

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the 61st annual meeting of The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) will be held October 4-6, hosted by the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the May 4th Movement, the conference theme will be “May Fourth and Beyond.”

Apart from this major theme, we welcome other themes related to the founding of the People’s Republic of China, the Taiwan Relations Act, and the June 4th Movement, as well topics related to your current research. The year 2019 is a commemorative year—70th anniversary of the PRC founding and the relocation of the nationalist government to Taiwan, 40th for the TRA, 30th for the June 4th, and 20th for Macao’s return to China. It also marks the 40th anniversary of tensions between the United States and the PRC on such matters as trade, intellectual property rights, and technology transfers.

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and the Chinese diaspora (<http://aacs.ccny.cuny.edu/homepage.htm>). Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. We seek to construct a balanced program, including panels representing the humanities, social sciences, communication studies, education, business, and other related disciplines.

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 international participants.

The program committee prefers proposals for complete panels (a chair, 3-4 papers, and 1-2 discussants) 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 as well.

The program committee consists of, in alphabetical order by surname, June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami), Abraham Lin (Brooklyn College, CUNY), Fang-long Shih (London School of Economics and Political Science), and Chunjuan Nancy Wei (University of Bridgeport). Proposals should include the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants, contact information, paper topics and short abstracts (not to exceed 250 words), and each participant's profile (not to exceed 200 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to <aacs2019@gmail.com"@gmail.com>. Please include complete contact information (institutional affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for panel and individual proposals is **March 1, 2019**. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by **May 1, 2019**.

The AACCS views conference registration and attendance as a serious professional obligation. Panelists who have not registered for the conference before September 7, 2019 will be dropped from the printed program.

May the Fourth Be With You!