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NACSA 2001 Conference a Success!

Co-organized by Che-Fu Lee and Dudley Poston, the NACSA 2001 Conference was held in Anaheim, California, on August 17, 2001, one day before the ASA Annual Meeting. The theme of the conference was "Globalization and Regional Development: An Asian-Pacific Focus." The conference program consisted of six sessions: (1) Globalization and Regional Development, (2) Migration and Social Mobility, (3) Family Structure and Change, (4) Challenges in Conducting Field Work in China, (5) Fertility and Childbearing, and (6) Economic Reforms and Transitions. Some twenty papers were delivered. In addition, several panelists including Yanjie Bian, Che-Fu Lee, and Nan Lin discussed how to do field work in China at an intriguing panel organized and chaired by John Logan. All sessions were well attended. Participants hailed from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan as well as the United States and Canada. Following the past tradition, the one-day conference concluded with a dinner at an Anaheim Chinese restaurant.

In terms of the number of panels and papers presented, the quality and diversity of papers, attendance, and organization, the 2001 Conference was a success. The conference co-organizers, session chairs, presenters, and participants all contributed to the success of the conference. We are especially grateful to Dudley Poston and his students who actively participated in it and provided indispensable services for it.

Contributed by Philip Yang

Results of Board of Directors Election

The NACSA is pleased to announce that as a result of the election held November-December 2001, Yanjie Bian and Eric Fong were elected new members of the Board of Directors. They will serve a 2-year term beginning in January 2002.

As we warmly welcome Yanjie and Eric on the Board, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the two outgoing Board members (Che-Fu Lee and Ping Chun Hshung) for their excellent services for the NACSA over the past few years. We will continue to turn to them for advice and counsel.

Contributed by Philip Yang

Yanjie Bian Elected the 7th NACSA President

According to Article I. NAME of the By-law, "NACSA is a North America-based global networked organization of sociologists of Chinese and non-Chinese ethnic background. These sociologists not only are based in the United States and Canada but spread across China, Hong

Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, and elsewhere." Article IV. OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the By-law states that "The President shall be elected from the Board of Directors for a term of two years," but the By-law does not require a U.S. residence for the President. Guided by these principles of the By-law, the Board of Directors held a secret ballot, following the election of the new Board members. Yanjie Bian was unanimously elected the 7th president of the NACSA. His two-year term began January 1, 2002.

Contributed by Philip Yang

Announcements

Small Grant Competition

The Urban China Research Network (directed by John Logan, University at Albany) announces the fourth round of competition for its small grant program, with applications due by March 1, 2002. Grants of up to \$3000 (for graduate students in any country) or \$5000 (for new faculty in Chinese institutions) are intended to support original studies of any aspect of urbanization and urban life in China. Six awards were made in the Fall 2001 round, including students from Zhongshan University, Wuhan University, and the University of Denver, and faculty at Peking University, East China Normal University, and Chongqing Medical University. For information, link to: <http://www.albany.edu/mumford/chinanet>.

Job Opportunity in Hong Kong

Hong Kong Baptist University. Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor (PR006/2002)

The appointee is expected to teach both classical and contemporary sociological theory. Candidates must be able to effectively combine theory with research, teaching, and practical community application. Areas of specialization are open, although research experience in Hong Kong or other Chinese contexts is preferred. Applicants should have a PhD degree and a track record in research, publications, and teaching. Proficiency in both English and Chinese is preferred.

Salary Scale: (approximately US\$1 = HK\$7.8)

HK\$48,495 - \$71,295 per month

Terms of Appointment: The appointment will commence in September 2002. The appointee will initially be offered a fixed-term contract of three years. Benefits include contribution by the University to a retirement benefits scheme and/or a gratuity payable upon satisfactory completion of contract (totaling up to 15% of basic salary), annual leave, medical & dental benefits for appointee & family, and housing allowance where applicable. Re-appointment thereafter is subject to mutual agreement.

Application Procedure: Application, together with updated curriculum vitae, copies of transcripts/testimonials should be sent to the Personnel Office, Hong Kong Baptist University,

Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong [Fax: (852) 2339-5001; E-mail: recruit@hkbu.edu.hk]. Application forms can be obtained by downloading from: [<http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~pers>]. Applicants are requested to send in samples of publications, preferably three best ones out of their most recent publications. Applicants should also request two referees to send in confidential reference to the Personnel Office direct. *Please quote PR number on the application, confidential reference letters and any subsequent correspondence.* Details of the University's Personal Information Collection Statement can be found at [<http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~pers/job>].

Closing Date: 7 February 2002

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment for the posts advertised, and the appointment will be made according to the terms & conditions then applicable at the time of offer.

East Asia Council of Canadian Asian Studies Association (EAC-CASA)

Workshop

March 1-2, 2002

Rozsa Centre, University of Calgary

Organizer: Dr. Josephine Smart (smart@ucalgary.ca)

Globalization, Regional Security, and the New Economies in East Asia

The ever increasing integration of geographical regions and diverse cultures through trade, migration flows, mobility of capital and labour, tourism, transnationalism, and cultural diffusion have created a multiplicity of reality that is best summed up as plural globalities in multiple localities. The complex interaction between local and global forces generates diverse phenomena and consequences for populations and countries across geographical and national boundaries. What are the short-term and long-term impacts of the September 2001 New York tragedy on East Asian economies and regional securities? What can we expect when China becomes a member of the World Trade Organization? Is the on-going economic stagnation in Japan a likely de-stabilizing factor for trade and development in Asia? How does the recent decline in the electronic and computer industry in Taiwan affect the flow of Asian investments to Asia and North America? What is the likely long-term situation of illegal PRC-Chinese immigration to Asian countries and North America? Is the recent alarm about the growth of AIDS in China an over-reaction or is it going to be the major burden of health care in East Asia in the next decade? Is Hong Kong a dying economy to be replaced by Shanghai? What roles do North and South Korea play in the changing configuration of global production and consumption? This workshop aims at bringing together a group of informed scholars, graduate students, and interested public to engage in a discussion of the fast changing political, social and economic situations in East Asian countries and the complex ramifications for regional security and economic development.

Confirmed speakers at this workshop as of November 14th, 2001 are Mr. Gregory Chin (CIDA),

Professor Michael Donnelly (Asian Institute, Toronto), Professor Bernard Frolic (Joint Centre of Asia Pacific Studies, York/Toronto), Dr Satoshi Ikeda (Alberta), Professor Ronald Keith (Calgary), Dr. Yuen Pau Woo (Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada), and Dr. Yu Zhou (Vassar College, USA). DFAIT (Department of Foreign Affairs) is expected to send a speaker to this workshop.

Graduate Student Participation

Doctoral students in their final stages of thesis preparation and post-doctoral students are invited to make a presentation at this workshop. A 500-word paper abstract should be submitted to Dr. Josephine Smart by e-mail <smart@ucalgary.ca> on or before December 21st, 2001. Selected student paper presenters will be offered a travel bursary up to \$400 per person and coverage of local cost in Calgary. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-January, 2002.

Submission of Paper Proposal

Faculty members and community members interested in making a presentation at this workshop are invited to submit an abstract to Dr. Smart by e-mail <smart@ucalgary.ca> on or before December 21st, 2001. Presenters of selected voluntary papers at this workshop are responsible for their travel and local costs.

Registration Fees

Registration for this workshop will commence after January 1st, 2002. A registration form will be available at the CASA web page. The fee structure is as follows:

CASA members	\$75 (regular)
\$25 (students)	
Non-CASA members	\$100 (regular)
\$50 (students)	

The registration fee covers two lunches, 4 coffee breaks and a reception (6-7 pm, Rozsa Centre, March 1st, 2002).

The workshop banquet is held on March 1st, 2002 (Friday) and costs \$30 per person. It will be a 9-course Chinese banquet at the Harbour City Restaurant (302 Centre St. S, Calgary, 403-269-8888) in the heart of Calgary Chinatown, wine is included in the dinner cost. Dinner will begin at 8 pm.

There is a post-conference dinner on March 2nd, 2002 (Saturday). The costs is \$30 per person. It may be Korean or Japanese food. Details are to be worked out.

CASA membership

All presenters at this workshop must be members of CASA in good standing. Please sign up for membership in the CASA website (www.casa.umontreal.ca).

Conference Hotels

The following special rates have been negotiated for workshop participants. The quoted rates do not include taxes (5% Alberta Hotel Room Tax and 7% GST). You are advised to make your reservation as soon as possible in order to get the special rate.

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Reservation Code</i>	<i>Room Rates</i>	<i>Airport Transport</i>
Hyatt Regency 700 Centre St. S	1-800-233-1234 East Asia Council Workshop cutoff date: Jan 28, 2002	Single/double \$110 Business plan \$145 Regency Club \$160	by taxi (under \$25) or Airporter
Fairmont Palliser 133-9 Ave SW	1-800-441-1414 U of Calgary / UOFCC cutoff date: Jan 27, 2002	Fairmont \$99 Fairmont deluxe \$124 Calgary Premier \$149 Entree Gold \$184	by taxi (under \$25) or Airporter
Hampton Inn & Suites 2231 Banff Tr. NW	1-888-HAMPTON U of Calgary cutoff date: Feb 1, 2002	Single/double \$74 King Study \$84 King Suite \$104 Breakfast included with room rate.	Hotel shuttle bus available.

Both Hyatt and Palliser are located downtown and are well served by public transit and all other amenities. The C-Train will take you directly to the campus (get off at the University Station and turn left after exit), the fare is \$1.75 per trip. The Hampton Inn & Suites is 20-minute walk from the campus and one stop by C-Train. There are restaurants and bars nearby within short walking distance. All three hotels offer deluxe accommodations. Budget travellers can find lower cost accommodations in Calgary by using hotel discounters on the web or calling the hotels directly to ask for the best rate.

Travel to Calgary

Ms Pen Quet of Integrity Travel Ltd. of Calgary is the designated travel agent for this workshop. You can use your own travel agent, if you choose to use Ms Quet's service, you save yourself the usual service charge (\$10-35/ticket) because CASA has paid a flat charge for Ms Quet's service. Pen has looked after my travel arrangement for years to my great satisfaction, she is most experienced and patient. She can be reached by e-mail at penquet@hotmail.com or (403) 265-1777 or 1-800-418-1777. Her fax number is (403) 265-1443. Make sure you are part of the East

Asia Council Workshop at the University of Calgary when you make your reservation so that you won't be charged for the service. Out-of-town participants are advised to arrive in Calgary on February 28th, 2002 (Thursday) in order to catch the workshop which begins at 8:00 am on Friday March 1st, 2002.

The University of Calgary

The University of Calgary is located on 2500 University Drive, NW, Calgary. Parking on campus is limited and participants are encouraged to take the C-train (Brentwood - Anderson Line) and get off at the University Station. There will be signs directing you to the Rozsa Centre once you leave the C-train station. The Rozsa Centre is located across from the Student Union building. A University of Calgary campus map will be included in your registration package.

Notes on Folks

Xiaotian Feng has moved to Nanjing University. His new contact information is: Professor Xiaotian Feng, Sociology Department, Nanjing University, Nanjing, Jiangsu 210093, P.R. of China; Email: xtfeng@yahoo.com; Tel: 86-25-3595711(o), 86-25-6212455(h), Fax:86-25-3594343

Professor Feng published the following books in 2001:

1. *Methods of Social Research* (Beijing: Chinese People University Press);
2. *Methods of Survey Research*, Second Edition (Wuhan: Huazhong University of Science & Technology Press);
3. *Questionnaire Design in Survey Research*, Second Edition (Tianjing: Tianjing People's Press).

John Logan announces the publication of *The New Chinese City: Globalization and Market Reform* (Blackwell). This volume brings together studies by urban scholars in several disciplines, several of whom are based in China. Topics include impacts of globalization on China's system of cities, the incorporation of migrants in cities and effects of return migration in rural areas, the changing political economy of land development and urban restructuring, and cross-border issues in the Pearl River Delta. Early versions of many of these essays were presented at a conference in Shanghai in 1999 on The Future of Chinese Cities. For more information, contact Blackwell Publishers: <http://www.blackwellpub.com/asp/book.asp?ref=0631229477>. Blackwell's web page allows you to view the editor's introductory chapter and a detailed table of contents.

Wen-hui Tsai's book *Class Struggle and Deviant Labeling in Mao's China: Becoming Enemies of the People* was published by Edwin Mellen of New York, 296 pages, in November 2001.

Lihua Wang recently completed her policy evaluation of "Happiness (Xing Fu) Project" in China. Supported by the Institute of International Education, she conducted her fieldwork in China in June, 2001. Her research is designed to evaluate government poverty reduction policies through studying the Happiness Project that was implemented in 1995. She selected two villages with different outcomes in implementing the Happiness Project in Xuanhan County, Sichuan Province. Two important discoveries in her research include the changes in official population control strategy and a two-fold agenda of the Happiness Project. Since the 1990s, the key element of official population control has shifted from an administrative orientation to a "service" oriented policy. The slogan "Three Integrations" (san jie he) suggests the major change in official strategy. Guided by the "Three Integrations", the National Population Planing Commission and other official organizations have implemented the Happiness Project as an example of the new policy. As a result, the Happiness Project pursues a two-fold agenda. Although the Project targets rural women in poverty, the poorest women and middle-aged women in the village did not benefit from the official program. Since the Project is focused on one child policy and the participants' capability of returning their loans to the village, educational level and age have become primary criteria in the official selection process. If you are interested in her research please email her at l.wang@neu.edu.

Fenggang Yang published the following articles with Helen Rose Ebaugh in 2001: "Religion and Ethnicity among New Immigrants: The Impact of Majority/Minority Status in Home and Host Countries." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 40 (3): 367-378; "A Brief Analysis of the Social History and Current Status of Chinese Religions in the United States" (in Chinese), pp. 111-121 in *Pluralist China and Christianity*, edited by Wang Zhongxin. Scarborough, Ontario: CCIC.

He also published the following articles in a Chinese bimonthly magazine printed in Beijing: "Chinese Religions in North America," *Religions in China* 26 (1): 51-53; "Confucianism and Daoism in North America," *Religions in China* 26 (2): 52-53; "The Religious Factor in the U.S. Presidential Election in 2000," *Religions in China* 26 (3): 37-40.

Fenggang Yang delivered the following invited presentations: "This World Is Not My Home: Religions and Cultures of Chinese Immigrants," Asian Pacific American Studies Program, the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., September 6, 2001; "Transformations of New Immigrant Religions and Their Global Implications," part of the Brown-Bag Lecture Series, Life Cycle Institute, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., September 7, 2001; "The Moral/Spiritual Development in China Today," at the symposium on "Nourishing the Spirit: Social Change and Spiritual Development in China Today," Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Culture, University of San Francisco, February 12, 2001; "Dividing and Unifying Factors in Chinese Christian Churches in America," symposium on "Chinese American Spirituality: Multi-Challenges Facing the Chinese American Churches," Alliance Theological Seminary, New York, December 7-8, 2001; "Is The Scientific Study of Religion Possible?" symposium on "Christian Studies and the University," The Center for the Study of Christianity in China, Hong Kong Baptist University, December 19-21, 2001. Also, he is going to teach a course on Sociology of Religion for graduate students in sociology at the People's University of China on December 17, 2001-January 12, 2002.

Philip Yang was awarded a National Science Foundation grant of \$57,013 for his project on "Educational Attainment of Asian Americans: A Generational Approach." He also received an

honor as Texas Woman's University Chancellor's Research Fellow for 2001-2002.

Jie Zhang, Jill M. Norvilitis, and Shenghua Jin published an article entitled "Measuring Gender Orientation with the Bem Sex Role Inventory in Chinese Culture" in *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research* 44(3/4): 237-251, in 2001.

Dingxin Zhao received the American Sociological Association's Asia and Asian America Section Outstanding Book Award for 2001, for his book *The Power of Tiananmen: State-Society Relations and the 1989 Beijing Student Movement* (University of Chicago Press, 2001). He also received an Honorable Mention for 2001 Political Sociology best article given by the American Sociological Association's Political Science Section for the article "State-Society Relations and Patterns of Activities during the 1989 Beijing Student Movement" (*American Journal of Sociology*, 2000).

Min Zhou, Professor of Sociology, is currently Chair of the Asian American Studies Interdepartmental Degree Program at UCLA. She published a number of articles and book chapters on immigration and the second generation in 2001, some of which include:

Zhou, Min. 2001. "Contemporary Immigration and the Dynamics of Race and Ethnicity." Pp. 198-240 in Neil Smelser, William Julius Wilson, and Faith Mitchell (eds.), *America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences*. Volume I. Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, National Research Council. Washington D. C.: National Academy Press.

Zhou, Min. 2001. "Straddling Different Worlds: The Acculturation of Vietnamese Refugee Children in San Diego." Pp. 187-227 in Rubén G. Rumbaut and Alejandro Portes (eds.), *Ethnicities: Coming of Age in Immigrant America*. Berkeley and New York: University of California Press and Russell Sage Foundation.

Zhou, Min. 2001. "Chinese: Divergent Destinies in Immigrant New York." Pp. 141-172 in Nancy Foner (ed.), *New Immigrants in New York*. Second edition. New York: Columbia University Press.

Zhou, Min. 2001. "Second-Generation Fate: Progress, Decline, Stagnation?" Pp. 272-307 in Roger Waldinger (ed.), *Strangers at the Gate: New Immigrants in Urban America*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Zhou, Min and Carl L. Bankston III. 2001. "Family Pressure and the Educational Experience of the Daughters of Vietnamese Refugees." *International Migration* 39 (4): 133-151.

Zhou, Min, Carl L. Bankston III, and Rebecca Kim. 2001. "Rebuilding Spiritual Lives in the New Land: Religious Practices among Southeast Asian Refugees in the United States." Pp. 37-70 in Jung Ha Kim and Pyong Gap Min's (eds.), *Asian Immigration and Transplanting and Transforming Religions*. Walnut Creek, CA.: AltaMira Press.

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