese high-tech firms in the global knowledge network*

Yu Zhou, *Divergent engagements: Comparing Taiwan and Mainland China returnee entrepreneurs in the information technology industry*

Nir Cohen, *State and 'Potential' Second Generation Returnees: Negotiating Spaces of Extra-territorial Israeli Citizenship*

Discussant: Cindy Fan

Discussant: Chuncui Velma Fan

5233: **Immigrants, Returnees, and the State**

Organizers: Yu Zhou and Sanjeev Kumar
(sponsored by Asian/Population/Political Groups)

Chairs: Yu Zhou

Presenters:

Coryn Shiflet, *Bring me your best and your brightest; I'll authorize their spouses too: Geography of International Students and their Dependents.*

Sanjeev Kumar, *Transnationalism among the Indian Students at the University of Georgia: Revisiting the Structure and Agency Debate*

Yeong-Hyun Kim, *"The Government Selects and Invites Foreign Workers": The South Korean State and Ethnecized Migrant Labor*

Lan-Hung Nora Chiang, *Australian Educational Experience for Young Taiwanese Immigrants*

Caroline Faria, *Contesting Miss South Sudan™: Gender and nation building in diasporic discourse*

5391: **Energy, Resources, & Environment in China**

Organizer: Darrin Magee

Chair: Emily Yeh

Papers:

Darrin Magee, *"Send Western Electricity East: Institutions, decisions, and contention surrounding China's Nu River hydropower development"*

Chris Coggins, *"China's oil economy: Geopolitical implications"*

Thomas Drennan, *"Predicting China's energy and greenhouse gas future"*

Afton Sather-Knutsen, *"Rearticulating Chinese national identity in the Yellow River Piano Concerto"*

Discussant: Emily Yeh

Sponsorship: China Specialty Group, Energy and Environment Specialty Group

5435: **China's Urban Transformations**

Organizers: Alana Boland, George Lin

Chair: Dan Abramson

Presenters:

Youqin Huang, *"The Land Development, Urbanization and Displacement in Rural Jiangsu Province, China"*

Fulong Wu (presenting author), Shenjing He and Chris Webster, *"Poverty Neighbourhoods and Deprivation in Chinese Cities"*

Guo Chen, *"Toward a New Model of Spatial Differentiation in Urban China"*

Zhilin Liu, *"Hidden Costs Behind Moving to Better Housing: A Study of Accessibility Change and Housing Relocation in Beijing, China"*

Chuncui Velma Fan: *"Changing Patterns of Rural Youth Migration in China: A 1995 and 2005 Comparison"*

6026: **China: Urban industries and governance of cities**

Organizers: Alana Boland, George Lin

Chair: Adrian Blackwell

Presenters:

Chi Kin Leung: *"Business Organization of Foreign Manufacturing Establishments in Shanghai"*

Sheng Zhong: *"The Formation of Creative Industry Clusters in Shanghai's Inner City: Going beyond Western Theories"*

Jia Feng: *"Nanjing's Informal Sector and the City Restrictions: A Case Study of Night Market Vendors"*

Ke Zhou: *"To Be or Not to Be - the Evolution of Urban Villages in China"*

Adrian Blackwell: *"Casting nets of urbanization: the dispersion of governance and cities in contemporary China"*

5436: **China: Geographic education, fieldwork, and imagined geographies**

Organizer: Alana Boland, George Lin

Chair: Alana Boland

Presenters:

Wang Jingai and Chen Jing: *"Geographic Education in China: Developing a Model Course China Geography"*

Yu Luo Rioux: *"Insider or Outsider: Ethics of Doing Fieldwork in China"*

Travis Klingberg: *"Bringing the borders home: approaches to tourist life and imagined geographies in contemporary China"*

Daniel Abramson: *"Not Foreign Not Local, in China: Changing Definitions of Heritage in the Urbanizing Hometowns of the Hokkien Diaspora"*

Yu-Ling Song: *"Geographical imagination on second home: sense of space of Shanghai residents owning a second home"*

5788: **Worldwide Urban Population Change I**

Organizers: Sabine Henning, Kam Wing Chan

Chair: Sabine Henning

Participants:

Sabine Henning, *"Worldwide Urban Population Change: Our Future will be urban"*

Richard L. Forstall and Kam Wing Chan, *"Population Statistics of Chinese Cities: Definitions and Comparisons"*

Frank Swiaczny, *"Spatial Impacts of Demographic Change in Germany: Urban Population Processes Reconsidered"*

Michael Ratcliffe, *"Population Change in Urban Areas in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas: 1990-2006"*

Discussant: Richard L. Morrill

5795: Worldwide Urban Population Change II

Organizers: Sabine Henning, Kam Wing Chan

Chairs: Sabine Henning

Participants:

Valentina Mara and Deborah Balk, “*Global patterns of urbanization vis-à-vis ecosystems*”

Karen C. Seto, “*The Urban Transformation of Earth's Surface: Examples from Rapidly Developing Cities*”

Peter Marcotullio, “*Globalization and urban development in the Asia Pacific region*”

Jean-Marc Favaro and Denise Pumain, “*Urban hierarchies explained by a spatial interaction model including innovation cycles*”

Discussant: Joshua Comenetz

6236: China's urban development in the era of globalization

Organizers: George Lin and Alana Boland

Chair: Alana Boland

Xuefei Ren, “*Building Globalization: Transnational Architectural Production in Urban China*”

Lu Chen, “*Examining the Development of Shanghai: An Emerging Global City*”

Hong Chen, “*Local Growth Coalition and Urban Development in China*”

Yun-Chung Chen, “*Cross-border Labor Rights Organizing in Southern China*”

6269: China's Regional Development: Global and Local Coupling

Organizer: Yu Zhou and Alana Boland

Chairs: Yu Zhou

Participants:

Shiuh-Shen Chien, “*Special Economic Zones in China and Russia- The Impacts of Central-Local Dynamical Interactions*”

You-Ren Yang, “*Innovation, trans-border community and state policy: The strategic coupling of Silicon Valley's returnees in Shanghai's chip design industry*”

Jun Zhang, “*The Coupling of Relation-building with Market-building: Placing the 'Relational Turn' in Context*”

Daniel Schiller, “*Informal Dynamics of Agile Firm Organization in the Greater Pearl River Delta*”

Jessica Chong, “*The construction of Fujian province, China, as a transnational hub*”

II. Panel Sessions

5122: China's Urban Space: Development under market socialism

Organizers: George Lin and Alana Boland

Chair: Yehua Dennis Wei

Panelists: Terry McGee, George Lin, Andrew Marton, Mark Yaolin Wang

Discussants: Clif Pannell, Fulong Wu

5135: Understanding China's Changing Economic Geography

Organizers: George Lin and Alana Boland

Chair: Henry Wai-chung Yeung

Panelists: Eric S. Sheppard, Clifton W. Pannell, James W. Harrington, Yehua Dennis Wei, Peter W. Daniels, Shuguang Wang

5143: Understanding Transnationalism and the Chinese Diasporas

Organizers: George Lin and Alana Boland

Chair: Audrey Kobayashi

Panelists: David F. Ley, Carolyn L. Cartier, Lan-Hung Nora Chiang, Cindy Fan, Yu Zhou

5248: Teaching the Geography of China

Organizers: Rudi Hartmann and Gregory Veeck

Chairs: Rudi Hartmann

Panelists: Rudi Hartmann, Gregory Veeck, Clifton W. Pannell, George Lin, Alana Boland, Guo Chen, Wang Jingai

Sponsorships: China Specialty Group, Geographic Education Specialty Group

5349: Afro-Sino Connections

Organizer: Stanley Toops

Chair: Stanley Toops

Panelists: Carolyn Cartier, Padraig Carmody, Rohit Negi and William Osei

Sponsorships: Africa Specialty Group, China Specialty Group

5449: Exploring future research gaps: Water resources, climate change, and world regions

Organizers: Kin M. Ma and William J. Smith

Chairs: Cort J. Willmott

Participants: David Shankman, Jie Song, Carl J Bauer, Christopher Lant, Katherine K. Hirschboeck, William J. Smith

Sponsorships: Water Resources Specialty Group, Climate Specialty Group, China Specialty Group

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Alana Boland (University of Toronto) is currently editing a special themed issue of *Asian Geographer* on environment and development in China. Recent publications from her research on green communities in China include an article (with Jiangang Zhu) appearing in *Shehuixue yanjiu* [Sociological Research], 2007:4, and a book chapter (also with Jiangang Zhu) that is forthcoming in Daniere and Douglass (eds.), *Building Urban Communities: The Politics of Civic Space in Asia*, Routledge. Alana was also a co-author on a two papers published in a special issue of the *Journal of Environmental Management* (November 2007). Articles in this issue present findings from a Canada-China joint research project focusing on forest carbon sequestration in China. Wei Xu was involved in this project and is co-author on other papers in this same issue of *JEM*.

Kam Wing Chan (U of Washington) took advantage of a sabbatical quarter last Spring to visit Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Wuhan for field interviews and research on a project on China's spatial hierarchy, funded by Hong Kong Research and Grants Council. He has several publications (including three co-authored ones) published or forthcoming in *The China Quarterly*, *The China Review*, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, and edited volumes (details are on his webpage). He is also currently working as a consultant for McKinsey & Co. on an urban project, and for the United Nations on China's urban and migration statistics. He will take part in an Expert Group meeting held at the UN in January.

Peilei Fan (Michigan State University) has published two papers in the special issue of *International Journal of Technology and Globalization*, (Volume 3, Issue 4, 2007), which she guest-edited. The papers are titled: "China's technology catching up: An introduction, 337-343," and "Technology strategies of innovative Chinese domestic companies: 344-363," co-authored with Xudong Gao, and Kazuo Watanabe. These articles and others in this special issue on China's technology catch-up can be accessed through the following link
<http://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journalID=104&year=2007&vol=3&issue=4>

Youqin Huang (State University of New York, Albany), our former CGSG Chair, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Congratulation!

George Lin (University of Hong Kong) has managed to carry on his research and has got several publications: 1) Lin, G. C.S. (2007) "Reproducing spaces of Chinese urbanization: New city-based and land-centered urban transformation." *Urban Studies* 44 (9): 1-29. 2) Lin, G. C.S. (2007) "Chinese urbanism in question: State, society, and the reproduction of urban spaces." *Urban Geography* 28 (1): 7-29. 3) Smart, A. and Lin, G. C.S. (2007) "Local capitalisms, local citizenship and translocality: Rescaling from below in the Pearl River Delta region, China." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 31 (2): 280-302. He continues to work with Yu Zhou, Yifei Sun, Dennis Wei, Jinnyuh Hsu and mainland partners for their ICT project. He is also working with Roger Chan for a guest-edited special issue for *The China Review* to mark the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China. He has got a book titled *China's Urban Space: Development under Market Socialism* co-authored with T. G. McGee, A. M. Marton, M. Y.L. Wang, and J. Wu recently published by Routledge (ISBN10: 0-415-43805-5 in London 2007 and ISBN13: 978-0-415-43805-6 in New York 2008, xx, 260pp, Tables, Graphs, Figures, Plates). George is working on his new book titled *Developing China: Land, Politics, and Social Conditions* to be published by Routledge soon.

Wen Lin (PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) has co-authored the following paper: Lin, W. and R. Ghose. 2008. "Complexities in sustainable provision of GIS for Urban Grassroots Organizations." *Cartographica*, forthcoming 43 (1). She also co-organized two paper sessions in AAG on "Governing Technologies II: Critical GIS and urban Governance," with Falguni Mukherjee.

Zhilin Liu (Tsinghua University) received her PhD degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University, and has started her new position as an assistant professor in School of Public Policy & Management in Tsinghua University.

Laurence Ma (Emeritus, University of Akron) who played a key role in 1977-78 bilateral exchange of geographers between the United States and China, gave a talk at the special meeting of Geographical Society of China (GSC) on November 2, 2007 in Nanjing marking the 30th year of this exchange. The event was part of the program of the annual meeting of GSC, and attracted nearly one hundred geographers, many of them members of the Council of Directors (*lishi hui*) of GSC. Professor Lu Dadao, President of GSC, presided over the event. A number of geographers, including Professor Wu Chunjun, Deputy Leader of the Chinese Geographical Delegation to the U.S. in 1978 and the most senior economic geographer in China, discussed the impact of the exchange on Chinese geography and geographers. In the meeting, Larry's talk outlined the origin and highlighted of the exchange and its impact on himself and on American geographic research on China. Laurence also delivered a keynote address on

the essence of Chinese urbanism, past and present, at the International Conference on China's Urban Land and Housing in the 21st Century, held at the Hong Kong Baptist University, December 13-15, 2007.

Norm Moline (Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois), Hamming Professor of Geography, again is directing Augustana's East Asia Overseas Term. This program, which is the thirteenth the college has offered on a triennial frequency, involves 80 students in a full fall term of study in Japan, Taiwan and China. During the program students earn a full set of credits in courses taught by a sociologist, a historian, an international economics professor and a Chinese language professor. This program began in 1974 and has included the People's Republic of China in its itinerary since November, 1977. It has brought over 1,000 students to East Asia for a full term of study which always includes a significant geographic component. Norm has been the director or co-director since 1977. The program was identified as a model for undergraduate overseas Asian Studies in a grant from the Freeman Foundation in New York. If any specialty members wish to learn more about this program, please contact Norm at: normmoline@augustana.edu

Yifei Sun (California State University, Northridge) co-edited a Special Issue with *Asia Pacific Business Review* on Global R&D in China 2007, 13(3). It has been published and includes two articles co-authored by him. Sun, Yifei and Ke Wen, "Uncertainties, imitating behaviors and foreign R&D locations: Explaining the over-concentration of foreign R&D in Beijing and Shanghai within China." 405-424, and Yifei Sun and Ke Wen. "Country relational distance, organizational power and R&D managers: Understanding environmental challenges for foreign R&D in China." 13(3): 425-450. He also has another co-authored paper, entitled "A spatial strategy for high-quality labor in rural development: A case study of Jiangsu,China." Published by *Chinese Geographical Science*, 17(2): 117-126.

Stanley Toops (Miami University) contributed chapters on "Geography, Tourism and Asia" to a new textbook by S. Anderson, J. Hey, M Peterson, S. Toops and C Stevens. *International Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Global Issues*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2007. The text is useful for examining global issues.

Susan Walcott (University of North Carolina-Greensboro) has published three papers "Wenzhou and the Third Italy: Entrepreneurial model regions," 2007, *Journal of Asia-Pacific Business* 8(3):23-35; "The Dragon's tail: utilizing Chengdu and Chongqing technology development zones to anchor west China economic advancement", July 2007, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies* 5(2):131-145; and a book chapter "High technology clusters in India and China: Divergent paths," 2007, in P. Prime and K. Kulkarni, eds. *Economic Development in India and China: New Perspectives on Progress and Change*, pp. 114-140, New Delhi: Serials Publication. She is also elected Southeast regional representative to Association of Asian Scholars Council of Councils at national AAS meeting April '08 in Atlanta. She participated in the 2nd Global Economic Conference in Beijing, and enjoyed a great field trip following to Tibet.

Xiaoping Shen (Central Connecticut State University) is currently serving as the department chair (the first woman chair in the department) for a three-year term. She has received a Connecticut University System research grant for her project on the rise and spatial clustering of cultural industries in China. She will do her fieldwork in January 2008.

Yehua (Dennis) Wei has relocated to University of Utah, jointly appointed between Department of Geography and Institute of Public and International Affairs. His recent publications include the following: Wei, Y.H.D., W.M. Li, and C.B. Wang. "Restructuring industrial districts, scaling up regional development: A study of the Wenzhou model, China." *Economic Geography* 83(4): 421-444, 2007; He, C.F., Y.H.D. Wei, and F.H. Pan. "Geographical concentration of manufacturing industries in China: The importance of spatial and industrial scales." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48(5): 1-23, 2007.

Fulong Wu (University of Southampton, UK) edited a book *China's Emerging Cities: the Making of New Urbanism*. Routledge: London (2007).

Haifeng Zhang (University of Louisville) published two papers. One with Michael P. Peterson. 2007, "A spatial analysis of neighborhood crime in Omaha, Nebraska using alternative measures of crime rates." *The Internet Journal of Criminology* (online at www.internetjournalofcriminology.com/). Another one is entitled "The visualization of public and private school choice using synchronized parallel coordinate plot (PCP) approach." *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* 30: 177-186. He also received a Conference Travel Grant for Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference IV, November 6-8, 2008, Miami, FL.

Yu Zhou (Vassar College) continues to work on the NSF project on China's high-tech region with George Lin, Dennis Wei, Yifei Sun and Jinnyuh Hsu. She also works with Josephine Smart on the role of Taiwanese firms in major mainland technological hubs. Her paper "Synchronizing export orientation with import substitution: creating

competitive indigenous high-tech Companies in China,” is accepted by *World Development*. Her first book, *The inside story of China’s high-tech industry: making “Silicon Valley” in Beijing* is expected to come out at the end of Dec. 2007 by Rowman and Littlefield Publisher. She also served on the Fulbright Screening Committee at the Institute of International Education to screen national Fulbright undergraduate applications to China. Yu Zhou was also a member of organization committee for the Second Global Conference for Economic Geography in June 2007. She co-organized two panels of dialogues on Economic geographers and gave a talk on Zhongguancun for the conference fieldtrip.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Each year, the AAG offers numerous grants and awards to geographers. Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines are December 31, 2007. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our excellent website at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm. Photos from the special sessions organized to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1977 Sino-American exchange of geographers have been posted at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/AAG_30_photo/AAG_30_photo.htm. We are looking for more photos from the 2007 AAG Meetings in San Francisco. Please send the photos to Alana Boland (boland@geog.utoronto.ca)

THE CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP TIMELINE

The Timeline was prepared in response to a request from the AAG Central Office. The purpose is to present a record of the activities that CGSG initiated and the contributions that members have made in promoting the study of China geography since the group’s inception. We thank those of our members who have provided us with valuable information for the Timeline. There are still many gaps in the record, and so we hope members will continue to send us information from the past, as well as keep us updated on recent achievements and contributions. For publications, please send information only for books, monographs and special issues of journals, but not articles (as there would be too many of them to include). A copy of the latest version of the Timeline can be accessed through the CGSG webpage at http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/news/AAG_CGSG_Timeline_Dec06.pdf. Please review and send information on additions or changes to yuzhou@vassar.edu.

CONFERENCE NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NINTH ASIAN URBANIZATION CONFERENCE

With academics and practitioners from over twenty countries attending, the Ninth Asian Urbanization Conference as convened in Chuncheon, South Korea on August 18 through 23, 2007. The conference, hosted jointly by the Kangwon National University (KNU) and Gangwon Regional Development Institute (GRDI), was held on the KNU campus and featured participants from Canada, China (People’s Republic of), Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Vietnam, and the United States.

Conference sponsors included the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA), the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, The University of Akron and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, as well as the host institutions. The keynote address, “Asia’s Urban Future,” was delivered by Ashok K. Dutt and Frank J. Costa, both emeritus faculty from the University of Akron. George Pomeroy, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and AURA Secretary, presented service awards sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences at Shippensburg University to the founding members of AURA. A service award was also presented to Shii Okuno, University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences (in Kobe, Japan) for his efforts in organizing the previous Asian Urbanization Conference. The conference was ably organized by Nakhun Song (Principal Organizer; GDR) and Gabyoul Kim, Chair of the Department of Real Estate at KNU. The conference included field trips to Seoul (visiting new towns, the Cheonggye River restoration project, and the Insadong District) and the DMZ Unification Observatory.

In total, over 80 papers were presented. Representative and illustrative paper titles include “Hierarchical Network Strategies: An Agenda for Reciprocal Rural-Urban Linkages” (Khalil Kalantari, Tehran University), “Exploring the Spatial Structure of Innovative Activities in Korea” (Junho Jung, Kangwon National University), and

“Commissioned Mural Art in Post-Colonial Hong Kong from 1997 to 2006” (Kong Ho, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford).

Planning is well underway for the Tenth Asian Urbanization Conference (<http://www.hku.hk/asia2009/>) to be held in August 2009 at the University of Hong Kong. Local Organizers are Anthony Gar-On Yeh (hdxugoy@hkucc.hku.hk)and Roger C.K. Chan (hrxucck@hkucc.hku.hk)of The Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management.

The umbrella organization for organizing and sponsoring the Asian Urbanization Conferences is the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA). For more information, please contact George Pomeroy, AURA Secretary, at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (gmpome@ship.edu / <http://webspace.ship.edu/aura>).

THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY (SCB) is to be hosted in Beijing by the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 11-15 July 2009. This July the SCB meeting will be in Tennessee (<http://www.conbio.org/Activities/Meetings/annual.cfm>). SCB is an international professional organization dedicated to promoting the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity: resource managers, educators, students, and government and private conservation workers who make up more than 10,000 members world-wide (<http://www.conbio.org>).

Biogeographers have been logical collaborators with SCB but more recently other geographers are becoming involved through the SCB Social Science Working Group, which has over 600 members in over 60 nations (<http://www.conbio.org/workinggroups/sswg/>). Conservation social science sessions linked with the SCB Social Science Working Group have been organized at the last two AAG meetings. For more information, please contact SCB Social Science Working Group geography representative Bill Forbes (forbesw@sfasu.edu). (Contributed by William Forbes, Assistant Professor of Geography, Stephen F. Austin State University Box 13047 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962, 936-468-2373)

THE TENTH CRIME MAPPING RESEARCH CONFERENCE will be held on September 17-20, 2008 at New Orleans, Louisiana and the deadline for submissions of presentations and workshops is January 18. Please see details from the following website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/presentations_neworleans.pdf. Haifeng (Charlie) Zhang, Department of Geog. & Geosciences, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292, Tel: (502) 852-2695, Fax: (502)852-4560

IGU COMMISSION ON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACES, Barcelona 2008 Meeting: “Worlds of new work? Multi-scalar dynamics of ‘new’, ‘transition’ and ‘old’ economy spaces.” *The 2008 theme is intended to offer economic geographers from a wide range of perspectives, countries, contexts and work situations, the opportunity to participate in the Barcelona meeting. Papers are sought that use the conference theme as a strategy to explore fresh dimensions of established understandings, identify new aspects too.*

Deadline of abstracts. Abstracts are required by 24 February 2008

Abstract should be of no more than 250 words. Please, submit electronically by email to the Local Organizers. People submitting abstracts will be notified of the outcome relating to their paper by 31 March. A preliminary program will be available by 30 April. Abstracts should be submitted to: montserrat.pallares@uab.cat

Local organizers. Montserrat Pallares-Barbera, Antonia Casellas, Esteve Dot, Pere Suau. Look for more information on the website http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_commission/

IGU COMMISSION ON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACES, mini-meeting in Oslo on Theoretical Approach to Labour Geography , Norway 14-15 May 2008. Chair: Richard Le Heron, School of Geography & Environmental Sciences, the University of Auckland, Vice Chair: Michael Taylor, Department of Geography, University of Birmingham.

Important Dates:

One page abstract by 1 December 2007

Deadline for registration 28 February 2008

Submission of final papers 30 April 2008

Please submit to local organisers: Hege Merete Knutsen, Department of Sociology and Human Geography University of Oslo, e-mail: h.m.knutsen@sgeo.uio.no. Sylvi B. Endresen, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, e-mail: s.b.endresen@sgeo.uio.no

Conference publications:

Papers presented for this meeting will be considered for Commission publication initiatives.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Yifei Sun (yifei.sun@csun.edu) and Rong Ping Mu are editing a Special Issue on "China's New Innovation-Oriented Strategy" for the *International Journal of Technology Management*. This special issue aims to provide a forum for the discussion of above mentioned topics. Particularly we are interested in studies that are theoretically sound, empirically rich, and policy relevant. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches are welcome. Authors could address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- . Technology transfer to China
- . Foreign R&D operations in China and Chinese firms' overseas R&D activities
- . Reforms of China's national innovation system: higher education system government laboratories, industrial innovations, and venture capital, among others
- . Talent/human resources
- . China's high-tech industries
- . High-tech cluster building

If you are interested, please inform Yifei Sun soon and then submit the full manuscript to him by January 30 2008. The SI is planned to be published in late 2008 or early 2009.

Peilei Fan (fan@ias.unu.edu) is co-guest-editing International Journal of Business and Systems Research (IJBSR) Special issue on: "Chinese strategic management: A systems perspective on the practical aspects and theoretical Reflections" Please contact Peilei Fan for contribution.

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