Timeline of China Geography Specialty Group (CGSG)

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Introduction (By Yifei Sun, 2003)

The purpose of this Timeline is to record the major events in the history of China Geography Specialty Group (CGSG). For each year, I try to include a few items in the report: major prizes and awards to CGSG members, journals with China Geography as the focus, major books published by CGSG members, and conferences on China geography, among others. I also compile a list of CGSG officers from the very beginning (Appendix B). I try to include all “significant” events in the report, though there exist significant gaps in the report particularly in 1980s, because of the lack of information.

Materials included in the Timeline are primarily extracted from the CGSG annual reports and newsletters. During the compiling process, I have received help from many CGSG members. I want to thank Kam Wing Chan, C. Cindy Fan, Larry Ma, Clifton Pannell, Stanley Toops, Gregory Veeck, and Jack Williams for providing valuable information about the history of China Geography Specialty Group. Particularly, I want to thank Clifton Pannell for writing a memo on the early history of our group (Appendix A) and Jack F. Williams for sharing with me his article “Geographers and China” (Issues and Studies, 38(4):217247). Both Clifton and Jack also have provided me the early issues of CGSG newsletters and annual reports. I also want to express my gratitude to the AAG central office for providing numerous volumes of CGSG annual reports and newsletters. Finally, I want to thank many CGSG members for providing information and corrections after the first draft was released in the CGSG 2003 Fall Newsletter. You will see that the report is not complete. If you have more information that you think should be included in the timeline, please let me know and I will make changes accordingly.

Hope you will enjoy the timeline and future CGSG officers will continue the effort.
Respectfully submitted,

Yifei Sun
Vice-Chair
China Geography Specialty Group
The Association of American Geographers
November, 2003
1953

1964

1964-1965

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1969
Yi-fu Tuan. *China*. (Chicago: Aldine)

1970


1971
Laurence J. C. Ma, *Commercial Development and Urban Change in Sung China (960-1279)*. Michigan Geographical Publication No. 6., Department of Geography, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1973


The *Committee on Chinese Geography* (CCG) was established within the AAG structure, and Rhoads Murphey of the University of Michigan was elected to serve as the committee chair.

1974

1976
The journal *China Geographer* started to be published and Christopher L. Salter from UCLA served as the editor.

1977
Allen Noble and Laurence J. C. Ma at the University of Akron organized the first delegation of American geographers to visit the People’s Republic of China.

1978
The *China Geographer* terminated as a journal publication with the Spring, 1978 issue (No. 10) after three years. Westview and Dawson Press agreed to continue publishing *China Geographer* as an annual hardback and C. Pannell served as editor.

A delegation of Chinese Geographers paid a reciprocal visit to a few U.S. universities.

1979
*China Geography Specialty Group* was established in Philadelphia and the CCG was formally terminated accordingly. Laurence J. C. Ma was elected Chair and Franklin Gossette, Secretary/Treasurer.

1980
The first issue of *China Geographer* was published by Westview Press and C. Pannell and C. Salter served as the editors.


1981
L. J.C. Ma and E. W. Hanten (eds.). *Urban Development in Modern China* (Boulder, CO: Westview).


1983

C.W. Pannell (ed.). *East Asia, Geographical and Historical Approaches to Foreign Area Studies*: (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Pub. Co)
1984

1985
R. J. R. Kirkby, Urbanization in China (New York: Columbia University).

Richard L. Edmonds Northern Frontiers of Qing China and Tokugawa Japan: A Comparative Study of Frontier Policy. (Chicago: University of Chicago, Dept. of Geography)

The First Conference on Asian Urbanization, organized by Allen G. Nobel and Laurence J.C. Ma was held at the University of Akron.

The First US-China Symposium on Human Geography was held at Xi’an Foreign language University, Xi’an, China, May 30-June 6. The symposium was cosponsored by Xi’an Foreign language University, Shaanxi Techers University, Committee on Human Geography of the Geographical Society of China, and the Department of Geography, California State University, Northridge. The co-organizers were Prof. Wang Xingzhong of Xi’an Foreign language University and Prof. I-Shou Wang of California State University Northridge.

1986


The special issue on Chinese cities published in Urban Geography was organized and guest-edited by Laurence J. C. Ma and Allen G. Noble.

The Chinese Geography and Development, a formal quarterly journal of translations was started by Shiu-hung Luk and Joseph Whitney (University of Toronto). The journal evolved into Chinese Environment and Development, published by M. E. Sharpe Unfortunately, the journal was terminated in 1996 because of the small market.

1987

1989


1990

The journal of Urban Geography published a theme issue (Vol. 7, No. 4) on Chinese cities contributed primarily by members of CGSG.

CGSG started the annual award to the best student paper at the Baltimore annual meeting. The winner for the first award was Jessica Lee of The Ohio State University and the title for her paper was “The spatial impact of economic development on fertility in China: a rural-urban contrast in Guangdong province.”

Winner for the second award was Pingnan Yuan of the University of Toronto and the title for his paper was “A preliminary investigation of recent desertification on the southern fringe of the Taklamakan desert.”

1991
Stephen S. Young from Clark University won the best student paper and the title for his paper was “Forest conservation in Yunnan, China.”

1992

China Bibliography 1975-1991 was compiled by Roger Selya of the University of Cincinnati with eight other contributors. It contains over 1,000 entries.

The first best student paper was awarded to Ka-Yan Chan, University of Toronto, and the second place was taken by Su Shew-Jiuan, Louisiana University.

Ron Knapp. Chinese Landscapes: The Village as Place. (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press). + Contributions by other geographers, including Li Wei, Greg Veeck, Kit Salter, Catherine Enderton.

1993


The best student paper prize was awarded to Ka-yan Chan, University of Toronto and the second best student paper award went to Shew-Julian Su at Louisiana State University.


The first student paper prize was awarded to Yehua Wei and the second prize was awarded to Andrew Marton.

The Fourth Conference on Asian Urbanization was held in Taipai.

R.M. Selya. *Taipei* (New York: John Wiley and Sons)

1995

Alan A. Lew and Lawrence Yu (eds). *Tourism in China; Geographic, Political, and Economic Perspective* (Westview Press)

1996

Y. M. Yeung was awarded OBE in his contributions to urban and regional studies.

The journal *Chinese Environment and Development* was terminated because of the small market.


1997

The best student paper prize was awarded to Alana Boland of the University of Washington.

The Fifth Conference on Asian Urbanization was held in London.
The Second US-China Symposium on Human Geography was held June 23-25, 1997 at Xi’an Foreign language University, Xi’an, China. The symposium was co-sponsored by Xi’an Foreign Language University, The Committee on Human Geography of the geographical Society of China, the Department of Geography, California State University Northridge, and the Association of American Geographers. The co-organizers were Prof. Wang Xingzhong of Xi’an Foreign language University and Prof. I-Shou Wang of California State University Northridge.

George C.S. Lin. Red Capitalism in South China (Vancouver: UBC Press)

Anthony Gar-On Yeh, Xueqiang Xu and Xiaopei Yan (eds.). Urban Planning and Planning Education under Economic Reform in China (Hong Kong: Centre for Urban Planning and Environment Management, University of Hong Kong)


1998


Almost 300 geographers met at The Chinese University of Hong Kong on the theme of China Towards the 21st Century, with about 200 geographers from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau.

George C.S. Lin was awarded the Outstanding teaching Award by the University of Hong Kong.

Youqin Huang was awarded the best student paper.


Tim Oakes. Tourism and Modernity in China (London: Routledge)

1999
Laurence J. C. Ma was selected by the Alumni Association of the University of Akron to receive the Outstanding Researcher Reward.

Chris Smith. China in the Post-Utopian Age: Space, Society, and the Four Modernizations (Harper-Collins)

Anthony Gar-On Yeh (ed). *Bibliography on Socio-Economic Development and Urban Development in China* (Hong Kong: Centre for Urban Planning and Environment Management, University of Hong Kong)

2000


The best student paper prize was awarded to Ta Liu of University of Washington for his paper entitled “Understanding Socialist Migration from Institutional Perspective: the Case of Rustification Movement of China.”

SUNY Albany started the Urban China Research Network, with funding for three years from Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which supports a variety of research activities related to China.


Si-ming Li and Wing-shing Tang (eds). *China’s Regions, Polity, and Economy* (Hong Kong: The Chinese University Press)

Ron Knapp. *China’s Walled Cities* (Oxford University press)

Ron Knapp. *China’s Old Dwellings* (University of Hawaii Press)

Andrew M. Marton. *China’s Spatial Economic Development: Restless Landscapes in the Lower Yangzi Delta* (London: Routledge)

David R. Meyer. *Hong Kong as a Global Metropolis* (Cambridge, New York : Cambridge University Press)


Anthony Gar-On Yeh and Mee Kam Ng (eds). *Planning for a Better Urban Living Environment in Asia* (Aldershot, England ; Burlington, VT: Ashgate)

2001

Carolyn Cartier, *Globalizing South China* (Oxford: Blackwell)

2002


George C.S. Lin was awarded the Outstanding Young Researcher Award from the University of Hong Kong.

The Department of Geography, California State University Northridge hosted an International Conference on Human Geography, the Third US.-China International Symposium on Human Geography.

The journal *Post-Soviet geography and Economics* was retitled *Eurasian geography and Economics*. Cindy Fan and Clifton Pannell served as the co-editors.

*Environment and Planning A* Published two consecutive theme issues (Vol. 34, Nos 9 and 10) on China Geography guest edited by George C.S. Lin and Yehua Dennis Wei and contributed primarily by members of CGSG.

B.A. Weightman, *Dragons and Tigers: A Geography of South, East and Southeast Asia* (New York: John Wiley and Sons)


Y. M. Yeung was awarded a SBS (Silver Bauhina Star) by the HKSAR government for his advice on planning, housing and land.

2003


Susan Walcott, *Chinese Science and Technology Industrial Parks*. (Aldershot: Ashgate)
Yehua Dennis Wei was awarded the Excellence in Research Award by the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Anthony G. O. Yeh, has been conferred the prestigious title of Academician (Yuanshi) by The Chinese Academy of Science.

The best student paper prize was awarded to Angela Leung of University of Washington for her paper entitled “The role of technology and knowledge in FDI and economic development: A case study in Shenzhen, China.” and the travel award went to Wei Tu, Texas A&M University for his paper “Toward sustainable urban environmental management: The case of Shanghai.”

The Seventh Asian Urbanization Conference, organized by Clifton Pannell, was held at the University of Georgia.

Laurence J. C. Ma and Carolyn Cartier (eds). The Chinese Diaspora: Space, Place and, Mobility and Identity (Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group)


Weng, Q. and Yehua Dennis Wei (Guest Editors) "Land Use and Land Cover Changes in China under the Reform and Globalization", a special issue of Asian Geographer, 22(1-2).

2004


Yehua Dennis Wei received the Outstanding Young Scientist Award from Natural Science Foundation of China.

2005

Laurence J.C. Ma and Fulong Wu (eds.) Restructuring the Chinese City (London: Routledge).

2006


Fulong Wu (ed) Globalization and the Chinese City (London: Routledge)

Yehua Dennis Wei received the 2006 Distinguished Scholar Award from the AAG's Regional Development & Planning Specialty Group (RDPSG).

Qihao Weng received the Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Award, Indiana State University, 2006 (the university's highest research honor bestowed to faculty)

The 2006 Outstanding Service Award recipient was Jack Williams (Michigan State University)

The 2006 Best Student Paper Award was presented to Jun Zhang (University of Minnesota) for his paper titled “Self-organization and Political-construction: A Comparison of Internet Cluster Development in Beijing and Shanghai.” The Student Travel Awards were presented to Mingjie Sun (UCLA) for her paper titled “Regional Inequality in Post-Reform China: Changing Spatial Disparity and Its Determinants” and Paul Hammond (University of Missouri) for his paper titled “Community Eclipse in Shanghai’s Lilong.”

2007

This year the CGSG sponsored/co-sponsored 23 paper sessions this year, including two key panels to facilitate dialogues between China geographers and others.

Best Student Paper award goes to Zhiling Liu, Cornell University for her paper "Beyond the growth coalition: the case of economic and comfortable housing program."

Travel Award winner is Sin Yih Teo, University of British Columbia. Her paper is titled "Canadian 'Sea Turtles' in China: The Return of a Chinese Diaspora?"


In Memory of Professor C.P Lo
On December 30, 2007, Chor-pang “C.P.” Lo, 1939-2007 Chor-pang “C.P.” Lo died in Athens, Georgia following a long illness with lung cancer. At the time of his death he was Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia where he had been teaching since 1984.

2008

CGSG sponsored/co-sponsored 23 paper sessions, including two key panels to facilitate dialogues between China geographers and others.
**Best Student Paper award** went to Cassandra C. Wang, The University of Hong Kong for her paper "Emerging Geography of the ICT Industry in China: Insight from the 2004 Economic Census."

**Travel Award winners** were Chuncui Velma Fan, University of California, Los Angeles, for her paper titled “Changing Patterns of Rural Youth Migration in China: A 1995 and 2005 Comparison,” and Jenn Lee Smith, University of California, Los Angeles, for her paper titled “Gender Preference: Factors Influencing Sex Ratio Variation across Provinces in China”.

**Philippe Foret** (University of Nottingham) has been appointed as an associate professor at the new School of Contemporary Chinese Studies.


**Darrin Magee** (Hobart & William Smith Colleges), as a Co-PI, has secured $750,000 NSF grant to study social, ecological, and geopolitical impacts of large dams in China (along with colleagues at Colby College, Oregon State, and Yunnan University in China.

**Qihao Weng** (Indiana State University) was recently awarded a NASA senior fellowship, which allows him to take a research leave working on the environmental impacts of urbanization and public/environmental health.

**Anthony Yeh**, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and world-renowned scholar of The University of Hong Kong (HKU), was selected the winner of the 2008 UN-HABITAT Lecture Award - the highest international acclaims in the town planning field. The award is to recognize outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in human settlements development and planning.

**2009**

CGSG sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 29 paper/panel sessions for the 2009 AAG Annual meeting, LAS VEGAS, including the first joint panel with Asian Geography Specialty Group on Asian Century.

**Carolyn Cartier** (USC) is leaving USC to join the staff of University of Technology Sydney’s China Research Centre.

**Ron Knapp** (SUNY New Paltz) is finishing a new book, *Chinese Houses in Southeast Asia: Eclectic Architecture of Sojourners and Settlers.*

**George Lin** (University of Hong Kong): After a decade-long of research and writing

**Kin Ma** (Grand Valley State University) will receive tenure at the Department of Geography and Planning at Grand Valley State University

*The Berkshire Encyclopedia of China* was published on May 1, 2009. This five-volume, 2,800 page work includes contributions by nearly a dozen members of the China Geography Specialty Group, and includes one of our members, **Greg Veeck**, on its editorial board.

**Fulong Wu** (University of Cardiff) edited a special issue of *Built Environment* (together with Duanfang Lu) entitled *The Transition of Chinese Cities* (vol. 34, No. 4).

**Emily Yeh** (University of Colorado) has been awarded a National Science Foundation, Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems grant for “Collaborative Research: Determinants of grassland dynamics in the Tibetan highlands: livestock, wildlife, and the culture and political economy of pastoralism” as part of a research team.

**Dennis Yehua Wei** (University of Utah) received Distinguished Service Awards from both Asian Geography SG and Regional Development and Planning SG.

**Yu Zhou** (Vassar College) became Chair of the department of Earth Science and Geography at Vassar College.

**Best Student Paper Award** went to Francine F.X. Yi, The University of Hong Kong, “Urban Land Development and Local Public Finance in China’s Urbanization.”

**Student Travel Grant Awards** went to Pengfei Li, Peking University, “Evolutionary Processes of Interactive Learning: Aluminum Extrusion Industry in Dali, Guangdong Province, China” and Jessica Wilczek, University of Toronto, “Migrants Troubled by Lack of Sex: The Politics of Solicitude for Migrant Workers in Contemporary China.”

**Outstanding Service Award** was presented to Kam Wing Chan, University of Washington, 2010

CGSG sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 34 sessions for the 2010 AAG Annual meeting, including a plenary session with **David M. Lampton**; “Chinese power: what it means for America and the world?” For the first time, we organized a plenary session featuring Professor David Lampton. Prof. Lampton is the Dean of Faculty at School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, and was the founding director of China Policy Program at Nixon Center and American Enterprise Institute.

Professors **Guo Chen** and **Shenjing He** organized five sessions on “Right to the City”. Similarly, Prof. **Yehua Dennis Wei** and his colleagues organized five sessions on “China and Globalization”. Increasing environmental concerns in China and the concern about global environmental changes bring more papers, resulting in five sessions related to environmental issues (organized by
Professors Yingkui Li, Chaolu Yi, and Qihao Weng). It is also worthy to note that we organized two sessions of “Author Meets Critics”.

It was with great sadness that we learned that Professor Mei-ling Hsu passed away in May 2009 (AAG newsletter Sept 2009). She served as a CGSG chair between 1995 and 1996. She was the first female Chinese geographer in any subfields of geography in the US. Yu Zhou wrote a tribute to Mei-ling published on the CGSG winter newsletter.

**Best Student Paper Award** went to Anthony Howell, Department of Geography, UCLA, for his paper titled “The Emergence of Local Labor Markets in Xinjiang, China: Theoretical considerations and empirical evidence that examines Han-Uighur employment variation in Urumqi’s private service sector.”

**Student Travel Awards** went to Xiaochu Hu, School of Public Policy, George Mason University for “Occupations, Geographic Migration Patterns, and Age: a Case Study of Migrants from Bozhou, China”, and Leqian Yu, Geography Department, University of Toronto, for “Social Standards and Daily Practice of Microcredit Programs: a Case Study in Inner Mongolia, China”

Professor Jack Williams recently retired from Michigan State University. However, he is keeping one foot in the field by teaching in Taiwan and HK in recent years.

Stockholm University has appointed Philippe Forêt professor with an affiliation to the Department of Asian Languages.


Yifei Sun has been promoted to full professor at California State University, Northridge (CSUN).

Peilei Fan (Michigan State University) is a Lead PI (Co-Is: Joseph Messina, Nathan Moore, Jianjun Ge, and Peter Verburg) to conduct a project on “China's Urbanization and its Sustainability under Future Climate Change. The project is funded by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with a total budget of $621,496.

Xinyue Ye (Bowling Green State University) began a joint tenure-track assistant professor position between Center for Regional Department and School of Earth, Environment and Society at Bowling Green State University starting from August 2009.

**2011**

The China Specialty Group directly organized 25 paper sessions and panels, and sponsored/co-sponsored a total of 37 sessions for the 2011 Annual Meeting, Seattle.

Roger C K Chan is appointed as Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.

Zhilin Liu, was promoted to associate professor in School of Public Policy and
Management, Tsinghua University,

**Darrin Magee** received a $400,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to support enhancing Asian Environmental Studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

**George Lin** (University of Hong Kong) is pleased to report that his book *Developing China: Land, Politics, and Social Conditions* (London: Routledge, 2009) has been reprinted into a paperback version with a much lower price (ISBN: 978-0-415-66613-8).

The outstanding service award was presented to Yehua Dennis Wei, University of Utah

The best student paper award was presented to Hao Huang, University of Utah

The travel awards were presented to Yueming Zhang, University of Hong Kong, and Huimin Du, Hong Kong Baptist University

2012
The China Specialty Group Sponsored nearly 40 sessions this year in New York.

The outstanding service award was presented to George Lin, University of Hong Kong

The best student paper award was presented to Huimin Du, Hong Kong Baptist University

The travel awards were presented to Xin Dong, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Yingru Li University of Utah.

Cindy Fan (UCLA) has been appointed interim Vice Provost for International Studies at UCLA. She is co-PI of a $750,000 Mellon grant to develop a sustainable plan for area and international studies. Cindy has also been selected to receive two prestigious awards: the American Council on Education Fellowship, and UCLA’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Wen Lin joined the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology at Newcastle University as Lecturer in Human Geography this Spring.

Tim Oakes (University of Colorado, Boulder) has been appointed Director of the Center for Asian Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder.


Weiping Wu (Tufts University) and Piper Gaubatz (UMass Amherst) have a new book coming out in September 2012 by Routledge titled *The Chinese City*
Li An (San Diego State University) received funding ($1.3 million) for research in Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve (FNNR), China from the NSF program “Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems” for 4 years from 2012 to 2016.

Natacha Aveline-Dubach (CEFC, French Center for Research on Contemporary China) has published “Invisible population, the place of the dead in East Asian Cities”, Lexington books, 2012. She also received a new grant from the French Research Agency on Expansion of market finance and urban development in Asia, the case of China and India. It covers 3 years of research with 290 000 Euros.

Afton Clarke-Sather began a new position this fall as an assistant professor in the Geography Department at the University of Delaware.

Shenjing He (Sun Yat-Sen University) and Guo Chen (Michigan State University). The triple sessions on Right to the Chinese City organized by Chen and He back in the AAG meeting 2010 resulted in a theme issue titled “Interrogating unequal rights to the Chinese city” for Environment and Planning A (December 2012).

Ron Knapp (SUNY New Paltz) is the author of a new book coming out this fall. The Peranakan Chinese Home: Art and Culture in Daily Life (Tuttle)

Stanley Toops (Miami University) is a coauthor of The Routledge Atlas of Central Eurasian Affairs. Besides Central Asia, the Atlas provides coverage of Tibet, Qinghai, Xinjiang, Mongolia and the Caucasus.


Samara, Tony, He, Shenjing and Guo Chen (eds.), 2013. Locating Right to the City in the Global South: Transnational Urban Governance and Socio-spatial Transformations. Routledge.

2013 CGSG sponsored 65 sessions and panels during this year’s AAG Meeting in Los Angeles.

This year’s CGSG Best Student Paper Award was presented to Ian Rowen (University of Colorado), for his paper titled “for “Tourism and Territoriality in Taiwan and China.”

This year’s Travel Awards went to Haifeng Liao (University of Utah), for his paper titled “When do TNCs want to cooperate with domestic firms in innovation? An investigation of the ICT industry in Suzhou, China,” and Yueming Zhang (Clark University), for her paper titled “Remapping the City, Reproduction of Space, and Local State Reterritorialization: A District Merger Case.”

The outstanding service award was presented to Yu Zhou (Vassar College).

The CGSG newsletter went in color this year (design by Guo Chen, from Fall 2012)!
Werner Breitung has joined the Department of Urban Planning and Design of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University - an international university based in Suzhou. He keeps an affiliation with Sun Yatsen University in Guangzhou.

Tim Oakes (University of Colorado, Boulder) was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for his project “Re-ordering public space, governing urban citizens: evaluating the effects of urban spatial transformation.”


Jun Zhang (National University of Singapore) will join the Department of Geography and Program in Planning at University of Toronto.

Pengfei Li is now a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.


Memorial to Hou Renzhi, 1911-2013
CGSG expresses great sadness over the passing of prominent Chinese historical geographer Hou Renzhi in Beijing on Oct. 22, 2013, 2:50pm.

2014
The CGSG sponsored 30 sessions this year in Tampa.

The Outstanding Paper Award was presented to Yuqi Liu (University College London) for her paper “Neighborhood Attachment, Neighbourly Interaction and Community Participation within the Concept of Urban Village Redevelopment: A Cast Study of Guangzhou, China”.

Travel awards were presented to Hao Huang (University of Utah) and Huimin Du (Hong Kong Baptist University).

The CGSG received no nomination for the outstanding service award this year.

Kam Wing Chan (Professor, University of Washington) was awarded a University Fellowship and spent a productive semester at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Guo Chen received a National Geographic Society (NGS) Research and Exploration Grant for her project “The 'Hidden' Geography of China's Slums: A Geographic and Visual Exploration.”

Cindy Fan’s book titled ‘China on the Move’ has been translated into Chinese.

Anthony Howell will start a new faculty position in Fall 2014 as an assistant professor in the School of Economics at Peking University.
Youqin Huang (Associate Professor, SUNY Albany) received a grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Program of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to study “The Impact of Migration on Children”, grant number: R03HD074671 (2013-2015)

Wenfei Winnie Wang (Lecturer, University of Bristol) has recently been awarded a 414K GBP ESRC grant on the “Impact of Urban-rural Return Migration on Rural Development in China - with Implications for Vietnam”.


Shyu-tu Lee and Jack F. Williams (eds.). 2014. Taiwan's Struggle: Voices of the Taiwanese, Lanham, Maryland, Rowman & Littlefield.

A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S. is in in press and available soon (May). The book is edited by Rudi Hartmann and Jing’ai Wang.

Kam Wing Chan (Professor, Geography, U of Washington) was a visiting fellow at the Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Alan A. Lew received a two-year grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo foundation to examine the relationship between sustainability and resilience as planning paradigms in four rural communities in Taiwan.


2015

The CGSG sponsored 61 sessions this year in Chicago. This year also marked the CGSG becoming the second largest country/region-based specialty group of the AAG (next to Latin American SG membership)

The CGSG launched its new, permanent website at www.cgsg.geo.msu.edu, a group effort by the board, former and current webmasters, and staff at MSU. Design by Guo Chen.
CGSG restarted the **China Specialty Group Plenary Series** this year in Chicago by bringing in two speakers, Dr. David Ley (Canada Research Chair in Geography, University of British Columbia) and Dr. Kenneth Pomeranz (University Professor of Modern Chinese History and in the College, University of Chicago), with sponsorship from a number of specialty groups and the AAG Enrichment Awards, hopefully to make the plenary a yearly event.

**The Outstanding Paper Award** was presented to Ding Fei (University of Minnesota - Twin Cities) for her paper “Comparative Labor Experiences with ‘China in Africa’: Evidence from Zhongxing Telecommunication Equipment and Lifan Group in Ethiopia”. **Travel awards** were presented to Yang, Xin (Peking University) and Lucas Reyes (Undergraduate from Humboldt State University)

The CGSG received no nomination for the outstanding service award this year.

**Natacha Aveline** (CNRS-Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne) has been granted two new research grants: 1) PI of “New pathways for sustainable urban development in China’s medium-sized cities”, and 2) WP leader of an ODESSA project, funded by the Euro-China UPC.

**David W. Edgington** (University of British Columbia) conducted field research in Shanghai.

**Cindy Fan** (UCLA) was invited to speak at the “China Development Forum” of the London School of Economics and at a Presidential Panel for the “International Education Business Summit” organized by City Club Los Angeles. She joined Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti’s first Asia Trade Mission and led a UCLA delegation to India. Cindy attended the Boao Forum in Hainan, spoke at the University of California Education Abroad Program’s 50th Anniversary in Hong Kong, participated in a Deans/Provosts Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Language Flagship in Oklahoma, and attended the Doha Forum in Qatar.

**Rudi Hartman** (University of Colorado, Denver), **Jing’ai Wang** (Beijing Normal University), and **Dietrich Soyez** (Geographisches Institut der Universität zu Köln) will participate in the 2015 National Conference on Geography Education in Washington, D.C., presenting papers and organizing a session.

**Qihao Weng** (Indiana State University) has been selected to receive the **2015 AAG Willard and Ruby S. Miller Award**, for his outstanding record of teaching and research.

**Dennis Wei** (University of Utah) organized five sessions in this year’s AAG meeting titled Spatial Inequality, including papers on Asia. He is finishing up editing a spatial issue in *Applied Geography* titled Spatiality of Regional Inequality, and is currently editing two more special issues: Spatial Inequality in Asia in Geographic Review and Urban Land and Sustainable Development in Sustainability.

**Fulong Wu** (University College London) edited a virtual issue on Chinese Cities in IJURR (http://www.ijurr.org/virtual-issues/chinese-cities/). He organized four “Thinking the Urban from...” sessions for the 2015 AAG Meeting in Chicago.
In Memory of Professor Chial-Min Hsieh
CGSG expresses great sadness over the passing of Chial-Min Hsieh (Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Pittsburgh)
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