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Call for Papers

56th Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies

at The George Washington University, Washington, DC

October 10-12, 2014

The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) annual conference program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and papers concerning China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Chinese diaspora for the 56th Annual Conference, hosted by The George Washington University in Washington, DC, on October 10-12, 2014. The AACS seeks to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, social sciences, communication studies, education, and business-related disciplines.

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of China broadly defined (<http://aacs.cuny.cuny.edu/homepage.htm>). Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. Membership in AACS is required for participation in the annual conference, and non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association and participate in the annual conference. We encourage submissions from graduate students, junior and senior scholars, and overseas participants.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 2-3 papers, and a discussant) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants). The committee also welcomes proposals for individual papers and will attempt to place them on appropriate panels. Panels and roundtables concerning special events or topics of broad significance are welcome. For example, as 2014 marks the 35th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), panels related to the TRA's creation, impact, and legacy are encouraged.

GWU's Sigur Center plans to hold the annual AACS conference in conjunction with one of its own biannual Taiwan conferences, with two special Taiwan-related panels on Friday afternoon, October 10, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. This portion of the conference will be open to the public. These two panels will be organized from among the paper proposals submitted by AACS members for the annual conference. (Papers focusing on the creation, impact, and legacy of the TRA would be particularly appropriate). Scholars interested in participating in one of these Taiwan-related panels should make note of their availability for the Friday afternoon session in their proposals. The Sigur Center will provide a \$200 honorarium for all paper presenters selected for these panels.

The AACS is proud to welcome **Kurt Campbell**, former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and a key person in the Obama Administration's Asia rebalancing policy, as a keynote speaker at the conference.

The program committee consists of Steven Phillips (Towson University), Chiung-Fang Chang (Lamar University), and June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami). Proposals should include the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants, contact information, paper topics and short abstracts (not to exceed 250 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to Professor Phillips at aacs2014conference@gmail.com. Include complete contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for **panel proposals is April 1, 2014**, and the deadline for **paper proposals is May 1, 2014**. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by May 30, 2014.