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AACS Program of Events and Panels

Registration: Friday (Bayou Ballroom), Saturday and Sunday (foyer of the Bayou rooms, 2nd floor)

October 9, Friday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception & Registration

Crowne Plaza Hotel, The Bayou Ballroom (2nd floor)

October 10, Saturday, 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. AACS Board Meeting

Bayou Ballroom
October 10, Saturday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**SA1: Innovative Studies of Public Opinion in China and Taiwan**  
Room: Gulf Coast A  
Chair: Yao-yuan Yeh, University of California, Merced  
Discussant: Ching-hsing Wang, The University of Houston

“Why Younger Generations Are More Pro-Democracy in China? Evidence from the China Survey,” Yao-yuan Yeh, University of California, Merced and Dennis L.C Weng, State University of New York at Cortland

“Clamping Down on Growing National Identity? Case of China's Cross-Strait Policies toward Taiwanese People,” Austin Wang, Duke University

“Do Economic Conditions Shape Political Support in Authoritarian Regimes? Evidence From China,” Jay Chieh Kao, The University of Texas at Austin

**SB1: “Chinese Culture: Tradition and Democratic Values”**  
Room: Gulf Coast B  
Chair: Linda H. Chiang, Azusa Pacific University,  
Discussant: Phylis Lan Lin, University of Indianapolis

“Is Chinese Traditional Culture Compatible with Democratic Values?” Yu-long Ling, Franklin College

“Justifying Ambivalent Filial Piety in Xingshiyan (Exemplary Stories for the World),” Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside

“Chinese Culture and Personality: Collectivistic or Individualistic?” Linda H. Chiang, Azusa Pacific University

**SC1: China and Global Security Regimes**  
Room: Houston A  
Chair/Discussant: Lowell Dittmer, University of California, Berkeley

“Opposing Nonproliferation without Proliferation: Explaining China’s Nonproliferation Policy (1963-1978),” Hong-yu Zhang, University of Georgia

SD1: Sinophone Literature and Cinema in the Era of Technological and Cultural Globality  Room: Houston B
Chair: Lina Qu, Rutgers University

“Hong Ying’s Huger Narrative: Writing in Libidinal Excess and Physiological Emptiness,” Lina Qu, Rutgers University

“The Lure of the Tarim River: a Disappeared Internet Novel,” Ren-ren Yang, Stanford University

“The Syncretic City: Modernization, Alienation, and Cybernetic Disillusionment in Zhu Tianwen’s Fin-de-Siècle Splendor,” Virginia Conn, Rutgers University

“Diaspora Unbound: The Style of Transmission in Wong Kar-wai’s The Grandmaster,” Yvette Hsieh, Rutgers University

SE1: Chinese Language Learning and Teaching: Innovations and Reflections  Room: Cougar
Chair: Ming-tsan Pierre Lu, University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley


“Innovative Instructions on Hanzi Shufa (Chinese Calligraphy) for Beginning Learners,” Ming-tsan Pierre Lu, University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley

“Comparison of Pre-Service Language Teachers' Educational Training for Secondary Public Schools between China and USA—Using Shanghai and Texas as an Example,” Min Zhao, Shanghai International Studies University & Ming-tsan Pierre Lu, University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley

October 10, Saturday, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

SA2: Nation-Building and Security on Taiwan  Room: Gulf Coast A
Chair/Discussant: Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas in Houston

“Neoclassical Realism Revisited: U.S.-China Rivalry, Nation-Building, and the KMT’s "One China" Policy,” Dean Chen, Ramapo College

“Explaining The Puzzle of Taiwan’s Declining Defense Spending,” Kharis Templeman, Stanford University

“Science Policy and Foreign Aid: The Republic of China (Taiwan) and its Diplomatic Allies,” Darryl E. Brock, Central Connecticut State University

**SB2: Trust and Mistrust at the Grassroots: Rural China Today**  
Room: Gulf Coast B

Chair/Discussant: Shelley Rigger, Davidson College

“Unlikely Bedfellows? Explaining Villagers’ Trust in Healthcare Workers in Rural China,” Kerry Ratigan, Amherst College

“Shallow Roots against a Strong Wind: Political Mistrust and Fragmented Justice in Rural China,” Leah Larson-Rabin, University of Wisconsin–Madison


**SC2: China’s Rise from US and Taiwan Perspectives**  
Room: Houston A

Chair/Discussant: Edward Friedman, University of Wisconsin, Madison

“China’s Rise, America’s Dilemma,” Lowell Dittmer, Department of Political Science, Berkeley University

“Who Fears China and Why? Cultural Clash, Democratic Peace or Trade Politics in Taiwanese Sino-Phobia,” Wei-feng Tzeng, University of North Texas and Kuan-Chen Lee, University of Texas at Dallas

"What Determines China's Allocation of Confucius Institute: Educational, Economic, or Political Interest?" Jun Xiang, Rutgers University and Wei-Hao Huang, Rutgers University

“Grand Strategy and China’s Search for Prestige,” Lukas Karl Danner, Florida International University

**SD2: Between Fantasy & Reality: Narrating Multiple Histories of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China through Fiction & Cinema**  
Room: Houston B

Chair: Yenna Wu, University of California, Riverside  
Discussant: Daniel C. Palm, Azusa Pacific University

“Critical Perspectives of Women and Children in Edward Yang’s Cinema,” Kai-man Chang, Tulane University
“Tales of the Ghost Island: A Haunting Literary Review,” Chia-rong Wu, Rhodes College

“Possible Worlds and Writer’s Autonomy in Dung Kai-cheung’s The Exploitation of the Works of Nature: Xuxu and Ruzhen,” Fang-yu Li, New College of Florida

“Political Violence toward Family Relationships in The Blue Kite,” Yenna Wu, University of California Riverside

SE2: Gender Representation and Sexuality
Chair/Discussant: Ya-chen Chen, Columbia University and China Medical University, Taiwan

“Free Love or Sexual Misconduct: Singing Girls and China’s Socialist Transformation: 1945 to the Present,” Mi Zhao, University of Oregon

“Flower Market: Representation of Working Women in Republican Guangzhou,” Roanna Cheung, University of California Los Angeles

“Taiwan’s Localization and Acculturation of Worldwide Discourses about Lesbianism and Women’s Bisexuality: Academic, Literary, and Cinematic Exploration of ‘Queer Women’ in Taiwan,” Ya-chen Chen, Columbia University and China Medical University, Taiwan


Oct. 10, Saturday, 12:00 – 1:15 Luncheon Bluebonnet B Ballroom

Co-Sponsored with the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, Houston, TX
Welcome remarks- The Honorable Louis M. Hwang, Director General

Director General Hwang has been a Foreign Service Officer since 1990. He has served abroad in Washington DC, London, and Houston, and various home posts in Taipei. His home assignments have included the Coordination Council for North American Affairs and the Department of European Affairs. He holds an MPA degree from Idaho State University.
October 10, Saturday, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

**SA3: Doing Locally and Regionally but Aiming Globally: Taiwan's Economic Statecraft**  
Room: Gulf Coast A

Chair: Thomas Chen, St. Johns University  
Discussant: Thomas Chen, St. Johns University and T.J. Cheng, College of William and Mary

"Mega Regionalism in the Asia-Pacific and Taiwan’s Statecraft in Pursuing Regional Economic Integration," Peter Chow, The City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York

"Asia-Pacific Economic Integration and Cross-Strait Economic Relations," Chen-yuan Tung, National Cheng Chi University and University of California-Berkeley

“Shadow Banking: Kill It or Save It? Experiences from Taiwan and China,” Abraham Hong Jen Lin, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

"The Wrestling of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): The US Strategic Interests, China’s Responses, and Taiwan’s Options in the TPP Membership," Wei-chin Lee, Wake Forest and T.J. Cheng, College of William and Mary

**SB3: Housing and Urbanization**  
Room: Gulf Coast B

Chair/Discussant: Sarah Archer, Southern Methodist University

“Construction on Chenggong City,” Sarah Archer, Southern Methodist University

“Affordable Housing Policy Evolution in China: Six Major Cities Comparative Study,” Xiang Cai, University of Texas at Dallas

“The Determinants on Affordable Housing Allocation in China: Common Perspectives from Local Government Officials,” Xiang Cai, University of Texas at Dallas and Karl Ho, University of Texas at Dallas

**SC3: Staging the Chinese Modern**  
Room: Houston A

Chair: Ying-ying Huang, Purdue University  
Discussant: Yu-han Huang, Purdue University

“A Door to the Outdoor: Cao Yu’s Domestic Stage and Beyond,” Ying-ying Huang, Purdue University

“A Madman’s Revenge: The Schizophrenic Narrative in Uncle Doggie’s Nirvana,” Zi-han Wang, Purdue University

“Narrative Perspectives in Gao Xingjian’s Art,” Yu-han Huang, Purdue University
SE3: Revisiting Contemporary Chinese Art: A Contextual Approach
Chair: Yun-Chiahn C. Sena, Wesleyan University
Discussant: Lalitha Gopalan, University of Texas at Austin

“Zeng Fanzhi’s Cross-Cultural Images,” Erin Keelin, University of Texas at Austin

“Hallucination from the Sky: Transcultural (Dis)Connection between Xu Bing and Derrida,” Tao Tao, Southwestern University

“Menstruation Blood and Human Feces: Forbidden Themes in Contemporary Chinese Art,” Yun-chiahn C. Sena, Wesleyan University

“Traces of the Past and Sources for the Future: the Academia Sinica Collection of Rubbings,” Lara Netting, The City College of New York

October 10, Saturday, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

SA4: Shifting Identity and Electoral Sentiment on Taiwan
Chair/Discussant: Cal Clark, Auburn University

“Social Class, Social Policies, and Vote Choice in Taiwan,” Chun-ying Wu, University of Texas at Austin

“2014 Local Election: From Embryonic to Consolidated Democracy,” Kai-yue Charm, University of London

“New Taiwanese Identity and Memory of Sunflower Movement,” Fang-long Shi, London School of Economics

“Shandong Identity and Subaltern Memory of Fellow-Townsmen,” Shu-ling Horng, National Taiwan University

SC4: Maritime Disputes in the Pacific
Chair/Discussant: Ning Liao, New Jersey City University

“Capitalist Development and Expansionist Ideologies: US-China Rivalry in the Pacific,” Leoni Zeno, King’s College, University of London

“The Quasi-War in East Asia: China’s Dispute with Japan over the LiuQiu (Ryuku) Islands,” Edwin Pak-wah Leung, Seton Hall University

“The 1947 ROC Map of the South China Sea: Justification for Greater China’s Claims?” Chun-juan Nancy Wei, University of Bridgeport
**SD4: Aspects of Aesthetics and Satire in Chinese Literature**  
***Room: Houston B***

Chair/Discussant: Yenna Wu, University of California

“ Analogical Comparison in Early Modern Chinese Literature,” David Porter, University of Michigan

"Aspects of Satire in Chinese Literature,” Yenna Wu, University of California

“Waste in Contemporary Chinese Art: Byproducts of China’s Urban Development and Consumerism,” Meiqin Wang, California State University Northridge

**Saturday, October 10, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion**

**SA5: Roundtable on Taiwan’s 2016 Elections: Retrospect and Prospect**  
***Room: Gulf Coast A***

Chair: Jacques deLisle, University of Pennsylvania

Shelley Rigger, Davidson College  
Vincent Wang, University of Richmond  
John Hsieh, University of South Carolina  
Kevin Cai, Renison University College, University of Waterloo  
Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas

**SB5: Human Rights and Local Governance in the PRC**  
***Room: Gulf Coast B***

Chair/Discussant: Chen-juen Wei, University of Bridgeport

“Two Images of China’s Human Rights: A Dilemma,” Christopher Primiano, Rutgers University-Newark and Jun Xiang, Rutgers University-Newark

“The Modern Reconstruction of Traditional Confucian Political Thought: Legitimacy of Political Institutions and its Potential Alienation to Individuality,” Jin-jing Zhu, Cornell University

“Village Governance: When does the Higher Government Inspect?” Jin-rui Xi, University of North Texas

“Transparency of Grassroots Organizations in China: Does Transparency Affect Donation and Grants?” Guo-sheng Deng, Tsinghua University, Shang Lu, Rutgers University, and Chien-chung Huang, Rutgers University
**SC5: China’s Impact on Global Trade**  
Chair/Discussant: Abraham Hong Jen Lin, Brooklyn College, City University of New York  
Room: Houston A

“China’s Trade Patterns before and after WTO,” Xin-zhu J. Chen, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania


“A Study of Sustainable Business Models for Small and Medium Enterprises in China,” Jian-fen Xu, Appalachia State University

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**SD5: Military Affairs and History**  
Chair/Discussant: June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami  
Room: Houston B

“Tearing Open the Gates of Hell: PLA Air Force Commander Fan Yuanyan’s Defection to Taiwan, 1977,” Andrew Morris, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo


“The Landmine Zone along the Sino-Vietnamese Border since 1979,” Diana Zhi-dan Duan, Arizona State University

“The Once and Future PLA,” June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami

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**SE5: Health and Mental Well-Being**  
Chair/Discussant: Chiung-fang Chang, Lamar University  
Room: Bayou

“A Study of Body Image and Fitness Concept in Taiwan,” Kirstie Smith and Chiung-fang Chang, Lamar University

“Taiwanese Laborers’ Body Image and Their Correlations with the Social Structures,” Linus GC Lin, Institut fur Soziologie, Albert-Ludwigs-Universitat Freiburg, Germany

“The Moderating Factors of Perceived Distress on Early Delinquency among Young Rural Taiwan Adolescents,” Cheng-hsien Lin, Lamar University

“Migrant and Left-Behind Children in China: Educational, Health, and Psychosocial Well-Being,” Chien-chung Huang and Shuang Lu, Rutgers University
“Poverty Differentials among the Foreign-Born by Race/Ethnicity, and Region of Origin,” Ju-yin Helen Wong, David Orta, Oscar Morales Jr. and Arthur Sakamoto, Texas A&M University

October 10, Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
AACS Dinner & Keynote Address, Bayou Ballroom

John Tkacik, Director, Future Asia Project, International Assessment and Strategy Center: “Reflections on the Profession of Chinese Studies”

John Tkacik is a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer with, now, over 40 years of experience in China, Taiwan and Mongolian issues -- 40 years that began in 1973 with his first year of Chinese training at the State Department’s Foreign Service Institute. He spent 24 years in the Department of State and in diplomatic and consular offices in Taiwan, China and Hong Kong, and was Chief of China Analysis in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research before retiring in 1994. After leaving the State Department, he was vice president for government relations for RJR-Nabisco China and RJR Tobacco International in Hong Kong. He joined The Heritage Foundation in 2001 where he was senior research fellow in Asian studies. At Heritage, he edited two books: Reshaping the Taiwan Strait and Rethinking One China, both were examinations of possible futures for U.S. policy toward Taiwan. He received the State Department's Superior Honor Award twice and the Intelligence Community’s “Exceptional Collector” award in connection with his political and economic reporting on South China from 1989-1992. He is a graduate of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service; he has a master’s degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard; and he did a year of study and research at the National War College in 1988-1989. He is now affiliated with the International Assessment and Strategy Center in Alexandria, Virginia, where he is a senior fellow and has the exalted title of “Director, Future Asia Project” at the Center.

October 11, Sunday, 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. JAACS Editorial Board Meeting

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Sunday, October 11, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

**SuA1: A Post-Mortem on Taiwan’s 2014 Nine-in-One Elections**  
Room: Gulf Coast A  
Chair/Discussant: Yu-long Ling, Franklin College

“Identity and Integration as Conflicting Forces Stimulating the Sunflower Movement and the KMT’s Loss in the 2014 Elections,” Cal Clark, Auburn University and Alex Tan, National Sun Yat-Sen University

“What Did the 9-in-1 Elections Reveal About Taiwan Politics?” James C. Hsiung, New York University

“The Role of Legislative Yuan in Constitutional Reform,” Thomas Bellows, the University of Texas at San Antonio

“The Possible Trends of Constitutional Reform in the ROC,” Yu-long Ling, Franklin College

**SuB1: Images of Society from Literature**  
Room: Gulf Coast B  
Chair/Discussant: Mao Chen, Skidmore College

“The Economics of Revolution: Images of Daqing and Socialist Development,” Young Ji Lee, Duke University

“Salvation and Justice of Bare Lives in Ha Jin’s ‘War Trash and Nanjing Requiem’,” Yang-chieh Lin, National Taiwan Normal University

“The Narrator as Witness of a Traumatic Past: From Lu Xun’s *The New Year’s Sacrifice* to Wang Ruiyun’s *Gu Fu,*” Mao Chen, Skidmore College

**SuC1: Youth Socialization and Activism in Greater China**  
Room: Houston A  
Chair/Discussant: Andrew Morris, California Polytechnic State University

“Education and Democratization in Hong Kong and Taiwan,” Howard Sanborn, Virginia Military Institute

“Territories of ‘Greater China’ and the Chinese Cultural Governance of Hong Kong,” Guan-pei Ming, University of Hawaii at Manoa

“‘Other’ and ‘Local-National Conflict’ in the National Identity Building of Hong Kong College Students: A Comparative Study of Beijing and Hong Kong College Students’ National Identity Building,” Pang Qin, Sun Yat-Sen University (Guangzhou)

**SuD1: Projecting Chinese Culture through Education**  
Room: Houston B  
Chair/Discussant: Romi Jain, Cleveland State University
“Higher Education in China: Internationalization and Indoctrination,” Romi Jain, Cleveland State University

“A Transnational Education Industry: Capital, Cultural Logic, and Globalization,” Ya Liu, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

“Understanding Chinese Cultural Renaissance through Transcultural Music: The Case of Tan Dun and Zhou Long’s Opera,” Tong C. Blackburn, Indiana University

**October 11, Sunday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**SuA2: Corruption and Party Evaluation**  
Chair/Discussant: Jon Taylor, University of St. Thomas

“Anti-Corruption Efforts in the Xi Jinping Era: Prospects for Party Reform and Renewal,” Jon Taylor, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

“China’s Cadre Evaluation System: What do We Really Know?” Zhen Wang, Middle Tennessee State University

“Administrative Efficiency of Charity Foundations in China: Does Administrative Efficiency Affect Donations?” Xiaoxia Xie (Beihang University), Chien-chung Huang (Rutgers University), Yu-qi Wang (Rutgers University), and Fei Pei (Rutgers University)
October 11, Sunday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Special Sections - Undergraduate Student Panels

**Undergraduate Panel A: Women’s Issues and Classism in China**
Room: Gulf Coast B

Chairs: Madison Bergstedt, Appalachian State University and Shelby Lorynne Echols, Appalachian State University

“Tradition, Suppression, and Mental Health,” Madison Bergstedt, Appalachian State University

“Male Preference and Women’s Rights in China in Relation to Traditional and Modern Family Planning,” Victoria Olender, Appalachian State University

“The Future of Domestic Abuse in China,” Emily Kubera, Appalachian State University

“The Chinese Government Takes Control of Women for the “Good” of the Country,” Sydney Huff, Appalachian State University

“Finding Expression in a Repressive Society,” Allanah Hund, Appalachian State University

**Undergraduate Panel B: Cultural Symbols and Traditions throughout China’s History**
Room: Houston A

Chair: Megan Mansfield, Appalachian State University


“Westernization of Traditional Chinese Medicine,” Hannah Gillespie, Appalachian State University

“Influential Religious and Cultural Symbols on Expressions of Self,” Kelsey Hayes, Appalachian State University

**Undergraduate Panel C: Comparative Attitudes about Sexuality among College Populations**
Room: Houston B

“A Study of Adaptation and Mate Selection among Chinese Students in the U.S.,” Wei Xiong, Lamar University

“A Cross-Cultural Study on Sex Education among College Students in Taiwan and US,” April Henderson, Lamar University

“Cross-Cultural Study of Alcohol and Sexual Behavior among College Students between United States and Taiwan,” Nicole A. Kyles-Burton, Lamar University